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September 2009

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Club Dates

Club Night

No September Club Night

September 2009

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Monday 7th - Committee Meeting

No Club Night This

October 2009

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
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Committee Meeting date to be Confirmed

Club Night - 20th October
Winter Challenge weigh-in
and prize giving + Buy & Sell
Swap Night

President's Report

Well the AGM has come and gone for another year. It would seem that there is plenty of support for what we have planned for the coming year. There were some nice surprises in store as well; given the volunteers/nominations we had for the positions of committee vacated by those standing down. The result is that we now have a committee of fresh(ish) faces with renewed energy. I say fresh(ish), because all the incoming committee members have held committee positions before, have now had something of a rest and now they're back with fresh ideas and ready to go. You can probably tell from reading this that it's got me very enthused!

So we'll start the year by ratifying the activity plan I proposed at the end of our last financial year and I'll also be asking the new committee members to tell us what they personally want to achieve during the next year on committee. I've said before that if people go on a committee of any sort they have a right to have a view for what they want to achieve during their tenure, or else their job becomes a thankless task. We'll use the collective list of objectives as our milestone for success as the year progresses.

Personally, I've said it before, my vision for the year ahead is to get the club growing and vibrant by engaging both new and existing members in the thing we enjoy the most FISHING!

Another outcome from the AGM is that we have accepted the braided line remit as it was written. It would not be fair to say this was a unanimous vote, there was some dissention but the majority was in favour. We'll keep an eye on how it's going over the next 12 months and if there are people that aren't satisfied with how it's working then let's have another remit to be put to the vote at the next committee meeting. My gut tells me we've done the right thing.

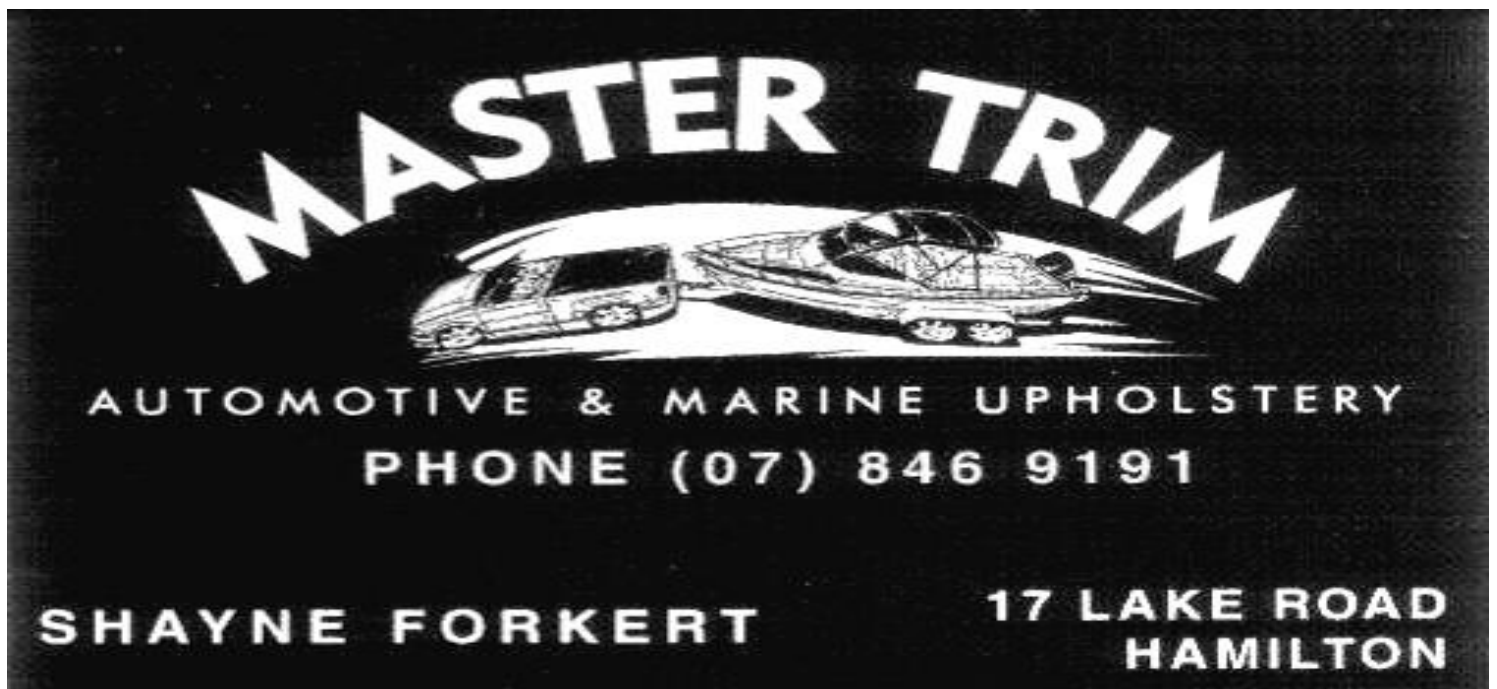
Conversely the remit to implement a Club rule for the minimum size of Kingfish to be set at 1 metre was not supported and was passed down by a majority vote. There were dissenting votes here as well, including myself, but fair enough majority rules.

As you read this we've completed our first double points weekend, it was a bit of a tough ask being the middle of Winter, so soon after the AGM, and also the weather wasn't the greatest. Even at the time of writing I'm not sure there were any fish weighed over that weekend. Roll on summer is all I can say.

