

# **Field Day Officers Report**

## **June 2016 Field Day - Preston**

### **Synopsis**

The June 2016 field day was located at Preston. Reports coming in were saying going South from the Preston Car Park the sand and beach width was treacherous (Soft Sand – narrow width) the venue was opened up to Preston North to White Hills. Hence all away fisho's went north, with the main group only going about 3 km, while two went a further 2 km. Despite forecasts of strong winds and rain for Sunday morning the weather conditions were very comfortable with only a cold snap at dawn on Sunday. Where the weather let us down was while light winds they came from the NNE on Saturday and swung around to NW on Sunday. These wind directions are not good for having feeding fish come close to the beach areas. While the Preston Beach hot spots were fished at best it could be said was it was not even luke warm. The results for fish caught ranged from zero, a Garfish, a few Herring, plenty of undersize Whiting and Tarwhine, with a total of only three Salmon being landed.

### **The Trip.**

The sign on was at 11:00 at the Preston Beach Carpark on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June with lines down at 1:00 pm with fishing through to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June with the usual lines up time of 10:00 am with the weigh-in conducted at 11:00 am at the sign-on location.

The Preston advocates headed to a beach area some 2 to 3km north of the carpark: - Shane Wignell, Sarah Wignell, Lee Yongli, Peter Butland, Mark Nurse, Michael Pisano, Scott Williamson, Gary Parkinson, Ken Howells, and Peter Osborne. Peet and Sandra Wessels drove to the reef area some 15/17 km north of the carpark, but found it weeded out. They came back and fished a similar beach to what the first party tried some 2km north of the rest of us.

On her first cast, Sandra put out a Mulie out and within a couple of minutes of the start of the field day she had a good Salmon on the beach – what a way to start. However this turned out to be the only fish she was able to present at the weigh-in. Peet immediately put his rod into first gear and tried all the tricks his experience had taught him – but no Salmon. Peet did get up early on Sunday morning and very quickly had a quality Tailor on the beach. Sandra was still sleeping, so Peet called out "**Tailor On**" and she joined him almost immediately. But like Sandra's Salmon, the Tailor was a loner. Apart from lots of undersize Whiting for which Peet did release a size one, no other fish activity occurred – very frustrating.

All of us fished hard at the beach we had selected, and except for a lot of undersize whiting and a sparse number of size whiting, an odd herring and a great little Gummy Shark caught by Lee Yongli the afternoon was quiet. No Salmon and an expectation we might just see a Tailor near sundown was not realized. As noted above, the weather was kind to us but with light winds from the NE, and no good wave action this again shows a reasonably strong SW wind is what brings the Tailor into shore gutters to feed at dusk. – Very frustrating.

When some of us drove up the beach we met Gary, Mark, Ken and Scott testing the water.

Ken Howells had been trying for small fish (Whiting) to use for bait using a light rod and small terminal gear. On winding in one time with probably a just hooked Whiting there was a big guffle on the surface and then -- a break-off – probably a large Salmon.

Mark had really set himself up well for keeping live bait. He had a large esky size container with aerator and pump running off a battery.

When we drove up to him, he probably had some 15 or so mixed sized Whiting and some Herring swimming around. He started fishing hard all afternoon with live bait commencing on lines down. Nothing happened for him all afternoon.

He kept his largest herring for use after dark and fished through the night, he had this very active Herring swimming out in front of him nicely rigged up on a large hook--- All to no avail. Mid Sunday morning with a dead whiting on his hooks, he had a hook-up and despite having a line tangle at his reel he managed to handline and land a nice Salmon.

Peter O walked across the 30 meters to watch Mark in action hand lining a Salmon and on return to his rod found his line cut. He surmised that another Salmon traveling with Marks hooked fish picked up

Peter's mulie, and headed south, and as Marks fish had headed north, the lines crossed. With Mark using braid and Peter using monofilament it was a quick cut-off.

Also about mid-morning, Lee Yongli had a good hook-up and landed the largest fish of the field day with a Salmon of some 5 kilo's. (Scale weight gilled and gutted was 4.56 kg).

