



HOKIANGA BIG GAME AND SPORTS FISHING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2019

Kia ora koutou, here we are as we close another year of fishing with the club and we welcome in the new season. It has been a slow and trying year for all our fellow anglers this past season. Although there were very few of the big game fish caught this year, our Nationals and Reel Fishing Comp weekend saw some good Snapper caught. Here's hoping that this new season brings back some of the big game fish into the Hokianga as the months begin to warm, as do the waters.

It has been great receiving stories from our members and now sharing these with you all has been a real pleasure. I hope that you all enjoy reading through the newsletter for the start of the 2020 season. I anticipate many more great stories and seeing some more photos of the successes and hopefully some of the funny moments you share out there trying for those big catches. Please keep in mind the upcoming AGM and Prize Giving dates for last season and I look forward to meeting with you there. Naku noa, Megan.

ANNUAL FISHING COMP

Again, this was run in conjunction with the Nationals and went really well, although sadly the Marlin were not around in big numbers, but a few lucky anglers did have a bit of luck. I think it would be fair to say that those fisho's that mixed it up with a bit of bottom bashing came out on top, producing some outstanding results, particularly in the Snapper section and line classes.

Well done to all that entered as the Hokianga featured strongly in the Nats. again and hopefully will attract more entrants in the future. As for the Marlin, we just have to keep our fingers crossed for a good season next year as they seem to of given the Hokianga a wide berth the last few years and turning up further south, who knows?? - Shane.

What a Snapper season this has been, who would have expected to see the quality of the Snapper this year. During the Game Competition this year there were Snapper weighed in at 9kgs, 10kgs and Jeremy's 11.04kg Snapper to take 1st Place. It was also his personal best too. To add even more credit it was captured on 6kg line. Taken in very shallow reef (5m) we had to put the boat directly over the fish so we didn't get snagged or broken off. Fish of a lifetime, but I believe Jeremy's new target is a fish of 30lbs. - Chris.



2019 REEL FISHING COMP RESULTS

Kahawai	Winners	Weight		Trevally	Winners	Weight
1st	John Roberts	2.9 kg		1st	Luke Land	3.355 kg
2nd	Colin Hall	2.805 kg		2nd	Dale Knight	2.965 kg
3rd	Dylan Hogg	2.775 kg		3rd	Clinton Fife	2.395 kg

Snapper	Winners	Weight		Kingfish	Winners	Weight
1st	Jeremy Jurisich	11.040 kg		1st	Luke Land	18.465 kg
2nd	Scott Farley	10.775 kg		2nd	Jack McIntyre	15.825kg
3rd	Clinton Fife	9.065 kg		3rd	Ian McIntyre	15.560 kg

Marlin	Winners	Weight
1st	John Bruce	128.3 kg
2nd	Mike Goliboski	94.2 kg

Now, while on the subject of our annual comp, this is currently the only major event on our calendar and it won't be too far away before we need to start organising that. One of the hardest parts of running any comp is getting the prize pool together and chasing sponsorship so if there is anyone out there that is able to assist with either product, cash or time, please let myself, Chris or Linda know so we can organise this in a more timely manner and not have the normal last minute panic bestowed upon us. So on behalf of myself and the committee, Cheers Shane.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With our A.G.M. soon upon us there is still a need for more participation and help within the committee as we are constantly asked if can run more events, but this can only happen with more help. One that comes up the most is another ladies day and there is some money and prizes set aside for this but it does require a little bit of time and organiSing, so come on ladies, join in and kick this off again as it is a fun day and many hands make light work. Also it would be great to get a few more of you younger guys on board to help and bring some fresh ideas and energy to the club. And again, at the risk of repeating myself it is no good hanging around the fringes whinging if you are not gonna get in and help.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
August 16th -18th	Bayleys Beach, Dargaville	Land Base Fishing Weekend
September 7th	Copthorne, Omapare	A.G.M - 5pm
September 7th	Copthorne, Omapare	2019 Season Prize Giving - 6pm
September 20th -22nd	Location/Venue T.B.C	Land Base Fishing Weekend
October 18th -20th	Location/Venue T.B.C	Land Base Fishing Weekend
November 15th - 17th	Location/Venue T.B.C	Land Base Fishing Weekend
December 20th -22nd	Location/Venue T.B.C	Land Base Fishing Weekend

LAND BASE REPORT

Well, it's time to put pen to paper again and try to remember how the season unfolded, so I'll start with the land base .

JULY 2018; was a bit slow for the crew with only small to medium Kahawai been caught in the colder winter waters of Herekino, but a great start to the season and always fun staying at the Tui Inn where the beers and bullshit seem to flow well around the campfire .

