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September 2015 fishing field day

Port Gregory/Kalbarri. Overview. The September 2015 away field day was held on the 2015 September long weekend from 1pm Saturday 26 Sept to 10am Monday 28 Sept and was spread from the mouth of the Murchison River to Port Gregory.

As voted on by club members, the SCAC field day expectation was there would be between 8 and 9 fishers at this away venue. Unfortunately only three persons attended. For those that went north, fishing was very poor.

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.

As Preston/White Hills had been firing during winter and this location was voted into the local boundaries, a much greater number fished at this location. Ten Surfcasters fished the Preston area. Success for some, but in comparison to previous field days at this venue, very limited catch results.

Three Surfcasters did fish local at Floreat and further north. Considering the periods fished a fair result for one person. For detail results see report below.

The Trip. For the away trip a total of 3 SCAC Anglers signed on. Peter Osborne, Pat McKeown, and Dean Stewart. Weather was generally fine, very strong easterly winds particularly in the morning and a fair swell.

Unfortunately the trip or the plan for the trip went astray. I had towed my estuary boat up with the intent of crossing the river to fish Frustration Rock for quality fish in particular mulloway. However when we dropped the boat in the water to go across the river, there was no start. A fault in the switchboard resulted in the loss of the battery power to the motor. Three dejected fisherpersons were then only able to fish the beaches around Kalbarri.

For myself, a couple of gardies, a herring and a cod, plus a whiting while fishing Wittecarra Creek for tailor, and a tarwhine while fishing the river was the result of two and a half days of hard fishing. This gave the greatest number of species (five) caught from all the various locations by the field day participants.

While Pat and Dean watched the footie on Saturday afternoon/evening they put in effort at Wittecarra Creek, but no fish. At this location, mid-afternoon on Sunday, Pat had a good work-out on a very large stingray. After turning its run and bringing it close to shore he realized the battle was not yet over. Hence Pat decided to bust off as he did not want to do a George Holman catch and release and sting.

All the previous trips I have had to Kalbarri over the past 30 years, I had always caught tailor. This trip they were conspicuous by their absence. What made it worse, on returning to Perth, had reports from two different sources of people that fished Frustration that weekend and ended up with not only mulloway but bagged out on snapper. The only species we saw caught in any number were NW-blowies.

Local – Perth. George Holman and Ron Thomas fished a couple northern Perth beaches with some success. While not great, George managed three tarwhine and a snook, but hats off to Ron Thomas. On reaching the beach and joining George he realized he left his favourite fishing rod behind. He went all the way back to his home and returned with his old faithful, a good move.

Ron managed a tailor, some herring and a beautiful salmon of some 4.14 kg cleaned. This gave Ron the heaviest bag, the heaviest fish and the most field day points; for a local beach

well done. To get a salmon at the end of September in warm weather is somewhat unusual. Congrats goes to Ron for the best September Field Day result.

Mark Hansen tried a few local beaches, some troubled with weed, where he managed a zero result, so another disappointed SCAC fisherperson.

Local - Preston. Those that tried the White Hills/Preston coastline they had minimal catches with most getting at least a small feed of fish. These Surfcasters included Gary Parkinson, Peter Butland, Mark Nurse, Michael Pisano, Sri Srigandan, Scott Williamson, Shane & Sarah Wignell, and Peet & Sandra Wessels.



The spot at Preston

Species caught included tailor, herring, skippy, whiting and a sweetlip. Sandra landed a 1.2kg tailor and Peet captured a 0.96 kg tailor.

Mark Nurse had the best bag of tailor with 6 fish weighing 2.93 kg. Others captured 0, 1 or 2's of tailor, and/or some skippy or herring or whiting, with Peet getting a small sweetlip.

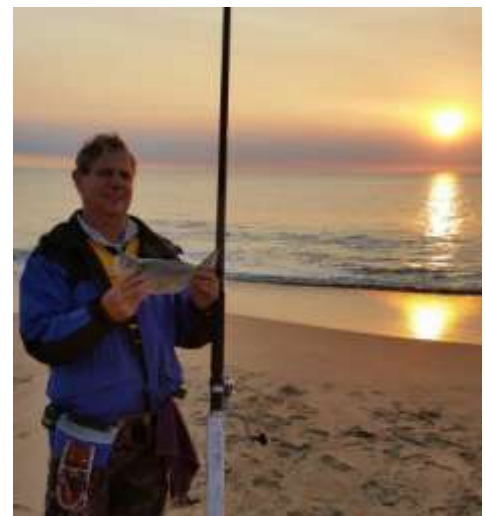
Martin and Peet both managed to catch 4 different species.

