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### **October 2015 fishing field day**

**Cervantes/Jurien, 17/18 October 2015.**

**Synopsis.** The October 2015 field day was spread from Jurien to Cervantes with ten persons fishing the Hill River area, and South Point at Jurien.

Weather conditions at this venue were good to very good except some strong wind in the afternoon and all were plagued by seaweed.

The result ranged from good to very good bags of tailor and small numbers of various other species. Of the 10 away fisherpersons 6 managed to get their bag limit of 8 tailor. The away venue gave pleasant fishing conditions with most getting a feed of fish. For the field day the Surfcasters that went away left the weigh-in with lots of smiles and kidding about thinks that went right or wrong.

Three persons fished local beaches with a small result where they did manage a fish or two to take home

**The trip.** The sign on at the Cervantes Service Station was at 12:30 pm Saturday 17 October with lines down at 2pm with fishing through until Sunday with the usual lines up at 10am with the weigh-in conducted at 11:30 am at the sign-on location.

A total of 10 SCAC anglers including one Junior came to the away sign-on. Gary Parkinson, Sri Srigandan, Victor and Slavka Schilo with George Belin, Shane and Sarah Wignell, George Holman, Peter Osborne, and a face we are starting to see more of at fishing – Ron Thomas.

Gary and Sri came up on Friday and were lucky enough to find a good school of tailor mid Saturday afternoon at the Hill River mouth. Was one of those sessions where on casting out, slack line had to be taken up when the mulie hit the water surface as there would be an immediate tailor bite. Bit of a strike and tailor on, but if not done immediately the tailor would suck off the bait resulting in a missed fish.

Good to see newcomers get into fish. Their fish were not huge but quality with a maximum size a little over 0.7kg. They both also managed a few herring with Gary getting 10. This resulted in Gary having the second heaviest bag and gives him a certificate for this achievement.

In particularly the Sunday morning session weed was troublesome. We all lost fish when retrieving a tailor and hitting a big lump of weed it would pull the fish off. Sri is starting to show up his skills. In particular he gave the undersigned a lesson in tailor catching.

I had decided to fish the mouth of the Hill River on Sunday morning. Arriving just as it got light, saw Sri get one tailor. I rigged up and as doing this, he landed another. I started fishing beside him and immediately had 3 hook-ups but lost all on the retrieve, whereas Sri pulled in a third one. This was only a short morning session as the tailor school then left us.

George had done a bit of a scout around on Saturday morning and met some Fremantle Club members that were catching tailor at a turnoff about half a kilometre north of the car park on the track going into the Hill River. They were really into fish and as they were running out of bait they requested, and George complied, and went back to Jurien to get them a couple more blocks of mulies.

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.

At the sign-on this info was tabled resulting in Victor and Slavka with George and Sarah heading to this area. As usual there is some rivalry between husbands and wife and father and daughter. Victor was able to puff out his chest with the heavier bag that included 8 tailor and 1 herring compared to Slavka's 5 tailor and 1 herring. It is interesting to note that Victor's heaviest tailor at 0.51 kg was the same weight as Slavka's tailor of 0.51 kg. George Belin fished here as well but only managed the one tailor and one herring.

Shane managed his bag of 8 tailor plus 6 herring, whereas Sarah only had 5 tailor but made up in other species, a herring, flathead, and a whiting.

Tailor were generally caught during Saturday afternoon and early evening, for this location a no show on tailor for Sunday morning

Ron Thomas decided to try one of his past favourite spots: the Kingy Hole and beaches at Sandy Cape. This spot has been known to produce good mulloway but this species was not in Ron's success story. While this was a bit disappointing, he did get his bag of 8 tailor and 1 herring.

George decided to use the info from the Fremantle Club members and try spots both north and south of the car park. These locations are such you park on turnoffs to the track on grassy/firm sand above the beach. From there it is an easy walk down onto the beach. Advantage is does not involve letting down and then pumping up tires.

