

April 2016 Field Day Report

SCAC Field Day Report: Cape to Cape, Preston, & Local 16 /17 April 2016

Overview

The April 2016 away field day was split with Cape to Cape (Busselton Jetty to the mouth of the River at Augusta) as the nominated venue and at the April General meeting was split to include Preston. The local was maintained as the standard

For the local event 3 persons fished Perth local (George Holman), and local northern beaches Pat McKeon and Dean Stewart), seven people fished Preston (Martin Wearmouth, Gary Parkinson, Glen Wong, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Mark Nurse and Sri Srigandan) with four persons fished Cape to Cape. (Victor and Slavka Schilo, George Berlin & Peter Osborne)

All venues suffered to varying degrees of swell, minor weed; a strong wind on Saturday afternoon with cool but not cold evenings and mornings

Some quality fish were caught with a total of 9 different species landed at the various venues. Salmon were the prized catch at both away locations. For the various local venues a limited number of small fish were caught

The Trip.

Cape to Cape

For the away trip, Peter had a cabin booked at the Yallingup Caravan and Victor & Slavka Schilo and George Belin had accommodation at Augusta. For the Cape to Cape area weather condition included medium to strong and gusty wind on Saturday afternoon and some rain evening and following morning with a pretty good swell at both venues locations. Cool but not cold conditions for evening and early morning.

Slavka, Victor and George came away empty handed. This would have been the result of professional fishermen taking literally truckloads of salmon from this location. No doubt headed for the Cray industry as bait: very disappointing.

Peter had more success at the Yallingup and Wyderup areas. His favourite spot on the reef on the south side of Yallingup did not work well only a couple of small species – just size Tarwhine and Skippy and reef fish. However on fishing Yallingup beach, he found the Salmon. On first cast he put his rod in his rod spike turned away and immediately heard his reel go. A good Salmon, it weighed 4.11 kg cleaned. As a rough guide I use 10% add on to arrive at the true as landed weight. However this fish was absolutely stuffed full of blue sardines hence the uncleaned weight would have been closer to 5.0 kg. Peter caught 2 more salmon, but could not get his 4th. All locations he fished he was plagued with herring that immediately stripping the mulie.

Preston

While some wind and rain was encountered, conditions were not as severe as the Capes. The team of, Mark Nurse, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Glen Wong, Martin Wearmouth and Sri Srigandan went down to Preston. Peet and Sandra Wessels left the group and fished a couple of km further North at a different reef location nearer White Hills.

Unfortunately their favourite spot had already been taken by others so they moved to another spot where they found some Tailor, smaller misc. species; Whiting, Tarwhine Pike and Herring. Sandra managed to get 1 Salmon. Peet tried hard for a Mulloway with set rods and big baits but to no avail. When returning, they found that the group that had taken their favourite spot had managed to get into Salmon.

Of course Glen worked hard and hoped to repeat his previous week's capture of an outsize fish, i.e. - the 22 kg Tuna. No luck with this but Glen managed 3 solid Salmon and some Herring and Whiting.

Sri fished hard and got 3 Salmon over the weekend, with 2 during the competition period, plus some Herring - one happy fisho.

Martin did a catch and release on his first Salmon, then switched to a single handed rod, and with patience and determination he landed a 2.9 kg Salmon on this outfit. A great effort – the best capture on a single handed rod for a long time.

While Gary has had some terrific success in the past with some Mulloway and Snapper at Preston, he could not duplicate this for this Field Day. He was in the wrong place for the Salmon and only managed a bag of herring

For this weekend at Preston, the success story goes to Mark. He found a couple of schools of Salmon and using live bait he got Salmon after Salmon for a release for all the 13 fish landed. He also

caught Herring and Whiting. Of interest, we decided to upgrade the catch and release weight for fish caught and returning starting the competitive year in May. However for the current year competition the release weight is 3.5 kg, so Mark had 14.0 kg of Salmon. Using the spreadsheet, the average for those Salmon that went across the scales this weekend was close to this 3.5 kg.



