

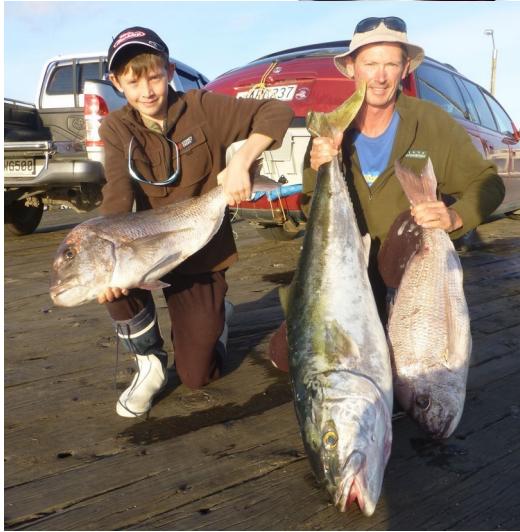
2016 MATAKANA MARINE & MERCURY 10KG

TOURNAMENT REPORT

MATAKANA MARINE



Damo with the winning 9.466kg snapper, skippering and fishing on Diversity.



Oliver Adams and dad Dave with some nice snappers and the winning kingfish at 17.15kg, from Great Barrier.

The 2016 Matakana Marine & Mercury 10kg delivered on every level: great weather, excellent fishing, outstanding prizepool, scrumptious meal, and of course the top quality anglers!

128 adults and 6 juniors fished for a prizepool of thousands of dollars of gear and cash. The average weight snapper is a good measuring stick for the kind of snapper fishing people got onto, and this years average of 2.699kg (won by Kent Gordon at 2.689kg) shows how good it was—or maybe you guys are just getting better?! You have to look back to 2012 to get a 10kg tournament average snapper of 2.7kg.

The top 10 snapper placings were up on previous years, ranging from 7.3kg to 9.4kg. Extracting a snapper from the foul is often tricky and on 10kg (or lighter) line any snapper over 6kg or so is a high five moment. Really good to hear multiple accounts of people with 7+kg snappers in the bin releasing subsequent good fish.

This event has been running for close on 30 years and is by far the longest surviving line weight restricted fishing competition in the Gulf. Our generous sponsors allow us to have a prizepool that rivals much bigger events, so let them know much you appreciate their involvement.

Over the last three 10kg comps we've had more than a 25% increase in participation. The Sunday prizegiving was cozy (okay, it was jammed!) so if we keep growing the event we'll be reviewing logistics before the 2017 comp (3rd/4th June). 81 EarlyBird ticket sales gave us the mandate to boost the prizepool, and we enhanced it again on the day before the comp started. The EarlyBird draw of a 50 litre icebox with goodies inside, including rum and \$200 in gold coins is a sought after prize.

Another feature of Warkworth Gamefish Club events is putting on a good meal. It's not just about the fishing. This is time for mates and families to catch up, sometimes its only once a year at this event. The spit roast sheep came from the Hamilton and Taylor properties, and was roasted on the Rathe spit, attended to by Charmaine, Bruce, and Jackson Gravatt—top job you guys. Thank you to those gifting fish for the meal, this is the 5th year Andrew Fogden of FogDog has stepped up with a box of his fine products so we can share the best fried fish with you. Bros Ly of Savans Bakery fished Saturday night and baked the bread rolls on Sunday afternoon, thanks lad. The crowd kept Matt and Anne busy (understatement!) at the bar, and most people were understanding of the limitations of the clubrooms.



