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May fishing field day, Cape to Cape

Overview. The May 2014 away fishing field day was spread from south side of Busselton Jetty to the mouth of the river at Augusta with the club persons fishing beaches and headlands from Yallingup to Prevelly.

As voted on by club members, the SCAC field day was undertaken in parallel with the AAWA State Rock and Beach Championship.

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.

A bit disappointing in that the numbers of SCAC persons attending this venue was down considerably, however the results in the AAA competition showed that Surfcasters can hold their heads up high with some fantastic bags being presented at weigh-in.

For the local field day, two persons fished with mixed results, see below.

The trip. Most of us drove down on the Friday to allow some looking around before the competition weekend.

In conjunction with the AAA briefing, the sign on was at the Yallingup Beach Resort at 12 noon on Saturday 17 May with some who had already signed on at the May General Meeting. The fishing period was from lines down at 1pm on Saturday with fishing through the evening with the lines up to suit returning to the Yallingup Beach Resort and have bags placed in the nominated AAA area by 12 noon on Sunday 18 May.

For the away trip a total of 6 SCAC anglers signed on. George Holman, Pat McKeown, Geoff Raftis, Peet and Sandra Wessels, and Peter Osborne. While cloudy and a couple of times threatening rain, good condition prevailed for the Saturday, with light to medium winds and a low swell. This gave excellent fishing conditions. Sunday the conditions changed with rain fronts passing through and strong west to north west winds.

Peet and Sandra joined Peter Osborne at his cabin at the Yallingup Beach Resort, while George, Pat and Geoff had accommodation at Prevelly.

George and company fished a rocky shelf at Prevelly Park area with some success. Bait casting rigs were the order of the day. Good quality skippy were found with George bagging out on these, Peet getting 4 and Pat, Geoff and Sandra getting 1 each. Sandra got cheesed off when she realized that she and Peet were fishing either side of George when George pulled in a great tailor and managed to get another smaller one.

Despite best efforts neither Sandra nor Peet could get a sniff of a tailor. From this reef, tarwhine, wrasse and rock blackfish also appeared. George managed one Salmon, again to the disgust of Sandra and Peet who could not a sniff of this species.



Peet Wessels in action off the rocks

The position that Pat was fishing was hungry for rigs and after he had lost a few more on Sunday morning, George called Pat over, gave him a spoon sinker, had him make up a suitable rig and said to Pat cast from this spot.

After a couple of casts, Pat was into a salmon. A smiling face resulted from this change of strategy. To be different Geoff managed the only whiting caught by any of our participants. Herring were plentiful, with most being of a good size. Pat managed a really big one.

As I arrived Friday morning I decided to try a couple of spots at Wyadup and Yallingup rocks to see if any salmon were about. Managed to get a couple of salmon and kept the larger one for entry in the open section. A good salmon and but not a really large one, hence this sets the bar for members to present a larger one in the future.

I fished the three locations I had selected with success, particularly with salmon. I was trying for tailor and skippy but kept getting salmon. With the one from Friday, I ended up with a total of 7 in the bag and released more than this. For the Saturday night, just on dark I went to the beach at Yallingup as have had good success in the past. But after breaking off due to heavy weed moving in returned to the cabin about 7:30pm to get a good night's sleep.

Was shortly joined by Peet and Sandra and we all enjoyed a hot shower and a hot meal to get up early the following morning. Walking out of the cabin at 5:30 in the morning I knew fishing was going to be uncomfortable as there was a strong sea breeze, gusts and rain. Peet and Sandra returned to Wyadup to try for salmon and tailor, again they were not successful for the species.

I debated with myself whether to join them at Wyadup, or go down and join George and company at Prevelly. I decided to follow my game plan and initially went to Yallingup Beach, weed had cleared with the tide change where I managed two good salmon and another tarwhine and more herring, but no skippy or tailor.

So relocated to the reef at Yallingup where I felt confident for catching reef fish and skippy. Managed some more tarwhine, a wrasse and small rock blackfish and again plagued by herring, but no skippy however kept getting those salmon, lots of fun. In retrospect it was the right decision in that it enabled me to weigh-in four good salmon. While lots of AAA competitors had one or two, only a couple of people had the bag limit of 4 salmon.

The AAA competition attracted about 65 competitors. The AAA set up a centre and covered area in the Yallingup Beach Caravan Park, and this worked well for managing the AAA competition. Some good bags were presented at the AAA weigh-in, including one fellow getting a Dhufish and some bags also including large snook.

