



# **HOKIANGA BIG GAME AND SPORTS FISHING CLUB INC.**

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## **NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2019**

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**\*\* Happy New Year 2019 \*\***

Tena koutou katoa, Hello to all you fellow fishermen, fishing ladies, and little nippers!!!  
Wishing you all a wonderful 2019 year ahead and we hope that you are all having a safe, fun filled summer with plenty of fishing and time out on the ocean!!

I am Megan Tapara, appointed Newsletter Editor for 2018/2019. Here's to our first newsletter for the season with plenty of information, updates, upcoming events for HBGSFC over the next few months, and inspirational sections to keep the fishing passion alive within us.

I joined the club in August of 2017 when I was invited along with my two sons, Nikau and Aiden to join the Land Based Fishing Club at Tauranga Bay for the first monthly fishing weekend of the year. We were 'hooked' after the first weekend. Nikau landed his first fish and the fire was ignited within us. Having the opportunity to be part of a club that has the passion, commitment and community feel within its members was an unforgettable experience for my kids and I. From there on our passion grew, willingness to learn and being out there doing it, was what sold us.



I am looking forward to meeting everyone at upcoming events!  
Nga mihi, Megan Tapara.

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Send your photos of this summer's fishing adventures, catches and updates. We would love to share stories from all club members to show the highlights and spread the word about how much fun everyone can have, young and old, being out there with a line in the water.

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## 2017/2018 PRIZE GIVING

September 2018 brought about the annual Prize giving and AGM meeting for the 2017/2018 season. It was a great night had by all at the Copthorne Hotel, Omapere.

It is always a great time to catch up with club members, meet new faces, share stories, but best of all it's a time to recognise and celebrate with those who have caught some of the best fish for the season.

Congratulations to everyone who received a trophy for your catches throughout the season. We had winners in all divisions, Mens, Womens, Children, Land-based, and Boat.



Bring your best for this year! We have 6 months left to get these fish recorded. Make sure you are weighing your catch and send through the results. You've got to be in to win!

## 2018 CLUB RESULTS

General	Trophy Holder 2018	Weight
Kahawai Connections Cup	Nikau Percy & Shane Percy	1.87 kg & 3.45 kg
Junior Heaviest Snapper	Nikau Percy	4.08 kg
Junior Heaviest Trevally	Nikau Percy	2.11 kg
Junior Heaviest Kingfish	Jack McIntyre	19.94 kg
Heaviest Trevally	Gavin Ross	5.52 kg
Heaviest Snapper	Izzy Robertson	7.83 kg
Heaviest Kingfish	Jack McIntyre	19.94 kg

<b>Landbased</b>	<b>Trophy Holder 2018</b>	<b>Weight / Points</b>
Junior Heaviest Trevally	Nikau Percy	2.11 kg
Junior Heaviest Snapper	Nikau Percy	4.08 kg
Ladies Heaviest Trevally	Tania Roberts	1.95 kg
Ladies Heaviest Snapper	Tania Roberts	2.88 kg
Heaviest Gurnard	Gavin Ross	0.80 kg
Heaviest Kahawai	Shane Percy	3.45 kg
Heaviest Trevally	Gavin Ross	5.52 kg
Heaviest Snapper	Gavin Ross	6.61 kg
Junior Most Points	Nikau Percy	81.47 pts
Lady Angler Most Points	Tania Roberts	199.04 pts
Senior Most Points	Shane Percy	376.43 points

<b>Big Game</b>	<b>Trophy Holder 2018</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Heaviest Mahi Mahi	Shane Percy	9.45 kg
1st Marlin of the Season	Colin Hall	
1st T&R Marlin of the season	Linda Pattinson	
Heaviest Striped Marlin	John Pattinson	137.6 kg
Heaviest Black Marlin	Kash Naysmith	267.2 kg
Heaviest Blue Marlin	Michelle Wedding	222.2 kg
Heaviest Other Marlin	Kash Naysmith	267.2 kg - Black
Skipper with most Striped Marlin of the season	Steff Dawson	
Heaviest Marlin of all time	Shane Percy	226.8 kg Black
Presidents cup for most Meritorious Catch	Kash Naysmith	267.2 kg - Black





Our Marlin season is now underway with quite a bit of action last Saturday. There were a few tagged along with a few hook-up's and hits. The first Tag and Release of the season goes to a new member, Michael Cocks fishing on board II Extreme. He only joined up the day before so how's that for luck.

It's time to start preparing for our annual "Reel Fishing Comp". As per the last few years this will be run in conjunction with the Nationals. The dates of which are Saturday 16th February to Saturday 23rd February. We had a great number of entries last year but it was disappointing that there wasn't a single Marlin caught in the comp and this certainly wasn't through lack of trying. What a dismal year we had with under 30 Marlin being weighed for the season. We can only hope that this year will produce the goods. Oh to have another season like we had in 2015, surely it's about due to happen again.

Just another reminder that our VHF channel is 65. Some VHF's also have a 65a, so make sure you aren't on this as your call will not be received. Given there is a delay from the repeater, the correct procedure to making a call is to depress the button and wait about 10 seconds before speaking. Being the radio operator, I am finding this very frustrating for both parties as the initial part of your call is missed, this usually being your boat name, so I am having to ask for this to be repeated which I know some of you find annoying.

