



MATAMATA FISHING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT COMPETITION

13th and 14th December 2025

Weigh in 4pm - 5pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

17th December 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 team,

Welcome to our December newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Keith & Elaine Melville for their dedication and hard work that they have put into our Newsletters for the past 10 years. This will be the final newsletter they do for us, and we are so grateful for the time and efforts they have put into producing these each month for us. So, a massive thank you to them.

We are making plans for what's next with Club Newsletters so keep your eyes peeled for that.

A big thank you must go to our Committee for their work put into the November Competition. It was a huge success. Also, to our many sponsors we had on board for the November competition. It is greatly appreciated, and it helps towards the success of our competitions.

The turnout at our Club was fantastic, and it was great to see new members also enjoying the evening.

Also many thanks to John Price who auctioned some great prizes donated by Mower and Chainsaw's new owners Ryan & Krishelle Payze, the trailer load of Firewood by the Polley family, Fishing Trips on Reel Deal and Artemis kindly sponsored by myself and Glen Clothier respectively. And of course the overnigher on Savana City kindly donated by the Swap Family. Congratulations to the winners of those auctions.

Over to the fishing side, very large numbers of fish came over the weigh station,

including two fish over the magical 20 pound! These were caught by Sue Dixon with a fish weighing 8.270kg and Joel Hobart with another fish at 8.080kg. Kids Catch of the Month went to Miya Henderson with a nice snapper weighing 5.435kg.

Our incentive for the month was the adults \$1,000 prize for the Average Weighed Fish. With an average weight of 2.11kg this was shared by two fishos, Jacki Andrew and Ryan van Waveren. Unfortunately, Ryan was not at the Club so the \$1,000 winner was Jacki Andrew. The kids Average Weight prize went to Holly Henderson winning \$100.

Our December competition is always popular leading into Christmas. Our sponsors for December are J Swap Contractors, Comag Ltd, Golden Flow Honey, Indulgence Beauty & Spa and Grant & Sue Dixon. Your sponsorship is always greatly appreciated by our Club.

We have registered the Fishing Club for the Christmas Parade so please get your thinking caps on for any ideas. And if you want to be included in the float please let us know.

Also please remember to bring a gold coin or tinned food to our December competition to donate to the Matamata Food Bank. And yes Santa will be there again this year they tell me! How he arrives is still a mystery!

Let's hope the weather plays its part for the Parade and our competition.

Kind regards,
Phil



2025-2026 POINTS SUMMARY

OPEN POINTS

Isaak Crosland	866
Phil Stevens	664
Andrew Smellie	608
Hadlee MacPherson	575
Peter Nelmes	545
Stephen Butcher	540
Glenn MacPherson	483
Chris Henderson	457
Miya Henderson	425
Robyn Holmes	402

LADIES POINTS

Sue Dixon	366
Stef Atkinson	339
Scarlet Smellie	283
Jacki Andrew	277
Gerry Gordon	248
Nicole Andrew	146
Aimee Harland	102
Eileen Ward	91
Sharyn Clouston	79
Anne-Marie Harland	75

JUNIOR POINTS

Miya Henderson	425
Saxon Butcher	308
Mia Bungard	215
Lillith Henderson-Davies	214
Holly Henderson	210
Grayson Bungard	203
Archie Anselmi	172
Conrad Dalton	115
Lilah Harland	107
Theo Harland	99

LANDBASE POINTS

Steve Dench	122
Michael Autridge	81

KANES KAYAK

Steve Dench	23
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FRESHWATER POINTS

Stephen Butcher	540
Hadlee MacPherson	375
Saxon Butcher	205
Ryan Strange	199
Glenn MacPherson	129
Sean McFadyen	76
Peter Nelmes	75
Craig Osborne	56

BOAT POINTS – TOP TEN

Reel Deal	1,902
Grand Cru	1,800
Artemis	1,468
Hard Yakka	1,318
Above The Law	1,192
Team Butcher	1,020
Team Butcher FW	1,020
Lady Tiro	765
NI-Cam II	643
Dixy Explorer	642

SPORTFISH POINTS

Isaak Crosland	25.6
Peter Nelmes	16.1
Sue Dixon	9.8
Stephen Butcher	9.3
Joel Hobart	8
Phil Stevens	6.2
Andrew Smellie	6.1
Robyn Holmes	5.6
Miya Henderson	5.4
John Price	5.1