Our next planned club night will not be until October, which at this stage we'll be staging a buy sell and swap night in conjunction with the prize giving for the winter challenge so there's lots to look forward to.

I've included the Agenda for the upcoming NZ Big Game fishing Council AGM to be held at the end of September in Hokianga. Stu Ross and I will be attending, take a look at the agenda and let us know your thoughts on the subjects up for discussion.

So there you go that's it for another Month we'll see you in October.



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Have you ever been banned or barred from any club in the past? YES/NO

I hereby agree to abide by the club rules.

Do you want you Newsletter Emailed. YES/NO

Do you give consent for your email address to be added to the NZBGF Council database? YES/NO

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

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<http://www.waikatosportfishing.co.nz/membership09-10.pdf>

Dutchy's Blue Fin

Captain : ' Crusty ' Dave Donald.

Dave decided to take his new 44ft boat, down to Westport. He left from Kawhia, to New Plymouth, then to Nelson and onto Westport with two crew. He invited some of his mates to come down in groups of three or four. We were group three. The first group had the first Bluefin Tuna for the boat on for two hours and lost it at the boat, hooking the next one a day later. Dave Green boated the first after two and a half hours and 45 min with two flying gaffs to get it under control, christening the boat "ye ha". Group two had two days hooking a monster up for seven hours before busting off, young Glen from New Plymouth on the gear, zip on day two.

The weather was closing in so we had the call, get on the plane now or we might miss the boat - so to speak . So we got our '**** together' and got on the plane two days early, we got there by two o'clock Friday the 21st, off the plane, got our stocks, threw the lines off and down the harbour we went. Along the wharf was the new Navy boat HMNZS Hawera . Which was going on display to the public on Sunday. Dave being Dave swings around to demonstrate how two pull along side the Korean trawlers. Throttle off, then shows how to pitch the hooked up bait out, well did that get the Navy going?!

They were running around the boat looking over at us , they must of though it was Bin Larden throwing a limpet mine. So we all had a turn so they could nut out what we were up to, gave them a wave and headed out to sea across the notorious bar which was nice and flat as. Dave set the course, showed all of us how to run the boat

(we all own our own boats, so he could trust us with his pride and joy). Dave being a hard out fisherman, had little to no sleep since arriving at Westport, he looked like the walking dead so we sent him to bed for a much needed sleep.



The team, Chris Woodcock (Mercury Bay), Nigel McClure (Raglan), Rowen Yandle (New Plymouth) and myself Frank van Vroonhoven, DUTCHY (Waikato). On paper the tuna didn't stand a chance, yeh right. We found the Korean trawlers at seven pm. Woke Dave up, time for action! Chris was first on, no luck, five pitched baits each. Me next. Four no luck, throw five, on the retrieve I felt a slight tug, so the boys yelled 'freespool'!, I gave it five and hit strike, the rod loaded up (8.07pm), it only felt like a small fish to start taking a hundred meters or so, every one said shark! Then it smoked 350mtrs in no time and we knew we were on (tuna) YAHOO!! This was on 37kg standup gear. Well me being unfit I was worried if I could hack it? In 15mins I was puffing, Chris passed me some water, I got it alright in the face! but it did the job! Dave started backing up we started gaining line quickly 30mins now, some more water and a few minutes to catch my breath the boys were all ready Chris on trace, Rowen on tag, Nigel on camera/gaff and Dave on the wheel and they were giving me some nice words of encouragement 'get your ass into gear and wind wind wind!!' We could see colour in the water, I was stuffed, last effort up came the leader.



Chris gets a good wrap, in goes a tag, a photo, but before we could release it, it went under the motor. Chris hung on and out it came, so did some blood so in went the gaff, then another, took rod off, got my first look at tuna, blown away by its size. It took four of us to pull it aboard (Time 8.52 pm) 45min. Ye ha! And the normal hand shakes and drinks. Time to help mates catch their first, but Chris had the only other hit but dropped it a few minutes later. We headed back for Westport 9.00am weather turned bad, on the way back every body kept looking at the share size of this fish, back at Westport it weighed in at 252kgs. The fish had a hook in it's mouth & was dragging 2mtrs of trace so, had obviously busted someone off earlier . The Tally's Fishery staff couldn't do enough to help us and the locals. They were bloody awesome. Two nights in the pub we got to know plenty of people and catching up with Wolly, from Napier Hunting and Fishing, was great but sad to leave. Many thanks to Dave for the invite and too Chris, Nigel and Rowen for the team effort, in helping me catch my personal record fish.

Back home now and eating tuna!! yum yum beautiful.

DUTCHY

JOKE OF THE MONTH

This is a bricklayer's accident report, which was printed in the newsletter of the Australian equivalent of the Workers' Compensation board.

This is a true story. Had this guy died, he'd have received a Darwin Award

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your request for additional information in Block 3 of the accident report form. I put 'poor planning' as the cause of my accident. You asked for a fuller explanation and I trust the following details will be sufficient. I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building.

When I completed my work, I found that I had some bricks left over which, when weighed later were found to be slightly in excess of 500lbs.

Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks.

You will note in Block 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 135lbs.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel, which was now proceeding downward at an equally impressive speed. This explained the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collar bone, as listed in section 3 of the accident report form.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of beginning to experience pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, that barrel weighed approximately 50 lbs.

I refer you again to my weight. As you can imagine, I began a rapid descent, down the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken tooth and several lacerations of my legs and lower body.

Here my luck began to change slightly. The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, in pain, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me.

This explains the two broken legs.

I hope this answers your inquiry

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