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## The Lure is BACK! (almost)

We know you've missed us! So seeing it's Christmas, here goes a little reading material to get you through the festive season.

It's been a while since our last publication. A lot of stuff has happened. Fish have found their way to dinner plates, politicians have found their way on and off your t.v. sets (or twitter accounts for those inclined) and a car has been launched into space.

This issue of the Lure is a little nostalgic taster before we go to an updated bi-monthly (every two months) format commencing February 2019 so sit tight and I'm sure you'll be looking as forward to that as we are.

Anyway, enough chatter, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and enjoy your reading!



# President's Corner

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT on the 2017 - 2018 SEASON**

It is with pleasure, I present the **48th** Annual Report of the Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin & Haast Inc. On behalf of our Club members, our sympathies go out to the Rout, Pandey & McKay Families with the passing of Dave Rout, Rakesh Pandey & Ian McKay. It's been another challenging year for the Club. Our Club Financials are healthy after extra expenses this Year in continuing the replacement of conservatory area chairs, and bar glass washer; with the help of Bendigo Valley Sports grants. We have spent more monies this year on Fishing Competition prizes, fish weighing scales and Club Functions.

Increased costs have occurred with Legal Expenses, administration and printing in covering our club's responsive action to ongoing Marine Reserve proposals.

Many thanks to all **SPONSORS** who have helped towards Club Fishing Events, Social Events, Club maintenance needs, and general running of the Club. I urge all members to consider our SPONSORS when making personal purchases. Thanks to the following Sponsors : Wedderburn, Alert Monitoring, Stuart Street Brew Bar, Read Marine, Cableways Tavern, Liquorland, West Shell Sports Store, Elio's Gun Shop, NZ Fishing News, Bendigo Valley Sports, & Dunedin City Council. We should be also supporting our members who have their Own Businesses – **SUPPORT EACH OTHER** here !

Congratulations to our Club Trophy Winners for the Season and Mike Todd and his fishing crew in winning the NZ Shark Trophy for the NZ Nationals Competition.. Thanks to our Club Captain, Murray Muir, and our Fishing Committee, in staging 'Prize Rewarding' Fishing Events this last Year. The weather and sea conditions continue to be a major factor in holding 'planned' fishing events. This is why our local fish ecosystem is so plentiful.

Our continued support of the NZ Masters Games here in Dunedin has given our Fishing Club; New

Zealand recognition in staging the Fishing – salt water competition. This bi annual competition is great value for our community.

Your Club are active towards the proposed marine protection options from the South East Marine Protection Forum Group. The Club have held combined fishing and diving club meetings, combined commercial and recreational fishers meetings, plus our local Tomahawk resident meeting; concerning proposed type 1 ( no take ), closure of our beaches and two miles off shore for our family fishers. With the Forum proposals, no consideration has been made with the fact of huge 'health & safety problems' of small family fishing craft launching off our beaches. Personal meetings with our Government Ministers have also occurred. We the recreational fishers and endorsed by the Commercial fishing sector have given our option for the Minister to have Papanui Canyon as a Type 1 reserve. We still await common sense here. Our Club has held meetings to consider a possible South Island Peak Body for Recreational Fishers – options are ongoing.

Your Fishing Club has been actively helping with the Shark Research Programme by the Ecology students of Otago University. This ongoing research need is so beneficial for our local fish ecosystem research.

A huge amount of work goes into Social Events, Bar Management Duties, Raffle fund raising; thanks to all of those that have helped here. Special thanks to those who provide superbly cooked and smoked fish and game for our bar patrons.

Survival of the Club would not be possible without the help of those who help with Club 'Outside' Functions re: Weddings, Birthdays, & Company Do's. It's not only Bar Duties that's involved but the preparation prior to the event and the cleaning up after each 'fund raising' exercise that takes a huge effort from a 'selected' few members. We know who these people are – A Special Thanks here.

Thanks to those who have contributed in helping at our Club Maintenance Days. A great turnout by our Committee, 'seasoned' and new members in clearing the grounds, club room maintenance, planting and tree surgery needs. I appreciate the efforts of those that help with ongoing gardening maintenance needs; gutter clearing, sign writing, internal & external club repairs, plumbing needs, electrical maintenance etc. Because of our Conservatory is being used for valued financial needs of our Club, ongoing paint and repairs were needed – thus money was spent here.

The Club has website 'ownership' of **tautuku.co.nz**, **tautuku.org.nz** and **tautuku.com**. A huge thanks to Mark Fraser who is administrating our Tautuku Fishing Club **Facebook** page, with continued 'fresh' news & views for all NZ Fishers. The Club is continually getting many 'hits' on this communication site.

