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# Up Coming Events

**Club Night - Tuesday 17th May 2011**

**7.30 at Club Rooms**

Come down for a drink and pizza!! Presenting our  
3 Year strategic Plan and Ideas.

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**Committee Meeting Monday 9th May 2011**

**7.30pm at club rooms.**

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**July Club Night**

**19th July 2011 - 7.30pm at Club Rooms**

**Guest Speaker: Rick Pollock**

Regaling us with stories of his experiences with  
fishing the South Pacific.

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# President's Report

Well here all are again, May already and we're running a bit late thanks to me. I've been on holiday travelling to Blenheim for Easter and then slowly travelling back up the North Island through the Wairarapa and then home.

Sadly not much fishing went on, in fact the closest I got was checking out the trout at the Tongariro Trout hatchery and then watching them feed Whole Dead Rats, yes Whole Dead Rats to the Eels at the Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wild Life Centre between Masterton and Eketahuna. So it goes without saying those eels were big non-mothers! They're non-mothers because large eels are female and they only breed once near Tonga and then they die. Fair to say the really big ones seem to be spinsters.

Still hoping to get a bit of that shallow water stray lining done over the next month or two. The Game fishing scene seems to have shut down completely and to be honest I haven't heard of much fishing going on.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to make the Whangamata family weekend. But from all counts it was fun for all those who attended. Fishing sounds like it was slow for the first part of the day and improved later in the afternoon when most had given up and gone back in. All that is, except for one Alistair Lane who took advantage of the late afternoon bite and walked away with most of the prizes!

Chris Wong's presentation at the last club night. was real quality stuff it was, right from his history of jigging right through to modern jigging methods and then onto some details around knot tying including the infamous PR knot. It was a great night and well attended.

This coming Club night on May 17<sup>th</sup> we want to introduce you to the work we've been doing on the Business plan for the club. This might all sounds abut hum drum and droll but we've been putting a lot of work into the survey you completed earlier in the year, creating a vision statement, and now some objectives and goals.

This will be your first opportunity to see what we've been up to and what we're proposing. We'll run it by you, get your feedback so we can present the fait accompli (Sp?) to the AGM.

So if you have ideas about what the club could be doing more of for it's members, now's your chance. Oh and we'll be providing a few pizzas and the bar will be open so you can buy your own drinks.

Speaking of future plans, we have the AGM and Prize giving coming up on August 13<sup>th</sup>. I've decided that I'll make myself available for another couple of years to help get the business plan implemented. Having said that, if you're feeling full of enthusiasm for taking the helm yourself, I'll be happy to stand aside and provide whatever support you need.

Meanwhile Taryn has been wearing 3 hats this year in the form of Newsletter editor, Webmaster and also Treasurer. He'd really like somebody to take over the treasury role. He's done a great job with the role this year and he's got the workload down to a few hours a week. We need a volunteer to fill this role for at least 1 more year. After that time, we'll probably be able to afford a paid person for the role once the business plan is implemented. So please consider making yourself available for helping out with this role.

Don't forget we'll have the pleasure of Rick Pollock gracing our club rooms on July 19<sup>th</sup>, regaling us with stories of his experiences with fishing the south pacific.

Well that's about it from me for now,

Cheers

Bob



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# Club Night - Tuesday 17 May, 7:30pm

## WE NEED YOU!

Come down for a drink and pizza. For this month's Club Night we want to present the initial draft of the Club's 3 year Strategic Plan. Following on from the Member's Survey completed in January this year, the Committee has been busy drafting a strategic plan that is designed to grow the Club and the fishing community over the next few years. And this month's Club Night is an opportunity for you to review where we're at and have input into this plan.

Our Club membership has been declining over the past 7 years, and this year we've made a concerted effort to spice up the events and create a stronger interest in the Club - we've enjoyed a great Open Night in February (featuring Kane Tapper with the Decoro Bi Game Simulator, Malcolm Dawson and the soft-bait clinic and Dean Lawrence - Coastguard with the Safety Flare demonstration). And in April, we had a thrilling presentation from Chris Wong about mechanical jigging.

