

BJA Classic Fishing Competition

For our first ever comp, it went well. Having our safety briefing on the main clubs social night, and having various fully kitted out fishing kayaks on display, meant that a lot of boaties got to see the equipment we use and get an idea of what it is all about.

The support from the sponsors (*listed below*) was fantastic, resulting in well over \$3000 worth of prizes, including a kayak and a \$600 voucher. As members, please support these sponsors and repay their generosity by shopping with them, they have the gear and knowledge to help us with our sport, and without them, these sorts of competitions wouldn't get off the ground.

Despite the weather, we still had 20 entrants in the comp. It's a start, and next year we will be a lot more organised and have advertising in place a lot earlier and in a lot more places.

Most of the entrants fished in the harbour due to the big swell outside, with the notable exception of Aden and Graham who both netted prizes for their fish.

Fishing was hard. In the end only 10 people weighed in fish, and nothing broke the 2 kilogram mark.

Photo's from the prize giving will be posted shortly.

The Sponsors

Johnsons Outdoor Watercraft (Ocean Kayak)

Viking Kayaks

Mission Kayaks

Kazkasi Kayaks

Waimarino Kayak Shop

Canoe & Kayak Mt.Maunganui

Hooked on Kayaking

Rob Fort / Slam soft baits

Top Catch

Sunny's Variety Store Mt.Maunganui

Graham Strange Cabinet Makers

The Results

Heaviest Snapper	1.370kg	Aidan Frew	Trophy sponsored by Waimarino
2 nd Snapper	0.665kg	Graham Strange	
3 rd Snapper	0.655kg	Kerry Hudson	
Heaviest Kahawai	1.675kg	Wayne Smith	Trophy sponsored by Canoe & Kayak
2 nd Kahawai	1.655kg	Andy Lawson	
3 rd Kahawai	1.370kg	Wayne Hall	
No Kingfish were caught.			Trophy sponsored by Graham Strange

Everybody had a good time, and we even netted some new members out of it.

See you at the next meeting.

Ross Haine

Chairman BKA