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October 2010

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# Up Coming Events

## Winter Challenge Ends October 19th

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### Committee Meeting

Monday 11th October, 7.30pm @ club rooms

### Club Night

Tuesday 19th October, 7.30pm @ club rooms

Winter Challenge Weigh-in and Prize giving +  
Raffle for single entry One Base Ticket. \$2 per ticket

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### Buccaneer Boats Raglan One Base Tournament 2011

Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

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# President's Report

Firstly I have to apologise for the lateness of this newsletter. Poor old Taryn's been waiting for my report for over a week now and I'm only now just writing it. My excuse is that I've had an extremely busy two weeks ..... on Holiday!

Well yes and no, the first 3 days were spent at the NZ Sport Fishing Council AGM in Paihia, Bay of Islands, the following week was spent in Mangonui, Doubtless bay catching up with some dear friends of ours and I managed to plug 4 afternoons of fishing into the schedule as well. Then I was home for two days catching up on almost everything that wasn't getting done over the last week or two. Then bugger me, Sunday afternoon before returning to work, I managed to get what must have been the only flu strain not covered in the flu jab I had at the beginning of Winter! So now, on October 5<sup>th</sup> everything has stopped aching enough for me to see and think straight enough to write this anyway.

So hopefully you're all fairing better than I have for the last couple of days, if you haven't been out to catch your entry for our mid winter challenge then you've still got another couple of weeks to do so. I haven't heard of anything happening on the west coast yet, but I have personal experience of snapper being hungry up north and a good friend of mine got 20 fish in the 4-5 pound range over three hours at Coromandel on Sunday (October 3<sup>rd</sup>). Prize giving for the mid winter challenge is at our October Club night on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Oh yeah we've got some great club nights planned for finishing out the year as well. Last club night we launched our new initiative to raffle off 1 adult registration for the Buccaneer One base tournament, at 2 bucks a Ticket. We'll continue with this initiative for the remainder of the year. Last months Winner was Bob Higgs one of our One Base Sponsors. It's just so cool to keep on seeing great things come to those who give so much to our club.

The next important date on our schedule is the Shelley beach family weekend which is on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Shelley Beach Camp Ground Coromandel. This year it's an open competition, we've invited the members of Raglan Sport Fishing club, the Dinsdale Club and your welcome to bring your mates as an introduction to the club. If you don't have a boat let me, Leandre or Mark know and we should be able to hook you up with a ride. Or we can arrange to drop you off on some rocks if you're a keen rock fisho.

You would have also received a letter from me reminding you that your subs are now due, same price as last year. Don't forget to get paid up asap, That membership card is your ticket to enter, eat and drink at any other Sport Fishing Club in New Zealand and also entitle you free courtesy weighs at any other affiliated Sport Fishing Club throughout the country and it also entitles you to participate in the competitions of affiliated clubs. Don't forget once you get your current membership card , make sure you always have it with you. Clubs are entitled to deny you access to courtesy weighs, or any of their club services if you can't provide proof of affiliation.

So back to the Sport fishing council AGM, it all started with a short Special general meeting to discuss 3 remits about tidying up name wording changes from some clauses, introducing clauses to limit the potential for perceived conflicts of interest with other non-commercial fishing organisations. In essence it was to overcome part of the fiasco that resulted after last year's AGM around the name change from Big Game Fishing Council to Sport Fishing Council. The final Remit for the SGM was the introduction of a disciplinary procedure to be used against members and clubs that bring the council into disrepute. The purpose of bringing these remits in through a special general meeting was so they could be brought into force before the Annual General Meeting, the current management committee appear to have been traumatised by some events prior to and including the name change fiasco and seem very keen to have some tools to enable them to deal with future issues. Hopefully we'll never have to see whether they work or not.

So onto the next day we had the annual general meeting and election of officers, no real changes here, Richard Baker continues on as President, Mark Connor of the Ashley Banks club is one of the vice presidents, and Mark Hemmingway of the Mount Maunganui Sport Fishing Club continues as the other Vice president. No real dramas there.