Santa Gifts

Kids will be getting a visit from Santa so parents please bring along a wrapped present with your child's name clearly printed on it, up to the value of \$10



Club Record Challenge DECEMBER

Fish: Jack Mackerel
Date: 3 November 1997
Weight: 1.41kg

Name: Mathew Dalton
Place: Mayor Island
Length: 26 years, 9 months

Proud Sponsors of

Kids Fishing



COMPETITION RESULTS NOVEMBER 2025

Junior 0-16

Paper Plus colouring competition 0-10

Paper Plus colouring competition 0-10

Junior 0-9

Junior 0-9

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Junior 0-9

Junior 10-16

Junior 10-16

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New World kids catch of the month

Paper Plus Eel 0-16 (Weighed in Live)

Special Average Weight - \$100 - Junior Only

Voucher

Voucher

1st Heaviest

2nd Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

1st Heaviest

2nd Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

Voucher

Voucher

Lilah Harland

Harper Baker

Theo Harland

Carter Harland

Fynn Autridge

Lachlan Autridge

Niko Baker

Miya Henderson

Holly Henderson

Conrad Dalton

Lilah Harland

Zowie Houghton

Liam Bracey

Miya Henderson

Lilah Harland

Holly Henderson

Snapper 2.610 kg

Kahawai 1.120 kg

Snapper 5.435 kg

Snapper 4.375 kg



Adult Landbase Fisho's

Landbase Snapper

Landbase Snapper

Landbase Trout

Landbase Trout

Dench Family Landbase Saltwater Challenge

Drone Fishing

1st Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1st Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

Steve Dench

Not Struck

Ryan Strange

Sean McFadyen

Steve Dench

Steve Dench

Snapper 4.405 kg

Trout 2.655 kg

Adult Kayak Fisho's

Kayak Challenge

1st Heaviest

Steve Dench

Kahawai 1.135 kg

Adult Fisho's

Snapper

Snapper

Snapper

Snapper

Snapper

Snapper

Snapper Longest Catch and Release

Snapper caught in the Firth of Thames

Snapper caught in the Firth of Thames

Trout

Trout

Trout

Trout

Kahawai

Kahawai

Kahawai

Trevally

Trevally

Kingfish

Kingfish

Kingfish

Gurnard

1st Heaviest

2nd Heaviest

3rd Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1 X Mystery

1 X 3 Bag

Longest Catch

1st Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1st Heaviest

2nd Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1 X 3 Bag

1st Heaviest

2nd Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1st Heaviest

1 X Mystery

1st Heaviest

2nd Heaviest

3rd Heaviest

1st Heaviest

Sue Dixon

Joel Hobart

Peter Nelmes

Bruce Andrew

Stephen Autridge

Robyn Holmes

Graham Hornsey

Aimee Harland

Nicole Andrew

Hadlee MacPherson

Hadlee MacPherson

Sean McFadyen

Ryan Strange

Isaak Crosland

Owen Henderson

Koopah Keoghan

Chris Bungard

Andrew Smellie

Isaak Crosland

Isaak Crosland

Beau Mitchell

Glen MacPherson

Snapper 8.270 kg

Snapper 8.080 kg

Snapper 5.705 kg

Snapper 3.470 kg

Trout 2.730 kg

Trout 1.335 kg

Kahawai 2.015 kg

Kahawai 1.845 kg

Trevally 2.165 kg

Kingfish 11.695 kg

Kingfish 8.270 kg

Kingfish 4.965 kg

Gurnard 0.805 kg

Continued

COMPETITION RESULTS **NOVEMBER 2025**

John Dory
Other Fish
Laurent Motors Average Weight
Phil's Motorcycles Catch of the Month
Special Average Weight - \$1000 - Adult Only

