



# NEWSLETTER

MATAMATA FISHING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT COMPETITION

13th and 14th September 2025

Weigh in 4pm - 5pm

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

17th September 2025

Check out our website:  
[matamatafishingclub.co.nz](http://matamatafishingclub.co.nz)



**PRESIDENT**  
Phil Stevens

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Graham Hornsey

**SECRETARY**  
Wendy Oliver

**TREASURER**  
Jacki Andrew

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to our new season.

A big thank you to our sponsors for the September competition, Matamata Mitre 10, Mark Wilcox Builders Ltd and Piako Rural Services Ltd (Jim and Wendy Oliver). We would also like to extend a big thank you to all of our sponsors, big or small, so please where possible, support these businesses that support us. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please let us know so we can work with you.

We have another great committee lined up for the year. Many thanks to Natalie Clothier for her two years' service to the committee processing fish weight entries etc, she has now stepped down, and we welcome back Eileen Ward and three new-comers, Grant and Sue Dixon and John Price. We are really looking forward to their input for the season. We have a very enthusiastic committee going into the new season and are always open to any new ideas or suggestions to improve the club so please come forward if you have any.

Recently at our AGM there were three rule changes to be aware of:

1. **FISHING BOUNDARIES** – for this current 25/26 Fishing Season the Boundaries have BEEN REMOVED.
2. **DRONE FISHING** – must be used with only (2) two hooks per rod or handline per fisherman, NO Long lines. NO FISH POINTS FOR ANY FISH

**CAUGHT BY A DRONE.** There will be a category in selected competitions for any fish caught with the help of a drone.

3. **ELECTRIC REELS** – may be used if you have a physical disability or only in deep water when fishing for deepwater species i.e. Blue Nose, Hapuka, Gemfish and Bass.

We will trial drone fishing for several months, the first being this **September competition** – there will be a prize for the heaviest fish caught by a drone. Please specify at weigh in if you have caught your fish this way. This will be reviewed by the committee at a later date – this was a suggestion forwarded to the committee and we have decided to give it a go.

Keep an eye out on our website and social media for other plans that we have for our competitions coming up.

Also, if you know of anyone looking to join the club please encourage them to register via our website or get in touch with a committee member.

Hope everyone can get out for our first competition for the season and make it a great start. Happy fishing and be safe.

All the best for the season.

*Kind regards*  
*Phil*

# 2024 - 2025 TROPHY WINNERS

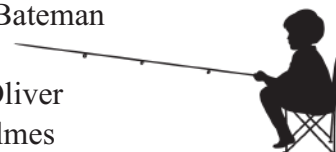
Open Champion  
Shore Champion  
Fresh Water Champion  
Junior Champion  
Women's Champion  
Largest Snapper (Boat)  
Largest Snapper (Shore)  
Largest Trout  
Largest Fish Not Snapper (Boat)  
Paramount Tyres Matamata Shield  
Most Points One Competition  
Largest Fish Not Snapper (Shore)  
Largest Barracouta  
Fishiest Story  
Presidents Cup  
Burley Bat  
Champion Boat  
Champion Boat - Freshwater  
Sports Fishing Champion

Heaviest Kingfish  
Heaviest Billfish  
Heaviest Tuna  
Junior Trout Champion  
Hard Luck Shoe  
International Trophy  
Time & Tide Trophy  
Hooton Tag & Release Trophy

Heaviest Fish Caught by Junior  
Kerry Mckinley's Most Meritorious Catch  
George Woolsey Cup  
S & D Builders Average Weight Landbase  
S & D Builders Soft Bait  
Golden Flow Heaviest Snapper  
Kane Kayak Cup  
Dion O'Leary Trophy

Phil Stevens  
Michael Autridge  
Stephen Butcher  
Hadlee MacPherson  
Sue Dixon  
Peter Nelmes  
Bob Bevege  
Saxon Butcher  
Phil Stevens  
Austin Oliver  
Peter Nelmes  
Michael Autridge  
Hayden Bateman

Wendy Oliver  
Peter Nelmes  
Reel Deal  
Team Butcher  
Holly Henderson / Conrad Dalton  
Michael Thomson / Zara Clifton  
Phil Stevens  
Grant Atkinson  
Craig Osborne  
Saxon Butcher  
Chris Bungard  
Grant Atkinson  
Gerry Gordon  
Holly Henderson / Conrad Dalton  
Michael Thomson / Zara Clifton  
Hadlee MacPherson  
Grant Atkinson  
Bruce Andrew  
Bob Bevege  
Greg Ward  
Peter Nelmes  
Aiden Titterton  
Hadlee MacPherson



You should have received an invoice sent out via email to renew your membership, if you haven't received this please email

matamata.fishingclub@xtra.co.nz

and we will arrange this to happen.

