

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Welcome everyone to our 2019 AGM for the Hokianga Big Game & Sport Fishing Club.

I shall start my report by stating it will be very brief due to the fact Megan has not long finished and sent out a very good and informative newsletter whereby my input to that covered a lot of what would have been included in my President's report .

For those of you who may not yet have seen a copy of the newsletter, Megan has kindly printed a few copies for your perusal. So while on the subject, I think you will all agree, Megan has been doing a great job there and I hope we can retain her for the up and coming season but also hope she is fed a bit more info from fisherman, making that job a little easier with varied content.

## **LAND BASE.**

These club days are always fun and have been ticking over as per usual on the 3rd weekend of each month and it's been great to have a few new members taking part this season.

Again, some fantastic results and fish tallies have been recorded throughout the season by our regular crew, and our best weekend saw 23 anglers, including 6 juniors thrash it out on Sand Island in January..

We have now fished our second round at Ripiro beach and already the points are getting tight at the top with the most noticeable advances been made by those in their second or third season. This always seems to be the case whereby all the knowledge --- secrets and snippets of info, along with practice, finally gel and it's like a light switch coming on. So good luck to you all over the remainder of the season as we work our way around the beaches and rocks off Northland.

## **ANNUAL FISHING COMP.**

Again, this was held in conjunction with the Nationals and saw some awesome results across the board. Whilst it was pleasing to see some marlin finally being caught , I think perhaps prize giving proved some of the more astounding results were in the bottom fishing arena. Full credit to all those who competed as it was not easy out there and we can only hope that next year brings more game fish down to us. Overall it was a fairly hard and slow season and again it was the first fish caught and the latter fish that seemed to be bigger, but with less than 30 marlin recorded or weighed for the season it wasn't great.

I can report that we caught the one and only Wahoo in NZ aboard the good ship Billfish in April but don't know if we should celebrate or worry about that given the changing climate, who knows.

## **SPONSORS.**

We can never thank these people enough but on behalf of myself, the committee and the club, I would like to extend a huge thanks and express our gratitude as without you guys our fishing comp would not happen, so cheers.

Also a massive thanks to our committee members and Weigh Masters , Les and Marina --- Linda our secretary and zone rep -- myself I guess as Land base co-ordinator -- zone rep and president --- Megan for the newsletter --- Chris as club captain and facebook page along with Janice on the web page. All these people in their own roles give up a lot of their own time and do a lot to keep the club rolling, so let's put our hands together for them.

Well as I said it was gonna be short so that's it.

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Cheers. Shane Club President.