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Field Day Report for S-Bend, September 2010

Looking at weather forecasts, past experience of Surfcasters and reports in recent newspapers, our Club anglers headed off to S Bend filled with anticipation of some great fishing to be encountered. Most left Perth on Friday to set up camp and be settled in by that night, with only a few arriving on Saturday morning.

A total of seventeen Surfcasters and one visitor attended the sign on at S Bend, with a total of four signing on for a Perth local fish. Twenty two people participated in this Club event.

A few of us had a look around on Friday evening and Saturday morning at our popular spots, Flat Rock and Lucy's. Some also had a few casts, weather was good, water looked good, but this short exploration did not achieve any positive result in fish captures. The one exception was Tino Baiardo doing a catch and release on a Samson fish estimated to be in the order of 20 kg.

My contribution to Osborne's camp was not packing sleeping bags for Sharon and myself, and Friday night was an extremely cold one. Sharon went up to Geraldton the following morning to resolve our loss of sleep.

Come Saturday morning and after the sign on and full of expectation, the various fisherpersons headed off to their and to the above favourite spots. The undersigned with Sharon and Heather headed to Duncan's.

Des De Villiers, Ray Walker and John Crompton started at Flat Rock, but soon joined us at the southern end of the beach at Duncan's. Bit of walk down and a climb up from the beach to where you park the cars, but to those grey hairs of my generation, yep a bit of huff and puff going back up, but not a patch on what you encounter climbing out of Radar Reef at Rotto.

Shortly after arriving and setting up our gear, a local arrived on a Quad Bike; he set his gear up but did not start fishing. Discussion with him gave he did not expect to catch fish until late afternoon. He further advised that he has come down the last four nights and caught some tailor and some small mulloway including on the previous night a good run of a big fish with hooks subsequently being spat out. He wanted to achieve a successful repeat tonight. All of us tried hard, and around dark only a couple of small tailor and a leopard wirrah or cod were the only result. So pretty well empty handed, back to camp.

Sunday morning, Heather and I headed to south of Flat Rock, water looked good and weather initially was kind with wind from the South East. All looked good for small fish, however, the result was only marginally above nil. I only managed to catch one small whiting and two herring in nearly five hours of fishing.

Wind had started to pick up from the SW when we left late morning so back to camp for our BBQ. The spread of Surfcasters fishing other locations had similar results. All enjoyed this social and the S Bend caravan park is an ideal venue for such a get together. Allows us to meet and discuss anything from world politics to whatever but mostly discussions on fishing.

A surprise, Bob Henderson said he wanted to weigh in a fish he caught at Nine Mile, not a fish on our list but a Buff Bream (or Silver Drummer). He anticipated as it was large it could

possibly be a Club record. This subsequently proved correct being a kilo more than the current record of 6.7 kg captured way back in 1977 by Alby Norman at Useless Loop.

Sandra Wessels – aka the Buffy Slayer on Rottneest field days – has a new target to achieve. i.e. catch an 8 kg Buffy. Come on Sandra we know you have the specific Buffy skills to do it.

On leaving the BBQ, decisions as where to fish was influenced by a 20 to 30 knot SW wind that had arrived. It was agreed to open up boundaries to marinas at Geraldton and Dongara to give a chance to find a spot out of the wind. The team that fished Duncan's the previous night decided on the beach south of Lucy's.

While the team was warned of the soft sand on this beach, guess who managed to dig all four wheels in and have his new Nissan chassis sit on the sand. With a bit of digging, a snatch strap and the use of a Range Rover, the pull-out was easy. Thanks to all involved for their input.

As above the wind strong, lumps of weed coming through but fishable, but only just. With some hard fishing and four hours later, nothing: so back to camp for some sleep. Some persons fishing beside us at this location had no luck either but they advised they had caught a few tailor and small mulloway the previous night at this location.

The following morning I decided on a venue around Separation Point to the Port at Geraldton for small fish. Wow, caught lots of blowfish, but no keepers. Apparently Lucy's and Flat rock etc were fishable as the wind was not as strong as the previous night. Not many but some respectable fish showed up at the weigh-in.

Congratulations must go to Pat McKeown for the heaviest fish of over 1 kilo, being a 0.96 kg gilled and gutted Tailor. This is of significance as it is the very first Tailor that Pat has ever caught.

This fish was only a little over ten grams heavier than the heaviest Tailor in the bag of Tino Baiardo. Tino's results for this weekend were good considering the numbers of fish caught by the rest of us. He caught four that morning and had two in his bag already.