1st Heaviest
1st Heaviest
Voucher
Voucher

Not Struck
Isaak Crosland
Isaak Crosland
Sue Dixon
Jacki Andrew

Barracouta 4.915 kg

Lucky Member Draw

Lucky Member Draw \$100
Lucky Member Draw Jackpot

\$200

Lynley Autridge
Not Struck

Number of Anglers

61

Number of Fish

239

Total Weight of Fish

492.159 kg

Average Weight

2.051 kg



Thanks
TO OUR NOVEMBER 2025 SPONSORS

J Swap Contractors

MacDonald Family

Allen Cossill Car Painters

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Matamata Glass and Joinery

PGG Wrightson

Eileen and Greg Ward

Farm Source Matamata – RD1

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Bell Mechanical Ltd

Matamata Butchery

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CATEGORIES **DECEMBER** COMPETITION

Junior 0-9

Paper Plus Colouring Competition 0-9

Paper Plus Nippers

Junior 0-9

1st Heaviest

Junior 0-9

1 x Mystery

Junior 10-16

Junior 10-16

1st Heaviest

Junior 10-16

1 x Mystery

Junior 0-16

New World Kids Catch of the Month

Paper Plus Eel - 0-16

1x Heaviest

Paper Plus Eel - 0-16

1x Mystery

Adult Landbase FISHO's

Landbase Saltwater

1 x Mystery

Landbase Trout

1 x Mystery

Dench Family Landbase Saltwater Challenge

1 x Mystery

Drone Fishing

1x Heaviest

Adult Kayak FISHO's

Kayak Challenge

1st Heaviest

Adult FISHO's

John Dory/Gurnard/Trevally/Tarakihi

1 x Mystery

Kahawai

1st Heaviest

Kahawai

1 x Mystery

Kingfish

1st Heaviest

Kingfish

2nd Heaviest

Trout

1st Heaviest

Trout

1 x Mystery

Trout

1 x 3 Bag

Snapper

1st Heaviest

Snapper

2nd Heaviest

Snapper

1 x Mystery

Snapper

1 x 3 Bag

Measure Fish - Snapper Only - Photo Proof Required

1 x Mystery

Snapper caught in the Firth of Thames

1st Heaviest

Snapper caught in the Firth of Thames

1 x Mystery

Ladies Prize

1 x Mystery

GOLDEN FLOW SNAPPER CHALLENGE

CURRENT LEADER:

Sue Dixon
9.840kg



FOOD BANK

Please bring a can of
food or a gold coin
donation for the
Matamata
Food bank.

THANKS TO OUR DECEMBER SPONSORS

J Swap Contractors

Comag Ltd

Indulgence Beauty and Spa

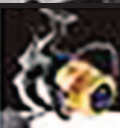
Golden Flow Honey

Grant & Sue Dixon





Sue Dixon with 9.840kg Snapper.



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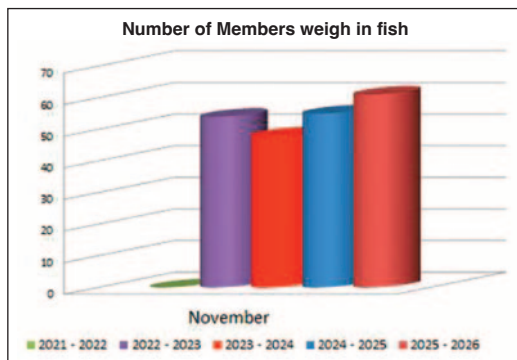
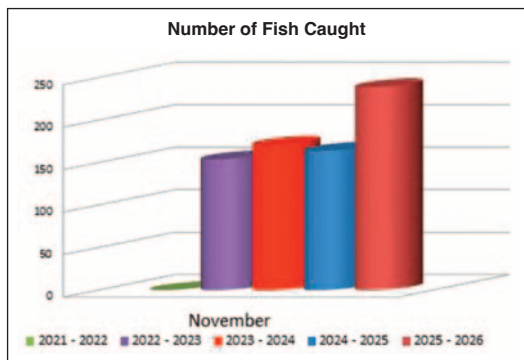
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DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	
Comag Ltd J Swap Contractors Golden Flow Honey Indulgence Beauty and Spa Grant & Sue Dixon	Riverhaven Farms Rod & Reels Repairs Begovich Builders Matamata Butchery Ltd Top Cru Stihl Shop Matamata Bob Autridge	
MARCH	APRIL	
Challenge 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	
MAY	JUNE	
Matamata Tractors and Machinery Phil Stevens Racing Whitehall Shoeing Company Piako Rural Services Ltd	Matamata New World Laurent Contractors Vercoe Insurance Brokers Kaiser Ag Ltd	
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	
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	
MONTHLY LUCKY MEMBER DRAW \$100.00		
Plumb Co (2004) Ltd Liquorland	Grant and Karen Montague MTF Matamata	