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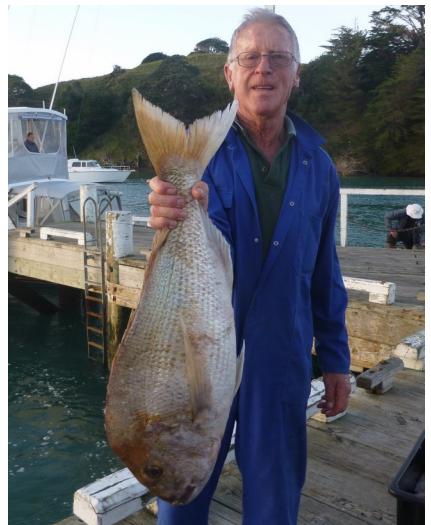
Scye Griffiths 2nd place kingfish 13.8kg



Filip Spasich 3rd place snapper at 8.623kg, and he gave the bar a hiding on Sunday so we reckon he will be back in 2017



Caleb from Matakana Marine working his FogDog magic on the snapper



Ronnie Berger with 10th place snapper 7.39kg. He also won the draw for 2 tickets to the 10kg tournament 2017

Matakana Marine and **Mercury** funded the awesome array of prizes from Larry and Anne at **Hunting & Fishing Warkworth** with hard cash, lots of it. Some serious discounts were applied to those purchases, and then Larry and Anne handed over \$600 of clothing too! Yes H&F is a group of stores, but they're individually owned and event sponsorship is entirely at the discretion of the store owner, so let the team at H&F Warkworth know you appreciate their generosity. We get repeat requests for the **KnifeTech** knives because they're so good. Dean Grooby of KnifeTech knows his stuff, he has a business training and supplying the seafood industry. Thanks Dean for your superb deal on these long lasting quality knives, there is every chance of them being used by generations of 10kg contestants!

Yup, you've made it to the **RESULTS:**

JUNIORS: The juniors caught great fish too, with Korbyn Barratt's 4.7kg snapper taking top honours. The other kids were close behind with good snappers, but most importantly these kids had a weekend learning about the sea and its creatures. There's at least one junior that has been fishing the 10kg every year since they were 5 years old.

The **KAHAWAI** weights were down on last years by 400grams—**that's a lot**. Given that they are usually abundant this time of year it will be interesting to see what they're like next year:

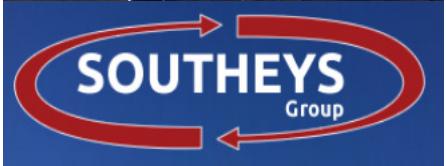
1st	Warren Knudsen	2.367kg
2nd	Steve Parkes	2.315kg
3rd	Chris Macdonald	2.250kg

The **TREVALLY** section was marginally better than last year, but still well shy of the legendary X-Calibre efforts in excess of 6kg:

1st	Warren Knudsen	2.136kg
2nd	Phil Scott	2.069kg
3rd	Shane Adams	2.060kg

The **KINGFISH** section was similar in weights to last year, good to see no rats being weighed:

1st	Dave Adams	17.150kg
2nd	Scye Griffiths	13.800kg
3rd	Mitchell Fraser	12.083kg



Lu, Grant, and Cam filleting snapper on the back of Cams ute. The neighbourhood cats stopped following him by about Thursday.



Tom and Cam sorting out a zillion quality prizes from Hunting & Fishing Warkworth





Korbyn Barratt (on right) with the winning junior snapper of 4.717kg



The irrepressible Chunky with 2nd place snapper on the Mike Ingham skippered boat Wharangi, which took 2nd, 4th, and 6th place snappers.



Cam Rathe and Nicola Hoverd with 8th and 9th snappers and the best snapper of the Lady angler section



Stu Joyce all the way from Raglan, fishing on Graham Poole's boat Silver \$ with grand daughter Pearl. Graham won last years 10kg and drives the boat up from central Auckland for every 10kg

Somehow a ‘Hard Luck’ prize has become a regular feature. The translation of the phrase “hard luck” is surely ‘MUPPETRY’. Seriously, it’s a wonder some of you make it home. An organisers worst nightmare is for a participant to be seriously injured or worse. But despite some darn good efforts to do this to yourselves no one has yet succeeded. This years top effort and a bottle of rum went to Chunky on the vessel Wharangi. Here’s the short version: Threw his head back laughing and lost \$300 sunglasses overboard. Later, he fell over the bow rail into the water at the Mokes in the dark, only saving himself from sliding away from the boat by putting his finger up the toilet outlet. The following day he slid on deck and bruised his tail bone. Topping it off he failed to organise ice for beers and drank them warm on the way home. But he’s a cheerful character, and you can’t knock his resilience!

