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Welcome... to the August edition of your club newsletter.

Life at the club is slowly returning to normal having moved to COVID alert level **ORANGE**. There has been a constant increase of activity across all parts of the club over the past three months. In fact June was our busiest month in two years! Things are set to continue to get busier with bookings in The Anchorage looking really strong ~ have you considered booking it for your next event? Thank you to all our amazingly loyal members who have supported their club during COVID, we can now look forward to a positive future however, we must always be prepared for another round of disruption and you can be rest assured we are! Sponsorship has always been a massive part of our club and we are blessed to have so many wonderful sponsors. Our income from sponsorship has increased 250% since 2019, amazing when you consider the climate we have all been operating in over the past two and a half years. Sponsors night this year was an absolute ripper! We raised a record figure from our Grid Map Auction of \$70,800 ~ fantastic when you consider 2019 raised \$25,150. This reflects the depth of support we are all extremely grateful for here at our club. To ALL of our sponsors from Members, Staff, Committee and Management we say **THANK YOU!!!**

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Team Sea-K
Awards Night 2022
(Photo Left)

The Pask Brothers
Dominated at
Awards Night 2022
(Photo Right)



Fishing News... The Broadbill Swordfish Tournament 2022 unfortunately saw no fish caught so all entry fees have been refunded. The Southern Bluefin Tuna Tournament is underway and ends on the 7th of August. Joe Stewart fishing off Sea - K holds the lead with 150 points at this stage. The Jackpot is sitting at around \$670. Don't forget the Month Long Tournaments have kicked off now with August being GURNARD month. There have been some changes to these tournament rules this year and they are now all measure only and should be good fun. Make sure you head to our website, or pop into the club to pick up a copy of the **amended** rules. While you are on our website make sure to check out our Tournament Schedule for 2022/2023 which is also available on our notice board at the club. We can't wait to get cracking! Our Annual Awards Night was held on the 23rd of July and it was a great night as we celebrated the achievements of our anglers. **Congratulations to all of our winners.** Full season results will be available in the 2021/22 Yearbook which is due out in September, *keep an eye out for it.*

Upcoming...

1st August
~ Month Long Tournament
GURNARD
25th August
~ AGM 7pm @ The Club

Membership... subscriptions were due on the 1st of August, if you haven't received your invoice PLEASE contact the office and the lovely ladies will get this sorted. This is also a good opportunity to confirm your details, including email address, are up to date on the club database. Feel free to call the office anytime to *check your details.*

Turn over for the Whakatane District Council Update!

Thinking of becoming a Club Sponsor? Call Mark Your logo could be here!



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Whakatāne District Council Update

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a couple months since our joint Whakatāne District Council/Bay of Plenty Regional Council information sessions, where we discussed the Whakatāne Sportfishing Club land lease, a potential increase to floodwall heights, future-proofing the CBD from floods and opportunities for leases at the new Boat Harbour.

To keep you up to date with what is happening in this space we will be keeping in contact with the Sportfishing Club Committee and sending through updates for your newsletter.

A quick recap

Whakatāne District Council owns the underlying land the Sportfishing Club sits on. The Sportfishing Club leases the land from Council and the Club owns the building. The land lease is due to expire in October 2024 (after a 20-year term). Whakatāne District Council also owns the building next door to the Fishing Club.

As we all know, climate change is a very real thing and councils around New Zealand are required to embed the effects of climate change into every decision they make. In a nutshell, it means councils must take responsibility for responding to climate change to help minimise the risk to our people, businesses, property, and livelihoods. Climate change research forecasts increased weather severity and higher flood levels from storms in the years to come, which means we need to mitigate the effects of climate change and how we manage this in the decades to come. One of the options the Bay of Plenty Regional Council is looking into is raising the floodwalls and stopbanks along the riverfront. Regional Council has done modelling which suggests if this option was to be implemented, the height of the floodwall behind the Fishing Club would have to be raised by 800mm.

With this said, there are some challenges for Whakatāne District Council with the Whakatāne Sportfishing Club site which District Council presented at the info sessions. These include future insurance costs, growing traffic volumes and no room for expansion, new buildings needing higher floors and the opportunity to locate at the new Boat Harbour.

Why have we started conversations with the Fishing Club?

This is your club and you have been here for a long time. We gave you the information early so we could work with you to ensure that decisions made about its location for the next 20, 40, 100 years are based off data and the current information available.

We know there are lots of you who will have a keen interest in the future location of your club. This is a big decision, and we want to help get the best outcome for all.

Action items on Council

When we last spoke, there were some good suggestions and a couple of aspects you wanted us to follow up on. These included:

- Getting a report done into spit dredging and whether that was a long-term solution (Whakatāne District Council).
- Sediment levels in the river and their impact on flooding (Bay of Plenty Regional Council).

Both councils are working on these and will report back when we have further information.

Again, thanks for your time, if you have any questions or feedback feel free to send this through to your Committee Chair and we will work together to keep you updated.