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SPONSORS GRID	PORT OF TAURANGA
DATE	10 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017
ANGLER	CATLIN HOLMBERG
FISH	BROADBILL SWORD
WEIGHT	151.2 KGS
TACKLE	60 KGS
LAUNCH	ELEVAR
SKIPPER	ZAC HOLMBERG



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# 2016/17 EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

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## TSFC @ THE BOAT SHOW



This was the third year that the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club attended the Hutchwilco Boat Show. At first it seems like a bit of funny place to find us. However the overwhelming comments we get about how good it is to see the Club there. The positive sentiment many of the walk-through traffic share for the BOP reminds us how lucky we are to live where we do and is reason enough for us to be there promoting our Club. As we are the only sport fishing club in attendance we often find ourselves representing the wider Club scene which again is a worthwhile cause.

Of course we were signing up new members which was great, but one of the key goals for us was to expand our audience by adding

new interested people to our database, utilised every week for our news feed. The Auckland market has become increasingly relevant for the TSFC with the north/south drift being at an all-time high, all this substantiated with the numerous conversations we had with BOP newcomers, and many more indicating they would like to move down in the future.

Four days standing in a 3m X 3m talking fishing can make your eyeballs spin a bit so I was extremely grateful for assistance. Especially Deryk Nielsen, Helen Thornton Gussy and Nick Shearman from Glass Art.

## AGM 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club Incorporated will be held at the TSFC Clubrooms 66 Keith Allen Drive, Tauranga Marina on Saturday 26th August 2017 at 2.00pm

Check out your new Tauranga Sport Fishing Club website! [www.tsfc.co.nz](http://www.tsfc.co.nz)







## PRESIDENTS REPORT TONY DOLMAN

Welcome to the June Edition the Game Fisher Magazine

Another Fishing Season has come and gone with just the Blue Fin Tuna hanging around in good numbers out wide between East Cape and the Alderman Rise. There are a few TSFC crews on standby checking weather windows for an opportunity to go catch these prized fish.

We have seen some outstanding fishing achievements this year with Mitchell Tombleson's Grand Slam (Congratulations Tumbles) and an absolute dogfight to the last day of fishing between Mitchell and Kim Curtis for the top angler award. (Congratulations Kim)

This year the TSFC competed well in the Nationals Tournament with some great results that we plan to celebrate at our Annual Prize Giving night scheduled for 22nd July

The Club recently hosted our Sponsor Appreciation Evening where we took time to formally thank our sponsors, enjoy a few laughs and enjoy some fine food and beverages.

Then to top off the evening Stu Langdon helped raise another record Grid Sponsorship contribution for the Club. Thank you so much to all our past, current sponsors.

On behalf of Roly, Aaron, Deryk, Myself and your Committee I look forward to seeing you all at our TSFC AGM scheduled 26th August where we can report on 2016-2017 achievements and our plans for 2017-2018

*Tony Dolman*

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# FROM OUR MANAGER...

Another three months has blistered by with lots to report on including our odd fishing season, that started late and seemed to stay late but has more smouldered than fired. Fish catch is currently sitting about at half of that last year with just a month to go in the season. The water continues to be unseasonably warm for June, so still offering opportunity for those that want to "swing the bat". But really who is going to drag lures this time of year when we have already had a season of it! Makes you wonder if we would turn a few fish up if we all went out!

In this issue of Gamefisher we look at March, April and May. We had some cracker events and welcome new naming sponsors into two of our iconic game fishing tournaments. Mount ITM have taken the reigns of the Billfish Bonanza, and GFAB Trailers have thrown themselves into the Broadbill Challenge. Really appreciated working with you both and I hope you enjoyed the events!

The Take A Kid Fishing back on the 8th April is always a cool weekend. It's a tournament for our kids where we really do make a big fuss about every fish they catch. No matter if it's a spottie mackerel, snapper or whatever. It's our job to make them truly stocked on fishing and I reckon we do a pretty good job, that is if we judge ourselves on big smiles. Check out our write up. We have a few new ideas for next year and some new sponsors lining up to be involved!

Both the Western Bay Services Comp and The Contractors Federation Tournament were back again this year both of which we always enjoying hosting. These two events bring a nice mix of new and familiar faces and these guys are always in good spirits,



having lots of fun and enjoy the fishing with a good dose of humour as well. Good on you guys look forward to having you back next year.

In May we not only had the GFAB Trailers Broadbill Challenge but also the Hunting & Fishing Snapper Classic plus somehow we squeezed a trip up to the big smoke for the four day Hutchwilco Boat Show. Read about all of these events in this issue.

It is unfortunately farewell to our NZSFC secretary Dave Lockwood after just a couple of years in the job. I'd like to say thanks a lot Dave for all of your efforts and ensure you pop in next time you are in Tauranga.

A glimpse at the membership stats tell a cheery tale with "new family" subscriptions growth up again on last year and membership overall improving the past few years which is a pleasing trend. This venue is perfect for young families, it's easy to get in and out, parking is great and we actually cater for kids with our kids area and menu. Please let young families know we are here!

Tight Lines

*Roly*





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Junior Adult: \$20.00

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### JOINING FEE

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This fee is waived if joining in September.

### PARTIAL YEARS

You're welcome to join part-way through a year - you'll only pay the remaining portion of the annual fee!



# CAPTAINS' ROUND UP



Well winter is definitely amongst us now, driving a lot of us into our annual hibernation where the most fishing action we're getting is on the couch, watching our local boys on TV, reminding us of the epic adventures we all had over the summer...

I recently endured an epic adventure of my own, with a maiden voyage to FIJI on a 38ft Sailboat... 7 days at sea on a sailboat can be summed up easily... "It's an enjoyable form of torture" But an epic experience I will never forget and I am glad that I was given the opportunity to be a part of it. With gusting 50 and never really dropping below 20 knots, it definitely wasn't a cruise for the faint hearted. Sleeping was impossible, and with the promise of a tropical cyclone heading our way, there was never a dull moment on board.

However, nature was no hindrance for this fisherman, I was on the deepest waters I had ever been over - my lines were going out - regardless.

And my persistence prevailed, landing a few decent Mahi Mahi on rods, reels and bungies, but the large Tuna kicked our butts let us know who was boss.

Fiji has some unbelievable terrain, which provides some of the best fishing close to land. It is a naturally beautiful country, with very friendly people and a great community spirit welcoming sea folk.

We also have a great community spirit here at the TSFC fishing club, which we were reminded of recently at our annual Grid map Sponsorship. We had another successful evening and I hope you all had an enjoyable time too. I look forward to hearing all the new names being called out over the VHF this year with more memorable catches.

And while we're on the subject of fishing, word is that the commercial Tuna fleet are sitting predominantly off the coast of Napier & Gisborne, however there are reports of Tuna numbers increasing out the front of Tauranga...

Remember to scrub up on the new IGFA rules in order to keep catching fish, and don't forget about your boat maintenance over the winter months - neglecting your vessel can wreak havoc come the summer time. Avoid being left high & dry whilst your mates are smashing the fatties, and get those annual jobs done now while you can.

Tight lines till next time.

*Aaron Layne*

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TSFC Club Captain



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**Tauranga Sport Fishing Club**

# **Annual Prize Giving**

**Saturday 22nd July 2017  
at 5.30pm**

**All members and guests are welcome  
Join us to celebrate the achievements of our anglers  
Live entertainment follows after presentation of awards**





## MOUNT ITM BILLFISH BONANZA 2017

This year's Billfish Bonanza was pulled forwards a week in the hope of striking better fishing, but as luck would have it this season has been so late, it sort of feels like the gamefishing is just getting going and the timing is spot on!

We have had a pretty good run this season in staging tournaments in what has been an unsettled summer with lots of wind rain and high seas. But yet again we scrapped in by the skin of our teeth before another NE storm. In fact Saturday was perhaps the best day of the season with massive bait balls turning up on the 100-120 on the western side of Mayor and "the secret" was well and truly out with area attracting boats from Tauranga, Waihi and Tairua and Whangamata. By no means were the fish limited to this area though with some of the boats fishing north towards the Aldie Rise coming across a few Stripies. Fixation managed to tag a couple (congrats Phil Eynon!) and Ocean Warrior in the same area lost a double of nice fish. In fact there were a number of fish dropped over the entire weekend with the final overall tallies being quite low especially given the fact there was a fair amount of action on the radio. Well done also to Kane De Ratt on Cosmo and Gavin Parnwell on Crusader both also managing to tag striped marlin, all taking away Talica combos from Shimano for their efforts.