AUGUST; proved to be a little more fruitful at Rangi Point and inner harbour with a few 2 kg Snapper and Trevally along with a couple of sneaky Gurnard and fat Kahawai added into the mix.

SEPTEMBER; we all took a break and used it as the one round we must all drop per season.

OCTOBER; I was unable to attend due to the NZSFC AGM, but a small crew of hardy contenders battled it out at Kaimaumau and East Beach. Once again, the winter climate put a bit of a squeeze on things where by only Kahawai and one Snapper were weighed all around 1.5 -- 2 kg.

NOVEMBER; this time was held at Mitimiti, where fishing the coast proved to be unusually just as tough as October with very similar results. However, with the points table now running tight and a few dollars in the haggles pot the gang put in a good effort, but it was John that stole the cash with a 1.84 kg Kahawai, the bloody rouge.

DECEMBER; As the water and air warmed up, we camped and fished the Bluff at 90 Mile Beach, where some excellent results started to come through. With the main catch being Snapper averaging between 2-5kg; things were starting to look better and every one got their five allowable fish to weigh and Gavin walked off with the \$50 haggles for his 4.89kg model.

JANUARY; We had three new guys, Scott, Will and Mike join so we decided to fish their local waters at Sand Island, Taporā, just out of Wellsford in the Kaipara Harbour. With a combination of great weather, 6 Juniors and 17 Seniors, the pressure was on but in the end it was the local knowledge that paid off with the new boys giving us a bit of a hiding or at least a lesson of when and where to fish. Nevertheless, a great weekend was had on the island with the festivities flowing well into the morning and it was also great to have a few buddies turn up on their dirt bikes and camp with us. Although that never helped with the hangovers as it is surprising how much alcohol

they could carry. Oh well, looks like it was a weekend of lessons, however, I did manage to steal the \$110 Haggie with my 1.95 kg Kahawai.

FEBRUARY; As this was the first weekend of the Nationals, the team switched all their gear to 6kg and proceeded to do battle around the shipwreck on Mitimiti Beach. Overall it was a bit slow with the gang getting a few Snapper, Trevs and Kahawai around the 3 kg mark, but in the end it was Jason that did the damage with a nice 5.49 kg Snappy on the fringes of the hole we were all fishing in, so well done there, and across the board everyone did well in the Nats and points.



MARCH; Despite doing it tough here in July we came back to Herekino to fish the now, warmer water and the whole tribe just cracked it. Will, our new boy was blown away with the Northland fishing while he and Hunia smashed the Trevs along with all the other Snapper caught by everyone around the 4 kg mark but in the end it was Gavin's 5.22 kg red that took the money, well deserved I suppose, given he shouted dinner down the pub on Saturday night causing a plague of moths to be released.

APRIL; As this was held in conjunction with the Kupe Classic 2019 at Mitimiti. Despite the great weather conditions we all had to work hard to achieve any results, but persistence paid off with the juniors, Nikau and Aiden taking honors in the Cod and Eel section. Gavin came 4th with a 4.68kg Snapper and Genever come 3rd with her monster Kahawai. While the rest of us just had to take our club points, it was Tania that led the team overall there with 36.25 points for the weekend, so well done all and look forward to next year as we all love this event. This is a great event for the whole family, so come along next year!



MAY; Well as the season nears an end and the points are tight, the gloves come off and the real games begin. Due to a bad weather forecast we moved the base from the Bluff to Kaimaumau for warmer and drier digs but left the Bluff open to fish allowing for six fishable tide changes before the midday Sunday weigh in. Those that enjoyed the calmer waters of Kaimaumau did net themselves some nice fish and average points but the better results came off the Bluff where we landed some awesome Trevally and my game changing Snapper weighing 5.22kg, switching the points lead yet once more. Now, despite the unintended swim I took in order to retrieve my fish up the 5 meter high ledge, skillfully executed with a star dive onto my now unhooked and floundering Snapper, it was all legal, so all points count and it was a bit of a crowd pleaser. Just lucky the grand kids were not on this trip as it is not really a recommended maneuver, well off the Bluff anyway.



JUNE; The grand finally was at Rangiputa with a full crew all out to win. Now, I don't know what it is about the last round but it seems to alter everyone's sleeping and drinking habits and they all become a bit sneaky and tell lies, a phenomenon not usual to fisherman, however it does seem to determine the outcome of several trophy placings. This year it was Gavin with the one and only kingfish for the season weighing 20.05 kg caught on the first morning off the beach and then Scotty trumping my long leading Trevally with a 4.99kg model and all I can say there is, well done as he and his mates turned up on Friday to unknown

territory, set up camp, backed themselves and fished the one spot all weekend. Not to be out done Nikau also got the one and only Trev for the juniors as well, bending the needle to 1.13kg which got him pretty excited as it had been his target fish for the season.



