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

The new committee have settled in and hit the ground running! It's great to see a lot of positive energy heading into the start of the new season. Club performance and new memberships continue to be really strong so that's very exciting and hopefully this is the new normal after almost three disruptive years. Thank you to those members who continue to support your club! Sadly we announce the goodbye of our Office Manager/Club Secretary Linda Wright. Linda has been with the club for just over three years and we are going to miss her as she heads off to pursue a new career opportunity. We wish you all the best for your future Linda and appreciate the dedication you have shown the Whakatane Sportfishing Club these past three years. I am sure you all join me in saying 'thank you Linda, it has been a pleasure working with you!' Unfortunately we are not immune from the increase in the cost of living, we have seen increases in costs for over a year now and the committee have made the difficult decision to increase our bar prices to remain viable. Prices will increase up to 10% on some items. While this is disappointing, we still remain similar or below the prices of other clubs both locally and nationally. The Anchorage Bar is still proving to be the *private hire function facility of choice* in Whakatane. With Christmas and New Years approaching, bookings are filling up fast! It is now free to use the Anchorage Bar for your next function! Some conditions do apply so make sure you ask the staff in the office if you qualify. Book today to avoid disappointment.



Gibbos August Month Long Tournament
2nd Longest Gurnard Winner
Bob Buckton with
Club President Adrian Cooper

Fishing News...October is the final month of the Gibbo's Month Long

Tournaments for 2022. This month **Tarakihi** is the target species. Remember you can send a photo in any day of the month to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz make sure your name and membership number are in the subject field. Good luck and tight lines.

The committee have made the super exciting decision that we will return to our pre COVID Tournament Schedule, this is fantastic news and we are all pumped to get a drama free season underway starting on Saturday the 5th of November with the 7 Species Tournament. Keep an eye out for the entry pack for the 7 Species and also the new 2022/2023 Tournament Schedule. Make sure you send us heaps of photos of your adventures to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz You never know, there could be a special surprise awarded from time to time!

Upcoming...

- 1st October
~ Month Long Tournament **TARAKIHI**
- 7th October
~ **KAHAWAI** Prizegiving
7pm @ *The Club*
- 9th October
~ **BATHURST** Free to View
Biggest Screen In Town
Screening All Day

Membership...subscriptions were due on the

1st of August, if you haven't received your invoice or new card 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 in to the office anytime to *check your details and collect your new card.*
The 2021/2022 yearbook is out now.
Call in and collect a hard copy from the office or check your emails for the electronic version.

Keep up to date ~ the Club Facebook Page has over 7000 followers ~ are you one of them?

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