A few albacore around filled in for the absence of any large tuna with Charlie Moores off Andros managing a nice 12.94kg model, followed by Sam Tingey off Sterling Belle. No Mahimahi or Short bill Spearfish either this year so these prizes were lucky drawn much to the delight of the anglers at prize giving!

As with most of our events this year there is always a lead story and this must go to Mitchell Tombleson fishing on Bandit. The boys put in some serious time on the baits and the patience and belief paid off when they hooked a Black Marlin on Saturday. After a moment of reflection Mitchell soon worked out not only had he caught an amazing fish, this fish was in fact the missing piece in his Billfish

Grand Slam. On looking up the qualifying weights it was noted the fish needed to go 150kg to qualify. Like something written out of a Hollywood script the team took the fish to the TSFC weigh station where it pulled the scales down to exactly 150.00kg! Unbelievable and meant to be you would have to say! Congratulations Tumbles on your pending Billfish Grand Slam! The Black Marlin also took out the heaviest fish for the MOUNT ITM Billfish Bonanza this year with James Scott's 114.5kg Striped Marlin coming in second place.

Congratulations to all of the 145 anglers this year, a great turn out and by all accounts lots of fun on the water this year. Also our biggest thankyou of course must go to MOUNT ITM and GO FUEL for their generous support next year let's get you guys fishing!







## RESULTS

Angler Name	Boat Name	Species	FWT	LWT	Area
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### HEAVIEST BILLFISH

1	Mitchell Tombleson	Bandit	Black Marlin	150.000	37	Champness Roofing
2	James Scott	King Hit	Striped Marlin	114.5kg	24	Champness Roofing
3	Drawn					

### HEAVIEST TUNA

1	Charlie Moores	Andros	Albacore	12.940	37	High Duty Plastics #17
2	Sam Tingey	Sterling Belle	Albacore	11.640	24	High Duty Plastics #24

### TAG & RELEASE BILLFISH

1	Kane De Raat	Cosmo	Striped Marlin	T&R	24	High Duty Plastics #17
2	Gavin Parnwell	Crusader	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	High Duty Plastics #17
3	Phil Eynon	Fixation	Striped Marlin	T&R	60	High Duty Plastics #17
4	Phil Eynon	Fixation	Striped Marlin	T&R	60	High Duty Plastics #17
5						

### HEAVIEST MAHI MAHI (if caught)

1	Drawn
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### HEAVIEST SHORT BILLED SPEARFISH (if caught)

1	Drawn
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***Thank you to our Sponsors***

2016	STATISTICS	2017
84	Total Anglers	145
3	Junior Anglers	9
20	Teams	48
2	Billfish	2
2	T&R Billfish	4
1	Tuna	5
0	Mahi Mahi	0
1	Broadbill	0
6	Total Fish	11

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## 2017 OKUMA TAKE A KID FISHING

It was a brisk sou'easter that greeted the kids on the Saturday morning, but it was barely noticed as the anticipation for the Okuma Take A Kid Tournament was running at an all-time high. A round of hot chocolates before anchoring was a must to keep the energy levels up, then it was into rig tying and bait cutting and would somebody get the blimm'in berley in the water!

85 kids hit the water this year, well up on last year with the improving forecast and perhaps the good inshore fishing of late attracting extra kids. This comp is the kids time to shine, and they sure do! What a difference a year makes in the development of our juniors! Is so cool seeing them listening, learning and improving their skills and being successful on the water.

A special mention must go to Jovanna Pillay who always does well in this comp, but more specifically has earned herself another two NZ

Junior records for Kahawai in the 8 and 15kg categories and continues to make her Club proud!

There was a noticeably large turn-out in the 3-7 year old this year, arguably the cutest age group especially when you dress them up in fancy dress! The participation factor in the dress up this year was outstanding with pirates, Spanish flamenco dancers, super heroes, sea cadets, jelly fish...certainly all the bases were covered!!! Good representation too in the 8-12 and 13-16 ages groups with these kids now having some real skills at catching fish, notably snapper and kahawai being plentiful at the weigh station this year.

The real heroes of these events though are the Mums, Dads, Grandies, Aunties and Uncles that turn out to support the kids, in what we reckon is the best sport on earth, and judging by the massive smiles going around the kids in the Club on Saturday evening, I think they reckon fishing is pretty cool too! Good to see our future is in good hands.

Thank you again to Okuma and all of our other sponsors including Barclay engravers who again did a wonderful job of the trophies (no doubt all proudly displayed in bedrooms around the region!) Also thanks to all of the families who attended the prize giving. It was nice to see all the kids getting something to take away, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year where we can do it all again bigger and better hopefully!!!







**Tauranga Sport Fishing Club**  
**OKUMA TAKE A KID FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
**Saturday, 8 April 2017**



**RESULTS**

**3 - 7 YEAR AGE GROUP**

**Snapper**

1	Ceelah Gibson	1.275
2	Malia Hough	1.255
3	Liam Kidd	1.020

**Trevally**

1	Malia Hough	2.330
2	Deacon Sylvester	1.610
3=	Jack Waterhouse	1.460
3=	Aidan Kenny	1.460

**Kahawai**

1	Mason De Raat	2.250
2	Ella Lory	2.215
3	Liam Kidd	2.130

**Mackerel**

1	Cruz Waterhouse	0.475
2	Jai Waterhouse	0.405
3	Olivia Halls	0.295

**Gurnard**

1	Jack Waterhouse	0.360
2	<b>DRAWN</b>	
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**Spotties**

1	Phoebe Bagshaw	0.170
2	Conrad Dalton	0.060
3	Dexter Travis	0.050

**13 - 16 YEAR AGE GROUP**

**Snapper**

1	Ethan Kidd	1.965
2	Darius Naera	1.275
3	Jovanna Pillay	1.125

**Trevally**

1	Ethan Kidd	1.550
2	<b>DRAWN</b>	
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**Kahawai**

1	Jovanna Pillay	2.145
2	Jack Frost	2.040
3	PJ Williams	1.905

**Mackerel**

1	<b>DRAWN</b>	
2	<b>DRAWN</b>	
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**Gurnard**

1	<b>DRAWN</b>	
2	<b>DRAWN</b>	
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**8 - 12 YEAR AGE GROUP**

**Snapper**

1	Taelah Brewer	3.085
2	Sophie Frost	1.305
3	Dallas Lunjevich	1.230

**Trevally**

1	Zac Kenny	1.550
2	Peyton Duffy	0.575
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**Kahawai**

1	Jaylem Garrett	2.280
2	Peyton Duffy	2.205
3	Sophie Frost	2.185

**Mackerel**

1	Zac Kenny	1.670
2	Jack Pearce	0.170
3	Sophie Dalton	0.070

**Gurnard**

1	<b>DRAWN</b>	
2	<b>DRAWN</b>	
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**Spotties**

1	Rylan Layne	0.165
2	Sophie Dalton	0.045
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

**Spotties**

1	<b>DRAWN</b>	
2	<b>DRAWN</b>	
3	<b>DRAWN</b>	

2016	STATISTICS	2017
68	Total Anglers	85
<b>86</b>	<b>Total Fish Weighed</b>	<b>86</b>
11	Trevally	8
8	Spotty	5
13	Snapper	34
6	Mackerel	8
48	Kahawai	30
0	Gurnard	1



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## HUNTING & FISHING SNAPPER CLASSIC

Coming into the cooler months of autumn we are always on tenter hooks watching the weather and always looking out for that spoiler storm on our important dates. The first dates for the Snapper Classic we again were faced with one of these difficult decisions whereby a significant storm was scheduled to hit the BOP somewhere between Friday and early Sunday. We made the call early to postpone and lucky we did, with 45knots and 4.5m seas battering the coast on the Sunday morning, so a good call not to be out there!

The postponement date (27/28th May) was again to be met with a storm but it looked like it would basically push through by 9am Saturday morning, so we decided to pull the trigger on the Comp and run at least the start of the Classic under a weather warning with all of this clearly explained at briefing. After making the call, the weather system intensified dramatically and what greeted anglers the next morning was just horrible. Another 4 metre peaking sea, 30 plus knots at A bouy PLUS driving rain! YUK!

Tournament briefings have become such an important part of our event culture here at the TSFC. Here we are able to verbalise how we came to our decision to run the event, outline any warnings and impress on the skippers their duty of care for team members. Things can change quickly, so we were so proud of the decision makers for keeping our competitors safe while the weather was awful.