Many thanks for your co-operation in advance.



Number of competitions – planning 9 fishing competitions for this season.

July competition planned to be a hunting competition only – more details during the season.

## Competition Dates for 2025 - 2026 Season

|                          |                   |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| September Competition    | 13 September 2025 | 14 September 2025 |
| October Competition      | 11 October 2025   | 12 October 2025   |
| November Competition     | 7 November 2025   | 9 November 2025   |
| December Competition     | 13 December 2025  | 14 December 2025  |
| February Competition     | 13 February 2026  | 15 February 2026  |
| March Competition        | 13 March 2026     | 15 March 2026     |
| April Competition        | 11 April 2026     | 12 April 2026     |
| May Competition          | 9 May 2026        | 10 May 2026       |
| June Competition         | 13 June 2026      | 14 June 2026      |
| July Hunting Competition | 11 June 2026      | 12 June 2026      |
| Prizegiving              | To be confirmed   |                   |
| AGM                      | To be confirmed   |                   |

# 2024 - 2025 POINTS SUMMARY

## OPEN POINTS

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Phil Stevens      | 1,643 |
| Stephen Butcher   | 1,558 |
| Hadlee MacPherson | 1,187 |
| Isaak Crosland    | 1,063 |
| Grant Dixon       | 1,039 |
| Sue Dixon         | 1,034 |
| Gerry Gordon      | 875   |
| Peter Nelmes      | 815   |
| Bruce Andrew      | 789   |
| Saxon Butcher     | 675   |

## LADIES POINTS

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Sue Dixon       | 1,034 |
| Gerry Gordon    | 875   |
| Jacki Andrew    | 663   |
| Wendy Oliver    | 426   |
| Eileen Ward     | 350   |
| Sharyn Clouston | 330   |
| Zara Clifton    | 256   |
| Hannah Bateman  | 198   |
| Stef Atkinson   | 174   |
| Lacey Hawke     | 173   |

## JUNIOR POINTS

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Hadlee MacPherson | 1,187 |
| Saxon Butcher     | 675   |
| Austin Oliver     | 615   |
| Beau Mitchell     | 439   |
| Holly Henderson   | 358   |
| Sophie Henderson  | 236   |
| Miya Henderson    | 214   |
| Fynn Autridge     | 204   |
| Lachlan Autridge  | 195   |
| William Bateman   | 191   |

## LANDBASE POINTS

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Michael Autridge | 161 |
| Bob Bevege       | 159 |
| Steve Dench      | 106 |
| Brook Whitehead  | 54  |
| Terry Macdonald  | 25  |

## KANES KAYAK CHALLENGE

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| AidenTitterton | 33 |
|----------------|----|

## FRESHWATER POINTS

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Stephen Butcher   | 1207 |
| Hadlee MacPherson | 816  |
| Glenn MacPherson  | 403  |
| Saxon Butcher     | 377  |
| Bob Bevege        | 307  |
| Nadine Butcher    | 173  |
| Pauline Butcher   | 137  |
| Peter Nelmes      | 89   |
| Chase Butcher     | 67   |

## BOAT POINTS - TOP TEN

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Reel Deal       | 4,249 |
| Team Butcher    | 2,484 |
| Team Butcher FW | 1,926 |
| Dixie Explorer  | 1,892 |
| Extreme Limits  | 1,526 |
| NI-Cam II       | 1,520 |
| Bella           | 1,205 |
| Cruizin         | 1,147 |
| Whaley          | 973   |
| Orca            | 830   |

## SPORTFISH POINTS

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Holly Henderson   | 100  |
| Conrad Dalton     | 100  |
| Michael Thomson   | 100  |
| Zara Clifton      | 100  |
| Hadlee MacPherson | 23.4 |
| Isaak Crosland    | 21.6 |
| Ben Furness       | 19.1 |
| Phil Stevens      | 19   |
| Shaine Le Gros    | 18.5 |
| Stephen Butcher   | 17.1 |

**GOLDEN FLOW  
SNAPPER  
CHALLENGE  
CURRENT LEADER –  
could be you!**



*Eftpos machine –  
up and running*

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# CATEGORIES SEPTEMBER COMPETITION

