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Welcome,



at last the annual relief seeing the back end of the short days and a warm but windy welcome to the extended days ahead. The prevailing south and south-west winds haven't exactly made things easy to get the boat out and it seems to be that when the windows do open there is always something more pressing to tick off the chores list. If you haven't already put a thought into the Christmas and New Year break then you will be pleased (or horrified!) to know that there are a mere ten weeks left of 2015, which isn't long to take care of any outstanding resolutions you made in the happy hours of 1 January 2015. No pressure.



GREAT BARRIER



What a place. I was lucky enough to spend a few days over there last month abroad Brenda L. Although the Hapuka and Snapper didn't want to know about us we cashed in on the crayfish and paua crustations that can't argue with hungry punters coming at them armed with gloves and blunt tools.

The weigh scales were replaced in anticipation of our 2016 One Base tournament which will go ahead rain or shine, as per usual. We did however uncover some logistical issues



that will see us forced to improvise to a level nothing short of a Great-Kiwi-Barrier style.



Firstly, **the Fitzroy gantry is currently out of action.** We realise there is much interest in getting back up and running and is a work in progress that WWGFC may play a role in a future solution.



At this stage a figure of about \$10,000 has been thrown around as an approximate cost to prepare it as safe and suitable so it's no wonder it wasn't fixed yesterday.



Secondly, **the Fitzroy Boat Club has closed the doors until further notice.** As I say, our One Base show will still go on, rain or snow, gantry and boat club or no gantry and boat club!



WWGFC One Base dates are 29-31 January 2016.



LOCAL STUFF

While the Leigh gantry needs a bit of TLC to say the least, progress is being made on a new gantry at Sandspit. It won't be in for this season but we defiantly aim to have it available for the next season which will coincide nicely with post completion of the Marina.



I will also add that the Marina is making good physical process with the second boardwalk taking form.



Recently the highly out dated WWGFC sign at Leigh was retired and is due to be replaced with a fresh look. To give you an idea of its age, it lacked about three or four digits of a now seven digit land line. It is quite possible that each missing digit represented a decade!



2015-2016 season **memberships** have been emailed out and a copy can be found online. This year's cover shot represents what fishing is about with the Mabey clan out there doing it, awesome!



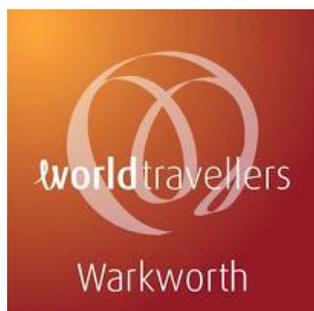


We still have a big roll of 10kg mono and spool ups are still going cheap at \$5 per reel. Strong WWGFC sponsor Pure Fishing kindly made this Berkley 10kg IGFA line available to us and I can vouch that it is good stuff.

If you require re-spools, weigh sheets, tag cards, membership forms or any other miscellaneous stuff then just contact a committee member.



Without harping on about **WWGFC clothing**, we still have loads available! Some time ago I mentioned that a polo style shirt will be available soon and I am hoping to have these available early next year.



Our newsletter is about to go international!!!!!!!

Editor of **www.2hook1.com** Mark Scheimer, has contacted clubs all over the world to create a data base for clubs newsletters. We think this is an awesome project and a win-win for everyone, including our sponsors who we value so greatly. The idea is that when someone clicks on our logo they can view our latest newsletter and be directed to our website. Tune in next month for progress on this.



Shark Awards

The WWGFC shark category awards have been reviewed and reduced to keep up with changing times. We have long had trophies awarded for each of the main species of shark however each year there are less sharks being landed. For this reason we are looking at awarding trophies for the heaviest shark overall and a second revised trophy for the most sharks tagged. Of course, the history of the discontinued trophies won't just be cast into the never as it will still be readily available. Any feedback is welcome on this.



SOME SAD NEWS

With great sadness past President of the Whangaroa GFC Jane Rooke passed away after a long, hard battle with cancer illness. Jane is a valued member to the club and had just completed five years as a delegate. Her funeral was held





in the Whangaroa club rooms and our sympathy goes out to family, friends and the club.

WARKWORTH HUNTING AND FISHING \$30 VOUCHER MONTHLY SNAPPER DRAW

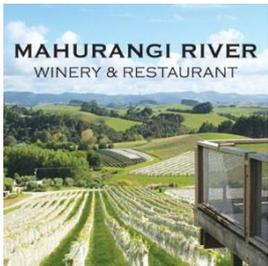
June- Cam RATHE 69cm

July- Cam RATHE 82cm

August - Dave FRASER 72cm. Dave had a good run in August doing the damage on a number of fish over 10lb locally.