We had an update on the Hiwi the Kiwi program, in essence, the program is making a profit, although it's difficult, maybe too early tell if we are having any other success getting kids wanting to get out fishing and respect the sea and marine life. I still think that if we want more kids out fishing, then it's our responsibility at club level to get them out of the water.

We watched a DVD of an interview between Richard Baker and the CEO of Triathlon New Zealand who has lead that organisation from being a voluntary national sports organisations to becoming a SPARC affiliated National Sporting association (NSO). The day concluded and we were transported to the Russell BOI swordfish club rooms for the evening buffet meal.

The final Day dawned fine and we reviewed the proposed NZ Sport Fishing Strategic Plan. It seems to contain all the necessary elements including some Big Hairy Audacious Goals (BHAGs) like having recruiting a Full time CEO for the organisation and the organisation of being able to source it's complete funding requirements almost a million bucks per annum from a corporate sponsorship deal that has yet to be negotiated, or even full investigated. The concern I have about that goal is once the organisation becomes fully funded, we, the membership lose our control of what we need.

In support of this concern is that the current Sport fishing council executive appear to be of the opinion that the membership are not important, and even suggest that membership representation on the governance board should be limited. I'll continue to watch that situation and keep you posted with developments. The Strategic plan was duly approved by the meeting, with the additional motion that the Governance board must include representation from the management committee. This is but the very first step, the make or break has yet to come in the implementation of the plan. As of yet an implementation plan does not seem to exist for the strategic plan, this will be where the rubber meets the road.

The day concluded with remits for the AGM, 5 in all and only two that had anything to do with fishing. The non fishing remits were all withdrawn by their respective proposers as their necessity was deemed to be reduced by the adoption of the strategic plans. The two remaining remits was one proposed by the Raglan Sport Fishing Club proposing the recognition by IGFA of the New Zealand White Trevally. There is some discussion in play at the moment as to what and how many Trevally species exist in New Zealand waters, apparently there are two. This remit was held until this species discussion concludes. The remaining remit was one raised by me on behalf of zone 6 regarding minimum weights for New Zealand record applications. The policy in place for a number of years is that fish being submitted for vacant NZ record applications must exceed the breaking strain of the line used for catching it. Meanwhile the IGFA minimum weight policy has always recognised fish weighing more than 1 pound, (400 ish grams). Sadly the NZSFC policy appears to have been applied on and off over the years, resulting in some NZSFC records meeting this policy and other not. Our Remit was that the current NZ Sport Fishing Council Policy be replaced by the IGFA policy. I'm delighted to announce the remit was unanimously supported by the meeting attendees. Following the passing of this remit it was announced by Scott Tindale, NZ Angling and Casting Association's records officer, that the remit was the final step in the alignment of the Sport Fishing Council and NZACA's record books. A major and positive step for New Zealand Sport Fishermen, one set of books representing the heaviest fish caught on rod and reel in New Zealand.

We were also addressed by Derek Paull current Vice President of the New Zealand Recreational fishing council, I liked what he had to say, I hope he can follow through on his words.

So there you go, hopefully you'll be saying better late than never, Hopefully we'll see you at the October Club night and then at Shelley Beach.

Cheers

Bob

# Waikato Sport Fishing Club

## Coromandel Family Weekend Fishing Tournament



**November 5th-7th 2010**  
(6th Being the Fishing Competition Day)

To be held at Shelley Bay Top 10 Holiday Park,  
243 Colville Road, Coromandel

Our club has booked the whole accommodation block, for a  
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For accommodation Bookings contact Ian on (07) 866-8988  
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## Membership Renewals

Membership renewals for the new game fishing season (2010-2011)  
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# Catch Report Doubtless Bay

Bob Gutsell

The week following the recent NZ Sport fishing Council AGM Coincided with the first week of the school holidays.

