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# HOKIANGA BIG GAME AND SPORTS FISHING CLUB

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Well hello again everyone, it's that time of year again to dust of the rods and get your boats and trailers ready for the up and coming season. Make sure you get the wheel bearings and brakes properly checked because they seem to be the biggest cause of failure and stress. I will also add that you need to be sure you check the parts that don't get submerged in salt water such as the master cylinder because I recently had a situation where the brakes on my flat deck trailer over heated and literally melted the bronze discs. Apart from making lots of sparks and putting on a brilliant light display in the burning tarmac the disintegrating disc also set the bloody road side scrub on fire and that's when things really got exciting, however I will save that story for another day. When I went to replace them, I was told they no longer make bronze discs for that very reason, they don't handle the heat which I proved, the other thing was that the master cylinder was only two years old but failed or seized due to moisture even though it had never meet the tide, so a little bit of preventative maintenance is the moral there.

As things have been a bit quite over the winter months there's not too much to report but we did have an enjoyable A.G.M / Prize giving back in September. It was good to see a few new faces and get a bit of new blood on the committee, namely Chris Hart whom was elected as club captain and Steve Nield put his hand up to be land base co-ordinator along with Jeremy Jurisich (hope I spelt that right) whom seems keen and brings a bit more youth to the club, so congratulations to the nominees and we look forward to working with you in the coming season. Prize giving also went well

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STEVES SNAPPER CAUGHT AT THE LAST  
LANDBASED CLUB DAY

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with good attendance and lots of notable catches being celebrated both at club and national level, so well done to all the recipients and let's hope this season goes as well for every one and their crew, hopefully with a few more marlin in the mix.

Don't forget the 2017 Nationals running from Sat 18th to Sat 25th of Feb again this will be held in conjunction with our Reel fishing comp which is our annual fund raiser and entry to both is all inclusive. We are just going thru the motions of setting this up now and will keep you posted. So, get yourself a team together -- stay safe-- good luck and have some fun out there.

Also, if you have any fishing gear etc. you would like to sell give Imogen a bell and she will advertise that in the newsletter for you free of charge, unlike Trade me, plus you won't get all the dick heads asking stupid questions. I currently have two solid glass, fully rollered game rods that I bought of Wayne Wright some years back as virgin to the sport. I don't know if Wayne got them to work properly but the boys on BILLFISH put them to great use with several fish over 150 kg plus the old 217 kg black marlin which one handled with ease. Anyway these rods are not display winners but are still in good condition and are bomb proof and suit 37kg line. If anyone out there knows of someone starting out or keen to get into game fishing these are free to a good home. Just give me a call 09 4057515.

Now here's a challenge, if we can get at least five fishing stories to go in the mag, I will personally put up a worthy prize for the best or funniest. You all know the ones, we've all been there or seen it -- hooks through fingers - - broken rods --- catching seaweed -- boat ramp carnage - - man overboard -- no bait -- no petrol -- no battery -- no spare wheel, the list goes on and most have a hangover involved as well. Who knows you might even win a glass rod if they haven't gone by then and you can start talking about your next trophy, so come on guys or ladies put pen to paper and let's start the season off with a giggle.

Cheers for now, Shane.

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STEVE FISHING THE EVENING TIDE

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## LAND BASED FISHING

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### OCTOBER REPORT

Last month we headed over to Mitimiti for our monthly fishing weekend. With the weather looking a bit dodgy we set up camp on Friday arvo and headed out onto the beach to check out the surf conditions. Not the best was probably an understatement. A plan was hatched to quad over and fish in the shelter of the harbour first thing in the morning.

We woke at 5am to the sound of torrential rain. Mmmm not what we were wanting. !!

We could hear John, Tarns and Gavin on the beach in the pouring rain heading south toward the harbour but we decided to wait a bit and see if the rain eased off. This proved to be the wrong decision as they caught some nice fish on the early morning change of light. One of these fish a good size trevally caught by Gavin took out the monthly haggle, so well done to him.