I would like to publicly **thank** – Mark Fraser, Sam Gowing, Ron Johnston, Grant Hutton, Murray Muir, Warren Mathieson, Garry Paterson, Ian Gunion, Mike Todd, Dave Knarston, Dave Henderson, Dean Stiles, & Phil Seque. – Your Committee and Office Bearers in doing a **'Sterling' job this Year**. I would like to acknowledge the help and encouragement from our Honorary Solicitor, Alistair Paterson(LLB). Great to have their talents available for our Club.

My Best Wishes to those members that have faced unexpected health challenges and unexpected work restrictions within this challenging Year. It has not been an easy one for these members.

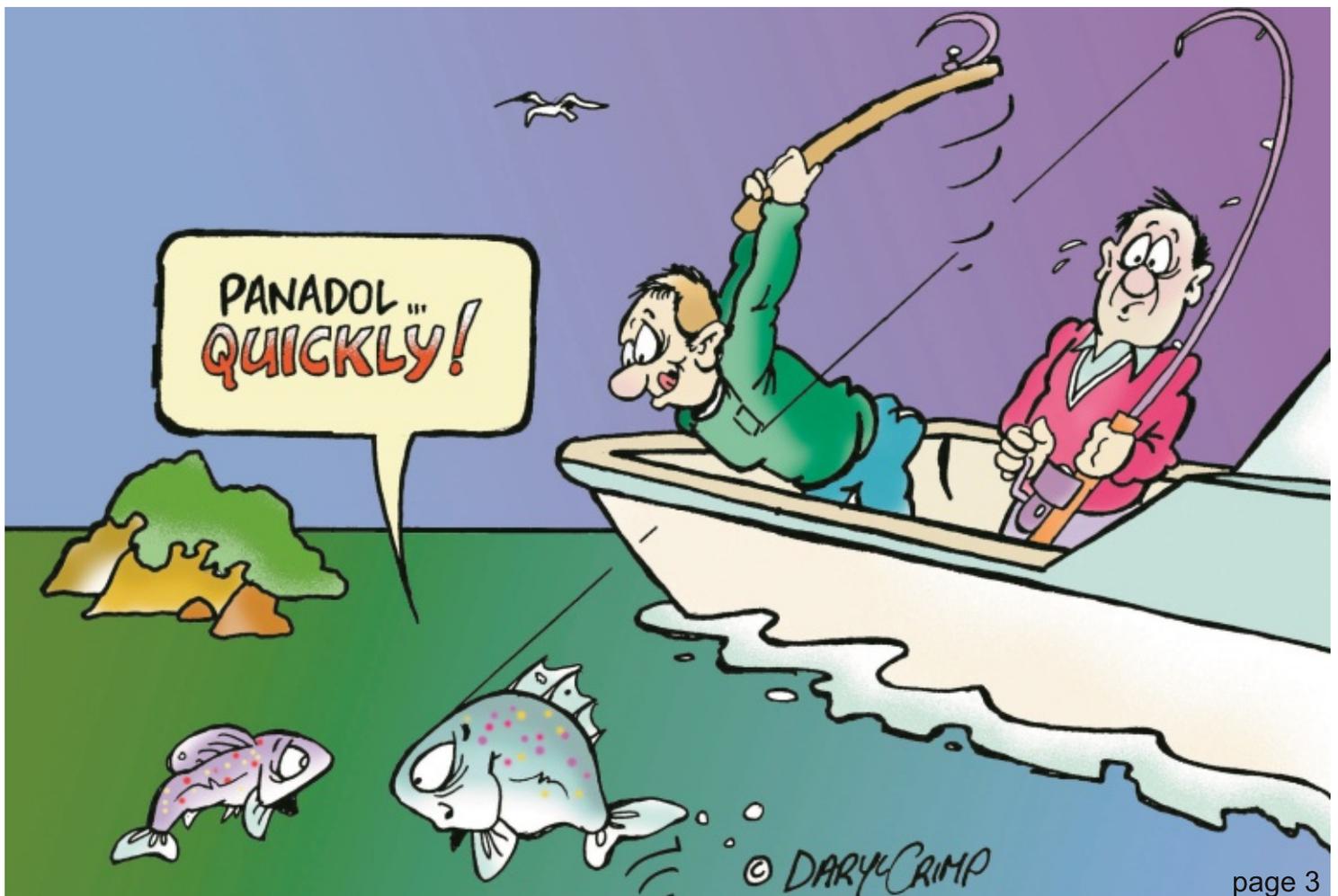
**Memorabilia is important** for our Club as a **record** of Fishing Success and the hard work towards the ongoing challenges the Club faced over the Years. My thanks for the various items & photos received. The Club's Historian is recording our Club History for future generations.