Mark's bag was the next heaviest after Ron's at 3.09 kg closely followed by Peet at 3.02kg.

On discussing the weekend with the Preston team found that for those that went down early and fished Preston on Friday afternoon, the tailor really come on. The sort of action was if you did not take up all the slack line when the mulie hit the water you would miss the bite. The Saturday and Sunday at this time gave close to zero action.

Compared with the previous month's results for this venue, it fished very poorly, but that's fishing.

Summary. As Field Day Officer I was very disappointed with the number of persons going to Kalbarri. Some 9 persons voted to attend when we made this particular Field Day selection. Surfcasters' originally purchased the Kalbarri house to cater for persons wishing to fish this area.



Peet Wessels and tailor near sunset

In retrospect not going to Kalbarri for this month was a good decision as this September Field day was one of the poorest when compared to previous years. For next year we need to review possible alternatives for this month.

For next year's selection I will review what quality and quantity of fish and numbers of persons that fished the particular field day venue and based on these statistics I will come up with a guideline that optimizes the selection based on the past three years' history. All venues have a history of firing one year for a particular month and not firing the next year, hence it must be noted that the appearance of salmon over the 2015 winter months was significantly higher than previous years and is unlikely to be repeated to this degree.

The detail individual results are listed following this report

Tight lines,

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

**Catches on September
2015 Field Day**

		Tailor	Herring	Skipjack Trevally	Yellowfin Whiting	Tarwhine	Sweetlip	Salmon	Snook	Garfish	Cod	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Martin Wearmouth	Number	2	1	4	1							
	Total weight	1.10	0.10	0.94	0.22							2.36
	Weight of best	0.72										
Gary Parkinson	Number	2										
	Total weight	1.40										1.40
	Weight of best	0.80										
George Holman	Number					3			1			
	Total weight					1.33			0.23			1.56
	Weight of best					0.58						
Mark Nurse	Number	6			2							
	Total weight	2.93			0.16							3.09
	Weight of best	0.71										
Peet Wessels	Number	4	3	1			1					
	Total weight	2.30	0.32	0.18			0.22					3.02
	Weight of best	0.96										
Peter Butland	Number											
	Total weight											
	Weight of best											
Peter Osborne	Number		1		1	1				2	1	
	Total weight		0.14		0.12	0.49				0.30	0.44	1.49
	Weight of best									0.16		
Ron Thomas	Number	1	3					1				
	Total weight	0.97	0.36					4.14				5.47
	Weight of best											
Michael Pisano	Number	2			2							
	Total weight	1.03			0.13							1.16
	Weight of best	0.62										
Sandra Wessels	Number	2		1								
	Total weight	1.78		0.17								1.95
	Weight of best	1.20										
Scott Williamson	Number				2							
	Total weight				0.15							0.15
	Weight of best											
Sri Srigandan	Number	1										
	Total weight	0.45										0.45
	Weight of best											
Sarah Wignell	Number		2									
	Total weight		0.20									0.20
	Weight of best											
Pat McKeown	Number											
	Total weight											
	Weight of best											
Dean Stewart	Number											
	Total weight											
	Weight of best											
Shane Wignell	Number	3										
	Total weight	2.30										2.30
	Weight of best	0.84										
Mark Hansen	Number											
	Total weight											
	Weight of best											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Catch results and points for September 2015 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Ron Thomas	5.47kg	3	5	104.7
Peter Osborne	1.49kg	5	6	84.9
Martin Wearmouth	2.36kg	4	8	83.6
Peet Wessels	3.02kg	4	9	80.2
Mark Nurse	3.09kg	2	8	70.9
George Holman	1.56kg	2	4	55.6
Shane Wignell	2.3kg	1	3	53
Michael Pisano	1.16kg	2	4	51.6
Sandra Wessels	1.95kg	2	3	49.5
Gary Parkinson	1.4kg	1	2	44
Sri Srigandan	0.45kg	1	1	34.5
Scott Williamson	0.15kg	1	2	31.5
Sarah Wignell	0.2kg	1	2	22
Dean Stewart				20
Mark Hansen				20
Pat McKeown				20
Peter Butland				10

Points include Field day and September General meeting points.

Species weighed at the September field day were tailor, herring, skipjack trevally, yellowfin whiting, tarwhine, sweetlip, salmon, snook, garfish, cod.

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for September 2015

Best scale fish	Ron Thomas	Salmon	4.14kg
Best bag of scale fish	Ron Thomas	Mixed bag	5.47kg

Field day section winners for September

Best scale fish	Ron Thomas	Salmon	4.14kg
Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	3.09kg