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WILSONS PROM KINGFISH



▲ Murray Peterson and Leigh Elliott.
▲ Inset: Rob Torelli, Murray and Leigh.
▲ Brett Illingworth

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57th NATIONAL SPEARFISHING TITLES

This year the National Titles were held on the south west coast of WA in which the Southern Freedivers had five representatives.

Day One was held at Hamelin Bay. The terrain was relatively shallow, being less than 15m deep 3km from shore. Like all the places we dived throughout the week, there were plenty of big silver drummer, big dusky morwong, zebra fish, and many other smaller fish. However finding fish that were on the species list and above the size limit proved challenging. I saw whiting to 400gm and kingfish to 3kg, but in this competition, these fish are undersize. We Victorians all covered a lot of ground to find our fish. Murray Peterson was the best of us on day 1 with 10 species, which put him in 10th place.

Canal Rocks was the location for heat 2 and the teams event. The terrain here was deeper and resulted in the top competitors diving in over 25m of water. On this day Tony Heugh from QLD won the most meritorious fish award for landing a 5.5kg baldchin grouper. Drew Fenney weighed in 10 species for the second day and Ric Devries came 1st with 13 species to lead the Victorian team to victory in the 4 man teams event. Along with Murray(8 species) and myself(7 species) we were very happy to be part of the winning team, convincingly knocking off the local WA team.

The final day was held at Sugarloaf Rock, and was the most difficult. The water was deep and the fish life even more sparse than the previous days. The top guys again headed for the deep 25-30m reefs and sand edges. Dwayne Herbert from NZ speared a 1.5kg john dory in 25m and won the day with 12 species. Our club president Leigh Elliott landed a 5.5kg WA dhufish which was one of the best fish of the week. And Drew finished off strongly with 12 species to put him in 5th place overall for the competition. Drew has again qualified to represent Australia in the upcoming international events.

I found this competition to be very challenging with the water depth and species list/size limits requiring more swimming, searching and deeper diving than I have ever had to do in a comp before. But I wouldn't have had it any other way, as this was the National Titles and it should be tough.

Chris Monaghan



▲ Leigh with a great 5.5kg WA Dhufish.



▲ Drew and Adam in the pairs competition in WA.

NATIONALS RESULTS (42 COMPETITORS)

	Diver		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
1	Arnold Piccoli	WA	100	83	97	280
2	Dwayne Herbert	NZ	86	73	100	259
3	Tony Heugh	QLD	92	79	84	255
4	Adam Smith	QLD	77	86	90	253
5	Drew Fenney	VIC	76	76	95	248
6	Gunther Pfrengle	NSW	84	81	68	233
7	David Sutcliffe	WA	77	77	61	216
8	Derek Dufall	WA	53	94	62	209
9	Ric Devries	VIC	54	100	55	208
10	Shane Fitzmaurice	NZ	69	85	53	208
11	Murray Peterson	VIC	76	58	61	195
19	Leigh Elliott	VIC	46	51	57	154
25	Chris Monaghan	VIC	54	52	30	136

VICTORIAN SPEARFISHING CHALLENGE 2008/09

SPECIES in gms	Flathead	Sweep	Snapper	Whiting	Snook	Crayfish	Kingfish	Trevally	Squid	Salmon	Total
NAMES											
Leigh Elliott					1990		13110	1100	1720	1110	44
Jordan Hill	1305				1255	2950		1460	1850		41
Drew Fenney				710	1840					1255	27
Christian Hughes					1620	1550			885	760	27
Murray Peterson		1140		640	1980		10920				26
Rob Torelli				620			15080		2040		26
Chris Monaghan		1090		430	1560	1880					25
Ryan Harris		1040		590			1800				20
Matt Koopman	1190			825							19
Aaron Crocombe					1650	4010					17
Paul Dorfstatter				535		2860					14
Louie Papadopoulos									2125		10
Jack Monkiewicz		1130									9

After a slow start, the fish have started to flow into the Victorian Challenge. Jordan Hill is still near the top of the leaderboard, but with the recent capture of kingfish at The Prom, Leigh Elliott has hit the lead. Competition ends on the 5th of April, and there is still time for anyone to win.

If anyone would like to contribute to our newsletter with stories, pictures, recipes, gear for sale, information, advertising (diving and non-diving products/services), opinions, facts or anything else I haven't thought of, please do so by contacting the editor. THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CLUB MEMBERS TO EXIST.

CLUB SERIES

	Grade	Name	Competition Cape Shank	Sorrento Boat	Western Districts	Kitty-Miller Bay	Total
1	A	Drew Fenney	100.00	100.00	85.13		285.13
2	B	Christian Hughes	89.71	28.52		94.53	212.75
3	B	Paul Dorfstatter	33.79	29.61	35.97	55.85	155.23
4	A	Aaron Crocombe	54.15			100.00	154.15
5	B	Ivor Nakic	43.27		36.04	61.85	141.16
6	B	Ryan Harris	32.24	24.25		81.50	137.99
7	A	Chris Monaghan	92.08	40.31	DISQ		132.39
8	B	Leigh Elliott	43.48	35.79	52.76		132.03
9	A	Murray Peterson	68.17	50.13			118.30
10	A	Louie Papadopolous	70.55	43.57		DISQ	114.11
11	B	Jason Horne		41.81	65.28		107.09
12	A	Ric DeVries			100.00		100.00
13	Jnr.	Trent Crane	24.11		36.22	36.97	97.31
14	B	Ziya Mustafa		41.34		46.26	87.60
15	B	Joseph Bednarak	50.45	29.08			79.53
16	B	Justin Goss		30.14	47.36		77.50
17	C	Andrew Vibert		12.72		56.87	69.59
18	A	Rob Torelli		67.26			67.26
19	C	Luke Donnison	11.62			54.46	66.09
20	C	Mustafa Apak				64.92	64.92
21	NSW	Sasha Shultz	56.64				56.64
22	C	Josh Rendell			46.84		46.84
23	C	Tim Fitzpatrick	32.88	12.78			45.66
24	Jnr.	Jordan Whitmore				36.87	36.87
25	Jnr.	Ashleigh Illingworth		35.95			35.95
26	C	Greg Sperring			17.22	17.39	34.60
27	Jnr.	Mac Riddle			33.97		33.97
28	C	Tom Fraser	22.17	11.28			33.45
29	A	Brett Illingworth	32.23				32.23
30	Jnr.	Jake Torelli		31.58			31.58
31	C	Nghia Vu		23.99			23.99
32	C	Baden Hicks	11.28	11.79			23.07
33	C	Paul McBride				19.20	19.20
34	C	Salcuk Budak		18.74			18.74
35	C	Daniel Attard		17.36			17.36
36	C	Jonothan Hore		12.67			12.67
37	C	Jason Visvick	10.81				10.81
38	C	Paul Crane				8.64	8.64