George managed his bag of 8 tailor with generally his tailor being slightly heavier than others that fished this area. His heaviest tailor being 0.69 kg, whereas other in this area had heaviest in the 0.51 to 0.36 kg range. By moving around, George managed to locate other species as well, including herring, flathead, tarwhine and a great little mulloway of 1.5 kg. This gave him 5 species with the heaviest fish and heaviest bag.

My story goes along the following lines: I decided to fish one of my favourite spots, the Dog beach area on one of the beaches on the south side of Jurien. I caught a couple of tailor in the afternoon and was expecting a good run of fish late afternoon/early evening. This anticipation was not to be realized. I decided to fish on, hoping the tailor would run late near the top of the tide scheduled to peak about 10:30 pm.

Managed a couple of pike, a dozen undersize tarwhine, a whiting and hooked up on a large stingray. With the ray I did a Pat McKeown, not a George Holman, retrieved as much line as possible and then broke off before trying to land thus avoiding pulling in a fish and trying to de-hook with its inherent danger of being spiked. I fished on and about 10 pm hooked a good fish. Due to a large lump of weed making up the catch thought I was hauling in a small mulloway but pulling onto the sand it turned out to be a good tailor of some 1.15kg.

I returned to my dorm bed at the Apex Camp for a few hours of sleep, plus a much appreciated hot shower. As noted above, I made my way to the mouth of the Hill River on sun-up and immediately proceeded to mess up by not catching a few more tailor during a short run. Following this I then concentrated on catching herring etc. As there was a westerly wind blowing I avoided my favourite herring rig of a blob or a burley cage fished above a small hook and a piece of prawn. I took out a bottom rig set up with a small gang set of hooks on the bottom and a single long shank hook off the top swivel.

I initially used a whitebait and prawn, however as white bait was a bit soft and fish readily pulled off the hook, I changed to small strips of herring on the ganged hooks plus the prawn. Gary next door to me was also successfully using a bottom rig with small hooks to land some herring. My rig proved successful as I managed three double headers of herring. Thought I had my bag limit of 12 but at weigh-in found I only had 11. I had cut up some small size ones for bait.

Weed was a problem and on pulling in a very large clump on pecking away at it on the beach, found a great little, but size, flounder buried in the middle, a pleasant surprise. Hence this gave me 5 species. Was disappointed with myself in not bagging out on tailor, especially having a club newcomer, Sri show me how to catch them.

**Local fishing.** Three Surfcasters signed on for fishing the local beaches.

Michael Pisano fished North Cottesloe beach. Michael managed one average size tailor.

Mark Nurse fished the Swan River, resulting in a Black Bream, and was a little more successful at Swanbourne with a couple of tailor and some herring.

Martin Wearmouth fished hard but managed only one tarwhine.

Hope to see you at our November field day at the same venue. High expectations that this time there will be no weed, moderate sea breeze and schools of quality tailor will show up with opportunities to catch other miscellaneous species.

Tight lines,

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

### **Catch results and points for October 2015 Field Day**

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
George Holman	6.68kg	5	12	136.8
Peter Osborne	5.06kg	5	19	120.6
Gary Parkinson	5.46kg	2	18	94.6
Sri Srigandan	3.47kg	3	12	84.7
Ron Thomas	3.65kg	2	9	76.5
Shane Wignell	3.37kg	2	14	73.7
Sarah Wignell	2.11kg	4	12	71.1
Mark Nurse	1.6kg	3	8	66
Victor Schilo	2.71kg	1	8	57.1
Slavka Schilo	1.66kg	2	6	46.6
George Belin	0.49kg	2	2	44.9
Michael Pisano	0.44kg	1	1	34.4
Martin Wearmouth	0.2kg	1	1	32

Points include Field day and October General meeting points.

Species weighed at the October field day were tailor, herring, tarwhine, flathead, pike, mulloway, whiting, flounder, bream.