This year we were down to 66 anglers from 101 last year. The combination of weather and the postponement affected the number of anglers turning out but we did end up with the most hardy ones! The sea state did improve after lunch on Saturday but the rain persisted down. A handful of the battle hardened ended up at Mayor with the rest of the teams settling in at Motiti. On the upside it was clear that the big swell had stirred up the snapper as everyone was catching nice fish as we were to find out the next day at the weigh station. A wonky queue of eskies littered the club car park from 3 o'clock accompanied by some tired but excited faces. Plenty of deliberating and posturing indicated everyone had done pretty well, while the lids stayed firmly shut on the chilly bins until Deryk our weigh master called each team forward.

The weather had limited the time that teams were able to target terakihi and wreckfish, so it was always on the cards these fish may not be caught with boats struggling to find or stay on the grounds. In saying this, as per usual Tom Gollop on Freeflo managed to burgle a couple of terakihi for his team, but was to be pipped by Sam LcLaughlin with a nice 1.385kg tarakihi caught from Champness

### Roofing grid.

There's no doubting the Snapper did "turn on" over the weekend of the Snapper Classic resulting in a solid string of beautiful snapper being processed over the weigh station. Many of these fell into the 4-6kg class. The average size ended up sitting at a respectable 4.23kg and Nathan Wingate claiming the closest spot to this weighing in a 4.405kg fattie.

One boat however located the Champness Roofing honey hole, and was to wipe the competition off the board with both his Weigh and Measure and Release fish. David Hunt and fishing mate Clayton Riley simply had a blinder of a comp. They fished hard on Blue Moon2 and got the rewards, David weighing in a tournament winning 10.695kg snapper while Clayton backed him up with a 8.415kg. In third place fishing off Ram Rod came Luke Dumleton with a 8.1kg Snapper. Luke had looked quietly confident with this fish in pole position for some time...that is until the Blue Moon chilly bin turned up! Dave later submitted his Measure and Release Snapper entry at 75.4cm eclipsing the competition again, so really did reign supreme this year at the Hunting and Fishing Snapper Classic. Well done fellas and well done to everyone who got out there and of course a massive thankyou to our amazing sponsors Hunting & Fishing, Diawa, Finnor and Coleman!





# Tauranga Sport Fishing Club



## Snapper Classic Tournament 27th-28th 2017 RESULTS

	ANGLER	BOAT	SPECIES	FWT	LWT	AREA CAUGHT
<b>HEAVIEST SNAPPER</b>						
1st	David Hunt	<b>BLUE MOON II</b>	SNAPPER	10.695	15	Champness Roofing
2nd	Clayton Riley	<b>BLUE MOON II</b>	SNAPPER	8.415	15	Champness Roofing
3rd	Luke Dumbleton	<b>RAM ROD</b>	SNAPPER	8.100	15	Champness Roofing

<b>HEAVIEST TARAHIHI</b>						
1st	Sam McLaughlin	<b>STERLING BEL</b>	TARAHIHI	1.385	15	Champness Roofing
2nd	Alan Greaney	<b>FREE FLO</b>	TARAHIHI	1.195	37	High Duty Plastics
3rd	Shane Maher	<b>FREE FLO</b>	TARAHIHI	1.190	37	High Duty Plastics

<b>HEAVIEST WRECKFISH</b>						
1st	<b>DRAWN</b>					
2nd	<b>DRAWN</b>					
3rd	<b>DRAWN</b>					

### JUNIOR PRIZE DRAWN

### AVERAGE WEIGHT SNAPPER = 4.231kg

Nathan Wingate	<b>NOTORIOUS</b>	SNAPPER	4.405	10	Walling Enterprises Dig n Rig
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### MEASURE & RELEASE SNAPPER

David Hunt	<b>BLUE MOON II</b>	SNAPPER	75.4cm	15	Champness Roofing
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2016	STATS	2017
101	Anglers	66
35	Teams	25
64 (incl 8 x M&R)	Snapper	29 (incl 2 x M&R)
14	Tarakihi	6
10	Wreckfish	0

**A Big Thank You to all our Sponsors**



Heaviest Snapper last year was 11.135kg caught at Mayor  
Heaviest Tarakihi last year was 1.520kg caught at Motiti  
Heaviest wreckfish last year was 19.540 Hapuka caught at Mayor



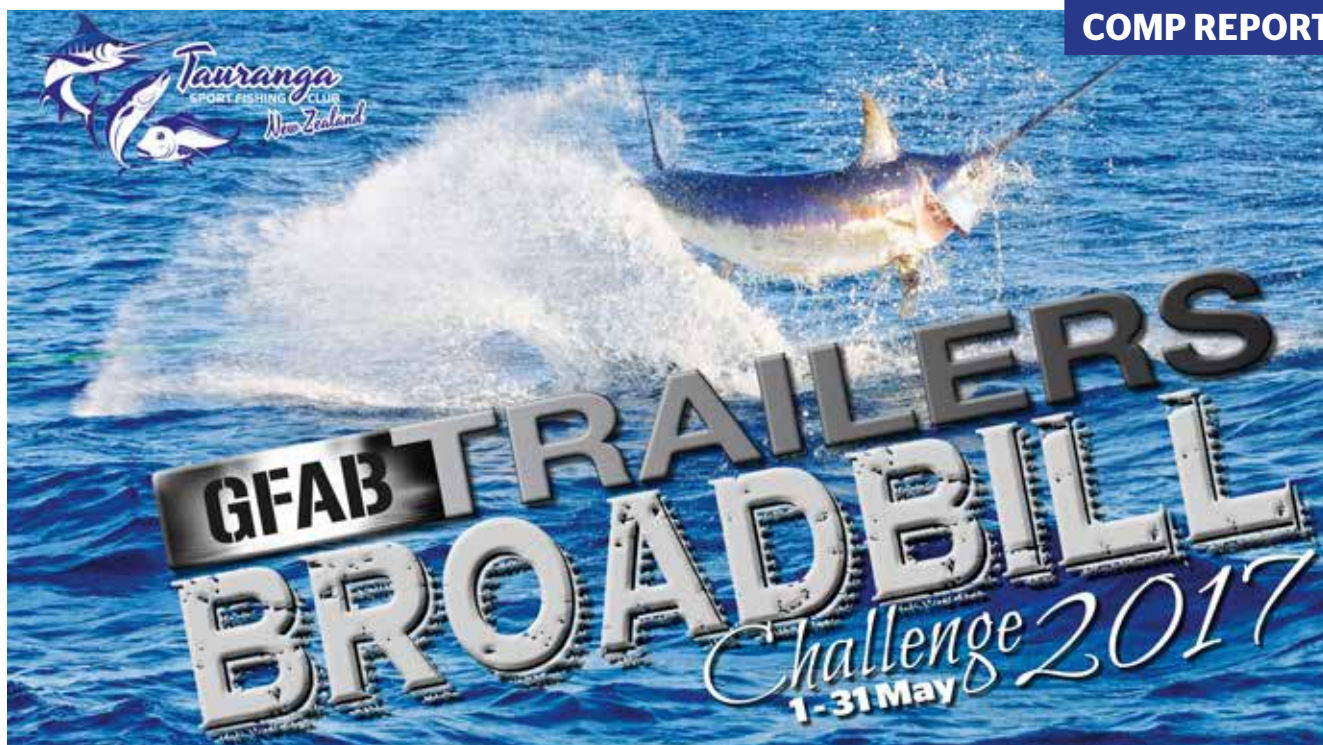












## GFAB TRAILERS BROADBILL CHALLENGE

There is no doubt the latest sport fishing craze is “chasing swords” and with so much hype around the day time technique it makes the GFAB Trailers Broadbill Challenge the perfect fit for accommodating our anglers that want to chase these hard fighting deep water beasts.

It has been brilliant having GFAB Trailers coming aboard this event this year and of course we would like to acknowledge the past support of our previous sponsor Team Theo Harcourts (who this year has assisted the Club with our brand new catch boards.

Danny from GFAB Trailers is one of the keenest fisho's you will meet and particularly passionate about his game fishing, so we were very fortunate that Danny didn't hesitate when we approached him about the naming rights to this event. GFAB Trailers is flanked by other wonderful sponsors with Decoro handling all of the tackle prizes, Stoney Creek providing the outdoor wear and NZ Bayfisher Magazine provided plenty of copies of their great magazine (always good for a read in-between bites!)

This year the event attracted 39 anglers, 10 up on last year. The Broadbill Challenge runs for the entire month of May and usually provides plenty of opportunities for getting out, although this year the weekend seemed to be almost jinxed, with higher winds come the weekend...not ideal if you work!

