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November 2014 fishing field day

Summary. The 15/16 November 2014 field day was spread from Jurien to Cervantes with people fishing the Hill River area, and south point at Jurien.

Strong winds conditions at Jurien on Friday night with the start of strong winds on Saturday afternoon, but weather settled down to give very pleasant conditions for Saturday evening and the following morning.

A total of 21 members participated in the away venue, where about 50% of them caught their bag limit of tailor and the rest got a handful of small fish or zero. Two members fished locally where they worked hard with the result being nil fish landed.

The trip. The sign on at the Cervantes Service Station was at 12:30 pm Saturday 15 November with lines in at 2 pm with fishing through until Sunday 16 November with the usual lines out at 10 am and the weigh-in conducted at 11:30 am at the sign-on location.

A total of 17 men anglers, 2 ladies, 1 junior and 2 mini-juniors came to the away sign-on. George Belin, Geoff Raftis, Martin Wearmouth and sons Christian and Thomas, George Holman, Pat McKeown, Victor and Slavka Schilo, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Shane Wignell and daughter Sarah, Ray Walker, Glen Wong, Michael Pisano, Mark Nurse, Klaus Schönwolf, Peter Osborne and brother Alan, and Peter Butland.

Ray Walker came up on Friday and went to the mouth of the river. Ray used his vehicle to sleep in. Came Saturday afternoon he found the tailor, all choppers at 30 to 32 cm but by early evening he had his bag limit of 8 fish. As for most of us fishing the mouth of the Hill River on Sunday morning, in beautiful calm conditions and no weed, he could not raise a fish, but was pleased to go to the weigh-in and present a bag of fish and to go home with a good feed.

The group of Shane and Sarah Wignell and recent newcomers to the club Peter Butland and Mark Nurse also targeted the mouth of the river and set up their vehicles for overnighting just a few metres from where they fished. All fished hard on Saturday afternoon and evening and also found the school of chopper tailor sitting out in front of them. The run continued from late afternoon until evening and when they finally decided to quit, the tailor were still on the bite

Shane managed to get a couple of bigger tailor, his best being 0.76 kg cleaned. He had a bag of 3.49 kg just beating his daughter Sarah (for once) with a bag of 3.20 kg.



Shane Wignell with tailor



Sarah Wignell with tailor



Mark Nurse with tailor and herring

The Club owns an air conditioned holiday house at Kalbarri which is available for rent to the public and club members at competitive rates. Link is above.

Mark got into the chopper tailor as soon as they appeared mid-afternoon and by 4:30pm had his bag limit of 8 fish. He then had a bit of fun on catch and release using lures and poppers. He also persevered on Sunday morning and was the only one to catch another chopper tailor that morning.

This again reinforced that Mark, like our other South African members, knows how to put in time and effort to confirm he will be a competent and competitive club fisherperson.

Peter Butland also demonstrating his competency skills as he also managed to get his 8 chopper tailor on Saturday. We are starting to see some strength or depth in the men's fishing section of our club.

Klaus started fishing at the mouth of the river on the south side of the group, but realized he had soft bait and decided to go back into Jurien and get some quality mulies. Hence he missed a major portion of the tailor school run, but on getting back tailor were still coming in but being on the south side it appeared he did not have any fish holding or moving across in front of him. He had only a couple of bites and was thus disgusted with his zero bag as all beside him had their limit of 8 fish.

Martin looked around and also fished the Hill River mouth, on arriving late after trying several places and finding only blowies, he managed a bag of 8 chopper tailor. His boys, Thomas and Christian managed 2 tailor each with Thomas' bag only 0.04 kg heavier than Christian's.

Peter and Sandra moved about a bit in search of fish, initially to a spot opposite the Hill River car park, then to the mouth of the Hill River and just on dark joined the team up at the Jurien dog beach south point. Sandra has been down with a virus and put in a good effort despite this bug. Sandra ended up with 2 herring and Peet had 6 herring. Like the rest of us that fished Jurien we were at the wrong place at the wrong time.



Peter Butland with his full bag of tailor

George Belin, Victor and Slavka Schilo, Glen Wong, Michael Pisano, Peter Osborne and brother Alan went to the south point at the Jurien dog beach immediately following sign-on and fished hard until late evening. Glen got the only tailor, Michael got a great little flathead early in the afternoon. Very intermittently, a few herring also came in, and on dark a few pike were landed. The tailor run never occurred. A big disappointment considering in past years, for this particular spot, we have caught quality tailor either side of sundown.

Peter, Alan, Glen and Michael had stayed at the Apex camp accommodation and on getting up at 4:00 am then drove to the mouth of the Hill River. On arriving they saw Mark land that early morning tailor. Peter missed one bite on his first cast and that was it, no tailor run despite a good run of choppers the day before.

