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Club Room Upgrade

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For those of you who have renewed or joined the WMSFC, you will have received the new electronic FOB's. These have effectively become your keys, and will gain you access to the clubrooms and the Boat wash. Please remember that you will still be required to de-activate the alarm. We hope to deal with that issue a bit further down the track.

In the Committees quest to improve communication with its members, I would like to ask any of the members who paid by direct credit, to simply email their email address to either Darrell or myself, as we did not get back the remittance slip which would have had that detail on it. Appreciate your attention to this matter.

For those of you who have been in the Clubrooms recently, you will have noticed the freshly painted walls and the new carpet. We are awaiting some new Bar Leaners, stools, tables and chairs. This will complete the re-make of the front area. Next on the list is the Bar and kitchen area.

The re- vamp of the Slipway continues, and we appreciate your patience, while the work is being carried out by 'Downers'. The whole Slipway area is starting to take on a very different look, and we as a Club are also contributing with the improvements to the Clubrooms.

Seabed mining has resurfaced, and all concerned parties, including the WMSFC are lodging submissions to prevent the application from gaining any headway.

Basically Seabed Mining Company, Trans-Tasman Resources, is re-applying for a Marine License to dig up 50 million tonnes of South Taranaki Bight Seabed every year, for the next twenty years. All in the quest to sell our rich Iron sands to the Asian market for Steelmaking.

Well the fishing has been patchy, but to be expected with the water temperatures sitting low and the Spikies are still abundant, but by all accounts a little less out deeper.

Snapper in the 4-6kg mark seem to be still around in close around the 8-12m mark, and obviously over good food areas. Blue Cod in good sizes 30-50m depths, but at times you need to drift with a 'Drogue' to locate them.

CLUB HOUSEKEEPING:

Please ensure the correct Colored bottles are put in the right container. There are only three choices, GREEN, CLEAR, BROWN...

This should not be too difficult.

Please refrain from dumping fish guts and frames behind the Blue Container.

Late last week I was in Auckland attending the 'On the water Boat show'. Had a small list of things I wanted to look at. It's held down on the Viaduct Harbour area and runs over four days. Went Friday and started on the inside exhibits over the three floors. It was certainly a maze to work your way through, and consisted mainly of Boat associated hardware. Stopped in on a micro jig talk, which was very informative and the variety of exhibitors was vast.

It rained for most of the time, so getting round all the outside and on the water boat sites was going to be difficult. Managed to get around them very quickly, but was disappointed that the very big superyachts that were there, you could not get on them. Invitation only the signage said.

Overall I was disappointed with the lack of access for the 'On the water' portion and specifically is aimed more at the Launch plus market and not the trailer Boatie.

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Cheers, **Brian Tapa.**

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FISHING IN CANADA

On a recent Business trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba I managed to take some time off, and headed out with friends to Lake of the Woods. Located in Ontario about two hours' drive east. They have a Cabin that's only accessible by Boat.

The Cabin is being renovated and additions being made, all in the name of creature comforts. Huge decks to enjoy the summer and views. We planned our first fishing excursion for the next morning, so sat back and enjoyed a beer.

Not an early start, but after a full cooked breakfast, we left their dock at 7.00am. After 30 minutes boating at a rapid pace we arrived at the potential spot. We use Soft bait type light rods and a small jig head with a live minnow threaded on. Basically you drop it until it stops and wind a few off the bottom and we use the small electric Minn Kota off the bow to troll around.

The daily limit for Pickerel is three per person per day. Well within 90 minutes we had our boat limit (6) fish, so we started using big spoon spinners to try and attract either a Northern Pike or a Muskie. On my very last drop still using a minnow, a very big 'Muskie' followed my retrieval up to the boat. I kept the minnow in the water and moved it around, but the 'Muskie' by this stage slipped back into the depths. This got my friend Dave all excited and was casting out the biggest spoon lures I have ever seen. But to no avail. The 'Muskie' was the biggest Dave had ever seen, 4-5 ft. With our limit on board, we headed home.

The next morning we had an even latter start, leaving the dock at 8.00am. Travel time was 20 minutes. Dave explained the type of terrain we were fishing over, and its bottom will claim a lot of tackle if not fully in touch with jig head. After the first two snags, I learnt the art and we both caught our allowable three fish within 30 minutes. In fact the fishing action was 'Hot'. They were all bigger fish than the previous day. Wonderful time catching 'Pickerel' on 'The Lake of the Woods', which is a vast lake system, that also runs down into Minnesota, USA.



A BIG THANKS

to all of you who supported the club and sold the raffles.

The results are as follows:

1st	Robin Brider	2378
2nd	Sam Waugh	4808
3rd	Brian	2824
4th	Sara/Clary Steele	4049
5th	Bob McLocklan	4234
6th	B Wills-Rawlings	2732
7th	Mic Don Ford	SYN 3110
8th	Lindsay Sim	1877
9th	Trevor Bailey	1191



CLUBROOM CHANGES

Some of you may have noticed the new and improved looking main clubroom area. A coat of paint and new carpet has made the room a more inviting and pleasant place to sit down and tell our fishing stories. We have also purchased new furniture that will be arriving soon.

The next area looked at will be the kitchen and bar area in order to make it a more modern and user friendly area.

The new fob access system is now up and running and we thank everyone who have already paid their subscriptions for this year.



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Those who would like a plastic membership card for use when out of town please let Darrell Healey know as a one off print of cards will be considered if there are enough members interested the cost will be \$10.



SLIPWAY DEVELOPMENTS

There have been recent developments at the Wharf Street slipway. The council has set aside funds to develop this area. They wish to beautify the area and make it more user friendly.

They have concreted the turn around bay, leaving provisions for the Mountain to Sea Cycle Way which will also come past this area. Also in this first phase, toilets will be put in for public use. At the moment the consent has been put into council for approval.

Ducting has been put in for new light poles to be erected so that there will be a lot more visibility in low light times.

The next phase will be planned and incorporated into greater port development.

The council have also purchased a barge which is on its way to Wanganui. This will aid in the ability to keep the depth at an acceptable level.

We will endeavour to keep you up to date with further developments in this area.

Good things come to those that bait.