## Junior 0 - 16

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Paper Plus Colouring Competition 0 - 9 | Voucher      |
| Paper Plus Sprat / Eel                 | Voucher      |
| Junior 0 - 9                           | 1st Heaviest |
| Junior 0 - 9                           | 1 X Mystery  |
| Junior 10 - 16                         | 1st Heaviest |
| Junior 10 - 16                         | 1 X Mystery  |
| New World Kids Catch of the Month      | Voucher      |
| Paper Plus Eel 0 - 16                  | Voucher      |

## Landbase Fishos

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Dench Family Landbase | 1st Heaviest |
|-----------------------|--------------|

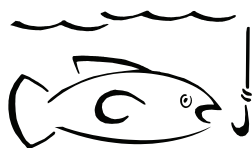
## Adult Fishos

|                                           |              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| John Dory / Gurnard / Trevally / Tarakihi | 1 X Mystery  |
| Kahawai                                   | 1st Heaviest |
| Kahawai                                   | 1 X Mystery  |
| Kingfish                                  | 1st Heaviest |
| Kingfish                                  | 1 X Mystery  |
| Trout                                     | 1st Heaviest |
| Trout                                     | 1 X Mystery  |
| Snapper                                   | 1st Heaviest |
| Snapper                                   | 2nd Heaviest |
| Snapper                                   | 1 X 3 Bag    |
| Snapper                                   | 1 X Mystery  |
| Snapper Firth of Thames                   | 1st Heaviest |

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fathers Day Prize                   |                     |
| <b>Drone Fishing – 2 hooks only</b> | <b>1st Heaviest</b> |

## CURRENT OFFICERS & COMMITTEE 2025 - 2026

| Position          | Members Name     | Started as of | Still in position | Service in Committee |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| President         | Phil Stevens     | 2023 -        | Present           | 11                   |
| Vice President    | Graham Hornsey   | 2019 -        | Present           | 11                   |
| Secretary         | Wendy Oliver     | 2023 -        | Present           | 3                    |
| Treasurer         | Jacki Andrew     | 2023 -        | Present           | 10                   |
| Club Captain      | Greg Ward        | 2023 -        | Present           | 12                   |
| Vice Club Captain | Grant Atkinson   | 2023 -        | Present           | 7                    |
| Patron            | Chris Bungard    | 2023 -        | Present           | 35                   |
| Committee         | Bob Bevege       | 2023 -        | Present           | 17                   |
|                   | Keith Ellis      | 2010 -        | Present           | 16                   |
|                   | Debbie Hornsey   | 2015 -        | Present           | 11                   |
|                   | Bruce Andrew     | 2015 -        | Present           | 11                   |
|                   | Stef Atkinson    | 2019 -        | Present           | 7                    |
|                   | Michael Autridge | 2022 -        | Present           | 4                    |
|                   | Jim Oliver       | 2023 -        | Present           | 3                    |
|                   | Peter Nelmes     | 2023 -        | Present           | 3                    |
|                   | Glen Clothier    | 2023 -        | Present           | 3                    |
|                   | Stephen Autridge | 2023 -        | Present           | 3                    |
|                   | Grant Dixon      | 2025 -        | 2025              | 1                    |
|                   | Sue Dixon        | 2025 -        | 2025              | 1                    |
|                   | John Price       | 2025 -        | 2025              | 1                    |



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# DECISIONS FROM THE AGM

17. **FISHING BOUNDARIES** – for this current Fishing Season 2025 – 2026 the Boundaries have been removed – this will be discussed again at the August 2026 AGM. The club has a 155km radius from the Matamata Post Office as the fishing boundary as per map in the back of this book. 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. Every angler will be able to fish outside the boundary twice (2) times per fishing season. If no fish are caught outside the boundary this will still count as a boundary crossing. Any fish caught outside of the boundary with more than 2 crossings will have NO points rewarded to them.

18. **DRONE FISHING** – must be used with only (2) two hooks per rod or handline per fisherman, NO Long lines.

NO FISH POINTS FOR ANY FISH CAUGHT BY A DRONE. There will be a category in selected competitions for any fish caught with the help of a drone. Please advise the Weigh Master when weighing these fish in.

19. **ELECTRIC REELS** – may be used if you have a physical disability or only in deep water when fishing for deepwater species i.e. Blue Nose, Hapuka, Gemfish and Bass.

We are trialling several competitions using a drone to take out a line from the shore with only two hooks attached – any fish caught will NOT GET ANY FISH POINTS – they will go towards the prize for the heaviest drone fish caught only.