September - Warren KNUDSEN 59cm. Drifting through North Channel has produced this and other good fish for Warren over the last few months.

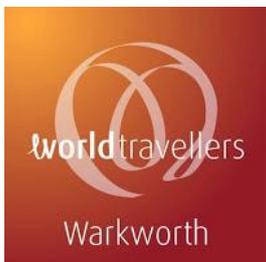
October - Nicola HOVERD 65cm (preliminary and still up for grabs if you catch one bigger)



HEY LADIES!

Ladies this is your time to shine in WWGFC first inaugural fishing competition is set to go ahead **7 November 2015**.

You all put up with the men bombing money on the boat so why not call the shots for the day and join us! We have secured some awesome prizes indeed for: 1st-5th snapper, 1st Kahawai, average weight snapper and best dressed team with weigh in at Kawau Island Boating Club. The MAJOR prize is a mystery weekend away for two proudly and extremely generously brought to you by Lynette and her team at World Traveler's Warkworth and Southey's Group. Valued at around \$1,000 this is going to be hotly contended and all you have to do is bring us your snapper to be in with a chance!





This is an event for all members and division members of SYC extending to their family and friends. It is considered a friendly day out event followed up with prize giving, drinks and food at the Kawau Island Boating Club. Please find attached flyer for full details. Proudly sponsored by Southeys Group, World Travellers Warkworth, H&F Warkworth, Warkworth MediSpa and Mahurangi River Estate who appreciate your return support.



ALSO COMING UP

Gisborne-Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club has an open invitation for its 50 year Jubilee which extends to all members of the public. Set down for Saturday 14 November 2015 the club has put together a huge line up for the day which includes a fishing competition, a bird man competition (leap of faith off the wharf in costume), tugboat ballet and a series of live bands. All of the information can be found on their website or contact the event manager Prue on 021-276-5484.

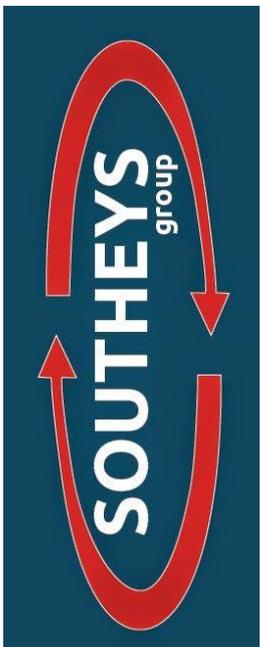
BONZE night at Manukau SFC. Bonze has generously agreed to come along to the Manukau Cruising Club on Thursday 22 October to give a talk on his recent and historical travels to Cape Verde and a number of other game fishing topics. Graeme 'Bonze' has won the title of top tagging caption for Atlantic blue marlin in 2008 and 2009 during the Billfish Foundations annual T&R awards. These prestigious awards recognise teams who have T&R the most of each type of billfish in the world's top three oceans.



LEGASEA
BRINGING BACK THE BITE

After an absence of six years Bonze returned to Cape Verde in 2015 and raised 60 marlin, had 50 bites and T&R 36 blues in 18 days. All of the fish were caught on Bonze lures compared to most other boats who were practicing tease and switch methods. Additionally the 'skinny hook' phenomena will be a hot topic I'm sure. \$25 on the door and the proceeds will be donated to NZ Marine Research Foundation to help fund the "what's fishing worth" economic analysis. Bar and kitchen opening at 1730hrs.

SYC and Divisions Christmas Event 6 December 4pm Algies Bay – B.Y.O





LEGASEA

FISH FOR THE PEOPLE

It can be easy to forget that only two years ago recreational fisherman were threatened with a 3 fish bag limit. It would be fair to say that if wasn't for our 'recreational mothership', Legasea, then we would have most probably been a simple walk over. Take the time to imagine having our snapper bag cut to a third, how would you be feeling? It would STILL be raw and I for one am extremely thankful that LegaSea stepped up and displayed a compelling and dominant role to act on our behalf and put recreational fisherman back into the equation.

Yes, in a way we still lost by dropping to a seven fish bag with an increased size limit but surly this was the less of two evils. LegaSea can only exist from you and the money you are prepared to part with. LegaSea Legends has been set up for a monthly sum to be donated to LegaSea to continue their historical fight for YOUR FISHERY. Most of us would only go to war if the war came to us, well the recreations fishing rights war is upon our future generations and it's not going away in a hurry. \$10 a month is a small price to pay for something that means so much to us, especially when you consider that \$10 can hardly buy lunch from a bakery!

<http://www.legasea.co.nz/contribute/index.php>

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/whatsfishingworth>



Are you committed to conserving fish for future generations?