**This voluntary position as President of your Tautuku Fishing Club, has its 'highs' and 'lows', but does gain pleasure from the friendship from various members and I thank you for this, over the past Year. Thanks to Jude for her endless work for the Club and support you give me.**

Let's all look at some way, or a personal contribution, towards making this Fishing Club a huge success over the coming Year, for our members and the future generations.

**We have established a healthy 'platform' this Year for ongoing Club Membership enjoyment. Thanks to you all.**

**Brett**



# CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

A great time was had by all at our club's Christmas party on 9th December!

Food including lovely salads was the order of the day. And of course there was a visit by the man of the moment in traditional garb - not a hawaiian shirt in sight!

Thanks to all those who attended and for those who couldn't make it - there's always next year :)



# SOUTH ISLAND PEAK BODY

For those of you following the THE FUTURE CATCH: PRESERVING RECREATIONAL FISHERIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION initiative, Dr Randall Bess has met with multiple South Island fishing clubs and organisations to hear their views on forming a working group to explore establishing a South Island peak body. He has received several positive responses, some of which follow including our clubs comment:

“We consider it is essential to have a constructive voice for the recreational sector when addressing cross-sectoral challenges. For this purpose, we think the peak body concept is worth exploring” Larnce Wichman, on behalf of Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura in Kaikoura.

“I have witnessed many changes affecting the recreational fishing in Tasman Bay over the last 20 years. Personally, I believe a peak body to support the interests of recreational fishers would be beneficial to all of us in the long term” Michael Stump, President of the Nelson Dawnbreakers Fishing Club Inc.

“Having a voice for recreational fishers is difficult to achieve, but if successful the rewards could be felt for generations” Ross Megget, President of the Canterbury Sport Fishing Club Inc.

**“When resource sharing is a concern, it is important to have a peak body mobilising recreational fishing interests to provide Government and others with the best current advice” Brett Bensemman, President of the Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin & Haast Inc.**

“Only through constructive engagement as ‘one body’ with the government, other fishing sectors and interested stakeholders will we ensure the ongoing success of recreational fisheries” Mike Harding, Secretary of the Akaroa Harbour Recreational Fishing Club Inc.

“The Fiordland Marine Guardians respect the work that The Nature Conservancy is doing to get this important discussion going around the country, and its focused efforts on the South Island” Rebecca McLeod, Chairperson.

fish to beat

Blue Cod: Nathan Pitcher 3.56 kg

Groper: Ian Gunion 12.75 kg.

Coutta: Jack Todd 4.995 kg.

Child Trophy: Ruben Shaw 2.175 kg Coutta.

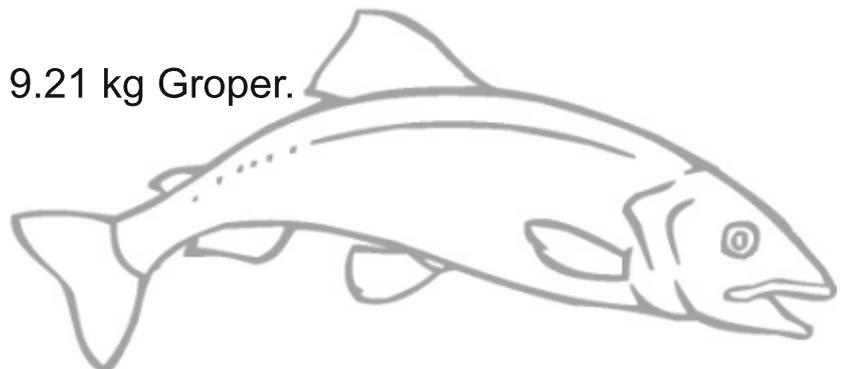
Youth Trophy: Jorja Hutton 5.09 kg Ling.

Associate Cup: Karen Beattie 2.880 kg

Ladies Trophy: Cate Bardwell 1.525 kg Coutta

Fly Trophy: Scott Tindale Snapper 1.21 kg on 1kg fly. ( WR ).

Winter Cup : Murray Muir 9.21 kg Groper.





New IGFA World record by Tautuku Fishing Club member -  
Scott Tindale.