Non-members fishing competition is planned for October – non-members will be able to fish this by paying a small entry fee – more information to follow.

We have one committee member that has stood down this year.

Many thanks to Natalie Clothier for her two-year service to the committee.

Welcome back Eileen Ward to the committee and three newcomers, Grant and Sue Dixon and John Price, looking forward to their input for the season ahead.



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

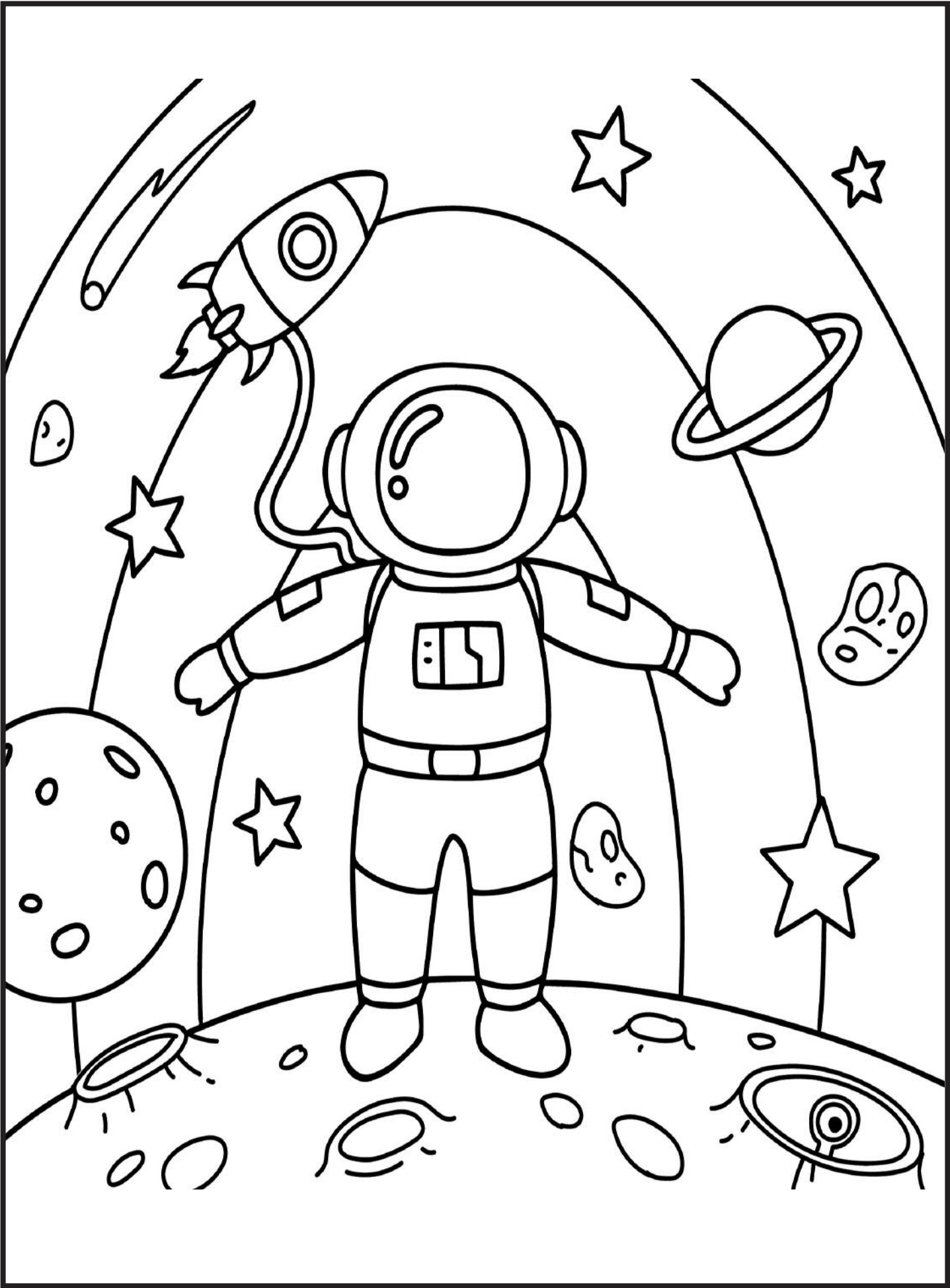
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| SEPTEMBER                                                                                                                                                                                                        | OCTOBER                           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

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