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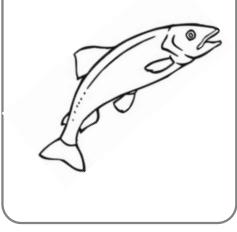
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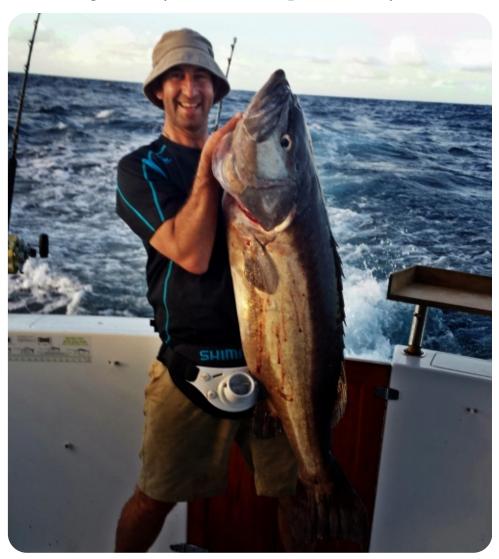
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## Uncle's Fishing Patch!

I woke early (5.00am) on the Morning of the 6th of February, it is our 5th wedding anniversary today. I crept out of bed being careful not to disturb Esther or the kids and made a cup of Tea.

Before long a truck pulled up outside, it was Dad (Douglas)come to pick me up for a 3 week fishing trip to the North Island with my uncle Malcolm and cousin Robert. I said bye to Esther, wished her a happy anniversary and disappeared out the door.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi. Congratulations to our junior Club Angler Jack Todd, for his catch during the Nationals. The shark that Jack caught is a pending New Zealand record. Our Club crews had an enjoyable competition and are stating 'they will be back next year'. The last two Club Competition events have been postponed because of the weather/sea conditions and are rescheduled for other dates. These are listed in this Lure issue.

Thanks to those who have contributed in helping our Club with various maintenance needs – Ian Gunion repairing our Club trailer, Paul Fogarty repairing the bench seat, Dean Stiles for his main gate lock repairs, Mark Fraser for the water blast machine repairs and Mike Todd for repairing the Club burly machine. Very much appreciated.

We have 'meal' options (from BB catering) now available from the bar, while having your refreshments. Also the safe travel option with Southern Taxis, with 15% discount on presenting your membership card. There are still some subs outstanding – please indicate to our Club Secretary, Mark Fraser of your intentions PH: 454 4784 / 021 798165 markkellyf@gmail.com

News from the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust is that the Salmon Trap has been put in place in The Leith by the Stadium – here's to a good return.

Must away fishing, as there's salmon running in the harbour!

Tight Lines. Brett



The flight to Hamilton was swift and before long we were in the car and on our way to Whitianga to get my uncle's boat (40 foot Pelin Challenger) loaded and head away.

This annual fishing trip is the 11th year in a row for my Dad and Uncle and for many years now I have been getting teased with videos, photos and stories of Marlin, Yellow fin tuna, Hapuka (Groper in our South!), Giant Kingfish and the ever present one that got away!

Great Mercury Island was going to be the first stop for the night, after a couple of hours trawling up Mercury Bay and four decent Kahawai on board we were anchored in a nice sheltered bay for the night. We smoked up two of the Kahawai for our lunches and caught live baits in the underwater lights whilst having a couple of cold ones and cooking tea, what a great way to start a trip. Out on the water no cell phone, total peace and quiet....Magic!!

Over the next weeks we spent a lot of our time trawling lures out wide with a steady stream of Skipjack, and Albacore tuna coming aboard. Skippy's make the best Sashimi and it was a regular favourite for our entrée. We would stop for a bottom fish on the odd night it wasn't dark as we approached our anchorage and I caught many 1st fish species including Snapper, Trevally, Kingfish to name a few.



We are nearing the top of the country now and getting ready for a big few days to jump off and head to the Three Kings. After a night at Tom Bowling bay we set of at 5.00am heading for the King Bank.... trawling all the way of course! Once we got there it was serious bottom fishing time! All the big gear came out and we were into it.

First drop and hooked up straight away, didn't feel very heavy but there was definitely a fish on.....colour ..... shit you wouldn't read about it a small bluey and a Jock Stewart!!! Who would have thought a South Islander had come all the way 50 odd miles north of NZ for that! Man did I get some stick...for days!!

The next drop I redeemed myself by pulling the biggest fish on board the boat so far for the trip, 50Lb Puka you beauty! Biggest fish I have ever caught and it took some 20 minutes to get the job done as well!

The next two drifts were absolutely amazing with Dad getting a 24kg Kingfish which gave him hell, we also got two other Kingies, 12kg and 13kg, loads of Giant Tarakihi, Trevally, Bass, Red Snapper and even a 3.8kg blue cod.

A good haul of fish, but time was ticking and we had a fair way to go to get to the shelter of the Three Kings. It was almost dark as we pulled in to the bay for the night and the work was about to begin sorting the fish....2am we got finished, everything sorted bagged and in the freezer. Nothing gets wasted on this boat, we smoked the heads, tails, wings and flap's. I have never had smoked Puka wings before bloody amazing!

The next morning 6.00am it was off to the Middlesex Bank for a trawl and a bottom fish, once we got there the wind was rising and soon it was 25knots and getting a bit uncomfortable, we had a couple of drops and got some good fish but it was hard work, it was midday by now and we had 10 hours of steaming back to the top of NZ so we turned and starting punching into it. About an hour in we had a decent strike at the back of the boat, I rushed out grabbed the rod and yee ha we were on! Soon I had the fish turned around and was making some ground with it next thing we knew I could see the leader and uncle yell's out from the fly bridge Spearfish and then zoom away for another bang!..... run and Gone......sharked......gutted.

That was to turn out to be my only chance at a bill fish for the trip, bloody exciting and I am sure that it will get me back again for another trip. It was 10.00pm when we pulled into

anchor at the top of the country and we were all about spent it had been a big few days.

Next morning uncle says we are off to the secret Snapper spot! And what a spot it was, two drifts and we had 21 fish on board, 3 of them being over the 10lb mark, hell yea, big Snapper have an awesome fight in them!



We leave the top of NZ and we need to get to Whangaroa tonight to celebrate my Uncles 60th in 2 days' time at the Kingfish Lodge. It was a great party to celebrate his birthday and we were all swaying like crazy the time we were on shore! Nothing to do with the alcohol consumption....

I would highly recommend the Kingfish Lodge for anyone wishing to go, great place! After we left Whangaroa we spent a day fishing at the Mokohinau's catching Trevally, Snapper and John Dory, had a good couple of hours swimming at The Poor Knights islands and got a brief hook up with a Marlin which dropped the hook unfortunately .The nationals were due to start the last 2 days of our trip and unfortunately the weather turned again and we had 2 days of punching into it, still trawling and hoping for a Marlin!!

As we approached Great Mercury for our last night on the boat we were reflecting on the trip and the many amazing sightings of Whales, Dolphins, Sunfish and Marlin we had seen and of course all the fish we had caught. There was a glimmer of disappointment in the air about no points for the national's and no Marlin, but it certainly didn't tarnish an amazing trip which has me hooked on the wonderful climate of the north island and yes I will be back for another trip and another crack at the elusive bill fish!!

Thanks to my uncle Malcolm for taking me to your fishing patch.

Matt Lamb. Tautuku Fishing Club Member.

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## Read Marine Blue Cod Hunt

### Saturday 18th April & Sunday 19th April 2015

1 entry per boat/crew.

Your 3 heaviest blue cod 'gutted' to be weighed on your fishing day. Final day of weighing 6.30 pm Sunday 19th April (followed by prize giving)

We have decided to open the competition to non club members providing at least one fully paid up member from the Tautuku Fishing Club is on board.

Latham from Read Marine has really come to the party with competition prizes.

1st prize \$250 cash

2nd prize \$100 cash

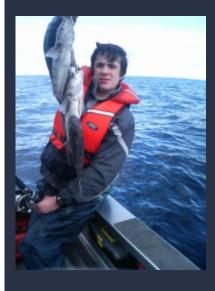
3rd prize \$50 cash

Read Marine are adding a number of other prizes for the crew/boat entries.

\$100 Lucky Boat Draw after final weigh in – no later than 6.30pm, Sunday 19th April (You must be @ the Club to win)!

ALSO: Ladies Competition during the weekend of Competition. Heaviest Fish & Heaviest Blue Cod PRIZES. Junior Prizes apply also.

Please Register with Murray Muir 03-4558808 by Friday 17th April. If Murray is not home, please leave a message with your phone number so contact can be made.







# LAKE HAWEA 'FAMILY FISHING CLASSIC'

The Lake Hawea Family Fishing Classic held on Saturday 28 February was once again a great success with almost 200 anglers turning out despite the very wet weather.

Rainbow trout dominated the bags making up over 50% of the total catch however salmon fishing continues to be excellent making up almost 20% of the harvest.

Fish & Game staff attended the weigh-in and measured up a total of 113 fish. Fish & Game Officer Cliff Halford was pleased with the quality of the fish and was impressed by anglers making efforts to keep their catch cold and prevent any wastage. Heaviest fish of the day was a rainbow trout weighing in at just over 3 kilograms caught by Phil Fitzgerald of Temuka.

The Prizegiving held at the Lake Hawea Hotel saw thousands of dollars worth of prizes presented for various categories including Best Family Catch, Heaviest Fish, and Best Tangle. Local community groups were also out to win receiving net proceeds from the event.



Audrey Nisbet (left) presenting the Gus Nisbet Memorial Trophy and a new bike to Aimee Harold (right) for heaviest fish caught by a local child.



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## FREUN RESCUE

### Providing sanctuary for penguins

We are a charitable trust based at the Lighthouse at Katiki Point, Moeraki and have protected Yellow-eyed penguins there for 30 years. Bob and Janice Jones together with Dr Chris Lalas started the project in 1983 when injured penguins were found along that coast.

They were rehabilitated and released and many returned to breed.

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In the meantime, they started planting trees, provided nest boxes for the penguins and got rid of the cats, stoats and ferrets that were threatening the chicks.

In 2002 Rosalie Goldsworthy took over the care of the penguins and Dr Hiltrun Ratz joined the team in 2014. Katiki Point has now a 2ha forest and 34 breeding pairs of Yellow-eyed penguins making it the largest breeding colony on the South Island. The same management strategy is applied nearby at a second colony at Okahau Point which had 24 breeding pairs this season.



Foot injury of a juvenile Yellow-eyed penguin



Now over 20% of the South Island penguins live at Moeraki, including 92% of all North Otago Yellow-eyed penguins. This makes Moeraki a stronghold for the species and its importance continues to grow. The Otago Peninsula has seen a 28% decline in nest numbers from last season and the Catlins a 43% decline (numbers provided by DoC). This species is in deep trouble.

The Yellow-eyed penguins face many challenges but there are two main ones at Moeraki:

### 1. Uncontrolled public access:

About 25000 people visited Katiki Point in 4 months from November 2014 to February 2015, all enjoying the place and the penguins for free. However there was a price to pay for that: we lost 53% of the chicks at Katiki Point in the first 2 weeks after hatching (compared to 12% at Okahau Point where the public has no access). Most of these chicks were within 20-30m (which is hearing range) of the public.

A second mortality event occurs each year when the chicks are about 3 months old. Parents have to provide each chick with 1kg of food every day. At this age the chicks are mobile and chase the parents for the food – often into the area used by the public. People will congregate around this activity interrupting the parents trying to feed the chicks.

Eventually chicks and adults give up and the chicks get very little. They become emaciated and we take them to our rehabilitation facility to ensure that they are fat and healthy when they go to sea for the first time.

This season was a poor food year for parents feeding their chicks and a third of all chicks lost weight and had to be brought into rehabilitation. This is unsustainable for an endangered species.

### 2. Penguin starvation and injuries

From January to May we get very busy in our rehabilitation facility. By early March this year we had over 50 penguins in care already. Of these 22 were starving chicks. The rest are injured and/or starving adults and juvenile Yellow-eyed penguins that have been picked up along the coast from Karitane to Wajanakarua.

Some have fresh wounds that look like barracouta slashes. Others show old injuries that have healed and the stress of those injuries cause the starvation as well as other illnesses like throat and lung infections. Others are just thin and the cause is difficult to determine. While nothing can be done about barracouta bites, we have observed food shortages affecting the penguins in some years.

We advocate strongly for a marine reserve off Moeraki to protect the fish stocks that the penguins rely on. Ensuring a good fish supply will go a long way towards helping the penguins survive better at Moeraki – and elsewhere. At the very least we want to see a spear-fishing ban off the Moeraki peninsula because this endangers the penguins directly – we have had to rehabilitate penguins that have spear-fishing injuries. (No one owned up of course.)

We have instigated a very successful management strategy for Yellow-eyed penguins at Moeraki that has seen the penguin population grow at an average yearly rate of 7% since 1984.

We need help now for the penguins to protect them from the uncontrolled public access that is costing chicks' lives, ensuring a plentiful food source for the penguins at sea, we need funding to rehabilitate those penguins that are in trouble, funding to publish our work and support from all who wish to see penguins in the future on the South Island.



People crowd around a parent Yellow-eyed penguin trying to feed its chick



Adult and chick Yellow-eyed penguin



Adult Yellow-eyed penguin in front of its nest box



### 2015 ICC World Cup Hype!

Brett providing 'live crays' for lunch!
Yep – Sir Ian Botham ( England's greatest ever all rounder professional cricketer. 102 test caps – 14 centuries & 383 wickets ) with Warren Lees MBE, ( New Zealand's ex wicket keeper & NZ coach. 21 test caps & 31 ODI's from 1976- 1983 & coach of the Black Caps from 1990 – 1993. First class debut for Otago in 1970 until 1988. Played 146 matches, scored 4,932 runs & 348 dismissals ) – ENJOYING the MOMENT @ the World Cup Cricket matches in Dunedin!

## FISH TO BEAT

Mathieson Memorial Trophy: Ian Gunion - Blue Shark 42 kg.

1st Game Shark: Ian Gunion - Blue Shark 42 kg.

Associate Member Trophy: Lynne Muir - Groper 3.035 kg.

Winter Cup: Jack Todd - Groper 8.50 kg.

Moeraki Trophy: Mike Todd - Blue Cod 1.295 kg.

Blue Shark: 51.5 kg lan Gunion.

Porbeagle Shark: 55.9 kg David Knarston.

Mako Shark: 105.6 kg Ian Gunion.

Shark Tagging Trophy: David Knarston 23 Tag/Release.

Line Class Trophy: Jack Todd 49.9kg Blue shark on 6 kg Line.

Jock Stewart: 1.425 kg Nathan Pitcher.

Groper: 9.655 kg Paul Fogarty. Trumpeter: 3.135 kg Nathan Pitcher.

Kahawai: 2.975 kg lan Gunion.

Ladies Trophy: 2.910 kg Blue Cod - Cate Bardwell.

Blue Cod: 3.20 kg lan Gunion.

East Coast Blue Cod: 3.20 kg lan Gunion.

Salmon: 3.925 kg Grant Hutton.

Senior Salmon Trophy: 3.855 kg Roger Kan.

Barracouta: 3.610 kg Grant Hutton.

Junior Trophy: 49.9 kg Blue Shark - Jack Todd.

Junior Blue Cod: Jorja Hutton 2.350 kg. Rainbow Trout: 1.260 kg Jack Todd. Crayfish: 3.840 kg Ian Gunion.

Skippers Points:

Game Fish: Ian Gunion 1 Pt; Provisional: Ian Gunion 5 Pts.

Non Game: Mike Todd 2 Pts, Ian Gunion 1 Pt, Nathan Pitcher 1 Pt. . Provisional: Nathan Pitcher 4 Pts, Grant Hutton 3 Pts, Ian Gunion 3 Pts, Mike Todd 2 Pt.



## Corbett Memorial. Sunday 26th April 2015

For the most fish species weighed in.

In the event of 2 or more anglers weighing in the same amount of species it will go on the most heaviest combined weigh.

Most species \$100 cash

2nd " \$ 75 cash

3rd " \$ 50 cash

4th " \$ 25 cash

Please register with Murray Muir 03 4558808 or Ian Gunion 027 4881037 by 8.00pm Friday 24th April. Weigh in will close at 6.00pm followed by prize giving on the Sunday evening.



Marine Reserve Forum Meeting.

Tautuku Fishing Club – Saturday 18th April 2015

Meeting is 8.30am to 5.30pm. ALL Fishers are welcome at 3.30pm - As this is their 'PUBLIC OPEN SESSION'.

Our Sea - Your Say!

## Blue shark boy's best catch



Record haul? Jack Todd, of Dunedin, shows off the 49.8kg blue shark he reeled in using a 6kg line off Taiaroa Head on Saturday. PHOTO: BRETT BENSEMANN

### By CHRIS MORRIS

JACK Todd has hooked plenty of fish, but nothing quite like this.

The 13-year-old Dunedin boy on Saturday set what may be a New Zealand junior record after hauling in a 49.8kg blue shark while fishing from a 5.7m runabout about 5km off Taiaroa Head.

What made the feat even more impressive was the lightweight 6kg line Jack used to land the monster.

Jack and father Mike Todd were among members of the Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin and Haast Inc taking part in the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council's national fishing competition at the weekend.

Jack said he took about 20 minutes to reel in the shark, which was "quite big" and did not come without a fight.

He had been fishing "pretty much all my life" and had caught other sharks, but it was his biggest catch to date.

'It was a big fish on a light line . It's not an easy shark to catch," Mr Todd said.

The catch was being assessed, and could result in Jack claiming a New Zealand junior record, Tautuku club president and New Zealand Sport Fishing Council delegate Brett Bensemann said.

"It's a thrill for the family, a thrill for research and great for a

young angler."

About 35 sharks caught by Tautuku Fishing Club members were tagged and released, and those that were not would be given to the University of Otago for research or educational purposes, he said.

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To advise that the Ministry for Primary Industries has placed details on its website of a new application for a coastal permit for aquaculture in Otago Harbour. The coastal permit details are below:

| Application number | Applicant                 | Council                   | Location                  | FMA   | Application size (ha)                        | Species   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--|---|
| RM14106            | Southern Clams<br>Limited | Otago Regional<br>Council | 3 sites, Otago<br>Harbour | FMA 3 | Site 1: 11.42<br>Site 2: 9.00<br>Site 3: 6.8 | Shellfish (Bluff oysters, Queen scallops, cockles) and paddle crabs |

| Structure<br>type            | MPI status  | MPI<br>submission<br>closing date | Coastal permit application | Nabis map            |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Longlines<br>with<br>baskets | Pre-UAE test -<br>Seeking<br>information from<br>stakeholders | 14/04/2015                        | Application<br>RM14106     | Nabis Map<br>RM14106 |

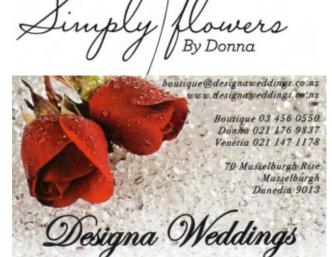
The Ministry is now seeking information on how the proposed application may affect customary, recreational and commercial fishing.

Factsheets explaining the UAE test process and the matters the Ministry considers when making an aquaculture decision can also be found at the Aquaculture webpages.











Fish weighed, comprised of:

Blue Marlin 24.

Black Marlin 1.

Broadbill 5.

Striped Marlin 42.

Shortbill 11.

Blue Shark 7. (5 Blue sharks caught by

Tautuku Teams - Ian Gunion 51.5 kg

on 10kg line, 40.1 kg on 10 kg; Dave

Knarston 40.2 kg on 24 kg; Barry

Egerton 43.1 on 15 kg; Jack Todd 49.9

kg on 6 kg).

Bronze Whaler 4.

Mako 5. ( Ian Gunion 105.6 kg on 24

Porbeagle 1 (Dave Knarston 55.9 kg on 24kg).

Yellowfin Tuna 11.

Bigeye Tuna 3.

Skipjack 85.

Albacore 144.

Yellowtail 13.

Kahawai 126.

Snapper 88.

Trevally 26.

Mahimahi 65.

1,667 Anglers competed this year (Highest number of competitors in the history of the NZ Fishing Nationals ) -1,488 Anglers in 2014 / 1,534 Anglers in 2013.

479 Teams competed from 40 Clubs this year compared to 418 Teams from 39 Clubs in 2014.

Overall (all fish species) – Tautuku Fishing Club was 10th with 1,786.67 Pts. (Houhora 1st with 6,767.33 Pts).

Shark Team Trophy - top 3 scoring fish. 1st Houhora 2nd. Tautuku - Maximis. 3rd Canterbury.

Shark Live Weight Winners – 10kg line - Ian Gunion 51.5 kg Blue Shark.

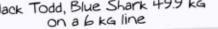
NZ Junior Shark Angler - 6 kg line - Jack Todd 49.9 kg Blue Shark.

NZ Tag & Release Winner – David Knarston with 23.

Team Boat 'Bonecrusher' (Mike Todd, Jack Todd, Murray Muir, Paul Fogarty & Barry Egerton); were the best Tautuku Fishing Club team on Points.

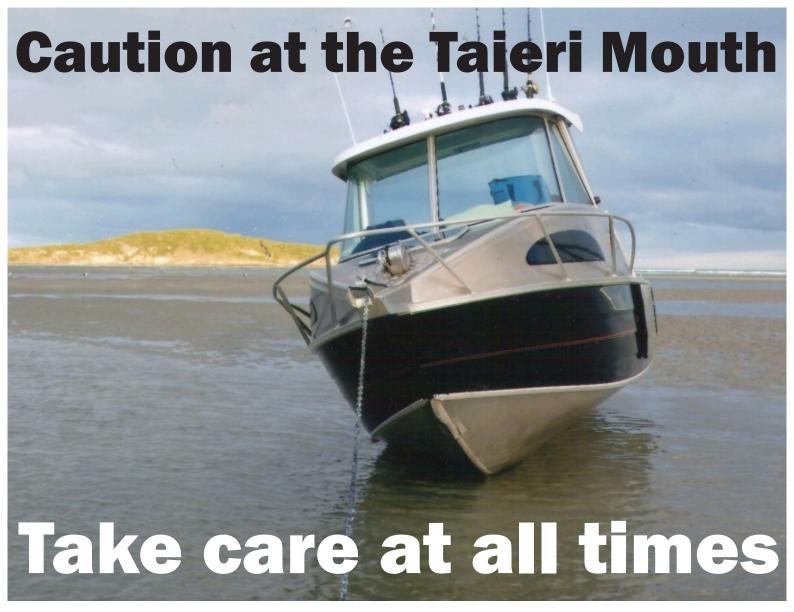
Throughout New Zealand - 661 Fish Weighed: 490 tagged & released.







a 24 kg line



## SIMRAD NATIONALS 2015 REPORT FROM ROZ

What can I say? It was a great tournament with 40 Clubs taking part and 1,667 anglers – a record number. While I received no feedback on the numbers, I can only assume they increased because of the SIMRAD sponsorship although no doubt the good weather and large numbers of fish also helped.

The final fish tally was 661 weighed and 491 tagged and released. A total of 1,152 all up. Pretty impressive and some good fish caught.



It was a pretty stress free tournament this year. The major change was the sighting of Tag Cards which worked a lot better and was a lot easier than I had anticipated from my side. I think most people got it in the end once they worked out what they needed to do. I know a lot of the Recorders went to great lengths to make it all work too, and I thank them all for the part they play. It would be great if EVERY club had a recorder who had a passion for the Nationals. It is quite a complicated tournament in that it has

so many different sections which all score differently, but works well once the rules are read and it is all understood. It is a big ask for Clubs to fit it into their already busy schedules but is so much fun when it all runs smoothly and the people being the Recorders are interested in what they are doing. A big thank you goes to all those who stepped up and did a wonderful job this year.

Facebook seems to be the way to go and I was amazed that people were interested in the daily stats. We went from just under 850 likes to 982 over the course of the Nationals. Certainly something we need to keep up with.

I have received some suggestions and there are a few areas which need to be looked at for the 2016 Tournament and these will be discussed by the Fishing Subcommittee at their meeting on the 10th April.

While I love the Nationals as it brings our Clubs and everyone together, it is a huge task and by the end of the 8 days I was sitting here wondering just what I was meant to be sending to who on the final night, what had to be cut and pasted into where, and what needed to be attached! I had reached that stage as it is full on plus I still have other work to do!

Okay it is only 8 days so it doesn't really matter if the spiders take over the house but I am trying to give you a picture of how much work is involved as when the Nationals finish it doesn't stop there. There are still all the queries about how the points are arrived at, phone calls about other aspects of the Nationals, accounts to do for the Nationals entries, money in for the Nationals to be receipted, the plaques to arrange, the trophies to go to their new homes and around 400 certificates to print (each one individually) for those who took 2nd and 3rd placings, thank you letters to all those who have given us trophies, plus I still need to catch up on all the other stuff I haven't done over the 8 days of the Nationals. Then there are Clubs waiting for tags, accounts to be receipted and updated, end of month balances to do ..... and so it goes on ... Not trying to moan – just trying to tell it like it is.

Having the extra Braid and Length Sections, along with updating our Facebook page just really adds to the workload. I am unsure how it can be spread but it is something that the Council needs to look at as I am seriously considering standing down soon and it is time for somebody else to be stepping up. It has been a great journey for me most of the time but personal circumstances are leaving me with more important matters to attend to, plus I ain't getting any younger!

Roz Nelson Secretary/Executive Officer & Treasurer New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Inc



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\$50 cash for heaviest Baracoutta

\$50 cash for heaviest Kahawai

Please register with Murray Muir 03 455 8808 / 021 481479, Ian Gunion 027 4881037 or Mike Todd 03 456 0504 / 021 0422300.

by 8.00pm Friday 15th May

Weigh in will close at 6:00pm followed by prize giving at the clubrooms.



#### **CURRENT LINES 8th March 2015**

Well the 2015 SIMRAD NZSFC Nationals are done and dusted for another year. I asked east, west north or south where to go would be best? The answer was "Out" fishing of course. AC/DC thunderstruck springs to mind after looking at the long range weather forecast today, don't look up to the nor nor east, it's horrible.

SIMRAD Nationals results - Results can be found at: http://www.nzsportfishing.org.nz/nationals/results15/. 1,667 Anglers - 479 Teams - 40 Clubs, 661 fish weighed & 490 tagged & released. A big thanks to SIMRAD for the prize draws - won by: Day 1 - GRANT GREENVILLE, Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club Inc. Day 2 - GERRY McDONELL, Mt Maunganui Sportfishing Club Inc. Day 3 - HELENA WILLIAMS, New Plymouth Sportfishing & Underwater Club Inc. Day 4 - HUCK MATO, Waihau Bay Sports Fishing Club. Day 5 - BEN AVISON, Counties Sports Fishing Club. Day 6 - SIMON MORLEY, Counties Sports Fishing Club. Day 7 - ALEC MUIR, Waihau Bay Sports Fishing Club.

**BROADBILL** - with 8 (5 landed & 3 tagged) in the SIMRAD Nationals the bells are ringing "they're back". Tairua has weighed one this week, as did Morrie Andrews former committee member from the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club Inc during their recent One Base, a very short well-conditioned 182.3 kg off his trailer boat 'Fujimo'. Thoughts must go out to those who have lost bigger broadbill recently at the boat or otherwise, there may be some more records to come here for this season.

<u>INTRODUCING HOOKUP</u> – the new NZSFC Quarterly Magazine. The inaugural edition of 'Hookup', the quarterly electronic magazine styled newsletter of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, can be found at: http://issuu.com/espiremedia/docs/hook\_up\_issue\_1. We hope you find the first edition informative and entertaining and we also welcome your feedback for what other items or subjects you'd find interesting for future issues. The next one is due out late April.

<u>A different event</u> - Our new Club based at Ahipara are into their fiercest competition rivalry, Ahipara versus Muriwai - Day One of the Radz saw nasty conditions but some boats managed to go out and find some Marlin on both the East and West Coasts. At the time of writing 5 were coming in to weigh at Ahipara and 5 were tagged that the Organisers had heard about. Day 2 will feature in the next issue.

**2015 IGFA World Record Game Fishes Book** - has just arrived in the mail. An awesome read and low and behold New Zealand features in the 2014 IGFA Top Ten Captures. At the time of going to press IGFA had received 815 World Record applications, 678 were approved, 112 were rejected and 25 still pending. This was between 16-08-2013 and 15-08-2014. Our NZ winners are as follows; Saltwater records, Sue Tindale 1st with 7 female saltwater world records, Scott Tindale 1st with 19 saltwater world records, Freshwater records, Sue Tindale 3rd with 16 female fresh water world records, Scott Tindale 7th with 4 world records. Scott Tindale tied 7th for 2 male fly rod records, and 2nd in the guide/captains with 26 world records awarded.

Some memorable 2015 SIMRAD Nationals captures - a couple more pending NZ Records, both from the team 'Pursuit' from Whakatane – Malcolm Boyes – 11.990 Mahimahi on 3 kg line and Tim Wood, another Mahimahi 10.130 on 2. Congratulations guys. Wellington were pretty happy to record the first two striped marlin tagged for their club. The guys were fishing from Taranaki, but the fish get recorded for their own club as a first in the Nationals. A nice Bigeye Tuna weighed in – 135.20 kg – pending NZ Record – congratulations to Ken Teague from the Team 'Outrageous' fishing for Bay of Islands Swordfish Club, and another pending NZ Record to mention – John Tully's Albacore went 10.561kg. Junior angler Jack Todd also landed a potential Blue Shark record with his 49.80 kg fish on 6 kg line. The Juniors did extremely well in this years SIMRAD Nationals. Well done to them all.

<u>Bay of Islands Swordfish Club</u> - are well into their celebration of 100 years of game fishing in New Zealand, and we wish them well for another 100 years, looking forward to seeing some great fish caught in the Zane Grey International Game Fishing Tournament, results in the next issue.

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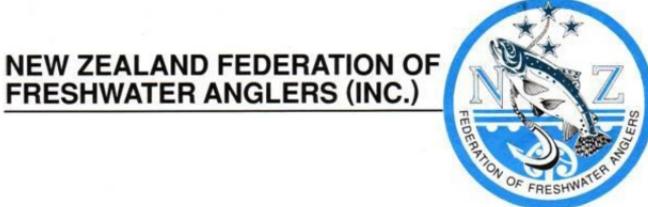
12 Salmon weighed on Saturday 28 February & 6 Salmon weighed on the Sunday 1st March.

1st Photo: Winner of the 2015 Dunedin Harbour Salmon Competition. Dwayne Willcock 6.105 kg. Caught from a boat.

2nd Photo: Sunday Winner of the 2015 Dunedin Harbour Competition. Peter Takens 5.555 kg. Caught off the inner city wharf.

Otago Salmon Anglers Association did a sterling job organising this annual fishing event!





Official Notice:

The

NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers Annual General Meeting will be held on 13th/14th June 2015

at the

Sudima Hotel

Christchurch.

The meeting will begin promptly at 9a.m. on Saturday 13th June and conclude for the day at 5.00p.m. Business will recommence on Sunday 14th June at 9a.m. and will conclude at 12.30p.m.

Notice of remits and/or of intention to present a paper close with the secretary on 16th May 2015.

The meeting will be agenda-driven. Following 16th May, a full agenda will be provided to executive members and interested parties. As the programme will be full, it is unlikely that changes will be made after that time.

### **Important Notes:**

Accommodation has been booked, and will be held for six weeks, for the nights of Friday 12th & Saturday 13th June for all executive and life members.

Please liaise with the secretary, not the hotel, in regard to your accommodation.

Please indicate likely attendance or otherwise to the secretary promptly.

Complimentary shuttle transfers to and from airport will be provided by the hotel.

Further information and enquiries: contact the secretary Barrie Clark barrie.helen@xtra.co.nz