At the May Club Night, we'll review the 3 year draft strategy with you; in doing so, we'll:

- Take you through the history of the Waikato Sport Fishing Club,
- Talk about it's current state including feedback on the Members Survey completed earlier this year,
- Discuss our views on the desired future state of the Club in 2013, ie in 3 years time,
- We'll talk about the proposed next steps/actions that get the Club to that future state,
- And we'll release the Club's Vision Statement and Core Values that have been developed.

So this month is about seeking your input into this draft Strategic Plan, thereby ensuring we've got your collective needs covered.

So come on down, enjoy a beer and a pizza, and have your input into the future direction of the Waikato Sport Fishing Club.



# Pride En'Joy Mokau Trip.

By John Sharp

I had been communicating with Roger Gainford from "Romar" while he was down at Taranaki to fish the "Cockies and the One Base Torrnaments".

Roger had fished the Cockies and clearly there were a concentration of marlin up off the Mokau/Awakino areas.

Roger and crew had decided not to fish the Taranaki One Base, and base himself along with another crew from Hawera on a boat "Spongebob" at Mokau.

Andrew Forkert and I had arranged to meet with Roger at Mokau on the Friday and to go out through the Mokau river entrance. Not having been out from the river entrance was very keen to follow someone with local knowledge. Roger had fished out of Mokau the year before and was mildly familiar with the River entrance. Unfortunately team Romar was held up leaving New Plymouth, something to do with a rather large final night at the cockies! So we made a call to the local Butcher shop and a most helpful local gave us to good oil on the river entrance details !! One of the issues with this location was that the river entrance is very tidal. So as it was an out going tide we decided to exit the entrance before Romar arrived.

We headed out to the 50 meter line, as this was the general depth and rough location where the action from the pervious two days with 6 marlin each day being caught here.

It was a fairly quite day with little action, however a local boat had landed a fish just after we had set out lures. This was a confidence booster. Still a quite day with this fish being the only fish that we were aware off from 5 - 6 boats. Still, not bad odds.

We caught up with team Romar and Spongebob at the Awakino Camping ground and had a few beers. The big news was of the Japanese Earthquake and the resulting Tsunami, that was expecting to hit New Zealand at some point !

We launched the following morning at day break as the low tide was about 1 and a half hours after sun up. We cut this fine as we scraped the stern drive skeg on the deck a couple of times getting out. We headed out and set the gear at about 45 meters and slowly headed northwards. The sea conditions were good with 10 - 12 knot Northerly winds, with little to no swell. There was very little to no bird life, and we struggled to even catch a single Skippy/ Albacore for the tuna Tubes. There was not a single sighting or mention of a marlin from other boats. This was the first day of the New Plymouth One Base and we reckon there was 25-30 boats in the greater area. Unusually quite given the marlin numbers from the three previous days !

Then without warning the short corner gets hit, pulls string at a reasonably fast pace and stops after loosing 30 odd meters of line. I go and wind the lure back into position and behind me the long rigger goes off ! Awesome, I look up to see if there is any clue as to what it was that hit the lure. Nothing, still the reel screams. Then within 1.5 seconds the shot gun goes off as well. Still not able to see any surface clues, my fears were that there was only one fish and got hooked in the shot gun lure mistakenly. We were only running 4 lures and only two of us on board, we managed to clear a rod each in unbelievable time.

The challenge now was to get a second gamble belt and harness. Andrew managed to get the belt and harness from the cabin while I kept the boat travelling straight away from the two lines out the back. We both got harness up and took a rod each, Andrew on a 37 and I took the 24. It was only now that we were certain we were on two fish as the lines had come close together and I crossed underneath Andrew and the fish slowly separated from each other. Both fish became aerial and a great sight to see two marlin going nuts. After five or so minutes the two fish were about 120 degrees apart. Perfect ! I had to drive the boat while trying to play my fish, and so slowly reversed up on my fish and had clearly lost a lot more line than Andrew. Soon after I put the boat into Neutral and both of us played our fish from a stationery boat.

