



2021/22 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To our valued MBFC members,

Thank you for another fantastic year of fishing, camaraderie and good yarns.

The great thing about the Mairangi Bay Fishing Club is that we were born in a Covid lockdown, so dealing with Covid challenges is second nature and when Covid restrictions again caused havoc in August 2021 we took it all in our stride. While unfortunately, we had to pull the pin on some competitions, our community continued to gain momentum. With individual and family memberships combined there are now just under 400 MBFC members.

Thank you to the committee members; Shaun Quincey, James Alexander, Matt Gillespie, Leia Murry, Blair Moore, Michael Buck, the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club and Colleen Rice and the bar team for all their work over the past 12 months.

As a club, we are always looking to improve and keep moving forward. If you wish to join the committee or contribute to sub-committees, please let us know. It is only with collective passion and insight that we will continue to thrive.

In the year ahead we have four competitions scheduled. The biggest will be the Mairangi Bay Classic (date TBC) with a shotgun start. We're aiming for 100 boats lined up across the bay of dreams!

We are fortunate to maintain continued sponsorship from Shimano, Penn, and Hunting and Fishing (which gives all MBFC members a 10% discount on fishing products). Given the challenges of the past few years, this ongoing support and the provision of such awesome products as prizes is much appreciated.

We also continue our partnership with Aaron and Penny Styles and the Just Another Fisherman team. The JAF Club Collection means we now see kitted-out members representing MBFC locally and further afield. Keep an eye out for the new season merch coming soon!

Thanks to our supportive trophy sponsors we now have over 16 trophies in the cabinet – that's over \$3,000 of silverware! Plans for more trophies are in the pipeline.

As we move forward, most competitions will be measure-based. This highlights our ongoing focus on sustainability and looking after the Hauraki Gulf for our kids and the future.

Once again, thank you for supporting MBFC and here's to a good year ahead both on and off the water. We look forward to connecting with you all at our club nights, via the MBFC private Facebook group, and across the MBFC Instagram account.

Finally, if you haven't already, please take action now to renew your 2022/2023 membership at www.mairangibayfishingclub.co.nz/membership/

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