Well done to everyone this season and best of luck for 2019 - 2020 season, with a few more new faces things can only get more interesting, YE HA!

Cheers, Shane Percy.

Land Base Coordinator.

2019 LAND BASE RESULTS

Senior	Winner	Weight / Points
Senior Most Points	Shane Percy	360.19
Heaviest Kingfish	Gavin Ross	20.05 kg
Heaviest Trevally	Scott Oldfield	4.99 kg
Heaviest Snapper	Jason Percy	5.49 kg
Heaviest Kahawai	Gavin Ross	3.07 kg
Heaviest Gurnard	Gavin Ross	1.38 kg

Ladies	Winner	Weight / Points
Ladies Most Points	Tania Roberts	169.18
Heaviest Trevally	Tania Roberts	2.01 kg
Heaviest Snapper	Tania Roberts	3.08 kg

Junior	Winner	Weight / Points
Junior Most Points	Nikau Percy	44.32
Heaviest Trevally	Nikau Percy	1.13 kg
Heaviest Snapper	Aiden Percy	0.68 kg
Heaviest Kahawai	Nikau Percy	1.52 kg
Heaviest Rock Cod	Aiden Percy	0.81 kg

WEIGH STATION ROUNDUP

Well, I would have to say this has been the quietest time ever for me at the weigh station.

Good luck/Bad Luck story

Amber Rose and her crew head out for a spot of Hapuka fishing. One of the lads is pulling in a small fish only to have this just about at the boat and a Marlin takes the live bait. Oh, the excitement!!!

Over an hour of winding, gently does it, as the angler didn't have much faith in his rig. The beast is landed and they head to the weigh station only to find the scales wouldn't work (BUGGER). After much discussion it was decided they take their catch to a mates for weighing where they had to cut it in half to do the weigh. SORRY GUYS....

"Its Experience that counts"

It just shows, you're never too old to land a beauty. Bob Udy on Hard Yakka, 135.3kg Black Marlin. WELL DONE...



Most unusual fish weighed.

John Bruce's Wahoo caught on board Billfish- 18.35kg. Shane calls up wanting a weigh, not sure what they have on board. They arrive at the weigh station. I hadn't seen one of these in the flesh but reckoned it was a wahoo. A very Rare species to be caught in NZ waters. Great Catch "one for the record books"



Competition Weighs:

3 Top Snapper were over 20 lb. Good effort!!!!

Weigh Station Opportunity:

Any of you YOUNG GENERATION wanting to get more involved and give something back to your Club? The weigh station is an interesting, exciting place to be.

"Have a turn. Give it a go"

To conclude... Thanks for the fresh fish Dinners everyone. "Much appreciated"
Cheers, Les...

SECRETARY STUFF

Our Marlin season was yet again dismal to say the least with less than 30 being brought into the weigh station. Surely we are due for a boomer one in the near future, but I for one certainly won't be holding my breath waiting for it to happen.

Our "Reel Fishing" Comp was well supported again, with 74 anglers taking part and 27 boats entered. There were some awesome fish caught throughout especially in the Snapper section with a 9 kg, 10kg and 11 kg Snapper being the top three. It was also pleasing to see a couple of Marlin hit the weigh station after none being caught last year. Thanks must go to our sponsors for their support which enabled us to have some great prizes up for grabs. The club doesn't make a lot out of the event, for every entry \$25 is forwarded to the NZFSC for the Nationals so we rely on this generosity.

This year's AGM and Prize Giving will be held on Saturday 7th September. It will run in the same format as last year with the AGM at 5 pm and the Prizegiving at 7pm. We would love to have some new blood on the Committee instead of all the same faces year after year. It would be great to have some different input and ideas on the future of the club, so come along and make your say count. Just as an added incentive, all attendees get to participate in the President's shout.

With the end of June also comes the end of our financial year, so subs are now due. You will find a form along with this newsletter. The cost of these remain the same as last year.

Given the lack of activity on the water lately there is nothing further to report, so I will close this.

Look forward to seeing you on the 7th September at the Copthorne.

Cheers,
Linda.

LITTLE NIPPERS - KIDS CORNER

My name is Nikau Percy and I am a 9 year old boy from Taupō and I am a member of the Hokianga Big Game Sports Fishing Club.

The Hokianga Land Based group go to beaches like Kaimaumu, Herikino, Mitimiti, Rangiputa, Bluff at Ninety mile, Poutō, Rangi point, and sand island which is actually an island and your only option is to come and go at low tide. My grandad Shane takes me to all those places.

Last season I caught a 4.32 kilo Snapper off granddad's boat called Billfish. Grandad, Scotty, my brother Aiden, and my dad were with me. Dad caught the heaviest fish that day. A snapper at 7 kilos and a lot of fish were close to beating it but none quite got there. Scotty's was the closest. It weighed 6 kilos. I hooked the heaviest fish of the holidays and it was a mako shark I was fighting for 20 minutes, we almost had it to the boat, but what made it really exciting is when it went round the anchor line and unhooked it self but grandad said it was good practice for Marlin fishing. My 6 year old brother Aiden caught a 3.8 kilo snapper and dad thought it was his so he started winding in really fast and said " nothing is happening", but it was Aiden's snapper.

I also caught a Trevally that weighed 1.13 kilos at Rangiputa after grandad did the master cast for me. Scotty got heaviest trevally of the weekend with 4.99 kilos. Gavin caught the first and only landbased kingfish for the season and it was as long as me weighing in at 20.05 kilos.

I want to learn how to make traces and tie hooks and sinkers on to them, my mum has been learning from my grandad.

Last season I learnt how much tension to keep on a fish and different fish feelings, Kahawai love Pilchards and trevally will give them a taste.

By Nikau Percy.

Fishing Word Find

S	B	E	A	C	H	T	R	F	G	H	Snapper	Bluff
N	G	L	R	O	C	K	C	O	D	J	Kingfish	Herekino
A	F	D	U	S	A	Z	X	C	V	N	Kahawai	Trevally
P	H	L	J	F	I	S	H	I	N	G	Fishing	Gurnard
P	K	I	N	G	F	I	S	H	K	M	Trace	Rock Cod
E	A	N	J	U	T	N	L	E	O	A	Reel	Eel
R	H	E	H	R	R	K	P	R	C	R	Marlin	Line
D	A	F	G	N	A	E	O	E	E	L	Sinker	Ocean
S	W	I	Q	A	C	R	A	K	A	I	Beach	Sea
A	A	E	W	R	E	E	L	I	N	N	Kai	Sun
K	I	R	R	D	S	S	U	N	I	U		
T	R	E	V	A	L	L	Y	O	T	Y		

NEWSLETTER

Megan does a great job here and is only hamstrung by the lack of info she is fed so make her job a little easier by contacting her with your stories, photos or your onboard accounts of mayhem while trying to catch the big one, she will even print the cooking recipe you stole off ya mother.

One thing she probably wont do is tell you about how after two years of trying, she finally caught her five allowable fish on our opening land base weekend at Herekino last week, matching all the self confessed pro's and took a well earned lead in the Women's section. So there ya go, I done it for ya! Ha ha, Well done.

Anyway, all the best to everyone this season and remember to keep your hooks sharp and ya lines tight.

Cheers, Shane.

GET INVOLVED

Share your voice: Come along to the AGM on the 7th September, share your ideas, put your hand up to be more involved and lets start this season with a great group of support, ideas, and growth in the club.

Be involved: The Weigh Station would love to have a helping hand and new blood come on board and be a part of this exciting role. Meet the anglers, see the fish being caught and be part of the excitement. Contact Les for more details.



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Fishing Club Inc

Presents the

2019 AGM and Prizegiving

Hosted at our Clubrooms

Copthorne Hotel and Resort Hokianga

Saturday 7th September 2019

AGM: 5pm

Presidents shout and Nibbles for those attending AGM

Prizegiving: 6pm

Buffet dinner to follow

\$25 per person

Rooms are available at a discounted rate:

Copthorne Hokianga: \$140.00 room only

The Heads Omapere Villas: \$200.00 room only

Buffet Breakfast: \$20 per person.

Get in quick for this great offer, call the hotel direct on 09 4058 737

RSVP by 31st August 2019

Booking Name: _____

Number of persons attending: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____ **Cash** ___ **Direct Debit** ___ **CHQ** ___ (please tick)

**Please post RSVP to: HBGSFC, PO Box 81, Omapere, Northland 0444 or email to
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paying**



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Subscriptions

01st July 2019 – 30th June 2020

Names: _____

(Please supply all names for a family membership and the ages of junior members)

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Boat Name: _____

Membership:

Family		Couple		Senior		Junior	
SUB	\$ 65.00	SUB	\$ 60.00	SUB	\$ 45.00	SUB	\$ 15.00
NZSFC	\$ 36.00	NZSFC	\$ 18.00	NZSFC	\$ 9.00	NZSFC	\$ 4.50
NZ Marine	\$ 4.00	NZ Marine	\$ 2.00	NZ Marine	\$ 1.00	NZ Marine	\$ 0.50
Total	\$ 105.00	Total	\$ 80.00	Total	\$ 55.00	Total	\$ 20.00

Donation to Hokianga Volunteer Coastguard \$10.00

Sub Type: Family \$105.00 / Couple \$80.00 / Senior \$55.00 / Junior \$20.00

Total Paid:

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