At this point we discussed calling up some help and I radioed up SpongeBob for some assistance. They were soon coming in off our bow and transferred two of their crew on board. There two guys were pretty amped and we had them get the tag pole, flying gaff and tail rope at the ready. They soon divulged that the only "marlin experience " they had had was they were tracing a marlin at the boat the year before and lost it and went all pear shape.

This wasn't the greatest story we needed to hear at this time! So some careful coaching was in order. Pretty straight forward, really. Once you get the trace in hand , you do what ever it takes to keep the line tight. NOT NEOGOTIABLE. And at first opportunity get a tag into the fish. Simple.

We soon decided that Andrew's fish would be better to get in first. So as the boat manovred towards Andrew's fish, I was slowly loosing line. Andrew appeared to have only about 100 meters of line out and I was easily 600-700 meters gone.

Some nice boat handling by our new found crew and the trace

man was getting anxious, then managed to get a wrap on the leader. Slowly he gathered the leader and soon had the fish within range to get a tag in. Shot, tags in. Grabbed the bill and held the fish at the side of the boat. Andrew and I soon realised that the fish was not likely to make 90 kg, so Andrew was happy to release this fish.



Soon had some photos taken, then announced that we would release this fish. These two Naki guy's look on their faces was scary. As if to say, "are you f'n serious your going to let that marlin go!!" Begrudgingly, they let the bill go and this fish swam away.

Now, to my fish. We were soon able to gain significant line once utilizing the boat toward the fish. After about 10 minutes we had the fish about 50 meters from the boat, but the fish stayed deep. Being on 24 was still on strike (8-9 kgs) drag was not gaining any line. So we motored away to try and get better angle on the fish. We soon had the same deep angle and a stubborn fish. I moved the drag up a little and was enough to start gaining line slowly. Had to go subtly over the tracing instructions again, just to be sure!

Then finally the trace man was able to get a wrap. Got a good look at this fish and was certainly a larger size than the first. So was no hesitation to give instruction to get the flying gaff into the fish as soon as the tag went in. This had the Naki boys fizzing. Gaff in and I suggested that they bring the fish in over the transom is quite a bit lower than over the gunwale. No chance as these two muscled the fish straight over the gunwale!! Straightest route I guess.

Bloody awesome to get a double strike and even better to get both, we were all wrapped !

A little later we returned the two Naki boys to Spongebob and Andrew and I reckon that these two were as excited about it as we were.

As we hooked the fish up at 9.30 am and took Andrew 35 minutes and me another 20 on top of that, we had to get the fish weighed and more importantly into a chiller. We crossed the Mokau river entrance about 3.30 and took the marlin to the Awakino pub to get weighed. It weighed 124.8 kg. A little heavier than we called it for.

Unfortunately we were unable to get some chiller space and we had to gap it for home. I new I was able to get a local chiller once home.

The following day the Forket family came out and we set about making a make shift smoker out of a few sheets of corrugated iron and chicken netting and other stuff.

Soon had the fish cut up and soaking in a brine. Into the smoker and threw a match.

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Species: .....

Time Hooked: .....

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Caught Where: .....

Boat Name: .....

Line Weight: ..... Kg

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Tag & Release:  Tag No: .....

Angler Signature: .....

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**Caught On**

Bait:

Lure:

Fly:

**Category**

Men's:

Ladies:

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**Club Use Only** Fish: .....

Weight: .....Kg Length: .....cm Girth: .....cm Ref No: .....

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# April Club Night

**Guest Speaker:** Chris Wong from Jigs Direct  
Waikato Sport Fishing Club would like to **Thank**  
Chris for speaking at our April Club Night.