Nevertheless Charlie Champness was the first to have a fish hit the deck on Sunday 7th May, fishing in the Port of Tauranga Grid. It was to be a solid fish pulling the scales down at the TSFC to 134.2kg and setting the bar high for the event. Charlies success and some other recent captures had teams starting to focus more heavily on the White Island area, this attention being compounded by the fact too that Mayor had been uncharacteristically quiet.

We did not have to wait much longer as only three days later on the 10th the team on Elevar had clearly called in sick and decided to take advantage of the midweek weather window. Luck favours the brave and the results were almost instant for Caitlan Holmberg who by accounts dropped her bait on the head of what turned out to be an even bigger fish of 151.2kg also from the POT grid. The three hour battle was an epic effort for Caitlan who we know is a well accomplished angler, but still that's gotta hurt!

Patchy weather for the next few weeks limited the boats out there fishing, although the Whakatane Club who were also running a

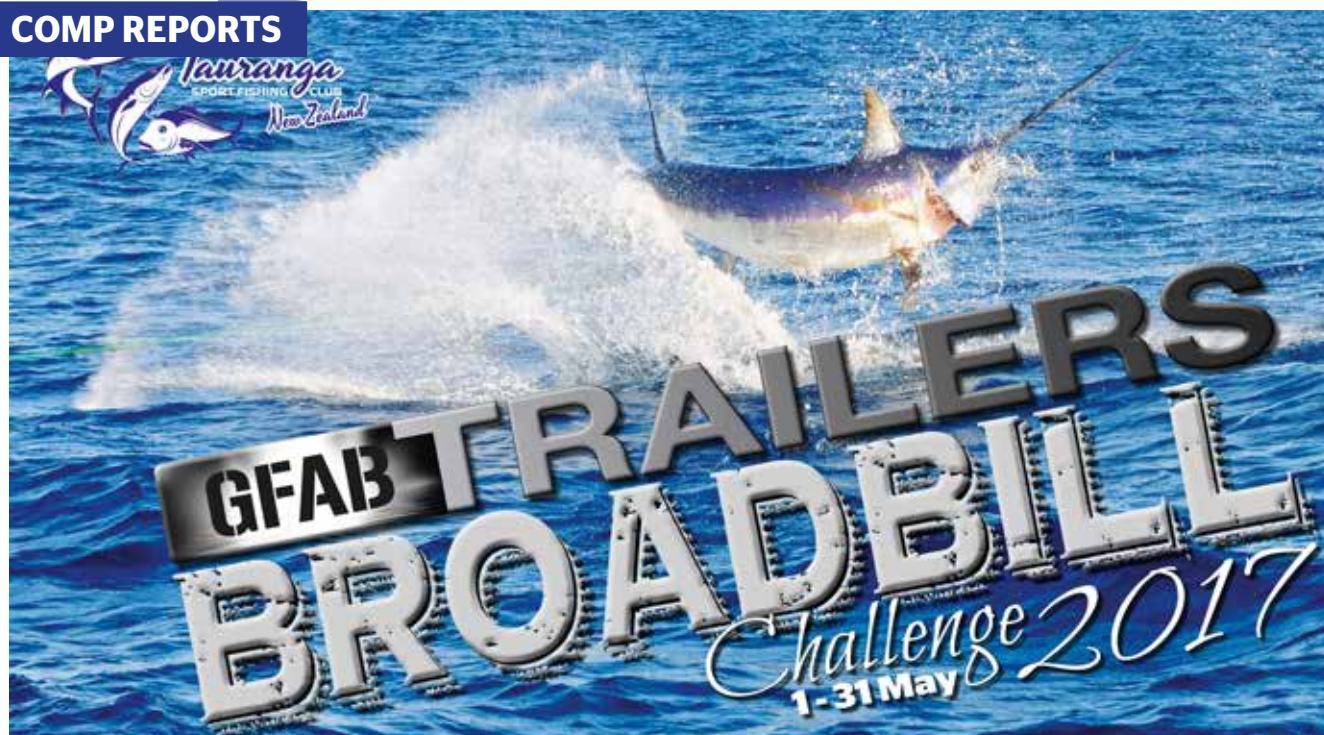
sword event for May recorded some nice fish kept the interest high for our guys and hopeful for a strong finish.

It was not until the weekend of the 28th May Jans Decision hit the High Duty Plastic #24 grid in what could only be described as completely rubbish conditions and managed to hook a sword on a mid-water bait. Mike Easton was on the rod and to the teams credit tagged the fish to record the first tagged sword in the comp. The very next day the team on Brothers in Arms also fishing in High Duty Plastics hooked up. After an hour Hayden Elmsly boated a beautiful 114.8kg Sword providing last minute results for the 1-3 comp schedule

We are already looking forward to next year event! Thanks again to GFAB and our other great sponsors.







## GFAB TRAILERS BROADBILL CHALLENGE MAY 2017 RESULTS

Angler Name	Boat Name	FWT	LWT	Area
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### HEAVIEST BROADBILL

1	Caitlin Holmberg	ELEVAR	151.200	60	Port of Tauranga
2	Charlie Champness	KINGHIT	134.200	60	Port of Tauranga
3	Hayden Elmsly	BROTHERS IN ARMS	114.800	60	High Duty Plastics

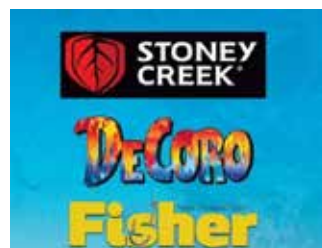
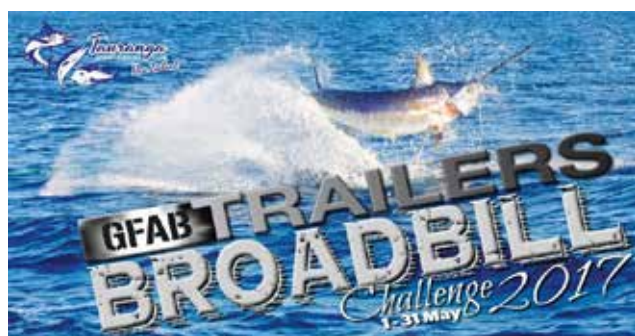
### FIRST TAGGED FISH

1	Micheal Easton	JANS DECISION	T&R	60	High Duty Plastics
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### LAST TAGGED FISH

1	DRAWN
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***Thank you to our Sponsors***



2016	STATISTICS	2017
29	Anglers	39
5	Fish Caught	3
0	Fish Tagged	1

**JULY 2017**

Lions v ABs	Sat 1st
TSFC Quiz Night	Wed 5th
Lions v Abs	Sat 8th
TSFC Mid Winter Christmas Party	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>
TSFC Annual Prize Giving	Sat 22nd

**AUGUST 2017**

TSFC Quiz Night	Wed 2nd
TSFC Great Gatsby Casino Night	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>
TSFC AGM	Sat 26th

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

TSFC Quiz Night	Wed 6th
Albacore/Puka Tournament	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> (Res Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> )
NZSFC AGM @ TSFC	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> @ Sat 16th

**OCTOBER 2017**

TSFC Quiz Night	Wed 4th
MONSTER Trout Tournament	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 8th
INTERCLUB Tournament	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 15th

**NOVEMBER 2017**

TSFC Quiz Night	Wed 1st
Melbourne Cup	Tue 7th
Snapper/Kingfish Tournament	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> (Res Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> )

**DECEMBER 2017**

TSFC Ham Night	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
TSFC Kid's Christmas Party	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec

**JANUARY 2018**

Hirepool Trailer Boat Tournament	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 7th
All About Construction GAME ON Tournament	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> , Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> (Res Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> , Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> )

**FEBRUARY 2018**

Fish n Chicks Tournament	9-10 <sup>th</sup> Feb (no reserve)
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**MARCH 2018**

TSFC One Base	7 - 10 <sup>th</sup> March (no reserve)
MOUNT ITM Billfish Bonanza Tournament	23-25 <sup>th</sup> Mar (reserve 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr)
Beach HOP	21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar
EASTER	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr

**APRIL 2018**

OKUMA Take A Kid Fishing Tournament	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> April
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**MAY 2018**

GFAB Trailers Broadbill Challenge	1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May
Hunting & Fishing Snapper Classic Tournament	12-13 <sup>th</sup> May (reserve 19-20 <sup>th</sup> )