All in all, the weekend turned out not too bad, Shane caught some nice fish on Saturday evening and a couple earlier Sunday. So, it seems you must put in the hard yards to get the returns, so no sleeping in next month.

### NOVEMBER REPORT

This month we had planned to fish the bluff on 90 mile, but once again the weather gods had other ideas. With a large swell running and howling westerly we decided to change coasts and try our luck at Kaimaumau.

Arrived Friday afternoon and found Gavin setting up his gear, getting ready for an early start the next morning. He told us Shane was up at the beacon testing the conditions. So, we parked up and headed up the beach on the quad to see how he was getting on.

Found him about to have his first cast. As we chatted about the weather and weekend forecast his rod bent





NICE SET UP FOR FISHING ON THE BEACH



RODS IN WAITING FOR A BIG ONE



TWO ROD SET UP TO UP THE CHANCES

over and line started peeling out. Within a few minutes a nice nearly 5kg snapper was landed. But as it had been caught before our start time of midnight, he got no points for this fish.

However, we thought things were looking good for the morning. How wrong we were!!

Everyone was up early and fished well into the night – no fish!!

It was the same the next day, up early and fished till midday cut off time and hardly a fish caught.

Bugger, may have been the super moon or the earthquake, but all other fisherman out that we spoke to were having no luck either.

But this made for a very quick weigh in with just 5 small kahawai being weighed.

Well done to our new member Gareth who fished all night both days and took out the haggie, all be it by just 4 grams but a win is a win and welcome aboard.

It proved once again you must put in the hard yards to reap the rewards.

We will try again to fish the bluff in December before all the crowds arrive for Xmas and hopefully the weather will be on our side this time.

Also, big ups to Trevor at Mid North Dive and Fishing for all his support, those new sinkers worked great, cheers Mate. So, if you need new diving or fishing gear get in and see Trevor at the shop in Wihongi St, Kaikohe, he will have everything you need or he'll get it in for you.

And if anyone wants to have a go at land based fishing give Shane or myself a ring or message on Facebook and we can help you with everything you need to know.

Till next time, bent rods.

Steve Nield



## JUNIOR FISHING DAY

Wow - we got lucky with a break in the weather to run yet another successful junior fishing competition. 37 keen juniors registered & fishing up on last year's no. of 25 and 6 fish caught. Well done to all our participants & their parents for giving them the assistance and support to keep their lines in the water.

As always to me it's about participation and getting our kids out in the fresh air and away from today's tech gadgets. The weather was near perfect and sea was a lot calmer than in previous days. I said to Marina we had upped our game this year with a beautiful new banner, safety cones to slow down traffic so that the kids could cross the road safely to use the Opononi Holiday Beach Park toilets. A better gazebo was supplied by Kelly Scott-Ritchie & DHB, a proper sound system and very good sponsorship to enable us to run this event for the kids.

Registration and fishing started just after 9.30am with heaps of beach, lots of seaweed and a couple of kahawai caught before our break at 12.00. The kids were keen as with a few even using hand lines to try catching the big one. Heaps of encouragement was given by both me and their parents. Right - time for a break and some fun with a couple of games. I will need to delegate this to someone else next year. 3-legged race – OMG Sam you don't have 3 people to make it a 5-legged race lol. Oh well heaps of fun and laughter had by all.

Onto the 1<sup>st</sup> of our spot prize giveaways 6 in total & anyone registered & fishing were into win with happy faces all around. Right kids an hour & a half to fish on an incoming tide so let's see what we can catch. Marina turned up with our scales & coaxed our kids into a little friendly competitive banter. This must have worked as by 2pm 6 legal fish in total were caught & weighed. Whilst Audrey & I put our final results together Harry kept the kids and parents entertained with a wee tug-o-war. Thanks Harry you're a natural entertainer and great MC. The results were as follows:

### No snapper caught

#### Kahawai

|                 |                                |         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Napiah Korewha                 | 1.385kg |
|                 | \$70 Hunting & Fishing voucher |         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Antinae Birch                  | 1.325kg |
|                 | \$50 Hunting & Fishing voucher |         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wayne Robinson                 | 0.880kg |
|                 | \$30 Hunting & Fishing voucher |         |





(Napiah also received a further \$30 Hunting & Fishing voucher as he also caught a .890kg Kahawai).

