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ONE BASE TOURNAMENT

18th Skippers Brief

19, 20 21 Fishing

MARCH 2009

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11th Committee Meeting

18th Club Night

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Well it's February already! It sounds like fishing has been somewhat varied all over the place as, I'd suggest, is normal for this time of year. If you're snapper fishing anywhere but deeper northern waters, then I suspect things have been pretty grim, mostly, Game fishing wise it's anybody's game, excuse the pun. While the Tuna have done another no show in the eastern Bay of Plenty, what's more concerning is their apparent lack of appearances anywhere but the Alderman rise off Whitianga/ Tairua where our very own Dutchy has weighed one of 29Kg's for the club. Marlin are showing up most of the usual spots including the odd one here and there off the West Coast. I've just completed 4 days fishing at Waihau bay and fishing was slow to say the least but still 30 odd boats were managing to snag up to half a dozen fish in total per day, with about a third of those being small to medium blues. More recently, 27 Marlin were boated off Tutukaka last Sunday (February 8th), so it looks like Tuts will be the venue of choice for marlin fisher-people in the near future.

Fortunately the snapper fisher-people can expect an upturn in their fortunes as snapper return to the channels, holes and more importantly, shallows over the next few weeks as they feed up large before heading off for the winter jaunt. Don't forget the secret for the Hauraki Gulf is fish shallow and local from now on and steadily head deeper into 40 metres or more as March progresses. Soft plastics are ideal for this type of fishing and anything Pink is almost irresistible.

We now have our website up and running it's www.waikatosportfishing.co.nz , So far it's a web page with contact details but more is to come. A big thanks to Taryn Olsen for getting the address and site all set-up and also to Concord Technologies for sponsoring the web server costs. Additionally by the time this goes to print our new Club membership sticker with the new club logo on it should be available. Get one and put it on your vehicle, boat, store front etc. Hamiltonians need to know we are THE Waikato Sport fishing Club.

Finally and most importantly, of course, planning for our own One Base tournament is all but complete and it starts with the Anglers briefing 7:00Pm February 18th at the Raglan Club. Sue will be handling registrations from 5.00pm on the afternoon of the 18th and don't forget to bring your membership card. If you'd like to help with organising our flagship event call contact Gary Pitcaithly, Sue, or myself.

Finally we're still getting great feedback for revitalising the club. If you still have ideas about what you'd like to see from the club and things that might help the club appeal to a wider audience, then contact myself, Sue or any of the committee members. Once the One Base is complete work starts proper on getting ourselves back to our former glory and beyond.

See Y'all there! And don't forget to bring ya mates!



Whakatane Tuna Tournament

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I think it was the ninth time we have competed in the Tuna Tournament. This year my crew was Ken Monk, Tony Brinkworth & Malcom Cowie, all experienced fisho's so we had as good a chance as any team there. This year the weather was awesome with no swell & light variable winds. Unfortunately this year will be known as The Whakatane One Tuna Tournament as only one Yellowfin of 19kg took away the 10 Grand cheque. The nice thing was the winners were a family team from Hawke's Bay and it was there first ever game fish and competition.

First day we caught some nice small Kahawai from schools just outside the river bar. So livies ready we headed towards Te Kaha for 45 minutes, Then set the lures and trolled east on the 80 metre line until we came across a Striped Marlin tailing erratically and grey hounding periodically, so over we went a rigged livey and we waited for the coming action. Tony was on the rod and something took the bait but didn't hook up so he wound in the half Kahawai with a trade mark Mako tattoo. We put over another Kahawai as the clock ticked over to my turn. This time it wasn't long before a Mako hooked up and exploded from the water three times somersaulting mid air.

It took 25 minutes before Tony could trace the shark and Ken landed the gaff just in front of the dorsal fin .It took a while to secure the shark as it was still green but with a bit of team work we took control. We weighed the shark that evening and got heaviest for that day.

The next two days were fruitless with the lures only getting a darn good wash.

Day 4 we headed for the same area as the first day and had a Marlin strike as Ken was setting the line on the outrigger, so with renewed enthusiasm we worked the area for an hour but nothing happened.

We headed out towards White Island and came across a basking Marlin which wasn't interested in any thing we had and soon disappeared.

About 11-30 Dolphins herded up a school of Pilchards into a meatball and Gannets dived furiously gorging themselves.

We motored over then cut the engine and glided silently into the meatball and the Pillies came up under the hull for some false security.

We grabbed landing nets and were able to scoop 20 to 30 Pillies a time.

We set the Pilchards on live bait traces and threw them over the side and waited in anticipation.

On any other day we would of caught something but the Yellowfin Kingfish or Skipjack just weren't there. Looking back we should of just loaded up with bait for winter Snapper.

The last day was nearly over so we headed in and got cleaned up ready for the Prize giving at the Clubrooms.

This year because of the lack of Yellowfin the Committee decided to allocate prizes to fish caught so our Mako was second heaviest Shark overall which meant we were close to the top shelf in the prize pool .This meant we scored some nice gear including some Penn Gold.

We had a great time and were blessed with the weather.

Now I am looking forward to the Waikato Sport Fishing One Base at Raglan,

See you there.

Mark O.





WAIKATO SPORT FISHING AND BUCCANEER BOATS ONE BASE TOURNAMENT AT RAGLAN



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REGISTRATION & BRIEFING
Feb 18th 7.00pm at the Venue
All membership cards will need to be sighted
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photocopier will be accepted with many thanks.

\$55 per Angler \$10 Juniors Under 17
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Memberships: Daily & Annual available
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Fishing Club
One Base Competition at Raglan**

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19th, 20th and 21st February
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JOKE OF THE MONTH

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But then he looked in his rear-view mirror, and there was a Police Car behind him, blue and red lights flashing. I can get away from him with no problem' thought the man and he floored it some more, and flew down the road at over 210 kph to escape being stopped.

Then he thought, 'What the hell am I doing?

I'm too old for this kind of thing' and pulled over to the side of the road, and waited for the Police car to catch up with him. The Policeman pulled in behind the Monaro and walked up on the driver's side.

'Sir my Shift ends in five minutes and today is Friday the 13th. If you can give me a good reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go.'

The man looked back at the Policeman and said, 'Last week my wife ran off with a Policeman, and I thought you were bringing her back.'

The Policeman said, 'Have a nice day.'

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