



# RFCC Club Newsletter

March 2021

## President Report

It was good welcoming Papamoa Club to the RFCC clubrooms for the inter-club competition this month. They had a good turnout of fishers and we didn't do badly with numbers either. Big thanks to the members who participated and brought home the trophy.

The beach was very different to normal, perhaps due to the Tsunami in the Kermadec trench that reached New Zealand on March 5th. The waves were unusual in their sequence and size and were lapping the dunes and forcing fishers up the dunes and off the beach at high tide.



Autumn has definitely arrived with cooler mornings and beautiful sunrises along the East coast and its a really good time of the year to be on the beach fishing.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club on April 9th – 11th.

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## Acting Club Captain Report

March club weekend was an Interclub with Papamoa Surfcasting Club, who were hosting the event at our clubrooms. It turned out to be a Big Win to RFCC by 3kg. The trophy every year is awarded to the club with the 8 heaviest snapper. After prize giving the Papamoa Club put on a BBQ breakfast which was enjoyed by all. To all those club members who weren't at the club on Sunday you missed out on a bloody good feed.

The weather wasn't the best. Wind westerly, weed was abundant but 10 die-hearted anglers turned up to win back the trophy, catching 11 snapper, 2 Kahawai, 3 Trevally and 1 yem.

Barry Gordon took out the heaviest snapper of 1.43kg. Harold Hofmann caught a nice Kahawai of 1.60kg and a nice Trevally 1.24kg. Good one lads.

Next club weekend on the 9th/ 11th of April is the Snapper Teams Event. The heaviest weight of snapper per for a two-person team. \$5 entry per team. Winners take all, both the Trophy Shield and the cash. You can register your teams on Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th. The teams event registration sheet will at the clubrooms on Friday.

Catch you there.

Dave Brown.

## Roy Winters



Whakatane Surfcasting Club sadly recently said goodbye to a member who passed away. Roy was also a past member of RFCC and was Club Captain 1979- 1981. Roy left the RFCC to help set up the Whakatane Surfcasting Club. The RFCC sends our condolences to Roy's family and the Whakatane Club.



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“ It is always sad when someone leaves this world and it is more so when they are a fellow club member. So it is with great sadness that Roy Winters has now left for bluer waters and better fishing. I was lucky enough to meet Roy when I was working for the local Mitsubishi dealer in the early 1980's and he was someone that touched your soul enough that you always remembered their name. He was a man with a “Dean Martin” smile and a heart of gold. A very good fisherman, who took the time to pass on good advice and skills. The last couple of years have been a tough and painful time but he is now without pain and remembered with love by all that knew him. We send our deepest condolences to his wife Mary and Barry and his two sisters. Always keep those beautiful images of the special times close, for they are the comfort when you feel alone.”

## Club Program

**April 9/11th**

**May 7/9<sup>th</sup>**

**June 11/13<sup>th</sup>**

**July 19/11<sup>th</sup>**

Club Weekend - Teams event

Club weekend - Heaviest Snapper

End of Season Fish-off

Surprise Weekend - "Boy's" night out

**Please Note:** For Teams events ALL members of a registered team must actually take part in the fishing to be eligible for any prizes.

## Club News

### Papamoa Interclub

**We Won!!!!**



## **MISSING: Gazebo**

Blue material, well-constructed gazebo with silver frame (slightly larger than the other Toughout branded gazebo). The gazebo went missing from the Clubhouse Storeroom about the time of the working bee when the storeroom was cleaned out. It was donated to the club some years back and is normally used at the Bonanzas but was not there for us to use at this year's event. Its return or ideas as to what happened to this would be appreciated.

## **Correspondence to the Committee**

Dear Members,

The committee are always interested in hearing the views of our members in all things to do with the club. However, we request if members are sending in emails for the committee to please, send them to the secretary address and not to each committee members private email addresses.

We have had times where our personal inboxes have been swamped by fishing club emails being sent to private emails. This is un-necessary and quite annoying.

All emails sent to the secretary are shared with the committee during our meetings.

This does not mean we do not wish to hear from our members, quite the opposite. We thank you for your help with this.

The Committee @  
[secretaryrfcc1956@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryrfcc1956@gmail.com)

## **Emails**

Just a reminder as to the new club officer emails.

### **Current Email Addresses**

President:	Blue Hobbs	<a href="mailto:presidentrfcc@gmail.com">presidentrfcc@gmail.com</a>
Secretary:	Chris Bashford	<a href="mailto:secretaryrfcc1956@gmail.com">secretaryrfcc1956@gmail.com</a>
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**PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW CLUB EMAIL ADDRESSES!!!!!!!**

## **2021 Social Weekend Report**

It has been a tradition over the past few years that the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in January has been an unofficial club weekend to socialise and invite our colleagues from the RAA (Rotorua Anglers Association) to join us. This year the weekend was a little earlier in the month due to the 1<sup>st</sup> falling on a Saturday and this may have had some effect on attendance although large numbers have never been a feature. We did invite Opotiki Club members to join us also this year as we missed an interclub comp' with them but unfortunately none were able to attend. It was good to see more RAA members attending this year also.

A non-points fishing competition has been traditionally held on this weekend with length rather than weight being the criteria. Harold won again this year with a targeted shark.

This year also saw the inauguration of the **Kelvin Barton Memorial Trophy** awarded for the heaviest bag by a family group. This will be competed for at future January Social Weekend events. Congratulations to the Hobbs family for getting their name first on this trophy.

The weather was kind to us this year despite weather forecasts to the contrary (which may have put some off). For those who did attend a happy atmosphere and good companionship prevailed making it a good weekend.

It is hoped that this January weekend each year will grow in popularity and become a “must-attend” weekend on our club’s calendar.

Graeme Dawber

Weekend convener

### Visitors Book

Just a reminder for members and visitors to the club rooms to fill in the visitor’s book with name and phone number **WHENEVER** you are there. This is both for our insurance and for Covid-19 tracing in case it is necessary. Covid is proving to us all at the moment that it is still a risk and we want all our members to be as safe as possible.

**FILL IN THE VISITORS BOOK EVERY VISIT!!!!**

## **New Zealand Angling and Casting Association Inc OKUMA National Fishing Championships 12 – 15th May, 2021**

Attached are the registration forms for this year’s event for those who wish to enter.

### **RFCC Points Competition March 2021**

Heaviest Snapper	Barry Gordon	1.43kg
Heaviest Kahawai	Harold Hofmann	1.60kg
Heaviest other (Trevally)	Harold Hofmann	1.24kg

Total Snapper caught	11
Total Kahawai caught	2
Total Trevally caught	3
Other (YEM)	1

There were 10 anglers

This was interclub with Papamoa BSC where 8 heaviest Snapper was criteria  
RFCC total weight of heaviest 8 snapper = 9.16kg.

RFCC won back the trophy

## Points to date

Men	Harold Hofmann	1080	Ladies	Cheryl Brown	58
	Steven Shand	647		Sandy Noffke	40
	Blue Hobbs	257		Chris Bashford	30
	Cory Warrander	207		Tracey Swinbank	20
	Cameron Jones	40		Kathy Reid	20
	Richard Peck	20			
Vets	Barry Gordon	214	Junior	Jayden Swinbank	20
	Barry Hand	176		Aimee Swinbank	10
	Dave Brown	95			
	Ernie Jones	67			
	Patrick Reid	33			

