



November 2019

Fellow Fishers

### **LABOUR WEEKEND FISHING COMPETITION**

Another successful event was held at Labour Weekend. The weather leading up to the weekend was cause for some anxiety, but the two days of the competition were great... well, maybe a bit rough at sea on Saturday. Some nice fish were weighed in and the charity auction raised \$1940 which was donated to the Waipu Lions Club. It was a good chance to show off our recent upgrade with the new veranda curtains and carpet installed. Looks great. The old fireplace is gone and there is a lot more room. For warmth through winter we are looking at electric panel heaters.

The heaviest snapper overall was caught by Matty Northin, at 9.675 kg. Matty also took out the second place with a 7.505 kg fish and third place went to Mark Bridger whose snapper weighed in at 7.110 kg. Mark's was the heaviest on day 1, followed by Andrew Whyte (5.145 kg) and Adam O'Neil (4.525 kg).

Top weight kingfish went to Kane MacDonald at 11.405kg with Chris O'Neil (11.090 kg) second and Dave Lindsay (10.140 kg) third. Mignon Coombes cleaned up the Ladies section with a 5.405 kg snapper and a 2.490 "other", and Rachel Cotton came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 1.955 kg snapper. Open Kahawai section was taken out by Peter Jane (2.250kg), followed by Richard Dobbinson (1.025 kg) and Michael Knight (0.455 kg).

Last, but definitely not least, was the Junior section. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Fraser MacDonald with a 3.505kg snapper. Abbey Whyte was 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 2.570 kg snapper and Fraser again was 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 2.100 kg snapper.

The "Mystery Weight Snapper" was 2.25 kg, and this was won by Maarten Deuss whose snapper weighed in at 2.255 kg.

Well done to all our winners, and of course a **BIG THANK YOU** to our sponsors (see over the page) without whom we wouldn't be able to run the event.

### **MIX AND MINGLE**

November Mix and Mingle is on this Friday, 8 November. This is a BBQ. Bring along your meat and a salad to share. Cash bar available. Some of our members will be away at the Rangiputa weekend, but there will be enough of us to make a night of it. Come along and enjoy the evening and meet up with other like-minded people.

Coastguard was invited to come along to speak at this meeting, but they are unavailable this month and we hope to get them along in February. Will keep you posted.

No date has yet been set for On Top Lures' casting demonstration day and Reel Clinic's maintenance workshop. Once again, we'll keep you posted on this event.

The December Mix and Mingle on SATURDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 will be a Christmas function and Annual Awards presentation. More details to follow but make sure to put it in your diary. This will be a fun event for all the family.

### FROM THE WEIGHMASTER

The biggest fish last month was a 5.145 kg snapper caught by Andrew Whyte. This was one of Andrew's fish weighed in at the Labour Weekend Fishing Competition. Congratulations, Andrew. A \$25 voucher will be here for you.

To be eligible for this you need to be a member of the Club.

### MANGAWHAI CHALLENGE - FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

This is a Club challenge, hosted by Mangawhai Fishing Club as the winners of last year's competition. The Club is entitled to free entry of 2 biggest snapper. Members - get out and catch a big one. Take your catch to the Waipu butcher (Millers Meats) to weigh it in and get a print-out of the weight, then keep it on ice. Phone Cliff (432 7071) with the weight. If your fish is one of the two best, he will let you know to take it to Mangawhai for the weigh-in. Members are encouraged to get over to Mangawhai and support our club at the weigh-in at 3pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A reminder to members that if you present your membership card at Hunting & Fishing Okara, you will get a 10% discount on all non-sale items.

Commodore Graeme and the Crew.

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