So, always being one to want to have my cake and eat it too, I arranged for my wife to bring the kids and my truck up to BOI on the last day of the AGM, stay the night at Paihia and continue on to spend the following week with some friends who live further up the coast overlooking Mangonui harbour.

Pete's a keen fisho and has a 22 foot Bermuda glass boat. He's become a keen soft plastic fisher and has become pretty darn proficient with it over the last few years. I myself can also give the plastics a good nudge too but not in the same league as Pete. Personally, I still can't get enough of old school shallow water stray lining with Bait!

So Day One, Monday morning we spent on the Mangonui Wharf catching sprats with the kids. They had a great time, catching Bait for the afternoon mission. We had to go into Kaitaia to pick up Pete's boat from being serviced, and we finally hit the water about 4 PM.

We started fishing the middle of the bay at a spot where 3 Rock pinnacles come up from about 20-30 metres to 9 metres on top. Usually fishes well with either plastic or bait, but not today. We then went and had a look at the inside of Fairway (I think that's it's name) reef, still nothing. So we headed out to an area of flat seabed in a line between Alberts reef and the end of Berghan's point, one of the guys who had grown up in the area assured me at this time of year this would be the area holding fish. By this time desperation had set in a Pete had started fishing a ledger rig (our least favourite form of fishing) and scored one and only just legal snapper before it got dark and we headed in.

The next afternoon Tuesday, we headed out again, this time with my daughter Sarah on a mission to catch her first snapper. We tried the spot between Alberts and Berghans again for absolutely nothing. So headed out to the end of Berghans for a bit of a look see, it's a nice piece of country for sure. We found a couple of rocky islands separated by a channel about 40-50 metres wide. The channel was made even more interesting because of a reef that connected the island to the main land that came up to about 5 meters in the middle of the gap, meanwhile the water either side was 20 odd metres. And the bottom looked like pure unadulterated kelp! After spending about an hour circulating the Islands casting softies into all the washes for nout we anchored up to try our luck in the newly found channel.

For such a well defined channel we were to find that it had some of the most fickle currents I've ever seen. Notwithstanding were there within a couple of hours of low tide, one minute there would be current, the next minute nothing. When current flowed, it carried our burley and fish turned up, including a few unwanted breakoffs.

We persisted with the the spot and ended up pulling about 10 or so snaps up to about 5-6 pounds, including 3 for Sarah, before heading for home.

It was a hard trip for her, fortunately she's inherited her dad's reaction to sea sickness, because she slept through the rest of the trip. I say she's fortunate to have inherited my version of sea sickness, because mum's version involves violent and loud throwing up! But just like her Dad she was able to wake up long enough to catch 3 fish in quick succession before succumbing to the effects of Mal de Mer once again. So Day 2 a significant improvement on Day one. It was also nice to observe the abundance of Kahawai in this area as well, something of a contradiction to what the fish management zealots would have you believe.

Day 3 you guessed it, back to Berghans channel again, we were a bit earlier in the tide this time, but once again we were able to get the fish going fairly quickly but it went off almost as quickly when the current came to an abrupt halt. We made the decision to explore a little further down the coast until the tide turned, after an unsuccessful mission we returned to our new found favourite spot and anchored on the other side in anticipation of reversed current direction. And we weren't disappointed, it wasn't strong, subtle would describe it adequately, but it was strong enough to carry our Burley right where we wanted it. And the fish played the game, very quickly we scored another 6-7 fish up to an 8 pounder caught on 4 kg gear. It was particularly interesting that during this session we didn't see any Kahawai at all.

Day 4 was to be the last day of fishing for the trip, and unfortunately the weather had started to pack it in as well, with 25 knots winds from the North East and fairly heavy misty fog. We weren't to be deterred tho, the tide was good, light was good, with the overcast low light conditions so we just had to go do it. We gently made our way out to the chosen spots and as we expected, it was quite protected from the prevailing Nor Easter, except for a bit of lift associated with the extra water movement from the wind. After securing a nice anchoring spot we commenced the burley trail and fishing, and the fish came on the chew a little quicker than they had in the last few of days. The Kahawai were back in plague proportions, the good news was that we were using circle hooks that when buried in the bait wouldn't hook Kahawai because they don't crush baits like Snapper do. So we found that by letting the Kahawai run, they would drop the bait and it would eventually sink to the snapper. Unfortunately, like the last few days, the current was to be short lived and so was the fishing.