The LADIES section was won by Nicola Hoverd fishing on Brenda L, with a 7.478kg snapper. You’ll see Nicola also features in the Open Snapper section with a good fish. Some of these snapper found their way via Lu Rathe’s superb smoker to Nicola & Cam Rathe’s engagement party a week later.

Now to the SNAPPER section:

1st	Damo Clayton	9.466kg
2nd	Scott Murray	9.300kg
3rd	Filip Spasich	8.623kg
4th	Mike Ingham	7.996kg
5th	Mike Cook	7.983kg
6th	Tom Ingham	7.836kg
7th	Richard Gore	7.599kg
8th	Cam Rathe	7.582kg
9th	Nicola Hoverd	7.555kg
10th	Ron Berger	7.391kg



This years winner, Damo skippers the Gulf Harbour charter vessel Diversity and had a crew on board of lads that have fished the 10kg since the beginning almost 30 years ago. That’s a lot of history—if they can remember! It’s not the first time Damo has caught the biggest snapper in this event.

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Average snappers for recent 10kg tournaments:

2007/1.94kg, 2008/2.53kg, 2009/2.37kg, 2010/2.03kg,
2011/2.01kg, 2012/2.768kg, 2013/2.520kg, 2014/2.555kg,
2015/2.467kg , **2016/2.699kg**
Biggest snappers: 2007/9.608kg, 2008/8.722kg, 2009/7.726kg,
2010/9.994kg, 2011/7.798kg, 2012/10.200kg, 2013/8.522kg,
2014/9.929kg, 2015/8.803kg, **2016/9.466kg**



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Steve Hunt and son Dylan with some great fish. It won't be long before Dylan is putting his own crew together for the 10kg. Fishing is about so much more than catching fish, good on ya dad for getting him out there.

Being an 'open' event the 10kg won't be cancelled because of the weather, people can fish anywhere, which opens up the west coast if the east was nasty. Both coasts have harbours within a relatively short drive. Tom and Dan drove to Mimiwhangata to fish landbased, and we had some kayak fishers again this year too. Next year we'll look at having a **5pm Friday** start so people can get 2 evening sessions in. Fishing sessions that is.

The **10kg Trophy** has been around for quarter of a century and is worked out on a formula—any of the 4 catch species caught by a WGFC member can win it. This year the 9.466kg snapper caught by Damo wins the 10kg trophy.

THANKS to Lu, Cam, and Grant for filleting fish. And our weigh station team of Donna, Louise, and Monique that efficiently weighed the fish, and Louise for collating results (and all the other amazing behind-the-scenes work she does). Tom and Cam expertly sorted prize categories in the confines of a corner of the verandah. Caleb cooks mean fish and chips, turns out he used to do it in a past life. Thanks to our ticket outlets of Warkworth Hunting & Fishing, Snells Beach Fish & Dive, Matakana Marine, and Top Catch Whangaparaoa. Rob Southey didn't hesitate to sponsor new road signage, which meant we had another \$500 to put into the prizepool. Matakana Contractors sponsored the spitroasting, thanks Parksey. And not leastly, the WGFC committee for putting this event together with hard work and good humour.

Warkworth Gamefish Club apparel makes an excellent and cost effective gift for the typically hard-to-buy-for person. Items include T's, long sleeve T's, polo's, super warm hoodies, fitted ladies T's and more, all with the sharp graphics you saw on Sunday night. Give Tom a call on 021 191 4493 to catch up about sizes etc. Clothing will also be available at our Club AGM and Annual Prizegiving on 6th August.

The draw for two tickets to next years event went to well known local Ronnie Berger.

Planning for next years 10kg is already underway. We'll be looking to streamline the meal and bar for starters. We'll also re-introduce some prizes just for fish weighed on the Saturday. So get those dates (June 3rd/4th 2017) reserved and join us for another memorable weekend.



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Mitchell Fraser 3rd place kingy at 12.083kg



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