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Field Day Report Capes South, Oct 2010

Saturday morning I was up early for a quick re-scan of the weather predictions for the week-end. A pearler of a week-end was predicted with lovely sunshine and very light SW and SE winds. It turned out to be exactly right. With a cup of coffee and biscuits I woke Sandra to inform her of the favourable conditions that awaited us. With a smile on her face she said how much she was looking forward to doing some fishing again.

By 7am we were heading south. The new highway down south knocked about half an hour off the normal travelling time and we had some spare time to stop for a brunch in Margaret River. Arriving at the sign-on spot we found the lonely figure of Peter Osborne waiting for us. This was very disappointing to see only 3 people turning up for the Field day. This low number put some doubt in my mind whether the Field Day venue selection is done correctly, and maybe we would have to approach the selection differently in future. Something for all members to think about!



Surfcasters fishing early morning from the Big Rock near the famous Elephant Rock.

We decided to fish together and opted to go to our favourite spot in this area. Elephant rock might not be the best fishing spot in this area but it is an old favourite with some breathtaking views and some easy fishing from a solid platform that gives an option to fish most moderate wind conditions. The road is bitumen all the way to the Elephant Rock turnoff, here the road changes into a bush track. The track has deteriorated since last year with some big holes and ditches in a few places. Generally it is now only accessible with a four wheel drive vehicle.

Arriving at our destination we soon got organized and loaded like pack mules we descended the goat track to setup on the big rock. The berley trail soon indicated we had a SW wind blowing. We all put some big bait out on our set rods and starting to attack the berley trail with our lighter bait casting rigs. From the first cast onwards we had some good action with Skippy in plague proportions hitting our bait as soon as the hook hit the water. It was hard to get to any specie other than Skippy, and consequently we all managed full bags of Skippy for each day.

Occasionally one of the big rods responded and we all got connected with something bigger in the form of Eagle rays, Port Jackson, Wobbegong and Leopard Sharks. Sometimes a bust

off was the only outcome to a losing battle. We did, however, manage to land 5 species, with Herring, Wrasse, Pike and Banded Sweep to add to our bags. The Injidup fishing rig proved to be the most successful on this occasion, as was demonstrated by Peter Osborne. Peter caught most of his fish on this rig, which included the heaviest scale fish with a Wrasse of 1.05 kg and a good mixed bag of 4.5 kg. His bag also gave him the sportsperson of the year points in these sections. Peter also walked away with the field day prize for heaviest scale fish and Sandra took the prize for heaviest mixed bag of scale fish with a nice bag of 2.45 kg.

Too soon a wonderful week-end came to an end and by 4pm on Sunday we were all safely back in Perth, doing a little clean up and got to bed early to rest for the working week ahead.

Our next Field day is at Cervantes on 13/14 November. This is a good fishing location with easy fishing right on our doorstep. Fish to target here are mainly Tailor and Herring, but who knows what can be out there, all you need to do is get out there and dangle a hook in the water.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Local Field Day report

With fine weather forecast for the weekend, it wasn't surprising that a few members decided to fish locally. Spots tried were from City Beach to Hillarys and the Swan River. On the Saturday evening we ventured down to Floreat (again) and Pete caught a flathead. That made for a delicious entre for dinner. AJ was with us, but the snapper didn't show. We could see John Crompton and Danny Fimeri a little further north of us. Danny jogged down to see us and report on their success. We all packed up around that time and headed home for tea.

We had arranged to meet George Holman at Hillarys on Sunday morning and whilst only a few fish were caught, it was an enjoyable way to spend several hours in the sun.

It was great to see Jeff Hewton who came down to see how we were going. He'd fished the night before and had some luck with tailor on the Swan River.

Peter Pekaar

Catch results and points for the October 2010 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Field Day points	General meeting Points
Peter Osborne	4.5 kg	4	25	125	10
Peet Wessels	1.76 kg	4	11	97.6	10
Sandra Wessels	2.45 kg	3	15	94.5	10
Peter Pekaar	0.43 kg	2	4	34.3	10
George Holman	0.46 kg	1	4	24.6	10
Allan Jones	0	0	0	10	10
John Curtis	0	0	0	10	10
Marcia Pekaar	0	0	0	10	10
Danny Fimeri	0	0	0	10	10
John Crompton	0	0	0	10	10

Sportsperson of the Year winners for October 2010

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	1.05 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	4.5 kg

Field day section winners for October 2010

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	1.05 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed Bag	2.45 kg

Species weighed in at the October Field Day from Capes South were:- Herring, Wrasse, Skippy, Pike and Banded Sweep. Species weighed in from the local Field Day were Flathead and Herring.

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. No entry yet

Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	819.7	1	Wendy Hansen	164.6	14	Dean Stewart	50	27
Peet Wessels	739.3	2	Greg Keet	160.5	15	Greg Walker	50	28
Sandra Wessels	631.6	3	Danny Fimeri	131.4	16	Holly Walker	50	29
Ian Cook	423	4	John Curtis	131	17	Michelle Walker	50	30
Mark Hansen	317.9	5	Charles Faure	115	18	Nick Edwards	50	31
Malcolm Harris	305.9	6	Ray Walker	111.4	19	Wayne Shaw	50	32
George Holman	302.3	7	John Crompton	110	20	Heather Osborne	40	33
Theo Van Niekerk	289.7	8	Tino Baiardo	102.7	21	Jeff Hewton	40	34
Allan Jones	268.6	9	Pat McKeown	85.7	22	Justin Rose	40	35
Ian Taggart	246.3	10	Des De Villiers	65.5	23	Melvin Wee	40	36
Peter Pekaar	244.2	11	Michael Gaudin	52.2	24	Ray Digivsto	40	37
Marcia Pekaar	190.4	12	Frank Gaudin	52.1	25	Sharon Osborne	40	38
Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	13	Bob Henderson	50	26	Rhys Jones	10	39

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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)			
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)	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)	Sandra Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.18 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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