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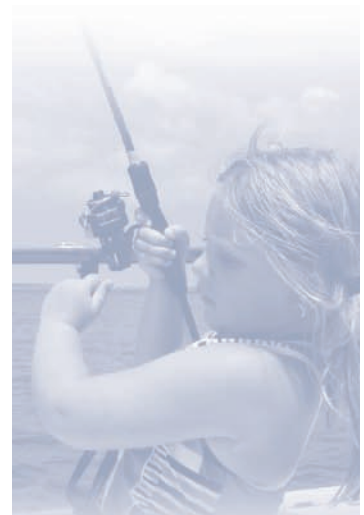
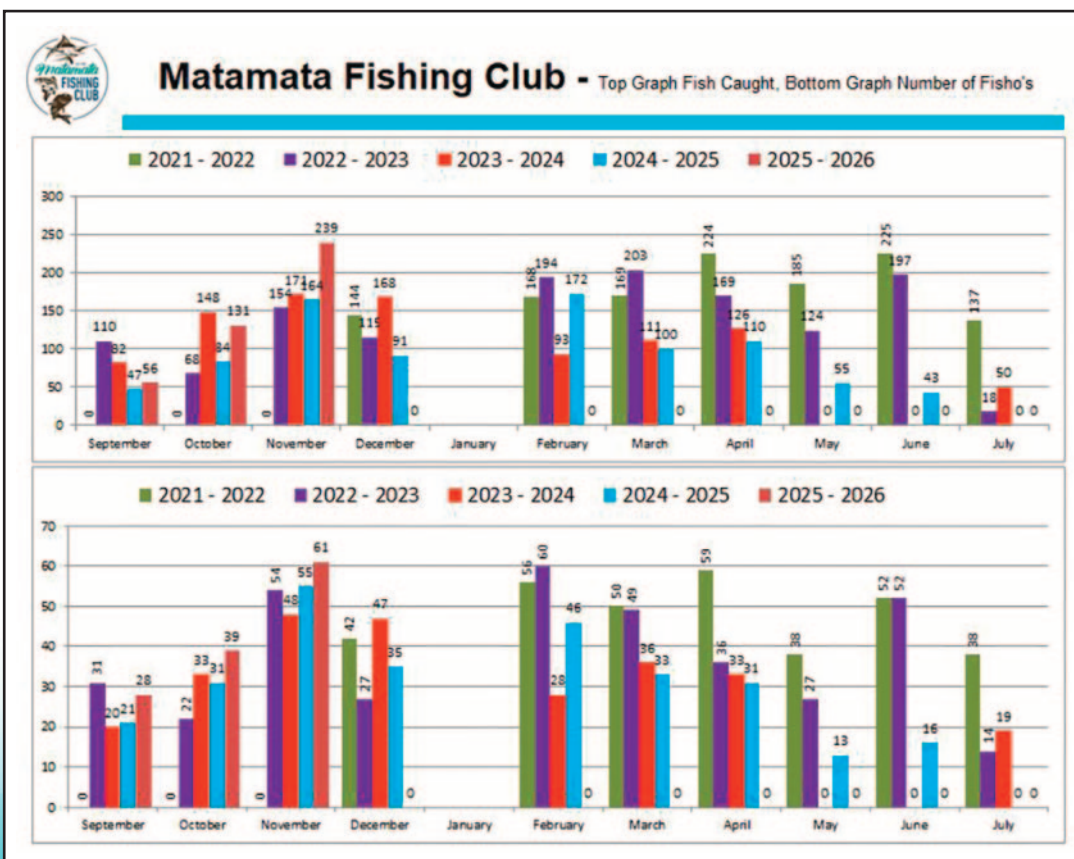
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Matamata Fishing Club - Fish Numbers Caught

