

## November Fishing News

Hello SPRING and the difficulty of trying to dodge the equinox winds to wet a line and put a few fish in the bin. Returning from Mayor recently a good trip back was rudely interrupted, after crossing the bar, by a harbour washing machine and mass of whitecaps and waves crashing into the jetty. Not a lot of fun retrieving the boat on the trailer on your own. On the positive side the Mayor excursion was good value and the bin was full of Tarakihi.

As an alternative the harbour has presented with some good Snapper and the Kahawai are providing some sport. The normal run of Kingis on the bar may have begun but I haven't heard anything yet. Like most I'm looking forward to the weather settling and getting out and enjoying some good fishing before the terrorists (Sorry, tourists) arrive. With Covid affecting travel I believe these holidays will see a bigger influx of holidaymakers to the beach.

Speaking of Covid, its unfortunate effects included the long delay of the Prizegiving but finally it was able to be held. Thanks to Sir David for stepping in as guest presenter and doing such a good job entertaining with humour and some sound parallels of good behaviour principles in the sports of shearing and fishing. His deserved obvious pride in his unparalleled achievements in shearing was presented with a humility and even bigger pride and acknowledgement in and of his family and their contributions to his success. He also handled a bit of good-natured heckling well and it would not have been an easy task for a 'dyed in the wool' shearer to entertain a crowd of fisher people.

I would like to comment on the many and varied trophies. I remember at a previous prizegiving, the late Colin Mead's first reaction to the tables of trophies saying: '-I've never seen so many bloody prizes' It was a very nostalgic trip down memory lane when some of the Trophy Donors' names were read out like the well known late Tui Manuel to stalwarts the Purcells and the Gardiners, Staff and Gail Venn to the lesser known like Dick and Lyn Pulman to mention a few. Thank you to all who donated trophies and don't they look a sight in the foyer trophy cabinet thanks to Messers Bell and Rogers. By the way, the new Commodore was 'gutted' by being ordered not to attend due to crook guts.

Congratulations to all the winners where we saw the Juniors dominated by Alex Montford with special mentions mention of Luke Turner for his 6.69kg snapper, Kara McCormick 2.808kg trevally, Ethan Madsen 1kg+ gurnard and Flynn Porters whopping 22kg+ Kingi and 9kg+ Albacore. Jake's 11.07kg Yellowfin and 3.76kg skippy were nice catches and Ian Wegener made the deep water fishery his own by taking out the bass 18kg+ as well as the bluenose and gem fish. The women's section was dominated by Lana, Jordie (above and below the water with fishing and diving) and Cherie with some lovely fish giving the men more than a run for their money. Claire Fuller's 2.972kg Trevally, Linda Bettink's gurnard and tarakihi, Kay Haimona's 11.528kg Yellowfin were nice fish. As for the men Quinn's Marlin of 221.8kg was the highlight of the year with Seth Loveridge's 125.5kg Big Eye Tuna. Eddie's 3kg+ pin Trevally got pipped by Paul Hitchman's for the heaviest. Tyler Garrett showed Jordie the men could dive and fish too including a 120.4kg stripey plus Crays and gurnard. John's tarakihi and Porae were nice fish too.

Special mention of Cade Henderson who helped his Dad land the Marlin as he was the only other person on the boat. I can just imagine the chaos and shouting (##\*\*^!!^<>##) and pressure he had to endure.

Apologies to those inconvenienced (like Peter Sloane) by any mistakes or misunderstandings over trophies or those trophies which were not, or could not be awarded. The delays and problems were not helped by Covid and were compounded by these delays being thrust on a new committee.

Already many pins and good fish have been weighed for this season including the Father's Clan with a July 8kg+ Skippy. Trips like those of Marky Mark to the Rangitira Knolls have produced many good deep water fish. Good stuff everyone and I hope it continues.

The AGM saw many new Committee Members with some pretty good credentials. I believe this will bode well in the running of the club especially with John (our new life-member, well deserved) remaining on the Committee despite being in a challenging recovery mode health-wise. Please give the new Commodore Grant Bagshaw and all committee all your support in their new roles.

The Labour Weekend Comp saw less fish weighed in than anglers which gives you an idea how tough the fishing really was. Well done to those who had some success. Alister Cochrane and the Sommervilles deserve a mention for kingis 14 kg+ as do Shane Mouat and the Kiernans for the Snapper. The monthly comp continues with Lana winning the Bluenose for October and only a few weeks left for this month's Blue Cod. December's is TREVALLY.

A quick look at how the boat points are awarded comes down to a point awarded to the boat each time a fish is put on the board which includes each time a fish is entered on the board displacing a smaller one. This is to be recorded each time it happens so please enter accurate catch cards with correct time and date to help scrutineers.