Hence he is showing up to be a competent fisherman in our club, again noting that Tino caught that large Samson fish prior to the field day start time.



Pat McKeown's 0.96 kg Tailor

But to cap the field day off, while I don't have all details, a telephone conversation with Allan Jones while writing this report on Tuesday afternoon, gave that George, Pat and Allan stopped over and on Monday night caught not only some Tailor but a couple of Mulloway.

Thanks to George for donating a couple of small items for heaviest mystery fish. These were a Whiting and a Flathead.

I captured the only Whiting, and fish were also scarce at the local field day with only one fish weighed in. Peter Pekaar had a flathead so he has a nice little surprise coming to him.

Peter Osborne, Assistant Field Day Officer

Local Field Day report 26 September 2010

With most of the Club members at the gazetted S-Bend Field Day, the few of us who weren't able to attend, decided to do a quick Sunday evening fish. We were greeted by rather strong south south westerlies, which seemed to get stronger by the minute.

At sunset with the wind so strong, it was almost unfishable and even using bucket sinkers, we had difficulty holding the bottom.

After sunset, with the wind dropping a bit, Pete found renewed enthusiasm and caught the only fish of the night – a 40cm flathead.

Our group consisted of Danny Fimeri, Peter and Marcia Pekaar, and John Curtis (who signed on at the last meeting, but fished elsewhere).

The trio of Danny, Pete and Marcia went to the usual pizza shop in Glendalough for a pizza/subway at 8pm before heading home for a well earned clean up and rest.

Peter Pekaar

Catch results and points for the September 2010 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Field Day points	General meeting Points
Tino Baiardo	4.88 kg	2	8	118.8	10
Peter Osborne	1.19 kg	4	5	101.9	10
Pat McKeown	0.96 kg	1	1	70	10
Des De Villiers	0.55 kg	1	1	65.5	10
George Holman	0.39 kg	1	1	63.9	10
Allan Jones	0	0	0	50	10
Bob Henderson	0	0	0	50	10
Dean Stewart	0	0	0	50	10
John Crompton	0	0	0	50	10
Nick Edwards	0	0	0	50	10
Ray Walker	0	0	0	50	10
Wayne Shaw	0	0	0	50	10
Heather Osborne	0	0	0	40	
Jeff Hewton	0	0	0	40	
Justin Rose	0	0	0	40	
Melvin Wee	0	0	0	40	
Ray Digivsto	0	0	0	40	
Sharon Osborne	0	0	0	40	
Peter Pekaar	0.41 kg	1	1	34.1	10
Danny Fimeri	0	0	0	20	10
John Curtis	0	0	0	20	10
Marcia Pekaar	0	0	0	20	10

Sportsperson of the Year winners for September 2010

Best scale fish Pat McKeown Tailor 0.96 kg
Best bag of scale fish Tino Baiardo Mixed Bag 4.88 kg

Field day section winners for September 2010

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Species weighed in at the September Field Day from S-Bend were:- Herring, Wrasse, Cod, Tailor and Whiting. Species weighed in from the local Field Day were Flathead

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	684.7	1	Greg Keet	160.5	14	Greg Walker	50	27
Peet Wessels	631.7	2	Tino Baiardo	118.8	15	Holly Walker	50	28
Sandra Wessels	527.1	3	Charles Faure	115	16	Michelle Walker	50	29
Ian Cook	423	4	Danny Fimeri	111.4	17	Nick Edwards	50	30
Mark Hansen	317.9	5	Ray Walker	111.4	18	Wayne Shaw	50	31
Theo Van Niekerk	289.7	6	John Curtis	111	19	Heather Osborne	40	32
George Holman	267.7	7	John Crompton	90	20	Jeff Hewton	40	33
Allan Jones	248.6	8	Pat McKeown	69.6	21	Justin Rose	40	34
Ian Taggart	246.3	9	Des De Villiers	65.5	22	Melvin Wee	40	35
Peter Pekaar	199.9	10	Michael Gaudin	52.2	23	Ray Digivsto	40	36
Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	11	Frank Gaudin	52.1	24	Sharon Osborne	40	37
Marcia Pekaar	170.4	12	Bob Henderson	50	25	Rhys Jones	10	38
Wendy Hansen	164.6	13	Dean Stewart	50	26			

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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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Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches at the September Field Day (and 1 missed from the August Field Day, sorry AJ). See the previous full list of members' catches in the May and updates in the July and September Reel Talks.

Name	Black 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
Allan Jones		1			1				1			1		1				5
Pat McKeown		1			1			1					1					4

Recorder, John Curtis