# 2016/17 SEASON TAGGED MARLIN

DATE	NAME	BOAT
31-Dec-16	Jonathan Hill	Kyrenia
31-Dec-16	Trevor Richardson	Ocean Monarch
28-Jan-17	Jack Williams	The Weapon
29-Jan-17	Sarah Hamilton	Ocean Monarch
04-Feb-17	Campbell Carter	The Weapon
10-Feb-17	Anita Syben	Apteryx
10-Feb-17	Emma Keyworth	Jans Decision
15-Feb-17	Tania Spiers	Bandit
17-Feb-17	Don Simich	The Weapon
18-Feb-17	Vaughan Craven	Satori
18-Feb-17	Jonathan Hill	Kyrenia
19-Feb-17	Brian Stanbridge	Ocean Monarch
20-Feb-17	Justin Tombleson	Bandit
20-Feb-17	Alan Spiers	Bandit
22-Feb-17	Alan Davis	Satori
22-Feb-17	Campbell Carter	The Weapon
23-Feb-17	Micheal Cameron	Satori
23-Feb-17	John Bell	In Pursuit
23-Feb-17	Barry Jensen	Reality
23-Feb-17	Kim Curtis	Ocean Pacific
23-Feb-17	Don Simich	The Weapon
24-Feb-17	Campbell Mills	Kyrenia
24-Feb-17	Graham Beaufill	Lured
25-Feb-17	Vaughan Craven	Satori
01-Mar-17	Darron Connelly	Savana City
01-Mar-17	Dave Colhoun	Silvercrest
01-Mar-17	Francis Richards	Island Girl
01-Mar-17	Kyle Ericksen	Elevar
02-Mar-17	Kevin Stephens	Courageous
03-Mar-17	Nathan Rei	Kairos
03-Mar-17	Trish Cavanagh	Aspire
03-Mar-17	Michael Nelmes	Prowler
04-Mar-17	Barry Cawte	Desire
22-Mar-17	John Lemm	Desire
24-Mar-17	Kane de Raat	Cosmo
24-Mar-17	Gavin Parnwell	Crusader
25-Mar-17	Philip Eynon	Fixation
26-Mar-17	Philip Eynon	Fixation
30-Mar-17	Sam Hogg	Bandit
31-Mar-17	Trudi Batson	Crows Nest
01-Apr-17	Trudi Batson	Crows Nest
02-Apr-17	Trudi Batson	Crows Nest
08-Apr-17	Richard Burling	Fin-Addict
02-May-17	Mark Oberman	Black Beard



# BOAT POINTS

Most IGFA Points Between 01-Jul-2016 and 30-June-2017

BOAT	POINTS
Ocean Pacific	3970.18
Bandit	2217.49
Kyrenia	2053.83
Ocean Monarch	1602.02
Fin-Addict	1501.64
Crows Nest	1200.00
Bounty Hunter	990.67
Jans Decision	831.73
Fixation	827.17
Hard Out	800.00
King Hit	700.75
Reel Hot	674.33
Courageous	600.00
Cobar II	593.52
In Pursuit	508.50
Cosmo	455.20
Reality	454.70
Apteryx	448.32
Aspire	444.65
Men at Work	425.76
Gulfseeker	421.88
The Big Guy	420.50
Ocean Warrior	409.08
Aquarius	407.24
Crusader	400.00
Desire	400.00
Island Girl	400.00
Kairos	400.00
Lured	400.00
Prowler	400.00
Savana City	400.00

# ANGLER POINTS

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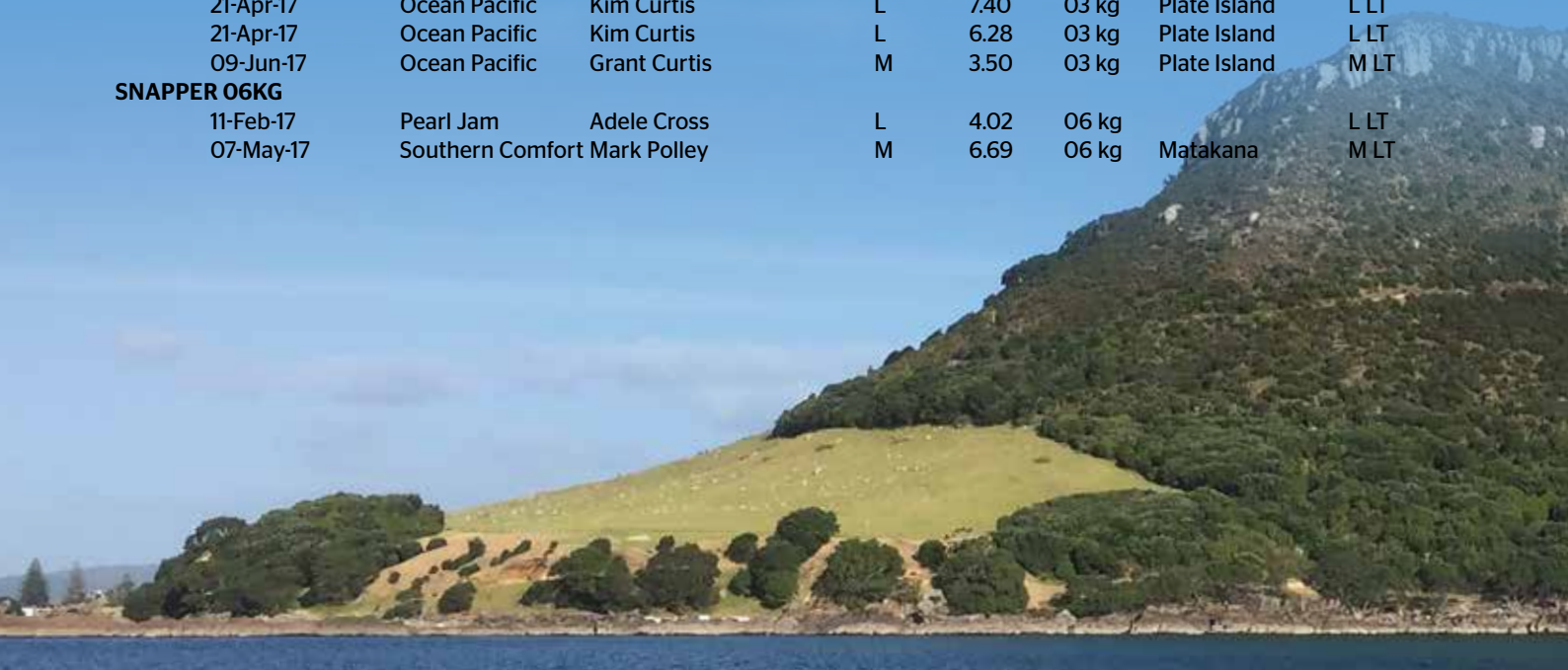
NAME	CLASS	POINTS
Kim Curtis	Ladies	2801.26
Mitchell Tomblason	Mens	2414.16
Trudi Batson	Ladies	1200.00
Karl Boielle	Mens	1008.38
Philip Eynon	Mens	800.00
Stuart Roberts	Mens	800.00
Grant Lewis	Mens	614.86
Jonathan Hill	Mens	607.17
Kevin Stephens	Mens	600.00
Paul McDowell	Mens	552.25
Hayden Elmsly	Mens	530.00
Michael Gibbons	Mens	500.42
Trevor Richardson	Mens	490.28
James Scott	Mens	477.08
Sarah Hamilton	Ladies	455.50
Anita Syben	Ladies	448.32
Trish Cavanagh	Ladies	444.65
Sam Hogg	Mens	435.50
Lawrence Flude	Mens	421.88
Grant Curtis	Mens	417.60
Richard Burling	Mens	400.00
Barry Cawte	Mens	400.00
Nathan Rei	Mens	400.00
Brian Stanbridge	Mens	400.00
Michael Nelmes	Mens	400.00
John Bell	Mens	400.00
Michael Easton	Mens	400.00
Darron Connelly	Mens	400.00
Emma Keyworth	Ladies	400.00
Kane de Raat	Mens	400.00
Francis Richards	Mens	400.00