	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Grand Total
Snapper	25	75	165								265
Kahawai	1	6	25								32
Trout	20	23	12								55
Trevally	3	13	12								28
John Dory											0
Gurnard		2	9								11
Terakihi											0
RedSnapper											0
Hapuka			1								1
Billfish											0
Kingfish	1	5	3								9
BlueCod											0
Porae		1									1
Moki											0
Mackerel		2									2
Eel	6	4	10								20
Maomao											0
ReefFish											0
Bass											0
Barracouta			1								1
RedCod											0
Rays											0
Sharks											0
Skip Jacks											0
Albacore											0
Other			1								1
Fish Numbers Caught	56	131	239	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	426



NEW LUCKY MEMBERS DRAW

– all members will be in the draw – you have to be at the Club to claim it and if not it jackpots

All Game fish are caught as per IGFA rules



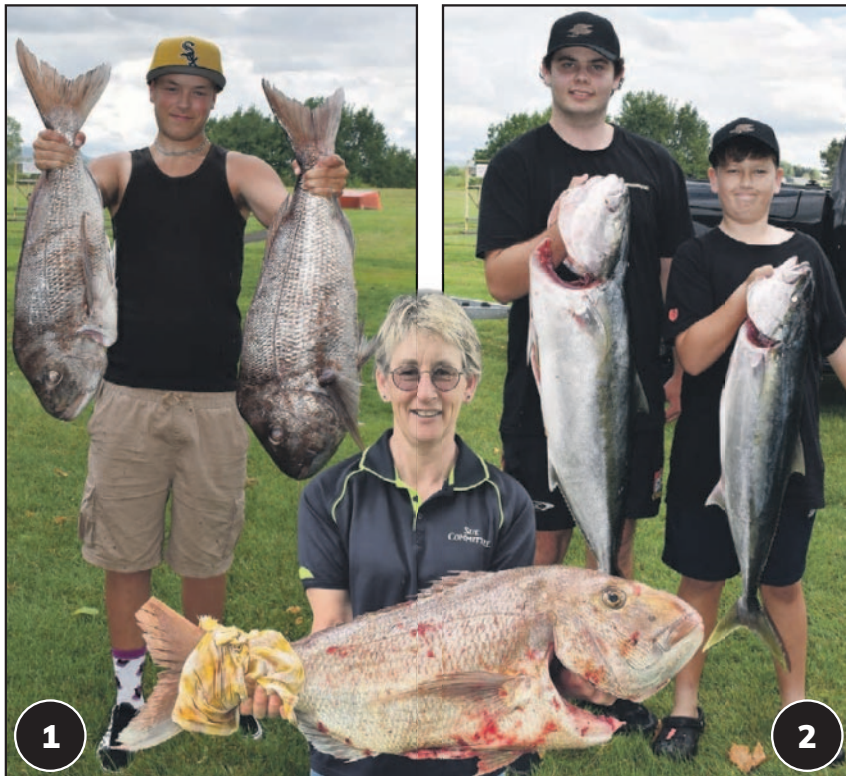
Current membership is 251

MEMBERSHIP CARD

Please make sure you have your membership card with you when weighing in fish! (Your membership card will be available from the weigh station if you haven't received one yet). If asked for, this needs to be presented to a committee member.

Send us your photos for our Facebook page / newsletters and your videos for the website matamata.fishing@xtra.co.nz

Here's something a bit fishy...



1. Koopah Keoghan, aboard Jelly Nelves 'Lady Tira', had a great day at Houhora – especially after landing a couple of great snapper. His best tipped the scales at 4.875kg.

Centre: Fishing at Raglan, Sue Dixon had been pulling up doubles all day so, when the last hook of the day snagged, you can imagine her surprise to haul in this beauty! Weighing in at 8.270 kg, it's the biggest snapper she's ever caught and she was stoked!

2. Cuzzies Isaak Crossland and Beau Mitchell headed off to Kuvea Island with poppa Glen Clothier. They are pictured with a couple of great kingis that saw Isaac take out 1st and 2nd heaviest (11.695kg and 8.270kg) and Beau, 3rd heaviest (4.965kg).

3. Pictured with her sister Miya's snapper (5.435 kg), Holly Henderson didn't do too badly herself – landing a beauty that weighed in at 4.375 kg.

Held over three days, Friday to Sunday, Matamata Fishing Club enjoyed spectacular weather around all the hot spots for the November tournament. There were record numbers of fish weighed in – even though some areas experienced challenging conditions. Here are just a few of the highlights:



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