George Holman, Pat McKeown, Geoff Raftis arrived in Jurien mid-week and fished the south side to the south point at Jurien in a howling wind on Friday night. As they bagged out on quality tailor of 1+ kg at this session they headed back to this spot on Saturday afternoon. This location is just around the corner from the rest of us fishing this area. They managed a bit better result than the rest of us here. Some better quality tailor appeared at when it got dark, no moon so very dark. Geoff managed three with his best at 0.87kg; Pat managed one at 0.51kg.



George with heaviest scale fish for the weekend.

George also managed to start to get a few, but he recognized they were only stragglers coming through intermittently and were not biting aggressively. When he realized he was missing bites he fished on until after midnight holding his rod to strike the fish to ensure a connection. While bites were 15 to 40 minutes apart this strategy resulted in a good bag of 7 quality tailor with the best being 1.33 kg cleaned, the heaviest fish for the weekend.

For the greatest excitement for the weekend, Peter, Peet, Glen and George also landed from small to large stingrays, and it appears George now knows how to manage "catch and release" of stingrays without being stung.

George, Geoff, and Pat also had some further excitement in catching north west blowies. As they did not have a Japanese chef with them these captures were released.



Left to right
 Geoff Raftis, Peet Wessels, Pat McKeown, George Belin, Ray Walker, Shane Wignell, Sarah Wignell, Bill Ransted, Peter Butland, Mark Nurse, Peter Osborne, Alan Osborne

Front: Slavka Schilo, George Holman, Martin Wearmouth, Michael Pisano, Glen Wong.

Thanks to Sandra Wessels for taking these photos.

Local fishing. Local fishos consisted of Gary Parkinson and Jason Zerella. On Saturday afternoon, they tried the beaches in the Hillarys area but given the conditions of wind and weed, no fish showed up in the areas they fished. Better luck next time.

Hope to see you at our December field day at White Hills. High expectations (should that word be "hopes?" RT Editor) that this time it will really fire with schools of quality tailor, herring, skippy and other miscellaneous species. In particular, just to show she can do it Slavka will be looking for not just a size, but an outsized tarwhine. You never know but Pat might even land a garfish and Gary should be able to find enough herring to present at the weigh-in, even if he throws some away.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Newbie report

Hi all. I must apologise for not being at the last meeting. This was to be a very important meeting for me the night that I received the official handshake from the President and welcomed into the club. Never mind I'm sure this day will come, but not for a while.

You see I'm currently packing our RV ready for our trip to Adelaide to spend Christmas and New Year with my daughter and her family. We were suppose to leave two weeks ago but my beautiful dog Sheba (German shepherd) went into her first season so we had to postpone our trip a few weeks.

We won't be back in Perth until early February. Hopefully in time for the Bluff Creek trip. I have heard so much about this trip and have been told not to miss it.

In reference to the last meeting to be honest with you all I forgot all about it. I know that does not sound good but it is the truth. I was saying to my wife Eleanor all that day before I have to try not to forget the meeting, and that day I said it two or three times as well. That night I started cooking our evening meal, sitting down to eat it and then relaxing after and all of a

sudden at about 9.15 we both said "Oh no the meeting". Obviously it was too late to go to the meeting at that time, by the time I got there coming from Ellenbrook I would have had to ask George to start all over again.

This trip the newbies decided to team up and go it alone, be brave and not shadow anyone. (Oh and did I mention that the newbies bagged out on tailor). So we both headed off around 10 on Friday the 14 November and arrived at Cervantes service station at around midday. For those that don't know the newbies that I am referring to are Mark Nurse and me. We decided to camp at the same spot as we did last month and fish the exact same spot as last time.

And if you're thinking that we probably camped there to try and find Gary's herring, no that's not the case, (more on that later.) You might remember, we camped at a very picturesque spot north of Cervantes. The Hill river was our view to the front of our campsite, and the ocean was only about 100 metres to the rear. We were also sheltered from the ocean winds by a sand dune. That sounds lovely doesn't it?

Well when we arrived there we were faced with a blizzard and sand storm. Honestly I believe if you wanted to paint something all you had to do is leave it on the beach and it would have been sand blasted ready for painting in no time.

Mark decided to make camp straight away putting up his swag. I decided to erect mine later on. Marks swag was almost buried in the first hour. We then decided to venture through the blizzard and sand storm and position our PVC rod holders and stake our claim on the beach so to speak just in case our friends Peter Osborne and Glen Wong came along. I'm glad we did because from these positions the newbies bagged out on tailor (or did I already mention that?).

We spent most of that afternoon sheltering from the blizzard and sand storm. Later on that afternoon Ray turned up and joined us at our camp site. As we decided that fishing was pretty well a non event at that stage he also sheltered with us and spent the rest of the evening just having a good old chin wag. Oh and by the way Ray must have read the last Reel Talk because he immediately braved the blizzard and placed his PVC rod Holders in position as well, probably for obvious reasons.

The following morning we woke to a beautiful calm morning we grabbed our fishing gear and decided to get stuck into it, to no avail. I didn't even get a bite Mark and Ray both bagged out on blowfish. Anyway the view of the ocean was magnificent. Later on that day others started to arrive at the site as well. We later found out that the Fremantle Angling Club had a trip on there as well. It was interesting to note just how many vehicles were getting bogged then deciding to let their tyres down.

Anyway the afternoon started to drag on, no bites and then to get a bit of activity going Shane and Sarah in their vehicle and Klaus in his vehicle turned up. Shane picked his spot and positioned his vehicle and Klaus picked his position and got bogged. We all went over and helped to get his vehicle out of the bog. We found out that Klaus' tyres were at 28. (Too high for the beach buddy). Mark and his devilish mind came up with a good idea for these little mistakes and oversights in judgment, but I won't say anymore about that Mark will probably talk about that at the next meeting.

Later on that day around 4 o'clock the tailor started to run and in about the first hour the newbies had bagged out on tailor. In fact nearly everyone who fished that beach had bagged out on tailor before sunset. Even Martin who turned up at our location after fishing somewhere else after checking with him had caught nothing at that stage. I told him that we had all bagged out and he got stuck into it and he had bagged out within about the next 45 minutes. Great fun had by all.

At the weigh in the following morning it was identified that the newbies had bagged out on tailor, and a few others had as well. From my recollection the following did: Shane, Sarah, Ray, and Martin. If I left anyone out I apologise.

Oh also this trip I didn't forget anything, it pays to have a list to check off. Thanks to Gary and Pat for their help. Looking forward to catching up with you all when I return.

Also I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best, be safe

Fishing memories, Peter Butland

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for November 2014

Best scale fish	George Holman	Tailor	1.33 kg
Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed bag	5.15 kg

Field day section winners for November 2014

Best scale fish	George Holman	Tailor	1.33 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Shane Wignell	Mixed bag	3.49 kg

Catch results and points for November 2014 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
George Holman	5.15 kg	2	10	81.5
Mark Nurse	3.45 kg	2	9	74.5
Geoff Raftis	1.93 kg	2	4	59.3
Ray Walker	2.63 kg	1	8	56.3
Shane Wignell	3.49 kg	1	8	54.9
Martin Wearmouth	2.47 kg	1	8	54.7
Sarah Wignell	3.2 kg	1	8	52
Peter Butland	3.19 kg	1	8	51.9
Peter Osborne	0.62 kg	2	4	46.2
Glen Wong	0.55 kg	2	2	45.5
Peet Wessels	0.76 kg	1	6	37.6
Pat McKeown	0.51 kg	1	1	35.1
George Belin	0.37 kg	1	2	33.7
Michael Pisano	0.29 kg	1	1	32.9
Victor Schilo	0.23 kg	1	1	32.3
Thomas Wearmouth	0.85 kg	1	3	28.5
Christian Wearmouth	0.81 kg	1	3	28.1
Sandra Wessels	0.32 kg	1	2	23.2
Slavka Schilo	0.22 kg	1	1	22.2
Klaus Schönwolf				20
Jason Zerella				20
Gary Parkinson				20
Alan Osborne				10

Points include Field day and November General meeting points.

Species weighed at the November field day were: tailor, herring, pike, flathead.

Species weighed at the November local field day were: none

Field Day top scores for 2014/15

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet 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 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that. Names with equal scores are sorted alphabetically.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	834.8	1	Geoff Raftis	124.6	13	Christian Wearmouth	38.1	25
Peter Osborne	786.8	2	Mark Nurse	120.9	14	George Belin	33.7	26
Peet Wessels	611.4	3	Ken Howells	120.6	15	Michael Pisano	32.9	27
Sandra Wessels	482.4	4	Gary Parkinson	120	16	Victor Schilo	32.3	28
Martin Wearmouth	388	5	Terry Fuller	110.6	17	Jason Zerella	30	29
Pat McKeown	361.3	6	Gary Gildersleeves	109.9	18	Nicolas Terpkos	28.5	30
Glen Wong	279.5	7	Paul Terpkos	84.6	19	Slavka Schilo	22.2	31
Theo Van Niekerk	175.7	8	Dean Stewart	58.8	20	David Maxted	20	32
Mark Hansen	166.1	9	Shane Wignell	54.9	21	Ian Taggart	10	33
Peter Pekaar	157.4	10	Sarah Wignell	52	22	Robert Pekaar	10	34
Peter Butland	145.8	11	Klaus Schönwolf	40	23	Alan Osborne	10	35
Ray Walker	136	12	Thomas Wearmouth	38.5	24			

Field Day sections 2014/15

Up to and including October 2014 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
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)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.51kg	September
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.08kg	May
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally	1.11kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg min)				
9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack (4kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.79kg	August
10	Best scale fish (other than above)	Martin Wearmouth	Dart	0.96kg	September
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	19.56kg	May
12	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish min)				
13	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.96kg	September
14	Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max)	Martin Wearmouth	Tarwhine	0.64kg	September
15	Best fish caught on fly rod				
16	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a soft plastic lure	Mark Hansen	Wrasse	0.37kg	August
17	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure				

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller