



BOWENTOWN BOATING & SPORT FISHING CLUB

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Hi to all Club Members

Children have gone back to school and things are returning to normal, if such a state really exists. We've enjoyed hot sunny days for most of January and hope everyone has made the most of what we think is the best holiday weather we have had for a number of years (excluding a couple of short term storms).

Happenings at the Club

Last month saw the Club continue to host lots of visitors and new members as the great weather continued. The high temperatures saw many people in and on the water. We noticed a number of people at the clubrooms who had definitely had too much sun and were going to be very sore in the following days.

We had a few storms in January which created some damage to the grounds near the retaining sea wall around the clubrooms. We saw the waves crashing up over the pointy end of the grounds in the harbour! Committee members held a small working bee at 7am one Sunday to tidy up the grounds. We note the Council is due to replace the sea wall shortly which will improve the general safety of the area as the wall has definitely passed its use by date.

The area underneath the restaurant is going to be re-developed in the near future, with the hope of it being utilised more. Because of the fabulous views, the Committee has the idea to hire it out, especially as a wedding venue. We have had many inquiries about this, so we will keep you posted with the progress!

On Saturday 27th January, we held the annual Mitre 10 Nauti Girls harbour only fishing competition. This women's only competition had prizes for best dressed teams morning and evening, as well as the usual fishing prizes and lots of spot prizes. There was a great turnout for the briefing on the Friday night and it happened to coincide with the membership \$1000 Jackpot draw which saw the highest number of members registered that we can recall for some years. On competition day, we had 135 competitors who weighed in 153 fish. A lot of competitors were looking pretty shattered when they arrived back at the wharf – as a result of a long day on the water in the extremely hot sunny weather. However, many stayed and danced the night away to the band. So much fun was had by all who entered and especially those who dressed up. We hope to see you all back next year. A big thank you to our sponsors and especially our major sponsor Mitre 10.

Upcoming Events

The NGS Roofing Bath Tub Regatta is on Saturday 24th February. Hopefully your designs for a fast, manoeuvrable bath tub are well underway. Some 'vehicles' have been seen being test driven in the harbour already. This event is held beside the clubrooms and has great viewing space for spectators as well as the usual club facilities to make this a great family day out.

A reminder that on 3 & 4 March we have the Gallagher Classic Open Water competition. Mark this on your calendar and keep the weekend free for fishing!



Restaurant

Staf has continued to be very busy over recent weeks. It's great to see more and more people coming to the restaurant. With most people back at work, Staf has decided to open the cafe Saturday and Sunday only from 10am and the restaurant is now open Wednesday through to Sunday nights. The Café hours will be subject to patronage.

Fishing Gossip

It's been a bit hit and miss for the fishing as the storms upset things a little. Getting out to sea has been difficult at times. Remember safety first – the Coastguard would rather not be called to rescue anyone who has underestimated their boat or the conditions. But for those who get it right, there are good catches being made. We happened to be at the clubrooms on 12 January when Travis Kingsford weighed in a 20.977kg kingfish! Also we heard about a Committee member who recently hooked and then dropped a marlin not just once but twice!

There continue to be some good catches being taken in the harbour but, as always, you need to know where to go. Sorry that we can't help you with that information – those harbour catches aren't coming home to us!

Sports Results

8 Ball Results for January 2018

Date	Winners	Runners Up	Highest Break
04.01.18	Selwyn Faulkner Dave Giles	Luke Clark Shane Tunnicliffe	John Fagan
11.01.18	Woody Kena Nita Kena	Ian Hay Cherie Elmsley	Ian Hay
18.01.18	Keith Richards Allan Dower	Selwyn Faulkner Nathan Shaw	Willie Priestley
25.01.18	Selwyn Faulkner	Cheryl Priestley	Bruce Bell

Catch board

MEN	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE
SPECIES			
Albacore	James Clayton	9.058kg	31/07/2017
Bass	David Warren	37.6kg	14/10/2017
Blue Cod	Kevin Fathers	1.63kg	30/07/2017
Bluenose	Mark Lane	10.142kg	30/07/2017
Crayfish Red	Tyler Garrett	2.08kg	01/09/2017
Gem Fish	Mark Lane	8.450kg	24/08/2017
Gurnard	Peter Sloane	1.485kg	28/01/2018
Hammerhead	Joshua Longergan	150kg est.	08/01/2018
Hapuka	Jared Somerville	8.377kg	03/12/2017
John Dory	Graeme Brown	2.572kg	10/11/2017
Kahawai	Rhys Miller	2.974kg	02/12/2017
Kingfish	Travis Kingsford	20.977kg	12/01/2018
Marlin - Blue			
Marlin - Striped			
Packhorse Crayfish	Shaun Bardin	4.144kg	28/11/2017
Porae	Jason Turner	1.327kg	28/01/2018
Skip Jack Tuna			
Snapper	Mark Menefy	9.218kg	20/10/2017
Tarakihi	Blair McLeod	1.948kg	24/01/2018
Trevally	Geoff Crawford	3.167kg	27/12/2017
Trout - Rainbow			
Tuna - Blue Fin	Graham McKay	75kg	11/07/2017