### **Sportsperson of the Year section winners for October 2015**

Best scale fish	George Holman	Mulloway	1.50kg
Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed bag	6.68kg
Best shark	No capture		
Best bag including shark			

### **Field day section winners for October**

Best scale fish	George Holman	Mulloway	1.50kg
Best bag of scale fish	Gary Parkinson	Mixed bag	5.46kg
Best shark	No capture		
Best bag including shark			

**Catches on October 2015**  
**Field Day**

		Tailor	Herring	Flathead	Pike	Whiting	Flounder	Tarwhine	Mulloway	Bream	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Victor Schilo	Number	8									
	Total weight	2.71									2.71
	Weight of best	0.51									
Slavka Schilo	Number	5	1								
	Total weight	1.58	0.08								1.66
	Weight of best	0.51									
George Belin	Number	1	1								
	Total weight	0.40	0.09								0.49
	Weight of best										
Ron Thomas	Number	8	1								
	Total weight	3.47	0.18								3.65
	Weight of best	0.49									
George Holman	Number	8	1	1				1	1		
	Total weight	4.43	0.10	0.37				0.28	1.50		6.68
	Weight of best	0.69									
Peter Osborne	Number	4	11		2	1	1				
	Total weight	2.47	1.60		0.68	0.10	0.21				5.06
	Weight of best	1.15			0.34						
Shane Wignell	Number	8	6								
	Total weight	2.82	0.55								3.37
	Weight of best	0.47									
Sarah Wignell	Number	5	5	1		1					
	Total weight	1.31	0.48	0.22		0.10					2.11
	Weight of best	0.36									
Sri Srigandan	Number	8	2			2					
	Total weight	3.02	0.21			0.24					3.47
	Weight of best	0.73				0.18					
Gary Parkinson	Number	8	10								
	Total weight	3.64	1.82								5.46
	Weight of best	0.72									
Michael Pisano	Number	1									
	Total weight	0.44									0.44
	Weight of best										
Mark Nurse	Number	2	5							1	
	Total weight	0.90	0.50							0.20	1.6
	Weight of best										
Martin Wearmouth	Number							1			
	Total weight							0.20			0.2
	Weight of best										
		Tailor	Herring	Flathead	Pike	Whiting	Flounder	Tarwhine	Mulloway	Bream	Total

## **Field Day top scores for 2015/16**

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet including September and October Field days and General meetings. 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 2016, and adjusted scores will be published after that. Names with equal scores are sorted alphabetically.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	923.2	1	Sri Srigandan	208.1	12	Scott Williamson	84.4	23
Peter Osborne	893.1	2	Ron Thomas	181.2	13	Dean Stewart	82.6	24
Sandra Wessels	704.9	3	Mark Hansen	172.5	14	Jamie Reilly	75.7	25
Mark Nurse	646.6	4	Michael Pisano	155.3	15	David Maxted	69.6	26
Shane Wignell	546.6	5	Victor Schilo	132.3	16	George Belin	64.9	27
Theo Van Niekerk	423.5	6	Ian Taggart	115.5	17	Glen Wong	51.8	28
Martin Wearmouth	394.4	7	Sarah Wignell	114.1	18	Lee Yongli	40	29
George Holman	390.4	8	Slavka Schilo	112.1	19	Thomas Wearmouth	21	30
Gary Parkinson	353.7	9	Chris Gaston	112.1	20	Geoff Raftis	20	31
Daniel Bell	259.6	10	Pat McKeown	106.7	21	Christian Wearmouth	10	32
Paul Terpkos	240.8	11	Nic Terpkos	89.7	22	Peter Butland	10	33

## **Field Day sections 2015/16**

Up to and including October 2015 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Gary Parkinson	Pink snapper	7.64kg	June
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)	Mark Nurse	Tailor	1.18kg	May
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon	4.48kg	June
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.67kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg min)				
9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.41kg	August
10	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Baldchin Groper	1.84kg	May
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	19.08kg	June
12	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish min)				
13	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.43kg	October
14	Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max)	Mark Hansen	Herring	0.12kg	August
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	0.25kg	August
17	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure				

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