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We toughed it out until the burley ran out then called it a day with 3 snapper and a few Kahawai.

It was a nice re-introduction to a sport I haven't done much of in the last few years, it's great to know the fish are still there, I for one am motivated to get a bit more of that action along with a few others. For me Stray lining represents the most exhilarating form of fishing, be it a fly tied to the end of a fly line, a hook tied to the end of any other line for the purpose of swimming live or dead bait. For everything up to and including marlin, tuna and other game species. It's just plain awesome that there are still spots that can be exploited using this fishing style all over the country.

Bob

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## Membership Renewal

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# JOKES OF THE MONTH

## DUCK AND THE LAWYER

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural Lincolnshire . He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, 'I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it.'

The old farmer Peter replied, 'This is my property, and you are not coming over here.' The indignant lawyer said, 'I am one of the best trial lawyers in England and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own.'

The old farmer smiled and said, 'Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in Lincolnshire .. We settle small disagreements like this with the 'Three Kick Rule.'

The lawyer asked, 'What is the 'Three Kick Rule'?'

The Farmer replied, 'Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first. I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up.'

The lawyer quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees!

His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end, sent him face-first into a fresh cow pad.

Summoning every bit of his will and remaining strength the lawyer very slowly managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, 'Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn.'

The old farmer smiled and said, 'Nah, I give up. You can have the duck.'

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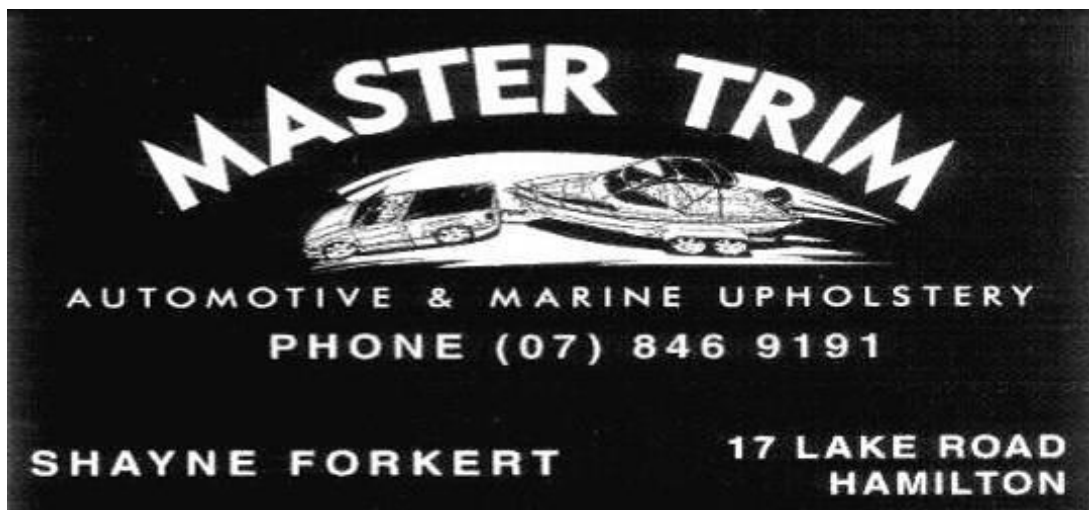
Have heard on the grape vine that some boats have started getting out to the 53 metre mark at Raglan and returning with bins full of Snapper. With the recent storm that hit New Zealand sand has built up across the Raglan Bar with some of the bigger charter boats and trawlers rubbing their hull's on the bottom 2 hour's either side of the low tide. So crossing the bar will be a different game at the moment so take care.

