

# **February 2016 Field Day Report**

**Cervantes/Preston /White Hills – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

## **Synopsis**

The February 2016 field day was spread from Preston to White Hills with all persons fishing the Preston Beach area. Weather conditions at this venue were variable over the weekend with very strong South to South West Saturday afternoon and then toward evening, turned to light winds and on Sunday morning with some South West to South winds. While the Preston Beach hot spots were fished the best it could be said was it was barely luke warm. The result was ranged from very few Herring, some with Tailor including quality or good size fish and then a few misc. Gardies, Pike, Whiting and Banded Sweep.

## **The Trip**

The sign on at the Miami bake house was at 12:00 noon Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February with lines down at 2:00 pm with fishing through until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February with the usual lines up time of 9:00 am with the weigh-in conducted at 11:00 am at the sign-on location. For summer weather the earlier sign-on of 9:00 am in lieu of 10:00 am appears to work better for very hot weather conditions. The Miami Bakehouse is a great venue for sign-on and weigh-in as is very relaxing with a cup of good coffee and a variety of pies, sweet buns, etc. The weigh-in is undertaken out the back where there is shade under trees and parking for cars.

A total of 15 SCAC Anglers came to the away sign-on. (Lee Yongli, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Shayne Wignell, George Holman, Pat McKeon, Dean Stewart, Glen Wong, Gary Parkinson, Scot Williamson, Victor and Slavka Schilo, and Peter Osborne.)



Catch of the Day for PO

Following sign-on we all made up a convoy and went down to the Preston Beach car park let down tires and had a comfortable drive north. The Wessels went the furthest for some up to 17 km north with the rest at various spots – generally where some reef or gutter formation was observed. The wind was coming from the south west at my guess in excess of 30 knots. Fish wise, generally very quiet in the afternoon as it was hard casting and fishing with such a strong wind. Closer to dusk, the wind dropped off and it looked like ideal Tailor fishing conditions. – The last hour before dark produced Tailor for some. i.e.

Sandra managed 7 Tailor, the best being 1.06 kg for a Tailor bag weight of 5.38 kg. She also managed a couple of Banded Sweep. With this catch she had the heaviest overall bag and the highest number of points at 98.9. It also gave her the heaviest bag of Tailor for the year which slots in field day Section 9.

Peet Wessels managed 5 Tailor for a weight of 2.93 kg and with a couple of Herring and a Gardie he was runner-up with points of 81.1.

Shane Wignell only had one Tailor 0.75 kg, but his bag included Herring, Garfish, and a Pike. With the highest number of different species Shane obtained 72.1 points which put him in position 3 for the field day. Of interest he was using a small floating popper rig as a second enticer on his main Tailor rig. This gave him the capture of a Garfish. This is the first time have ever seen a Gardie caught on such a lure

I had a reasonable bag of Tailor being only 5 fish for total of 3.62 kg, but with the heaviest coming in at 1.55 kg – giving me the heaviest fish for the field day and 66.2 points for 4<sup>th</sup> position. Again these fish were only caught Saturday just on dusk. Despite fishing hard Saturday afternoon and like others from 5:00 am to 9 am Sunday I had a nil result during these time frames. Even tried different rigs, bait etc. to target different species but to no avail.

While Lee Yongli only had 1 Tailor he had some 4 Herring and 5 quality Whiting which gave him some 63.8 points and 5<sup>th</sup> place for this field day ranking. Of interest his success for these smaller species

was the use of raw chicken flesh as bait. Like any competitive fishing one can pick up some different or new techniques. Will have one of those poppers and chicken bait in my arsenal next time I go fishing.

Also good to see Glen Wong do well in these conditions – viz, 4 Tailor at 2.04 kg plus 3 Herring for a total of 63.4 point and 6<sup>th</sup> position on the field day point scoring ladder

The rest of the team had some Tailor of quantity of 0, 1, 2, some Herring, (Slavka had the most of these at 5) and/or some Whiting of 0, 1, or 2.

Refer to the table elsewhere for a total tabulation of results for all competitors. This again shows that for the field day top points, getting some additional species drives the total point score higher.

At the weigh-in back at the Bakery, a few big grins, some ribbing of those with smaller bags, and great to see some people with excess fish give them to other club members with low fish captures.

We have seen in the past some magnificent bags come out of Preston; however the last two trips there have been pretty ordinary catches. The really quality bags and large fish have been caught in winter/early spring.



Happy Surfcasters at  
Miami Bakehouse



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### **Local**

No Surfcasters fished local for this field day

Hope to see you at Bluff Creek at the March/Easter field day – is generally a great field day.

Peter Osborne Field Day Officer 2015/16

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Angler	Species Herring, Australian		Species Tailor		Species Whiting (other than Island)		Species Pike		Species Garfish (all species)		Species Banded Sweep		Total weight	No. of Species	No. of Fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points	
	Number	Weight of best	Number	Weight of best	Number	Weight of best	Number	Weight of best	Number	Weight of best	Number	Weight of best					Field Day	Local	General Meeting		
Sandra Wessels	7												5.69	2	9	76.9	1		1	90.9	
	5.38																				
Peel Wessels	1												3.11	3	7	61.1	1		1	81.1	
	0.13																				
Shane Mignell	2												1.21	4	5	52.1	1		1	72.1	
	0.18																				
Peter Osborne	5												3.62	1	5	46.2	1		1	66.2	
	3.62																				
Lee Yongli	4												1.38	3	10	43.8	1		1	63.8	
	0.46																				
Glen Wong	3												2.34	2	7	43.4	1		1	63.4	
	0.30																				
Mark Nurse	1												0.44	3	3	34.4	1		1	54.4	
	0.10																				
Gary Parkinson	1												0.97	2	2	29.7	1		1	49.7	
	0.08																				
Slavka Sobilo	5												0.71	2	7	27.1	1		1	47.1	
	0.49																				
George Holman	1												0.54	1	1	15.4	1		1	36.4	
	0.54																				
Martin Wearmouth	1												0.25	1	1	12.5	1		1	32.5	
	0.25																				
Pat McKeown	2												0.17	1	2	11.7	1		1	31.7	
	0.17																				
Victor Gohilo	3												0.43	2	4	24.3				24.3	
	0.35																				
Dean Stewart	0																			1	20.0
Scott Williamson	0																			1	20.0

Field Day Sections up to and including February				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Gary Parkinson	Snapper Pink	7.64
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Spanish Mackerel	3.10
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4	Best mullo way (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	4.48
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 mullo way (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)	Mark Hansen	Herring, Australian	0.12
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

Sportsperson of the year sections for February				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
	Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.55
	Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed bag	5.89
	Best shark			
	Best bag including sharks			

Field day prizes for February				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
	Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.55
	Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed bag	5.89
	Best shark			
	Best bag including sharks			