For those of us that fished Preston, Lee had the best bag of fish with his Salmon and a Gummy Shark. Sarah was pleased to show her father who is the most skilled fisho in her family in that she had 2 Herring and 1 Whiting to her Dads 2 Whiting.

The rest of us had the odd Whiting, Herring or zero result. – Not very good result for Preston considering past year catches at this time and venue again, very frustrating

Gary had the expectation or hope of repeating what he did a year ago – a large Pink Snapper, for this field day but this was only wishful thinking.

### **Local**

Two Surfcasters signed on and fished the local venue for this field day.

Martin Wearmouth went to his usual spot at North Cottesloe, fished for about 3 hours with only one quality Flathead landed. He did not see any Salmon caught. However he had an excellent eating fish for his dinner.

George Holman went to his local beach at Floreat. He was accompanied by Klaus Schonwolf. He only fished for about 2.5 + hours but ended up with 3 good Salmon. Of interest and somewhat unexpected, one of his Salmon had a fish tail sticking out of its mouth (20 cm Tarwhine). A great live baiting technique – hook the small fish on the end hook of the ganged set, attract and let the large fish try and swallow a live bait and hook the good fish in the mouth with one of the other gang hooks.

Klaus took the now dead Tarwhine from George cast it out and tried to entice another Salmon. Nope did not work, so another disappointed fisherman – very frustrating.

George has a similar leg/back problem as Peter O. I.e. with a heavy bag of fish he needs a packhorse effort to carry a full load over the sand dunes back to the car – From George – thanks Klaus

Hope to see you at Preston again for the July field day, hopefully a better presence of fish, maybe we can find some more Salmon, Tailor and with a bit more luck a Snapper and/or Malloway

Peter Osborne, Field Day Officer, 2015/16

Sportsperson of the year sections for June			
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Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed bag	11.89
Best shark	Lee Yongli	Shark	0.93
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Field day prizes for June			
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Field Day Sections up to and including June				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Lee Yongli	Salmon Australian	4.56
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	0	0	0.00
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)	0	0	0.00
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Lee Yongli	Salmon Australian	4.56
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	0	0	0.00
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	0	0	0.00
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Theo Van Niekerk	Morwong 2 only	0.83
11	Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed bag	11.89
12	Best bag of mulloway (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00

ANGLER		Species Herring, Australian	Species Salmon Australian	Species Whiting (other than listed)	Species Flathead (all species)	Species Garfish (all species)	Species Shark	Species Tailor	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points	
		Field Day	Local	General Meeting													
George Holman	Number	1	3						11.89	2	4	138.9		1		152.9	
	Total weight	0.13	11.76														
	Weight of best		4.07														
Lee Yongli	Number	1						1	5.49	2	2	74.9	1			86.9	
	Total weight		4.56					0.93									
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Mark Nurse	Number	1	1						4.03	2	2	60.3	1		1	82.3	
	Total weight		3.96	0.07													
	Weight of best																
Sandra Wessels	Number		1						3.48	1	1	44.8	1		1	65.8	
	Total weight		3.48														
	Weight of best																
Peet Wessels	Number		1					1	0.96	2	2	29.6	1		1	51.6	
	Total weight			0.07				0.89									
	Weight of best																
Peter Osborne	Number	2	2						0.50	2	4	25.0	1		1	49.0	
	Total weight	0.33	0.17														
	Weight of best																
Sarah Wignell	Number	2	1						0.32	2	3	23.2	1			36.2	
	Total weight	0.27	0.05														
	Weight of best																
Martin Wearmouth	Number		1						0.37	1	1	13.7	1	1		34.7	
	Total weight			0.37													
	Weight of best																
Shane Wignell	Number		2						0.12	1	2	11.2	1		1	33.2	
	Total weight			0.12													
	Weight of best																
Michael Pisano	Number			1					0.09	1	1	10.9	1		1	31.9	
	Total weight																
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Gary Parkinson	Number	0													1	1	20.0
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Peter Butland	Number	0													1	1	20.0
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Ken Howells	Number	0													1	1	20.0
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Vincent Tomazin	Number	0													1	1	20.0
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Scott Williamson	Number	0													1	1	20.0
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**Thanks once again to Sandra for taking the Pictures!**