# Joke of the Month

**THE PERFECT HUSBAND** several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cellular phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

**MAN:** "Hello" **WOMAN:** "Hi Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

**MAN:** "Yes." **WOMAN:** "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$2,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

**MAN:** "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much." **WOMAN:** "I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked."

**MAN:** "How much?" **WOMAN:** "\$90,000."

**MAN:** "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options." **WOMAN:** "Great! Oh, and one more thing.. I was just talking to Janie and found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

**MAN:** "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra eighty-thousand if it's what you really want."

**WOMAN:** "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

**MAN:** "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open. He turns and asks, "Anyone know whose phone this is?"



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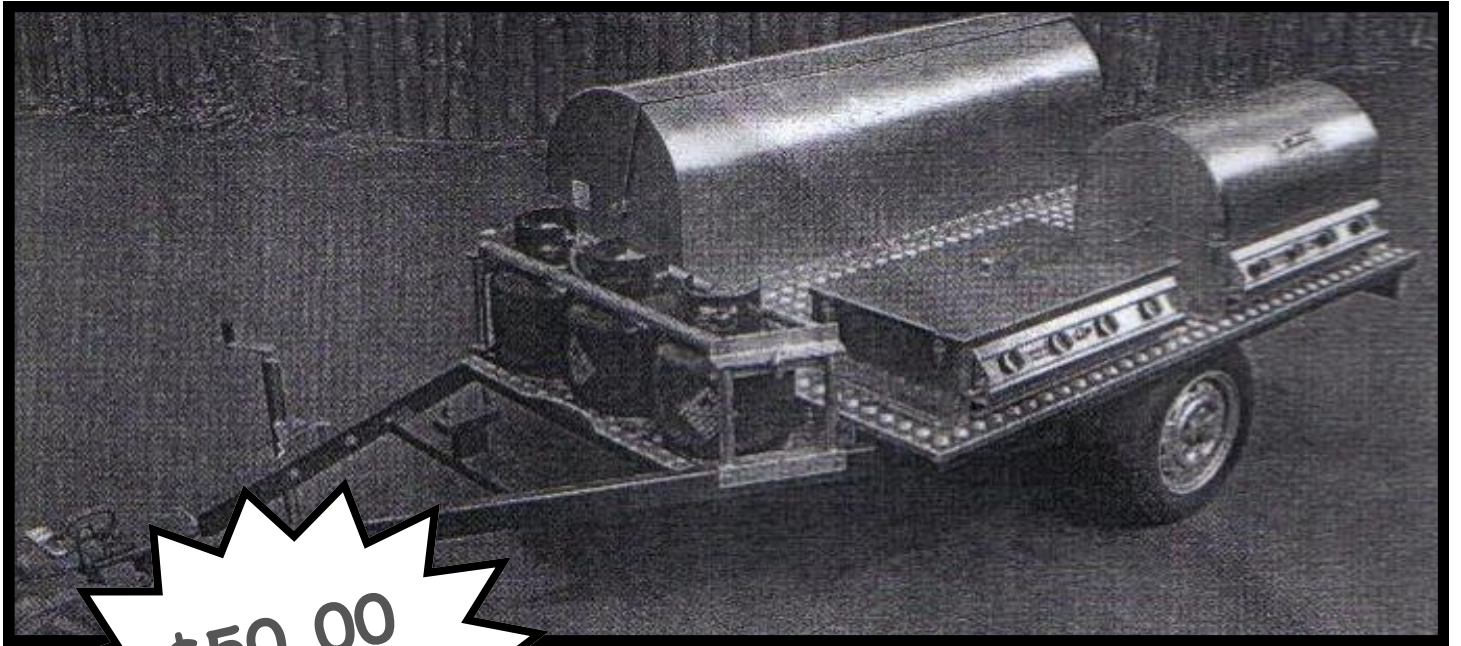
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