## September Club Night

The September club night had a good turnout to hear from our guest speaker Martin Paget from the NZ Police Maritime Unit. Many thanks to Martin for making the trip from Auckland to address our club on the unit's duties and safety advice from his experiences.

The raffle for the Buccaneer Boats & WSFC Raglan One Base entry was a success and will be repeated for the October club night. \$2 per ticket.

Thanks to John Sharp for arranging Martin's visit.

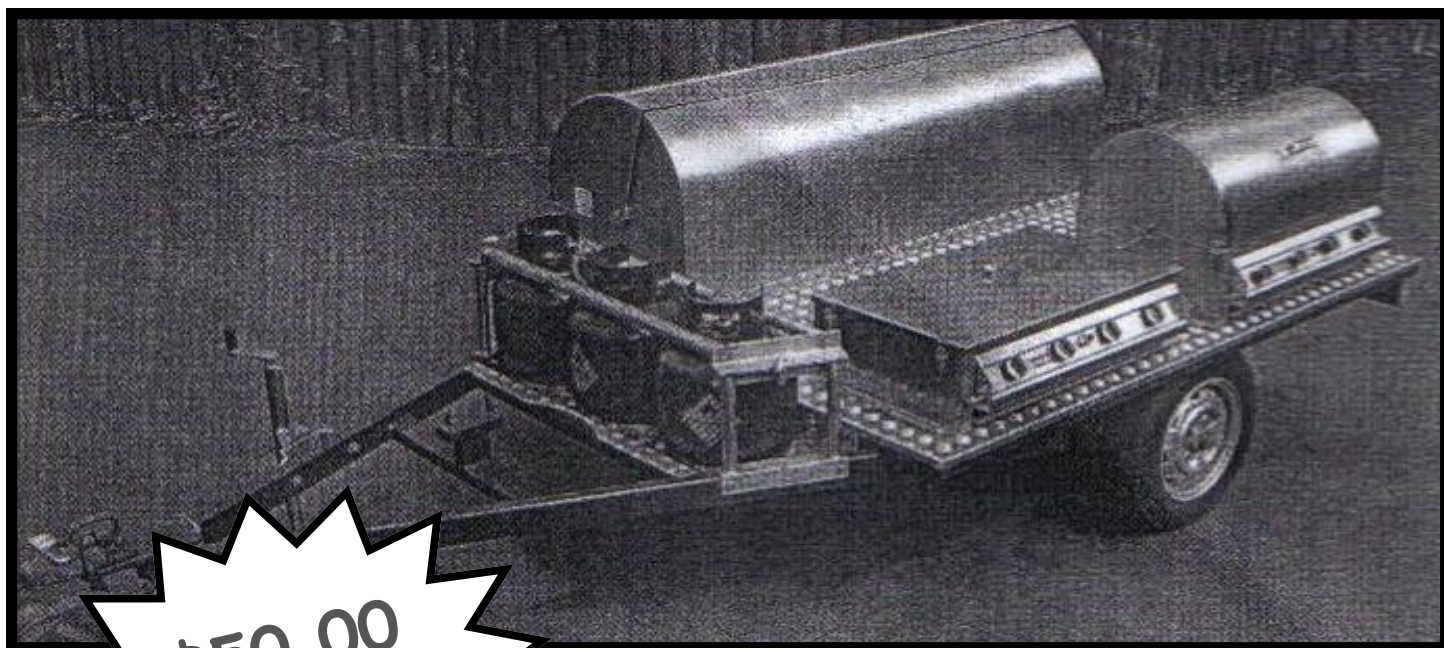


## November Newsletter

We would appreciate content to publish in the club newsletter from members. It can be anything from recent fishing trip catches, fishing tips or images. Its getting harder and harder to fill the newsletter with interesting content.

All submissions for September Newsletter need to be e-mailed to [webadmin@waikatosportfishing.co.nz](mailto:webadmin@waikatosportfishing.co.nz) by  
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