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WWGFC AGM and Privegiving was held at SYC on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 1 August 2015. The AGM was attended by about 30 members and another 30 odd trickled through the door for the prize giving awards ceremony. In reliable fashion the \$500 Presidents shout went down a treat and lasted until moments before prize giving commenced. The Appletons lucky draw for those that attend the AGM went to Chris Rathe, she was pleased with the result and I suspect Brett was a happy camper too.

Post prize giving the maiden marlin crew generously conformed to handing up their respective \$100 notes for the bar shout, good on ya guys.

Scott worked hard in the kitchen which resulted in a handy feed being offered to the punters.

The full awards list is as per the attached, but in brief it went a bit like this:

The monthly snapper draws were hotly completed for with April being the only month that no fish were weighed. The stand out of this lot would have to have been Dave Adams 92cm beast that he caught in December. Dave all entered the mana-driven prestigious 30lb club, as well as taking out the heaviest fish caught for the season for not only WWGFC but nationally between all NZSF associated clubs. This is a tremendous effort and it would be fair to say that all of us live to see the day we land a fish of that size.

\$100 monthly marlin draws were won by Trevor Ridley, Brodie Campbell and Anne Campbell. Anne and Logan weren't able to attend for good reason, but that didn't stop the Campbell luck from prevailing and Anne may never know that she also shouted the bar with a few drinks, courtesy of Brodie handing up some cash when the tab was running low at the end of the evening.

A number of club records were broken last season by Brian Colville, Steve Parkes, Lewis Hicks, Grant Hamilton, Peter Matherson, Tammpy Plumton, Max Steinbeck, Logan Jones and Poppy Steinbeck and a special mention has to go to small fry angler Tammy Plumpton who amassed four NZ snapper records on 2kg, 8kg and 10kg line weights, with the stand out fish being a 6.806kg snapper caught on 2kg line! This is a huge effort by anyones standards and to show what an achievement this was she awarded the most mertitis fish caught for the 2014/15 season.



This award was closely contended by top class fish such as a 235.2kg blue marlin, 58.2kg Yellowfin, 13.757kg snapper, 83kg Big Eye Tuna and a 107.4kg Bronze Whaler caught on 6kg so it was not an easy one to award, but we decided that small fry Tammy set out with her 2kg nylon especially to target a NZ record snapper and she found success. Naturally, Tammy took out the Small Fry Cup which was hotly contended by Logan Jones and Max and Poppy Steinbeck who was cracked club records too. Looks out oldies, our young gun members are pretty sharp with their skills and I suspect we will see plenty more of them in the near future. The junior cup is also pretty darn competitive and Korbyn Barratt took care of this award for a number of quality fish he weighed in during the season. Well done young man.



As per every year there is a common theme that you only have to catch one fish to win a whole bunch of trophies. Sam Jukes, fishing from Andrew Hamilton skippered Ellusive, popped his marlin cherry on an awesome 235.2kg Blue Marlin during the Whangaroa One Base tournament and proved the multiple theory once again.



Logan Campbell and his tried and tested crew on board Violator had an outstanding game fishing season and managed to claim 10 marlin, a YFT and two big eye tuna around the 80kg mark. It should also be noted that these are the first Big Eye Tuna weighed in for WWGFC. These boys did the miles to get the smiles. Violator cleaned up their fair share of awards and if anyone has some spare time it's worth looking at the history that Logan and Violator have embedded into WWGFC. Decades of success with no sign of stopping any time soon either, awesome!

Brett Rathe and his Assassin crew scored very high points in the nationals with a 4.5hr battle with a 107.4kg Bronzie on 6kg nylon. This was bitter sweet success as they lost one the previous day after the 3hr mark. No pain no gain!

If I had to write up every story for every award I would never finish the report, so we'll call it there and a big TOP JOB goes out to everyone in the club for carrying on with our passions. Our Records officer Cam Rathe had a tough job keeping everything in check and while the job goes unnoticed by most of us I can assure you that Cam is very keen on getting things right, so if there are any questions (good or bad) please get in touch with him. He will be more than happy to help.

Dating back to June the fishing that followed the Penn-10kg proved hard yakka and very few ventured out. Cam Rathe made the most of his time working on Kawau Island and had a bit of success fishing soft baits in the Takatu Channel and bagged some nice snapper up to 69cm in length, which was enough to claim the Hunting and Fishing \$30 monthly snapper draw.

Again things were slow in July and reports revealed that feeds for the table were being bagged.

We braved the elements one weekend and shifted coasts to the Kaipara for a spot of Gurnard fishing. The fishing was just as bad and with no mullet, one Gurney and a hand full of small Kahawai in the bin at the end of day one. I need of a stroke of luck we persevered the mighty Kaipara for another big day. Things started well the following morning with a full net of mullet followed by Cam joining the 20lb club with a Kaipara donkey Snapper at 83cm which was released back into 4m of water.



Estimated between 10kg - 11kg it had the typical Kaipara Snapper traits with a solid noggin and thick flanks. Just when you think it couldn't get any better we added 25 odd flounder to the bin and a couple of Bambi's - boom!

Tight lines and don't be shy to let us know of your adventures.