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# 2016/17 SEASON PINS

FISH	DATE	BOAT	NAME	CLASS	FWT	LWT	AREA	PIN
<b>KINGFISH YELLOWTAIL</b>								
	02-Jul-16	Bliss	Kenneth Phillip	M	14.34	08 kg	Middle Ground	M LT
	18-Dec-16	KTs Kushla	Doug Simons	M	10.68	10 kg	Town Point	M LT
	10-May-17	Fin-Addict	Paul McDowell	M	33.50	15 kg	Plate Island	M HT
<b>MAHI MAHI</b>								
	02-Mar-17	Ocean Warrior	Draydon Layne	J	6.42	60 kg		J HT
	03-Mar-17	Aquarius	Matt Crosby	M	6.07	37 kg		M HT
	25-Feb-17	Ocean Pacific	Blair Lloyd	M	5.10	37 kg	White Island	M HT
	03-Mar-17	Non Pareil	Lawrence Stewart	M	9.34	60 kg	Alderman Rise	M HT
<b>MARLIN BLACK</b>								
	25-Mar-17	Bandit	Mitchell Tombleson	M	150.00	37 kg	Mayor	M HT
<b>MARLIN BLUE</b>								
	06-Feb-17	Kyrenia	Karl Boielle	M	336.10	37 kg	Mayor Knolls	M HT
	01-Mar-17	Gulfseeker	Lawrence Flude	M	225.80	60 kg	Mercury Island	M HT
<b>MARLIN SHORTBILL SPEARFISH</b>								
	06-Feb-17	Ocean Monarch	Louise Stewart	L	27.20	37 kg	Alderman Rise	L HT
	01-Mar-17	Crank	Melissa Ball	L	24.00	60 kg	Alderman Rise	L HT
	01-Mar-17	Bacchus	David Proudfoot	M	20.00	24 kg	White Island	M HT
	29-Jan-17	Ocean Warrior	Aaron Layne	M	30.60	37 kg	Rangatira	M HT
	18-Feb-17	Anarchy	Matthew Christie	M	26.80	60 kg	Waihau	M HT
	18-Feb-17	Anarchy	John Fergus	M	17.80	60 kg	Waihau	M HT
<b>MARLIN STRIPED</b>								
	29-Jan-17	Ocean Monarch	Sarah Hamilton	L	105.00	37 kg	Ohena Knoll	L HT
	06-Feb-17	Cobar II	Chris Thomlinson	L	102.80	37 kg	Mayor Knolls	L HT
	16-Feb-17	Ocean Pacific	Kim Curtis	L	122.80	60 kg	White Island	L HT
	02-Apr-17	Fin-Addict	Michael Gibbons	M	120.10	24 kg	Mayor	M HT
	24-Mar-17	King Hit	James Scott	M	114.50	24 kg	Mayor	M HT
	08-Apr-17	Bandit	Mitchell Tombleson	M	166.90	37 kg	Mayor	M HT
	26-Feb-17	The Big Guy	Matt Hewitt	M	128.60	37 kg	Penguins	M HT
	17-Feb-17	Sitara	Daniel Marsh	M	113.80	37 kg	Ngatoro Knoll	M HT
	31-Dec-16	Ocean Monarch	Trevor Richardson	M	110.00	37 kg	Ohena Knoll	M HT
	30-Jan-17	Seahawk	Morris Buckton	M	95.40	37 kg	Mayor	M HT
	23-Mar-17	Satori	Micheal Cameron	M	155.40	60 kg	Mayor	M HT
<b>SHARK HAMMERHEAD</b>								
	11-Feb-17	Bounty Hunter	Mitchell Tombleson	M	148.60	15 kg	Mayor	M HT
<b>SNAPPER 01KG</b>								
	29-Jun-17	Bandit	Mitchell Tombleson	M	1.56	01 kg	Okaparau	M LT
	19-Jun-17	Stingray	Mitchell Tombleson	M	1.06	01 kg	Rabbit Island	M LT
<b>SNAPPER 02KG</b>								
	30-Jun-17	Ocean Pacific	Kim Curtis	L	2.66	02 kg	Plate Island	L LT
<b>SNAPPER 03KG</b>								
	09-Jun-17	Ocean Pacific	Kim Curtis	L	9.24	03 kg	Plate Island	L LT
	21-Apr-17	Ocean Pacific	Kim Curtis	L	7.40	03 kg	Plate Island	L LT
	21-Apr-17	Ocean Pacific	Kim Curtis	L	6.28	03 kg	Plate Island	L LT
	09-Jun-17	Ocean Pacific	Grant Curtis	M	3.50	03 kg	Plate Island	M LT
<b>SNAPPER 06KG</b>								
	11-Feb-17	Pearl Jam	Adele Cross	L	4.02	06 kg		L LT
	07-May-17	Southern Comfort	Mark Polley	M	6.69	06 kg	Matakana	M LT



FISH	DATE	BOAT	NAME	CLASS	FWT	LWT	AREA	PIN
<b>SNAPPER 08KG</b>								
	22-Jul-16	Free Flo	Cade Burton	J	9.80	08 kg	Mayor	J LT
	22-Jul-16	Free Flo	Cade Burton	J	8.54	08 kg	Mayor	J LT
	11-Feb-17	Bliss	Rhonda Phillip	L	5.87	08 kg	Mayor	L LT
<b>SNAPPER 10KG</b>								
	30-Jan-17	Cosmo	Alana Duncan	L	5.52	10 kg	Matakana	L LT
	24-Oct-16	The Office (Lory's)	Leanne Lory	L	4.28	10 kg	Okaparau Reef	L LT
	21-Apr-17	Ocean Pacific	Grant Curtis	M	10.16	10 kg	Plate Island	M LT
	02-Jul-16	Varekai	Jonathan Hill	M	7.67	10 kg	Waikawau Bay	M LT
<b>SNAPPER 15KG</b>								
	19-Nov-16	Monaco	Oscar Parkinson	J	5.29	15 kg	Motiti	J HT
	27-May-17	Blue Moon 2	David Hunt	M	10.70	15 kg	Mayor	M HT
	01-Apr-17	In Pursuit	Aidan Brown	M	10.10	15 kg	Plate	M HT
	24-Mar-17	Vortex	Cameron Luxton	M	9.40	15 kg	Mayor	M HT
	27-May-17	Valda M	Graeme Neale	M	5.24	15 kg	Mayor	M HT
	18-Mar-17	Forty Bucks	Corey Aitken	M	4.90	15 kg	Motiti	M HT
	03-Mar-17	Ocean Pacific	Storm Curtis	M	4.48	15 kg		M HT
<b>SWORDFISH BROADBILL</b>								
	10-May-17	Elevar	Caitlin Holmberg	L	151.20	60 kg	White Island	L HT
	22-Jul-16	The Weapon	Zane Roderick	M	215.50	60 kg	Mayor	M HT
	03-Jul-16	Salt Shaker	Hayden Elmsly	M	203.20	60 kg	Mayor Knolls	M HT
<b>TUNA ALBACORE</b>								
	21-Dec-16	Reality	Harrison Still	J	11.52	15 kg	Aldermans	J HT
	24-Mar-17	Andros	Charlie Moores	J	12.94	37 kg	Mayor	J HT
	21-Dec-16	Reality	Sam Jensen	J	10.97	37 kg	Aldermans	J HT
	28-Jan-17	Freelance II	Mack Walling	J	11.26	60 kg	Mayor	J HT
	25-Mar-17	Ocean Warrior	Nicola Layne	L	10.52	10 kg		L LT
	27-Dec-16	Reel Hot	Patricia Lewis	L	8.92	15 kg	Mayor	L HT
	03-Mar-17	Ocean Monarch	Sarah Hamilton	L	13.32	24 kg	Middle Ground	L HT
	02-Feb-17	Game Az	Robyn Bell	L	9.28	24 kg		L HT
	01-Jan-17	Ocean Monarch	Louise Stewart	L	12.52	37 kg	Ammo Dump	L HT
	25-Mar-17	Ocean Warrior	Aaron Layne	M	10.62	10 kg		M LT
	11-Jan-17	Men at Work	Jamie Lee	M	10.58	15 kg	Alderman Rise	M HT
	30-Dec-16	Reality	Tim Graham	M	8.70	15 kg	Alderman Knolls	M HT
	05-Feb-17	Ocean Monarch	Doug Stewart	M	12.24	24 kg	Mercury Knoll	M HT
	01-Jan-17	Ocean Monarch	Trevor Richardson	M	8.54	24 kg	Ammo Dump	M HT
	02-Mar-17	Bacchus	Richard Dearsly	M	11.90	37 kg	White Island	M HT
	05-Jan-17	Freelance II	Raymond Green	M	11.38	37 kg	Aldermans	M HT
	18-Dec-16	Freelance II	Tony Drake	M	10.44	37 kg	Mayor	M HT
	03-Mar-17	Aquarius	Matt Crosby	M	11.66	60 kg		M HT
	17-Dec-16	Freelance II	Dean Sundborn	M	9.92	60 kg	Mayor	M HT
<b>TUNA BIG EYE</b>								
	14-Jan-17	Nightshift	Roanne Lumsden	L	78.80	37 kg	Rangatira	L HT
	11-Jan-17	Men at Work	Jamie Lee	M	86.00	37 kg	Mayor	M HT
<b>TUNA YELLOWFIN</b>								
	28-Jan-17	Aquarius	Brent Hogg	M	23.90	15 kg	Ammo Dump	M HT
<b>WRECKFISH HAPUKA</b>								
	06-Jan-17	Robot	Brian Grey	M	11.66	37 kg	Mayor	M HT





## NATIONALS 2017 – REPORT FROM THE MEN @ WORK TEAM.

We entered team MEN AT WORK in the 2017 Nationals with our team comprising of Greg, Micky and Jamie Lee, and Luke Dolman. In the previous 2 Nationals we had gone East and fished down Waihou Bay way with good but not excellent results, so this year we decided on a change of scenery and elected to go north and base ourselves out of Whangaroa harbour.