Snapper 1.21 kg caught on a 1kg tippet flyrod.  
Caught on the Kaipara Harbour.



## FERGUS MEMORIAL XMAS CLASSIC

Friday Dec 21 – Sunday January 6th  
Prizegiving at 6.30pm Sunday 6th January

Prize and Trophy for the heaviest fish \$100  
(no game sharks – Tope sharks acceptable)

### Prizes

Heaviest Groper	\$50
Heaviest Blue Cod	\$50
Heaviest Trumpeter	\$50
Heaviest Jock Stewart	\$50
Heaviest Salmon	\$50
Heaviest 'Coutta	\$50
Heaviest Kahawai	\$50

***Please register with Murray Muir  
455 8808, Mike Todd 021 042 2300  
or Ian Gunion 027 488 1037 and  
organise with someone to weigh  
your fish!***

# Proposed new strategy for blue cod fishery

20 December 2018  
MEDIA STATEMENT

A proposed new plan to better manage the blue cod fishery has been launched by the Fisheries Minister Stuart Nash.

“We all know blue cod are seriously depleted in some areas. This is due to overfishing, our changing marine environment including pollution and warmer seas, and issues with their unique biology and life cycle,” Mr Nash says.

“The Blue Cod Strategy sets out a proactive approach to managing this popular fish species. It proposes to manage the blue cod fishery at a much finer detail. It takes into account wider environmental issues, as well as managing sustainability and the wider opportunities for technical innovation.

“Blue cod are treasured by tangata whenua and one of our most important recreational and commercial species. It has been fished commercially since the 1930s. Most of the commercial catch is taken by cod potting in Foveaux Strait and the Chatham Islands.

“The number of people taking blue cod has steadily increased over the past 20 years. Most blue cod live within a small home range. These two factors are causing depletion and a smaller average fish size in many areas. Tangata whenua, recreational and commercial groups are concerned that some local populations are being overfished and losing their habitat.

“Management decisions for blue cod have developed over time according to local issues. As a result, different regions have developed management regimes in isolation. This can result in inconsistency, compliance difficulty and additional cost. The objective is an abundant and sustainable blue cod fishery. The strategy has been developed with this in mind.

“Fisheries NZ officials have worked with a wide range of individuals and groups with a stake in this sector, including recreational and commercial interests, iwi and the Department of Conservation. They are all committed to improving the way we manage blue cod and I want to thank everyone for sharing their knowledge and ideas.

“Early next year Fisheries NZ will launch a formal public consultation process on some proposals outlined in the Blue Cod Strategy. I will wait to hear the results of that public consultation before deciding next steps,” Mr Nash said.

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More information, and the full strategy document is available on the Fisheries New Zealand webpage:  
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/sustainable-fisheries/national-blue-cod-strategy/>



Brett with Hon Stuart Nash

## Current Lines 12 December 2018

New beginnings; why does it always rain on me? Thunderbolts and lightning very, very frightening indeed, must be close to Christmas and the start of gamefishing season.

Recent happenings; Reminder Tag card reporting – please include the entire alpha-numeric sequence to aid recording, e.g. H12345.

**Good snapper fishing** has been found all around both coasts, east and west. With the magical weight of 20 pound being beaten with ease. The story has it that a local from Mangawhai lite a smoke, walked down the beach, stopped when his smoke ended cast his line there and caught his personal best 22 pounder. A good fishing story.

**After early highs**, two good yellow fin tuna, weighed over Labour weekend, and a significant increase in the numbers of slender tuna, a Yellowfin was caught on 21 October 18 by angler Hadley Greenhalgh weighing 78.10 kg, in the general area “Nine Pin Trench” for the Bay of Islands Swordfish club. This fish is both the first and heaviest for the season so far.

**Check out the new gift packs** from the good people at LegaSea. <https://shop.legasea.co.nz/>

The award winning Whitehaven winery have released a series of wines in support of LegaSea with the name Kōparepare. Kōparepare (pronounced – Kaw-pardy-pardy) – meaning, Gift, Present, or Contribution delivers Whitehaven’s promise that “Each bottle of Kōparepare enjoyed helps fund LegaSea and their commitment to have our inshore fisheries restored to abundance. It’s our gift to future generations”. And then there is LegaSea Larger from Moa breweries.

**Check out our new website;** [www.nzsportfishing.co.nz](http://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz) this is an ongoing project to brighten up our digital footprint.

**The Kai Ika** food project has won a Commendation at the 2018 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards in the ‘Transforming Food’ category.