**Other Species**

1st Kauri Phillips (Paraore)  
1.240kg

\$70 Hunting & Fishing voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Gerald Crouch (butterfish)  
0.355kg

\$50 Hunting & Fishing voucher

**Note:** Those participants who had not received either a spot prize or a category prize then went into a draw for the remaining prizes. I think the lad who had been trying to catch a fish with his hand line actually won a rod & reel.....awesome.

**Our overall winner for the heaviest fish caught was Napiah Korewha.** His name will go onto the trophy kindly donated by Dennis Barnes and he received a mini trophy presented in Dennis's absence by Frank Barnes. Napiah also received a fantastic charter fishing trip kindly sponsored by Linda & John Pattinson aboard Westerberg II worth \$400. (Thanks heaps – for most of our juniors & their parents this fishing charter over the Hokianga Bar would only be a dream). So well done Napiah this was certainly your day. All of our participants had a wonderful time and we have only received positive feedback from the community regarding this event with a few extra sponsors wanting to support the Club and this event next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Audrey, Linda, Hooch, Harry & Marina for helping with this event. Again, I couldn't have done it without you so thanks heaps.

**I would especially like to thank our sponsors as follows some of whom have continued to support our junior fishing event year after year:**

**John & Linda Pattinson (Westerberg II); Cocky Thompson; Ian McIntyre; Hokisummer Enterprises; Wardy's fruit & veg shop; Ray Ngere Hokianga Lawn Care Services; Northland Engineering Supplies Ltd; Omaparadise; Rawene 4-Square; Kelly Scott-Ritchie DHB; Opononi Holiday Beach Park; Peter Brown (Downers); James McGrath**

**Thank you all again – we would not be able to hold this event without you and look forward to your support next year.**

Well, that's it from me – tight lines on next year.

Cheers, Sam Blaikie





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## SECRETARY STUFF

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Well, the countdown is on with only about four weeks until Christmas. Every year seems to be going quicker than the last.

On the fishing front, things have been very quiet in the Hokianga for the past few months with only a handful of days being suitable for boats to get out. Let's hope the fish have grown fatter during this time.

As I mentioned last newsletter, subs are now well and truly overdue. This will be the last newsletter you'll receive if you haven't renewed them for the 2016/17 season.

The Coastguard VHF channel changeover was completed in October so we now operate on channel **65**. The emergency channel **16** remains the same.

Don't forget our "Reel Fishing Comp" is being held from 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. As in the past this is running in conjunction with the Sport Fishing Council National's. We've already appointed our sub-committee to organize it so things are underway. Anyone that thinks they have would like to give a hand please let us know, as the saying goes, many hands make light work. Given this is a thankless task it annoys me that there is always the "knockers" out there making negative comments as to how the comp runs. To these people if you're not prepared to come along and give us your input how are we expected to rectify whatever issues you have? If anyone would like give a bit of sponsorship this would be more than welcome.

Unfortunately, due to a number of issues there was no Ladies Day held this year. We'll now be holding this on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017, so ladies put this on your calendar. This is a low-key event and basically, just a fun day.

This will be the last newsletter before the end of the year so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. We look forward to seeing you all on the water over the break. Let's hope for a ripper Marlin season given how poor the last one was.

Till next year,

Linda

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Hi everyone,

Please don't forget to send in your photos and/or stories of your fishing adventures and I shall put up on the Club Facebook page and/or newsletter. Happy fishing everyone!

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