We were going to leave on the Wednesday/Thursday prior, but work commitments prevented that, so we decided to leave on the Friday at around 1.00pm. We had made arrangements to make the trip north with Team REALITY in close proximity as we were both heading to Whangaroa nonstop. By nightfall we were around the Mercury islands with REALITY a couple of miles off our starboard side. We tucked into a nice roast dinner and decided on a 2 hour watch each to get us through the clear calm moonlit night. You couldn't ask for better conditions. Well the 2 hour shifts didn't happen as I was having too much fun keeping an eye out for shipping visually, and on radar, so I let the boys sleep through. At dawn, I was relieved of the watch, and it was my turn for bed.

A very uneventful days trolling produced absolutely nothing, and we arrived at Whangaroa harbour at around 6 pm, almost 30 hours after leaving Tauranga. There we met back up with team REALITY, as well as some other Tauranga boats from time to time including BANDIT, TONKA, PAPPILION, and BLACK LABEL.

Sunday was OK but Monday/ Tuesday, the weather was starting to deteriorate making things a little uncomfortable, and despite trying every trick in the book, and probably a few that weren't, we still could not get any strikes. Even the skippies were playing hard to get, but that may have had something to do with the 2 super seiners, complete with spotting helicopter, working the area relentlessly.

Wednesday turned ugly, so we gave up trolling as even if we caught something, we were going to struggle to do anything with it safely. We decided to head for shelter behind an island and Micky and Luke were going to have a dive on a scallop bed they knew of. They dived on a couple of spots and came back with, you guessed it, nothing but a few kinas. Not quite what we were after, so we went back to Whangaroa to refill water and fuel and spend the rest of the day at the Whangaroa fishing club, along with teams BANDIT, TONKA and BLACK LABEL.

Thursday was a little better, so we headed out and south, and still with nothing to show for our troubles, ended up at a secluded bay in the Bay of Islands for the night. BLACKLABEL turned up just before dark and we both anchored up in a very sheltered spot. Luke loves his night Snapper fishing, and at last we had some success with some nice Snapper in the 6-10 lb range. Fresh fish sammies at last.

Friday dawned a nice day and we went out wide and headed south, intending to stay at Great Barrier for the night. Again, we weren't having much luck on the way home, and even the sausage rolls for lunch were cooked too long and came out half burnt. It's amazing what a bit of tomato sauce can hide. At around 1.30pm, out wide of the Poor Knight Islands, we were consoling ourselves with burnt sausage rolls in the cockpit, and reflecting on our lack of success with everything except the boys Snapper. Jamie was on the helm, myself, Micky and Luke in the cockpit, when "it" happened. Out of





nowhere, the big blue smashed, and I mean smashed, our starboard teaser, tearing it in half and making one hell of a splash right behind the boat. Needless to say, all hell broke loose as the Marlin stayed down and we tried to comprehend what we had just seen. The next minute or so was the most intense time of our lives as we waited for a possible hookup. I suggested we go around and back over the same spot, but Jamie overruled me and said these big blues can sit under the boat and have another crack at the lures when they are ready and opted to continue in a straight line. What a good call, as around 2 minutes after the initial hit on the teaser, the long corner went off screaming and it was all on. We cleared the rest of the rods, and Luke put on a gimbal belt, as we don't have a game chair. We got rid of it a couple of years ago, preferring a more even fight by fishing stand up. After the first hour and still hooked up, the Marlin jumped a few more times, so we were at least a little confident that we were soundly hooked up. Luke had the fish up to the boat at least 6-8 times but we just couldn't quite get the leader and gaff it. As the hours went by, and day turned to night, the fish still had plenty of boogie left in it. No matter how hard we tried, we just could not get the big blue to the boat. At around 9.00pm the line stopped trying to peel off like it had been. We figured that the fish had died and things were starting to turn pear shaped. We estimated we had around 100 meters of line out, but it was almost vertical and we were in around 350 meters of water. We talked about going round and round to try and plane the fish up, as we had heard of other boats doing this in the past. Jamie was on the helm still, and overruled us all and said we were going to go in a straight line and to let out around 500 meters of line to get a lower angle on the line. Jamie hit the throttles, while Luke kept tension on the line, as we ran out 500 odd meters of line. That done, Jamie kept inching us forward at about one knot by putting one engine in and out of gear time and time again. When things settled down and Luke started to put more pressure on the line, Luke managed to put the first bit of line back on the reel. As we were going forward slowly, and Luke was slowly gaining line, we knew we were back in with a chance of getting this fish. By now it was after 10pm, and believe it or not, none of us had a single beer in solidarity with Luke, as we didn't want to jinx anything. So still going forward slowly and still gaining line faster and faster, we could smell

success coming our way at last. Then around 100 meters behind us, up popped the big blue and we backed up to secure the fish. We could not believe such an epic battle was over, and with Lukes' legs like jelly, we still had the not so little issue of getting it on the boat without a shark spoiling our day. With our combined efforts, we managed to hump the Marlin, bit by bit into the cockpit and finally after an over 9 hour battle on stand up, and the fish on board it was time for a well-deserved beer. We had done what we set out to do, and this was our only fish, but what a fish it was. It was now after 10.30pm, and time to head for home, so the boys had a few more coldies and went to bed, while I did the graveyard shift and headed south. I did a bit of checking of the GPS during the night, and we had travelled around 10 nautical miles from hookup to boating the fish, with around 2 and a half NM in a dead straight line, and a dead fish on the end of the line. Dawn broke and we were north of the Mercury islands and my turn for bed. We headed for Whitianga to refuel arriving about 11am and stocking up on more ice. Then we steamed off for a 4 hour trip back to Tauranga, arriving at about 3pm. Word was out that we were heading back with a "fatty in the boot" and we were greeted with a huge reception on the pier, all eager to see what it would pull the scales down to. After lots of help to get the fish on the trolley, up to the weigh station we went, and onto the scales. As the scales settled, the weighmaster declared a weight of 318kg. WOW, time for another beer and put the fish in the fridge and deal with that tomorrow. Job done! On checking the GPS, we had covered a bit over 800 NM during the Nationals. At this time, we were aware of an even larger fish being caught out of Houhora, from the boat "GLADIATOR" going over 400kg. Unfortunately for that team, it was not caught under IGFA rules as the rear hook was lost in the gaffing stage, therefore it should have been disqualified, but was not. This issue is currently before the NZSFC as the TSFC has put in a protest that brings to their attention their own rules that clearly state that the NZSFC Nationals fishing competition must be run under IGFA rules. That being the case, this fish will be placed first in the Black/Blue marlin section, and not second as it is currently placed. So, all in all, what a blast, and all things being equal, we will be back next year and do it all again. Lets hope the NZSFC makes the correct decision.



# TUMBLES GRAND SLAMMER!

It's been an outstanding year for Mitchell (Tumbles) Tombleson who has been in the running for the Clubs top angler, won the Monster Trout Comp and has been perfecting his 1kg light tackle abilities at the end of the season. In fact it would be easy to say right now that Mitchell is one of the most versatile fisherman in the Club. Topping every other achievement has been securing the Billfish Grand Slam that consists of a Sword, Stripie, Blue, Spearfish and perhaps the hardest a Black Marlin in New Zealand waters. Mitchell accomplished a Black Marlin in the Billfish Bonanza earlier in the year. The fishing was hard and the water not great and plenty of boats were catching nothing. The slick crew on Bandit managed the improbable not only securing a Black Marlin but making the minimum weight of 150kg EXACTLY to complete Mitchells Grand Slam. A fairy tale finish for an angler that still has plenty more days on the water ahead of him. Congrats TUMBLES. We love having you in the club, and we look forward to celebrating this superb effort at Annual Prize Giving with you and the crew.





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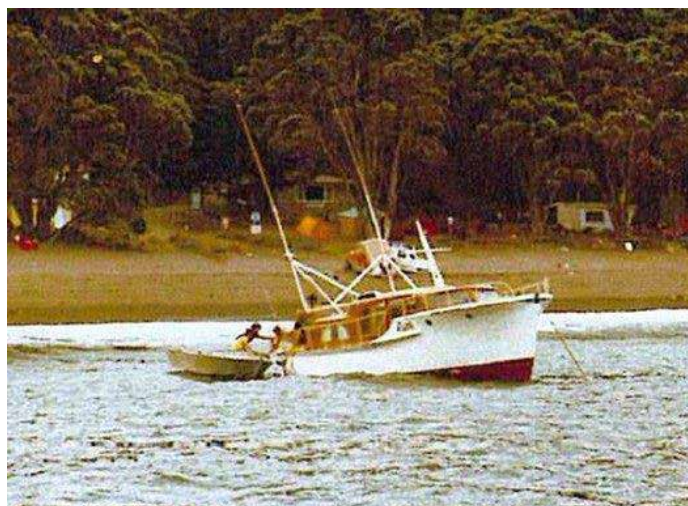
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# CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

## CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY

Outside of our events and tournaments the Club night is by far the best way of meeting and socialising with your fellow Club members. *Club Night Tuesday* has developed into an evening that is less focused on the fishing and more on having fun and being social. Ideally suited to new members no matter if you are a young family that has just moved to Tauranga or Senior member out to meet people and have a yak! Every Tuesday and Thursday there are lots of opportunities to winwin with raffles and Members Draw and you get Free Hot Fries on Tuesdays!

## CLUB NIGHT THURSDAY

*Club Night Thursday's* are just as social as Tuesday with a really great cross section of members, however you can usually find a few more active and not-so-active fishos "talking it up" in the Club, comparing stories, techniques and the next fishing adventure. If you are a keen fisho and want to meet some likeminded people, perhaps share a few tips and tricks then Club Night Thursday is for you! Thursdays there are lots of opportunities to win with raffles and the newly introduced Lucky Thursday Draw.

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# IGFA NEWS RELEASE

THE CHANGES LISTED BELOW ARE NOW ACTIVE!!

Detailed information regarding these changes is listed below:

## CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLING RULES

### ASSISTING THE ANGLER

The IGFA has added the following language to the section 3 of Disqualifying Acts: "Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off the angler. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification".

This change became effective April 1, 2017.

## CHANGES TO WORLD RECORD REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM RATIO REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to have IGFA world records better recognize outstanding angling achievement, the IGFA has established the following minimum ratio requirements for all new line class and tippet class world records:

For line class categories up to and including 10 kg (20 lb) and all tippet class (fly rod) categories:

- The weight of the catch must weigh at least ½ as much as the line class it is eligible for. For example, a fish entered for the 6 kg (12 lb) line class or tippet class category must weigh a minimum of 3 kg.

For line class categories greater than 10 kg (20 lb):

- The weight of the catch must be equal to, or greater than the line class it is eligible for. For example, a fish entered in the 24 kg (50 lb) line class category must weigh a minimum of 24 kg.

Minimum ratios will not be retroactive and records that currently do not meet the new minimum weight requirements will not be retired. Records listed in the 2017 World Record Book and IGFA website will have a new column that instructs anglers what the minimum weight necessary is to establish a record for each line class.

This change became effective April 1, 2017.

### BACKING & TOP-SHOT

Previously, IGFA's International Angling Rules stated: "If the fishing line is attached to backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the lines."

The IGFA has made the following alterations to Equipment Regulation A:

- Title change from "LINE" to "LINE AND BACKING"
- Adding a new subsection that reads: "3. The use of backing is permissible."
- Adding a new subsection that reads: "4. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five meters of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line."

This change became effective April 1, 2017. \*

## CLUB KIDS AREA

Parents will be wrapt with the new area set aside in the Club to look after our young ones. With stacks of handy parking outside, kids menu and now a kids area, the Club would have to be the best place in town for a family outing!

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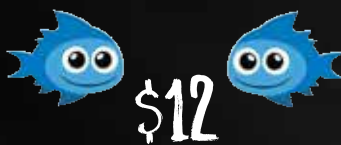
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## MENU

## LITTLE SPRATS KIDS MENU



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Ice Cream Sundae with your choice of  
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Crumbed Prawn Cutlets with salad,  
Aioli & sweet chilli 12.90 (DF)

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corn chips, sour cream topped with salsa  
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10.90 Add cheese & bacon 13.50

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Side of fries 3 (GF, DF)

Chicken carbonara – fettuccini pasta with  
chicken, mushroom, bacon & a creamy garlic  
sauce 19.50

## MAINS

Available after 5pm

Braised Lamb Shank with mashed potato,  
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Chicken breast with creamy mushrooms,  
warm kumara salad & green salad 21.90  
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Roasted Pork Belly with mashed potato,  
roasted veges, beans, apple sauce & gravy  
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## BURGERS & BAR MEALS

Fish & Chips

Fresh fish fillets in a golden batter with fries,  
salad and tartar sauce (DF)  
16.90 (small) 22.90 (large)

Beef & Bacon Burger – beef burger pattie,  
bacon, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onions  
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Chicken, bacon & Brie burger Crispy  
chicken, brie, cranberry, tomato, lettuce and  
aioli served with fries 16.50 (can be DF)

## SALADS & PASTA

Dukkha roasted vegetable salad with  
cashew nuts, feta, hummus & crostini 14.90  
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V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten Free  
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# The perfect BATTERED FISH

BY MANDY KUPENGA  
FOR FISHINGADVISOR.CO.NZ

*If you've never tried to make your own batter or you have but it's left you wanting for crispy goodness, then today's your lucky day. Here's a quick and simple recipe your friends and family will be smacking their lips over.*

## Ingredients:

1 CUP OF PLAIN FLOUR

A PINCH OF SALT AND PEPPER

1 TSP OF BAKING POWDER

NO EGG - this is the secret to keeping them crispy.

330ML OF BEER OR GINGER BEER



## Step 1: MAKE THE BATTER

Sift the flour and baking powder together in a medium bowl. Season it lightly with salt and pepper and mix together.

## Step 2: MIX IN THE LIQUID

Put in a small amount of the beer/ginger beer into the flour mix and stir. Start with small amounts and keep adding liquid as you stir it in. Be sure to get rid of any lumps and mix until you reach the right consistency. It will be thick enough when you are able to dip a teaspoon into the batter, coat the teaspoon evenly but the batter slowly drips off the spoon. (see photo)

## Step 3: COVER & COOL

Cover the mixture and let it rest in the fridge for fifteen minutes. The yeast in the beer will make the batter thicken up.

## Step 4: COAT THE FISH

Gently pat the fish fillets dry with paper towels to remove excess moisture.

First coat the fish fillet in flour. Coat it nice and evenly, all over the fillet. Gently pat down the flour onto the flesh of the fillet then gently shake off any excess flour.

Next dip the fillets into the batter and make sure they're completely covered.

## Step 5: DEEP FRYING THE FISH

You should use no more than 1ltr of oil or enough to fill the pot you're cooking with to half way (maximum for safety).

Heat the oil on a medium heat setting. You'll know when it is ready

if it sizzles when you drop a small amount of water into the oil.

**FA TIP:** *Never leave hot oil unattended!*

## Step 6: TURN THE FILLET OVER

Lower the fish carefully into the hot oil pushing the fillet away from you (so hot oil doesn't splash back at you).

Using a large long-handled spoon (with holes in it) or tongs keep the fish moving in the oil. Rotate it to cook both sides evenly, push it down into the oil.

Cook for two - three minutes until cooked evenly and golden brown in colour.

## Step 7: DRAIN AND SERVE

Drain your fish on a rack or paper towels to drain any extra oil. Turn off your stovetop and remove the oil from the heat.

**Serving suggestions:** Home made, hand cut hot chips.

## Enjoy!

I've been lucky enough to fish all around New Zealand and along the way have met some amazing people and picked up some awesome recipes that I'm delighted to share with you. Thank you to Tim Aspinall, Head of School at NSIA Culinary Academy for sharing this recipe.

**FA TIP** - *While you can cook multiple fillets at once don't overcrowd the pan or the heat won't distribute through the fillets slowly and evenly.*



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