The initiative sees fish heads and frames from Central Auckland’s Outboard Boating Club (OBC) recreational fishermen being contributed to the Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae Healthy Food Programme in Mangere. The Kai Ika project is a partnership between the OBC, LegaSea and Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae in Mangere.

Since its introduction in 2016, the club’s specially constructed fish filleting facility has provided 21,000kg of fish heads (regarded as Rangatira Kai ‘chiefly food’ by Maori) along with fish frames and offal to the marae for its healthy food programme. Having been run so successfully as a pilot at the OBC, the Kai Ika Project continues to grow and LegaSea, which represents the NZ Sports Fishing Council, plans to expand the Kai Ika project in Auckland through the support of Westhaven Marina and in Wellington through the Mana Cruising Club and local Iwi.

## NEWS FROM HOUHORA

Love it or hate it - the gate is up and it is already proving an asset for those Boaties launching and retrieving at the club jetty.

For those heading up this way for the holidays, you will need **GOLD** coins. Notes not accepted. Cost \$5 per launch & \$5 per retrieval, No eftpos available! Or you can join the club as a senior member for \$70 and tag bond of \$20.

The barrier arm has been installed so the club can maintain the boat ramp, jetty and erosion protection area for all users. Fully paid senior members of the Club who need to access the boat ramp or jetty have an option of entry through the barrier arm using

a car windscreen tag label. The “tag” will activate the barrier arm to open automatically when in proximity of the barrier arm scanner. Tags have been designed for members who launch trailer boats or require the use of the jetty to load or unload other marine craft, launches, yachts.

#### **Conditions for Tag Users:**

- Only one tag per fully paid senior membership per boat.
- To pick up tag please contact the club, 09 4097 7755 or email: fish.houhora@xtra.co.nz

Casual users: Will need to insert \$5 of coins to open the barrier arm, no change is given. (Gold coins only) There is no charge to exit the ramp and wharf area, the arm will open automatically when leaving these areas. **BE AWARE SECURITY CAMERAS ARE IN OPERATION AT ALL TIMES.**

**A southern bluefin tuna** released by Ryan Blakers off South Australia was recaptured by a longliner off Jervis Bay two years and five months later. It had travelled a straight-line distance of 854 nautical miles.

Read the full details in Issue 135 of BlueWater magazine.

#### **AMAZING GROWTH RATE FOR PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**

Pacific bluefin tuna have a phenomenal rate of growth, with juveniles doubling their body weight every three to four days! Over a lifetime of perhaps 20 years, they can reach weights of up to 500kg. Read the full article by Dr Ben Diggles in issue 134 of BlueWater magazine.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The Fisheries division of the Ministry for Primary Industries has changed its name and moved to a new address at the MPI campus on Maurice Wilson Avenue, near Auckland Airport. Please note the new postal address for all tag cards and recapture information: Gamefish Tagging, Fisheries New Zealand, PO Box 53030 Auckland 2150

**Mail to the old Auckland postal address will be redirected, but only for a limited time.**

***Please remember** with these sudden fickle weather forecasts we are living through we would rather you be safe than becoming a statistic, no fish is worth that much, let's be careful out there! Have a great summer.*

# Upcoming Competitions

## **NZ Sport Fishing Council Nationals; 16 – 23 February 2019**

Basically you are fishing for game fish (sharks, slender tuna, Kahawai) on light gear outside the Otago Heads. The competition is fished for over one week, but because of work and weather it may mean 2-3 days fishing.

If you wish to travel, one could fish for Albacore and Marlin out of Jacksons Bay which is also included as part of the Tautuku Fishing Club waters.

If you have not registered for the Nationals and you still wish to try fishing for game fish on light/heavy gear you can during this week! The Line Class Trophy and a \$50 prize is up for grabs.

## **Ladies Day/Associate Cup; Sunday 27th January Prizegiving at 6.30pm**

Open waters! Prize for the heaviest fish weighed!

Associate Members: \$50 cash and a bottle of wine

Full Members: \$50 cash and a bottle of wine

Any lady who takes to the water and weighs in a fish and doesn't win a prize will receive a bottle of wine.

All ladies who enter will go into an additional lucky prize draw.

***Please register for either of these competitions with Murray Muir 455 8808, Mike Todd 021 042 2300 or Ian Gunion 027 488 1037***

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Above: Grant Hutton & his daughter Jorja with her Ling 5.09 kg catch at the Club Christmas Coutta Hunt.



Right: Club Captain Murray Muir with his grandson, Parker Sinclair.