Good luck with your fishing.  
Linda.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
<b>FEBRUARY 16TH - 17TH</b>	Location/Venue T.B.C	Landbase Fishing Weekend
<b>FEBRUARY 16TH - 23RD</b>	Location T.B.C	Nationals
<b>FEBRUARY 16TH - 23RD</b>	Reel Fishing Competition	Run in conjunction with Nationals. Click/search link below for further details: <a href="http://www.hokianga-fishing-club.co.nz/files/8451/2019%20Reel%20fishing%20comp%20POSTER%20(1).pdf">http://www.hokianga-fishing-club.co.nz/files/8451/2019%20Reel%20fishing%20comp%20POSTER%20(1).pdf</a> Competition Entry Form: <a href="http://www.hokianga-fishing-club.co.nz/files/8451/19%20ENTRY%20FORM%20Reel%20Fishing%20Contest.pdf">http://www.hokianga-fishing-club.co.nz/files/8451/19%20ENTRY%20FORM%20Reel%20Fishing%20Contest.pdf</a>
<b>MARCH 16TH - 17TH</b>	Location/Venue T.B.C	Landbase Fishing Weekend
<b>APRIL 19TH -21ST</b>	Mitimiti, Taikarawa Stream	Kupe Classic - Easter Weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Free camping</li> <li>● Onsite bar with Hot food</li> <li>● Sunday Prize giving &amp; Auction</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL 19TH -21ST</b>	Mitimiti, Taikarawa Stream	Landbase Fishing Weekend

## PRESIDENTS PRATTLE

Hi all, hope everyone has had a safe and action packed Xmas and are left with lots of straightened out 8/0 hooks -- blunt filleting knives -- stacks of empty bottles and huge fish scales stuck to every surface around the yard -- boat and vehicle, even if it was someone else catching the fish.

Well apart from the persistent bloody southerly, the weather was pretty good, so you just had to choose where you fished, as we did, jumping from harbour to harbour and coast to coast. Still, whilst we had a great time camping and all that, it wasn't until the weather settled enough to take the kids out over the Hoki bar that the real fish showed up.

The boys and grandkids had an absolute ball all catching there limit with lots of personal bests amongst it. Nikau even pulled up two at once, both exceeding his prior P/B of 4.08 kg of the beach at Rangiputa last year, and given it was his 9th birthday I don't need to explain the commotion that followed when they both hit the deck.

Sadly for the kids, especially Aiden whom is only six, their lack of strength and slow retrieve time meant they pulled in several half fish weighing around 3kg with the resident Mako and Blue sharks enjoying the other 2 or 3 kgs. Oh well, it is there world and it made some pretty good entertainment as we lured them to the boat, also some of the best aerial acrobatics I have seen by a 150kg plus monster while Nikau played one for ten minutes before it inevitably found the anchor rope.

Too bad he has to go back to school because now he thinks he ready for a spot aboard Billfish in the upcoming Nationals, sorry mate you might have to stow away for that one???

With one of the best Christmas' we have seen weather wise for many years, this was reflected in the number trailer boats frequenting our waters. I hope they too enjoyed fishing success and stayed safe, although with that southerly wind hanging around might of put many off going wide and chasing marlin. After talking to Les our weighmaster in early Jan, there has still been none across our scales but I'm certain that will change soon as the water is now 22 degrees and our Hokianga locals just require a little longer to unseize there trailer rollers. One can only hope for a better season on the Hoki this year and it would be good to see a few landed before the nats as this will have an impact on entries in our tournament held in conjunction. So with that been said, time to dust of a few cobwebs and drag some plastic around. Don't forget to support your local gas station which has recently reopened and make the new Indian man happy because without our support we can not expect his support.

While on the subject of fuel, now is a good time to drain your water traps and replace your boats water seperator filters. This is something that tends to get overlooked at times because there has been no evidence of water in the traps and the filter still looks like new. However, they can and do rust from the inside out. Just saying. Anyway good luck out there.

I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Megan Tapara as our new newsletter coordinator. After nearly two years of not receiving a newsletter it is refreshing to finally find someone whom has a keen interest in fishing and what others around her are achieving and doing. Whilst living in Auckland Megan, along with her two boys Nikau and Aiden, joined the Hokianga fishing club and has passionately participated in the land base section for the last one and a half seasons, despite the fact these monthly excursions are held in the far north

Megan originally hails from the Waikato and has a professional background in Cave Guiding at Waitomo before moving to the Central Plateau where she worked as a mountain guide. When Megan moved to AKL she continued her work as a guide covering all kinds of thing like kayaking -- cycling -- hiking -- and school camps including overseas adventures. Megan has recently found a new job in Taupo uprooting and shifting the family yet once again to be closer to whanau and further her amazing career, which is why we both support and forgive her for being a little slow out of the blocks on her first newsletter. Despite living even further south now, Megan still continues to travel north to follow her passion of camping and land based fishing with the kids but is