Sri with one of the Salmon that came out at Preston

Local Beaches

For the local venue, George Holman, concentrated on and fished the beaches from Cottesloe to Sorrento. He encountered flat calm conditions on Saturday afternoon and early evening, hence no Tailor. He did manage to put in his bag a Tarwhine and a Pike.

Pat McKeon and Dean Stewart went north to fish the Capricorn beach adjacent to the groin. Conditions included a northerly wind and a big swell. While they did not sign on for the field day they were joined by Bob Henderson and Geoff Raftis. Fishing was slow and for most unsuccessful, however Pat landed two Tailor with the heaviest of 0.77 kg. He was happy to take home a feed of fresh fish for him and his wife.

As have said many times before, as with Salmon fishing anywhere – the key is being at the right place at the right time. With Salmon being caught from Esperance right around to the metro area we had hoped to see more of this species at all of the venues fished. Review of the field day results gives there was mixed results. i.e. Some with good bags of Salmon, others missing out.

Fish capture results, points scored and the top ten fisherpersons, based on the current SCAC scoring system, are listed elsewhere in Reel Talk.

Hope to see you at Rottneest.

Tight lines

Peter Osborne, Field Day Officer, 2015/16

Sportsperson of the year sections for April			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon Australian	4.11
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	14.46
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Field day prizes for April			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon Australian	4.11
Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	14.22
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Field Day Sections up to and including April			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A Best scale fish (1st six months)	Gary Parkinson	Snapper Pink	7.64
1B Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	4.49
2 Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3 Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4 Best mulloway (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
5 Best tailor (1kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.55
6 Best salmon (3kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	4.49
7 Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.67
8 Best mackerel (2kg min)	George Holman	Spanish Mackerel	3.10
9 Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.41
10 Best scale fish (Other than above)	Peet Wessels	Baldchin Groper	1.84
11 Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	19.08
12 Best bag of mulloway (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13 Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Sandra Wessels	Tailor	5.38
14 Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	2.95
15 Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16 Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Wrasse (all species) 1 only	0.25
17 Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00

ANGLER		Speolec Tallor	Speolec Salmon Australian	Speolec Herring, Australian	Speolec Whiting (other than listed)	Speolec Tarwhine	Speolec Pike	Speolec Skipjack Trevally	Speolec Western Rook Blackfish	Speolec Wrasse (all speolec) 1 only	Total weight	No. of Speolec	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
															Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Peter Osborne	Number		3	12		1		1	3	1	14.46	6	21	204.6	1		1	224.6
	Total weight		10.53	2.23		0.25		0.21	0.60	0.64								
	Weight of best		4.11															
Mark Nurse	Number		4	12	1						14.22	3	17	172.2	1		1	192.2
	Total weight		14.00	0.12	0.10													
	Weight of best		3.50															
Glen Wong	Number		3	3	1						11.72	3	7	147.2	1		1	167.2
	Total weight		11.06	0.56	0.10													
	Weight of best		4.04															
Sandra Wessels	Number	3	1	1	1	3					6.30	5	9	113.0	1		1	133.0
	Total weight	1.30	3.90	0.10	0.10	0.90												
	Weight of best																	
Martin Wearmouth	Number		2	6							7.10	2	8	91.0	1		1	101.0
	Total weight		6.40	0.70														
	Weight of best		2.90															
Feet Wessels	Number	3		3	4		1				2.12	4	11	61.2	1		1	81.2
	Total weight	1.60		0.30	0.10		0.12											
	Weight of best																	
Sri Origandan	Number		2	3							3.90	2	5	59.0	1		1	79.0
	Total weight		3.40	0.50														
	Weight of best		2.88															
Gary Parkinson	Number		8								1.26	1	8	22.6	1		1	42.6
	Total weight		1.26															
	Weight of best																	
Pat McKeown	Number	2									1.11	1	2	21.1		1	1	41.1
	Total weight	1.11																
	Weight of best	0.77																
George Holman	Number					1	1				0.44	2	2	24.4		1		34.4
	Total weight					0.26	0.18											
	Weight of best																	
Victor Schilo	Number	0													1		1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	
Slavka Schilo	Number	0													1		1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	
George Belin	Number	0													1		1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	
Dean Stewart	Number	0														1	1	20.0
	Total weight																	
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