MEN	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE
Tuna - Yellow Fin	Scott Porteous	27.5kg	13/01/2018
Heaviest Other (Ling)	Rhys Miller	8.036kg	23/08/2017

WOMEN	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE
SPECIES			
Albacore	Jill Lonergan	2.823kg	26/01/2018
Bass	Linda Bettink	8.130kg	09/01/2018
Blue Cod			
Bluenose	Lana Hamilton	7.649kg	30/07/2017
Crayfish Red			
Gem Fish	Jill Lonergan	2.726kg	25/11/2017
Gurnard	Tiffany Haimona	1.065kg	16/07/2017
Hapuka	Jordayne Bardin	8.563kg	26/07/2017
John Dory			
Kahawai	Karen Kiernan	2.234kg	27/01/2018
Kingfish	Holly Field	17.638kg	16/07/2017
Marlin - Striped			
Packhorse Crayfish	Jordayne Bardin	2.901kg	28/11/2017
Skip Jack Tuna	Karen Kiernan	2.641kg	09/01/2018
Snapper	Cherie Elmsly	3.147kg	29/01/2018
Tarakihi	Tiffany Haimona	1.75kg	16/07/2017
Trevally	Kim Crawford	1.540kg	27/01/2018
Yellow Fin Tuna	Kay Haimona	28.5kg	23/01/2018

JUNIORS	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE
SPECIES			
Albacore Tuna	Ben Montford	2.843kg	25/01/2018
Blue Cod	Alex Montford	0.732kg	20/09/2017
Bluenose			
Gem Fish	Alex Montford	2.107kg	30/12/2017
Gurnard	Jake Peden	1.025kg	14/10/2017
Hapuka	Ben Montford	6.216kg	30/12/2017
Kahawai	Samara Kiernan	2.248kg	27/01/2018
Kingfish	Jacob Black	19.000kg	24/12/2017
Skip Jack Tuna	Libby Clayton	5.759kg	05/12/2017
Snapper	Samara Kiernan	4.767kg	04/12/2017
Tarakihi	Alex Montford	1.479kg	30/12/2017
Trevally	Arden Turner	2.65kg	13/01/2018
Trout - Rainbow	Samara Kiernan	1.63kg	03/02/2018
Heaviest Other (Barracuda)	Alex Montford	2.656kg	20/09/2017

PIN FISH			
All species of Marlin or Swordfish			
Short Billed spearfish			
All recognised game species of Shark Tag & Release only (est)	Joshua Lonergan	150kg (est)	08/01/2018
Tuna, Yellow fin, Blue Fin, Big Eye	Graham McKay	75kg	11/07/2017
Albacore	James Clayton	9.058kg	31/07/2017
Kahawai			
Skipjack Tuna	Libby Clayton	5.759kg	05/12/2017
Snapper	Mark Menefy	9.218kg	20/10/2017
Trevally			
Yellow Tailed King Fish	Holly Field	17.638kg	16/07/2017

Membership Draws – January 2018

Date	\$100	Name	Paid	\$150	Name	Paid	\$200	Name	Paid	Name	Jackpot
05.01.18	748	J Rakels	\$0	690	W Harper	\$0	218	D McHaffie	\$0	L McGann	\$0
	763	W Watson	\$78	691	C Honey	\$85	226	G Boot	\$85		
12.01.18	750	B Storey	\$0	345	K Turner	\$0	1183	N Jones	\$0	R Crawford	\$0
	754	B Comrie	\$79	340	D Mankelow	\$81	1212	C Tyrell	\$83		
19.01.18	157	J Lovett	\$0	312	P Hayes	\$0	1252	C McCahill	\$0	A Jones	\$0
	140	S Faulkner	\$94	310	R McINtyre	\$100	1239	E Coulter	\$102		
26.01.18	1214	C Tyrell	\$232	410	J Gardiner	\$142	872	G Zeuren	\$149	P Henderson	\$1,000

And finally

We had a local member who is a regular attendee at the clubrooms on Friday nights decide not to come on a recent Friday. The reason is they had enjoyed lunch out in Tauranga that day and thought that was enough for the day. It was an expensive decision as their number was drawn for the big membership draw and they missed out on \$985!!!

Also the Marine Harbour Warden personnel that have regularly patrolled local waters over summer had to speak to one bath tub operator about safety concerns out from the wharf and channel area – it's a real shame that people who should know better need to be reminded of the rules –eh Commodore?

We hope the sunscreen remains an essential daily requirement for everyone and not the flyspray which has been the norm lately (local supermarkets have been running out)!

Until next month, keep safe on the roads.

Denise and Maree