Notwithstanding various good bags of fish being weighed by various clubs, our Veterans team can hold their head up high with some impressive results:

Extract from AAA results.

Veterans team Champion: SCAC, George, Pat, Geoff and Peter

Runner-up Veteran Champion: George Holman

Veteran Champion: Peter Osborne

Heaviest of species winners included: Note fish are not gilled and gutted for AAA

Heavies herring 0.28kg, Pat McKeown

Heaviest tailor 1.65kg, George Holman

Heaviest tarwhine 0.55kg, Peter Osborne

Again Surfcasters veterans demonstrate their abilities against other Club champions.



Pat McKeown with his winning herring, George Holman with his winning tailor

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne



A good catch of herring



Peter Osborne's bag of salmon

May Local Field day report

Of the two fisherpersons that fished local, one had a good result and one a poor result.

Gary Gildersleeves has some spots at Burns beach that he successfully fishes for tailor. It worked for him this weekend. Tailor showed up and he managed to capture some with resultant weigh-in of 4 tailor, with the best being 1.47 kg gilled and gutted for a total bag weight of 3.99 kg.

Gary Parkinson put some time in at one of his spots at Cockburn Sound, with only one undersize fish hence he didn't weigh in.

Fish capture results, points scored and the top scores, based on the SCAC scoring system, are listed here in Reel Talk.

The June Field Day is at Kalbarri / Port Gregory where we should find some quality fish.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for May 2014 Field Day

| Angler | Weight | Species | Fish | Points |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Peter Osborne | 19.56kg | 5 | 28 | 265.6 |
| George Holman | 14.48kg | 5 | 29 | 214.8 |
| Peet Wessels | 6.62kg | 6 | 30 | 146.2 |
| Sandra Wessels | 4.95kg | 5 | 25 | 119.5 |
| Pat McKeown | 5.31kg | 3 | 12 | 103.1 |
| Gary Gildersleeves | 3.99kg | 1 | 4 | 69.9 |
| Geoff Raftis | 1.53kg | 3 | 11 | 65.3 |
| Gary Parkinson | | | | 20 |

Points include Field day and May General meeting points. Species weighed at the May Cape to Cape field day were tailor, herring, tarwhine, skipjack trevally, cod, western rock blackfish, salmon, whiting and wrasse. Species weighed in for the Local field day were: tailor.

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for May 2014

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|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Best scale fish | Peter Osborne | Salmon | 4.08kg |
| Best bag of scale fish | Peter Osborne | Mixed Bag | 19.56kg |
| Best shark | No capture | | |
| Best bag including sharks | No capture | | |

Field day section winners for May 2014

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|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Best scale fish | George Holman | Salmon | 3.89kg |
| Best bag of scale fish | Peter Osborne | Mixed Bag | 19.56kg |
| Best shark | No capture | | |
| Best bag including sharks | No capture | | |

Field Day top scores for 2014/15

Total scores at the end of the Competition year including May 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 |
|----------------|--------|------|
| Peter Osborne | 265.6 | 1 |
| George Holman | 214.8 | 2 |
| Peet Wessels | 146.2 | 3 |
| Sandra Wessels | 119.5 | 4 |

| Name | Points | Rank |
|--------------------|--------|------|
| Pat McKeown | 103.1 | 5 |
| Gary Gildersleeves | 69.9 | 6 |
| Geoff Raftis | 65.3 | 7 |
| Gary Parkinson | 20.0 | 8 |

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller

Field Day sections 2014/15

Up to and including May 2014 Field Day. Some new sections have been added.

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| 1A | Best scale fish (1st six months) | Peter Osborne | Salmon | 4.08kg | May |
| 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 | 1.49kg | May |
| 6 | Best Salmon (3kg min) | Peter Osborne | Salmon | 4.08kg | May |
| 7 | Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min) | George Holman | Skipjack Trevally | 0.56kg | May |
| 8 | Best Mackerel (2kg min) | | | | |
| 9 | Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack (4kg min) | | | | |
| 10 | Best scale fish (other than above) | | | | |
| 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) | Gary Gildersleeves | Tailor | 3.99kg | May |
| 14 | Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max) | | | | |
| 15 | Best fish caught on fly rod | | | | |
| 16 | Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a soft plastic lure | | | | |
| 17 | Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure | | | | |