



NEWSLETTER



MATAMATA FISHING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT COMPETITION

12th and 13th April 2025

Weigh in 4pm - 5pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

16th April 2025

Check out our website:
matamatafishingclub.co.nz



PRESIDENT
Phil Stevens

VICE PRESIDENT
Graham Hornsey

SECRETARY
Wendy Oliver

TREASURER
Jacki Andrew

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Members,

Welcome to our April 2025 newsletter.

Our March Big Fish competition was unfortunately a victim of unsettled weather. The Big Fish competition was kindly sponsored by King Electrical, Plumbco (2004) Ltd, Challenge Matamata, Matamata Marine and FVM – Farm Veterinary Matamata. Their sponsorship for this competition is greatly appreciated, thank you all. Any prizes not struck will be jackpotting to the Big Fish competition next year.

The Big Fish competition was won by Gerry Gordon with a lovely snapper weighing 5.965kg, taking home \$750 as first prize.

Thanks also to last month's sponsors for the Kids Competition – Waharoa Transport and Small Steps Early Learning Centre.

Another big thank you to Alex of Wrightway Builders Limited for coming on board as a new sponsor for the adults section.

The Club has introduced a new initiative of awarding anyone that catches their First Marlin one of our new trophies – they have been kindly crafted by R & C Echit (Craig Osborne) and sponsored by Piako Rural Services Ltd. Three were

presented at our March Competition to Grant Atkinson, Bruce Andrews, and Holly Henderson. Well done to you all!

Our April competition is kindly sponsored by LJ Hooker, Bell & Graham and Matamata Auto Services & Electrical. There is also another Kids Comp kindly sponsored by Waharoa Transport again! Get the kids out there and involved!

The April competition is the second weekend of April, 12th and 13th. See you all there at weigh in!

Let's hope our weather plays its part for the April competition. All the best,

Regards Phil



POINTS SUMMARY

OPEN POINTS

Isaak Crosland	1,063
Phil Stevens	977
Stephen Butcher	976
Hadlee MacPherson	887
Peter Nelmes	711
Sue Dixon	681
Gerry Gordon	679
Grant Dixon	631
Jacki Andrew	597
Glenn MacPherson	587

LADIES POINTS

Sue Dixon	681
Gerry Gordon	679
Jacki Andrew	597
Sharyn Clouston	330
Zara Clifton	256
Wendy Oliver	255
Eileen Ward	181
Lacey Hawke	173
Nadine Butcher	173
Lily Nugyan	173

JUNIOR POINTS

Hadlee MacPherson	887
Austin Oliver	470
Beau Mitchell	439
Saxon Butcher	416
Holly Henderson	358
Sophie Henderson	236
Miya Henderson	214
Fynn Autridge	157
Theo Harland	154
Lachlan Autridge	138

LANDBASE POINTS

Michael Autridge	161
Bob Bevege	113
Steve Dench	106
Brook Whitehead	54

FRESHWATER POINTS

Stephen Butcher	779
Hadlee MacPherson	660
Glenn MacPherson	391
Saxon Butcher	231
Bob Bevege	200
Nadine Butcher	173
Pauline Butcher	137
Peter Nelmes	89
Chase Butcher	67

BOAT POINTS - TOP TEN

Reel Deal	3,200
Team Butcher	1,820
Team Butcher FW	1,673
Extreme Limits	1,526
Dixie Explorer	1,313
Bella	1,205
Cruizin	1,147
NI-Cam II	1,060
grey ghost	788
Hard Yakka	730

SPORTFISH POINTS

Holly Henderson	100
Conrad Dalton	100
Michael Thomson	100
Zara Clifton	100
Isaak Crosland	21.6
Hadlee MacPherson	20.5
Ben Furness	19.1
Shaine Le Gros	18.5
Peter Nelmes	15.5
Stephen Butcher	14.6



Eftpos now available!



**GOLDEN FLOW
SNAPPER
CHALLENGE
CURRENT LEADER
Peter Nelmes
9.220kg**

Proud Sponsors of Kids Fishing



MARCH 2025 "BIG FISH" COMPETITION RESULTS

Junior 0-16

Paper Plus colouring competition 0-10
 Paper Plus Eel 0-16
 Junior Girl 0-9
 Junior Boy 0-9
 Junior Girl 10-16
 Junior Boy 10-16
 New World kids catch of the month

Voucher	Will Bateman		
Voucher	Carter Harland		
1st Heaviest	Not Struck		
1st Heaviest	Theo Harland		
1st Heaviest	Not Struck		
1st Heaviest	Beau Mitchell	Snapper	5.015 kg
Voucher	Beau Mitchell	Snapper	

Adult Landbase Fisho's

Dench Family Landbase Saltwater Challenge

1st Heaviest	Bob Bevege	Snapper	2.045 kg
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Big Fish

1st Heaviest Big Fish \$750.00
 2nd Heaviest Big Fish \$350.00
 3rd Heaviest Big Fish \$200.00
 4th Heaviest Big Fish \$200.00
 5th Heaviest Big Fish \$150.00
 6th Heaviest Big Fish \$100.00

1st Heaviest	Gerry Gordon	Snapper	5.965 kg
2nd Heaviest	Chris Henderson	Snapper	5.485 kg
3rd Heaviest	Not Struck		
4th Heaviest	Not Struck		
5th Heaviest	Not Struck		
6th Heaviest	Not Struck		

Adult Fisho's

1st Heaviest Snapper \$100.00
 2nd Heaviest Snapper \$100.00
 1st Heaviest Kahawai \$100.00
 1st Heaviest Trout \$100.00
 1st Heaviest Landbase \$100.00
 1st Heaviest Terakihi / John Dory / Gurnard / Trevally \$100.00
 Snapper - Firth of Thames
 Phil's Motorcycles Catch of the Month
 Laurent Motors Average Weight

1st Heaviest	Grant Dixon	Snapper	2.625 kg
2nd Heaviest	Phil Stevens	Snapper	2.595 kg
1st Heaviest	Gerry Gordon	Kahawai	2.320 kg
1st Heaviest	Stephen Butcher	Trout	2.340 kg
1st Heaviest	Bob Bevege	Snapper	2.380 kg
1st Heaviest	Sue Dixon	Trevally	1.465 kg
1st Heaviest	Greg Ward	Snapper	1.905 kg
	Grant Atkinson	Black Marlin	
	Hayden Bateman		

Lucky Member Draw

Lucky Member Draw \$100
 La More Sweets

	Brendan Harland		
Voucher	Lynley Autridge		

Waharoa Transport Junior Competition

Junior Competition

2nd Heaviest Snapper 10-16
 1st Mystery Weight Snapper 10-16
 1st Heaviest Trout
 2nd Heaviest Trout
 Mystery Trout
 1st Heaviest Sprat
 Mystery Eel
 Mystery Eel
 Mystery Eel
 Mystery Eel
 Sponsors Choice

2nd Heaviest	Beau Mitchell	Snapper	2.900 kg
1x Mystery	Saxon Butcher		
1st Heaviest	Hadlee McPherson	Trout	2.430 kg
2nd Heaviest	Hadlee McPherson	Trout	2.230 kg
1x Mystery	Saxon Butcher		
1x Mystery	Noah Adlington		
1x Mystery	Theo Harland		
1x Mystery	Lachlan Autridge		
1x Mystery	Lilah Harland		
1x Mystery	Fynn Autridge		
	Will Bateman		

Number of Anglers

33

Number of Fish

100

Total Weight of Fish

164.423 kg

Average Weight

1.628 kg



MANY THANKS TO OUR MARCH SPONSORS

Challenge Matamata • Plumb Co (2004) Ltd • King Electrical • Matamata Marine,
 FVM – Farm Veterinary Matamata – “Big Fish”

Waharoa Transport (1995) Ltd • Small Steps Early Learning Centre – Junior Competition
 Wrightway Builders Ltd – Club Sponsor

APRIL COMPETITION

12th to 13th April 2025 – weigh in 4pm-5pm

Junior 0-16

Paper Plus Nippers	Voucher
Paper Plus colouring competition 0-10	Voucher
Junior 0-9	1 x Mystery
Junior 10-16	1 x Mystery
Paper Plus Eel 0-16	Voucher
New World kids Catch of the Month	Voucher

Adult Landbase Fisho's

Dench Family Landbase Saltwater Challenge	1 x Mystery
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Adult Fisho's

Kahawai	1st Heaviest
Kahawai	1 x Mystery
John Dory/Gurnard/Trevally/Tarakihi	1 x Mystery
Kingfish	1st Heaviest
Kingfish	1 x Mystery
Trout	1st Heaviest
Trout	1 x Mystery
Trout	1 x 3 Bag
Snapper	1st Heaviest
Snapper	1 x Mystery
Snapper	1 x 3 Bag
Snapper - FOT	1st Heaviest
Snapper - FOT	1 x 3 Bag
Phil's Motorcycles Catch of the Month	
Laurent Motors Waharoa Average Weight - All Sections	

Waharoa Transport Junior Competition

Snapper	1st Mystery
Snapper 10-16	1st Heaviest
Snapper	1st Mystery
Snapper	1st Mystery
Trout	1st Heaviest
Trout	1st Mystery
Kahawai	1st Mystery
Trevally / John Dory	1st Mystery
Terakihi / Gurnard	1st Mystery
Sprat	1st Heaviest
Eel	1st Heaviest



THANKS TO OUR APRIL SPONSORS

L J Hooker
Matamata

Matamata Auto
Services and
Electrical

Bell and
Graham
Solicitors

Waharoa
Transport
(1995) Ltd



FISHING BOUNDARIES



Just a reminder of fishing boundaries – to fish outside this boundary, the angler will give his/her intention in the form of a text or email to the Weigh Master or Fishing Club email address on the first day of the competition.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

Please make sure you have your membership card with you when weighing in fish!

If asked for, this needs to be presented to a committee member.



Club Record Challenge
APRIL

Fish: Trout Rainbow
Date: 7 November 1993
Weight: 5.48kg
Name: Bryce Ede
Place: Lake Anawhenio
Length: 30 years, 8 months

*Congratulations to
Zara Clifton who was
the winner of our
February & March
draw to win back your
membership*

Introducing

Riverhaven Farms

Rod and Reels Repairs

Chris has retired from the shop but enjoys

fixing those rod and reels

For any repairs contact Chris

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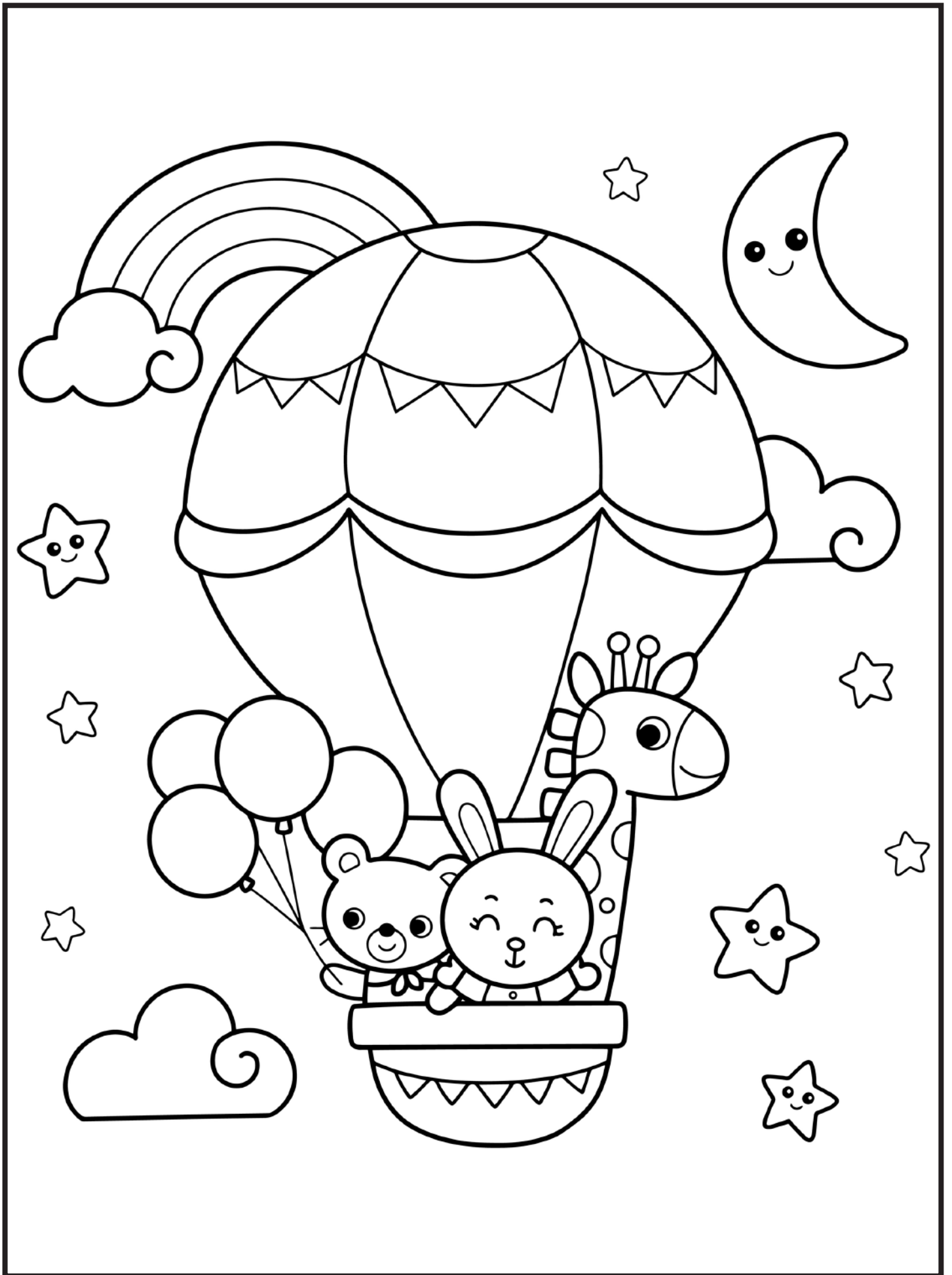
Many thanks to our sponsors – please support our past and planned sponsors

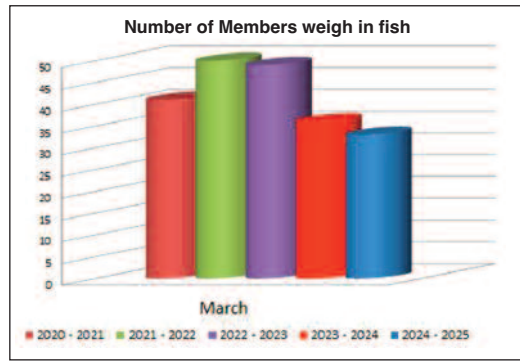
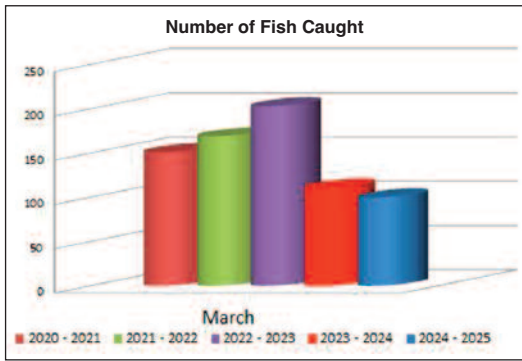
SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
Matamata Mitre 10 Mark Wilcox Builders Ltd			Daltons Ltd Matamata Directional Drilling Wheelie Bin Services Matamata Chooky's Auto			J Swap Contractors		
DECEMBER			FEBRUARY			Allen Cossill Car Painters		
Comag Ltd J Swaps Golden Flow Honey Indulgence Beauty and Spa			Riverhaven Farms Rod & Reels Repairs Begovich Builders Matamata Butchery Ltd Top Cru Stihl Shop Matamata Bob Autridge			Colchester Engineering		
MARCH			APRIL			Trackside Auto Services		
Challenge Matamata FVM - Farm Veterinary Matamata Plumb Co (2004) Ltd King Electrical Matamata Marine Waharoa Transport (1995) Ltd Small Steps Early Learning Centre Wrightway Builders Ltd			L J Hooker Matamata Matamata Auto Services and Electrical Bell and Graham Solicitors Waharoa Transport (1995) Ltd Kids Comp			Matamata Club		
MAY – TBC			JUNE – TBC			Matamata Timber and Hardware		
Matamata Tractors and Machinery Phil Stevens Racing Whitehall Shoeing Company			Matamata New World Vaughan and Grayson Laurent Vercoe Insurance Brokers			Matamata SportsWorld		
JULY FISHING								
No Fishing Competition planned								
JULY HUNTING								
Waikato Stud Jimmy Neal Electrical Joanne Morgan Henry Clifton Glass and Joinery DR Trim Paul Jones Contracting			Bryan Shepherd (Top Cru) Matamata Butchery Dench Family Trevor Kenny Mower and Chainsaw Specialists Matamata SportsWorld			Mower and Chainsaw Specialists		
MONTHLY SPONSORS								
Laurent Motors Average Weight Phils Motorcycles Catch of the Month Dench Family La More Sweets New World Matamata Craig Osborne			PR Accounting DK's Burger Bar Subway Matamata Paper Plus Matamata Piako Rural Services Ltd Keith and Elaine Melville			PGG Wrightson		
MONTHLY LUCKY MEMBER DRAW \$100.00								
Plumb Co (2004) Ltd Liquorland			Grant and Karen Montague MTF Matamata			Farm Source Matamata – RD1		
Redoubt Bar and Eatery								
Repeco Matamata								
Matamata Butchery								
McDonald Family								
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King Electrical								
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Farmlands								
Matamata Glass and Joinery								
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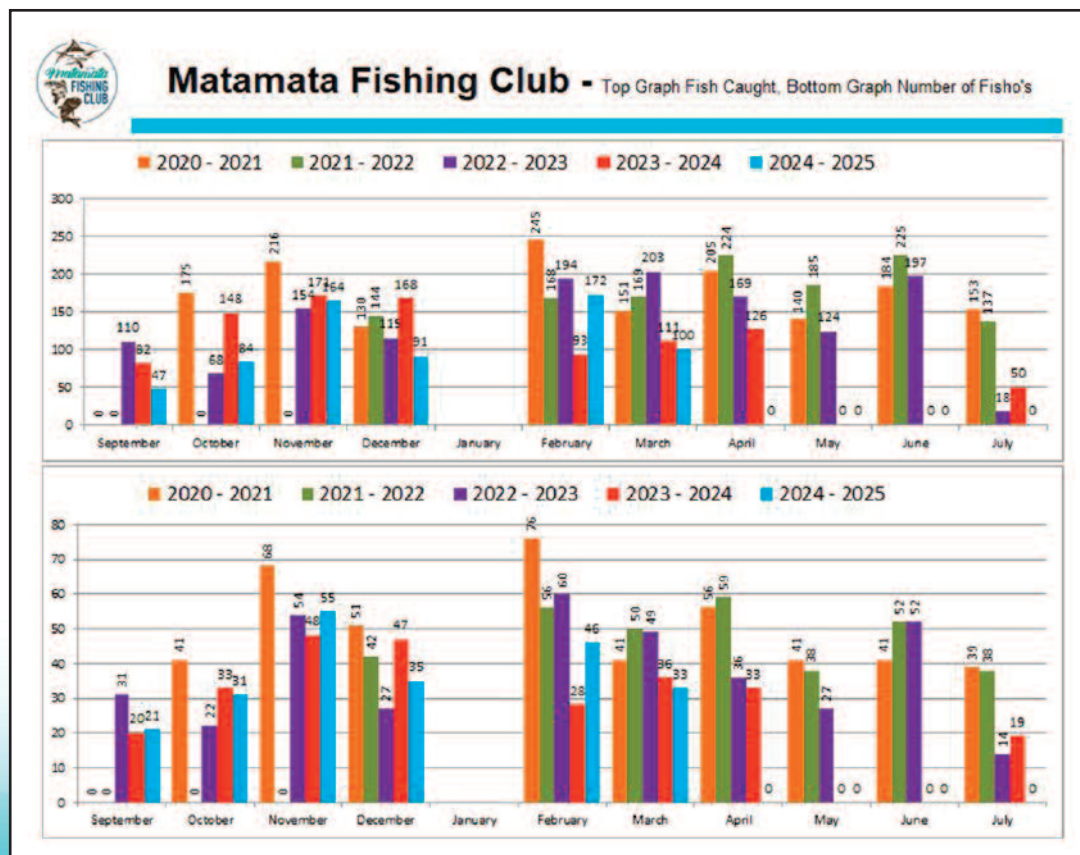




Matamata Fishing Club - Fish Numbers Caught

	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Grand Total
Snapper	31	43	110	58	95	68					405
Kahawai	2	3	12	7	26	9					59
Trout	9	28	15	7	2	11					70
Trevally		2	14	4	8	1					29
John Dory											0
Gumard		2			14						16
Terakihi		1				2					3
RedSnapper											0
Hapuka			1		1						2
Billfish											0
Kingfish			4	7	2						13
BlueCod		1									1
Porae				2	2						4
Moki											0
Mackerel		1									1
Eel	5	4	5	3	2	5					24
Maomao					1						1
ReefFish											0
Bass											0
Barracouta		1		1	2	1					5
RedCod					1						1
Rays											0
Sharks											0
Skip Jacks					4	2					6
Albacore					2						2
Other			3	2	10	1					16
Fish Numbers Caught	47	84	164	91	172	100	0	0	0	0	658

Current membership is 255



All Game fish are caught as per IGFA rules

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Matamata Fishing Club celebrate the

Big Fish Tournament

Proudly sponsored by King Electrical, Plumb.Co, Challenge, Matamata Marine, Farm Veterinary Matamata (FVM) and Wrightway Builders, the annual 'Big Fish' tournament was hosted over the weekend at Matamata Fishing Club. Waharoa Transport and Small Steps Early learning Centre also sponsored the junior competition which saw some excellent catches celebrated by the smallest members of the club. This competition has been running for many years and was designed to take people out of their normal comfort zone and extend themselves to catch the bigger fish.

Matamata Fishing Club president, Phil Stevens, thanked the major sponsors, most of which have supported this competition for many years, and acknowledged their generosity and interest which, as a result, keeps the local club vibrant and successful. While the weekend's weather forecast was a bit average and the fishing not too flash, there were still a few biggies to celebrate! Here are a few of the highlights: ■ Caron Stewart.



TOP LEFT: Fishing at Waikawau near the Firth of Thames, Beau Mitchell definitely landed the catch of the day! He is pictured with his snapper that weighed in at 5.015kg.

LEFT: Fishing at Kawhia, Phil and Gerry Gordon had a great time. Gerry is pictured with her beauty that weighed a massive 5.965kg.

TOP RIGHT: Snappa by name, snapper by bounty! Fishing with Jelly and Phil at Mayor, he was pretty stoked with this monster that tipped the scales at 5.485kg.

RIGHT: Hayden Bateman reckons he's on the job with barracuda bait for Graham Hornsey!

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