



Commodores Corner

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April 2020

Hello all, HOLLY ####, how things have changed in 4 weeks since we last talked.

On behalf of your committee we would like to wish you all the best in these trying times, stay safe, stay in your bubble, and enjoy your extended family time.

I know when this first started a number of us planned a couple of fishing days, over the first week or so, this was soon squashed as covid 19 took hold (for the best).

Due to social distancing we are having no club events this month, no fish will be eligible for weighing at our weigh station or for the overall heaviest fish for the season, the weigh stations are closed until further notice, we expect the club tractor to be parked up with no use as no one is allowed to be out fishing.

Our "take a kid fishing trip" with our 5 schools from within the Wairarapa has

been put on hold for a few months until things settles down. It's a great time to do that maintenance on your boat, check your life jackets, charge the batteries, (replace your winch motor eye commodore), check wheel bearings and hubs (eye heath), check your flares, anchor rope etc, if all else fails you will spend a couple of hours in your boat.

Re-tie those leading lines on your reels, make up some new traces, even give those reels a service and clean. I know full well that we are going to have a lot of laughs as the rest of this newsletter rolls out.

A very BIG thanks to Mark for all your great work on this newsletter, you might not be any good at fishing but man you sure can write a great newsletter.

To everyone out there, be safe and remember that this is only 4-6 weeks within your potential 95 years of life. Until after the covid.

Commodore Gary

(Now that Wiremu's Waka is back at Ngawi, watch this space Commodore Gary ☺ ED.)

**NEXT COMPETITION DATE:
Club Weekend 23RD & 24TH MAY
2020**

Radio WatchChannel 4.

First call up from 7.30 am

WeighMaster.

Brendan and Liz Walker 33 Grey

Street Martinborough 06 306 9615 ☎



It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053, when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this wasn't just any ordinary day! This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper his parents bought in the year 2020.

Towing Boats and Trailer Troubles - A Survival Kit



It was something Grant Dixon learned from his father and was further reinforced by a stint in the Scouts – always be prepared.

For the family boat, a six-metre glass-over-ply Pelin Nomad powered by a 150 Mercury straight six – known affectionately as the 'tower of power' – Dad carried spares for almost everything and had a separate tool box dedicated to just the trailer and towing. It, combined with his mechanical skills, proved to be the saviour of many trips – both ours and others.

With the intervals between WoF's now extended, I suspect trailers don't get the checks they once did, certainly not officially at the testing station or garage. Saltwater can do a lot of damage in 12 months if left unchecked.

I get to do plenty of miles each year with either my own or one of the two company project boats on behind and my trailer toolbox, always kept in the back of my Ford Ranger, has saved me 'doing porridge' on the roadside on several occasions.



So what is in the kit?

Wheel brace

Wheel nuts can be difficult to remove, especially if they have not been undone for some time. A decent wheel brace enables you to put plenty of leverage on them to get them moving.

CRC Noxy or CRC Marine 66

This spray-on product prevents corrosion, drives out moisture, frees corroded parts and lubricates, and the Marine 66 can also be used as an engine starter. It will help free up wheel nuts and prevent corrosion in electrical trailer plugs. It has multiple uses around vehicles and boats. A small container of marine grease is also included for lubricating.

Winch handle

There are some miserable buggers out there and on a couple of occasions I have returned to the ramp only to find the handle missing off the winch, forcing me to use a set of vice grips as an emergency handle to retrieve the boat, or float it onto the trailer. Sometimes handles will work loose on the road, so a small zip-lock bag containing space circlips can save your bacon.

Tools

These consist of an adjustable spanner large enough to deal to the towball nut; a large set of vicegrips to prevent the towball turning when removing/doing up the nut; and a smaller pair of pliers to loosen the safety shackle that was once only finger tight but with a bit of corrosion and time refuses to budge.

Tip – get a bit of stainless rod around six-eight centimetres in length, turn over one end and poke the other through the eye of the shackle pin, before turning that end over. A piece of brass rod and even a galvanised nail will do – it gives you some purchase on the shackle pin.

Bottle Jack

Car jacks are not always suitable for raising boat trailers high enough to remove a flat tyre. I carry a four-tonne bottle jack, plus several different thick blocks to use as packers and a secure base when jacking up the trailer.

Tip – loosen the wheel nuts before you raise the trailer.

Small tarpaulin

This is not necessary but it offers some protection from the ground, especially if you have pulled up on a metal road verge, or if it is wet and muddy.

Tow rope

Anyone who has done any amount of beach launching and has become stuck in the sand will appreciate one of these for either towing the vehicle and boat out of the mire, or when unhitching the trailer out separately via a suitable length of rope or strop.

Jump start set

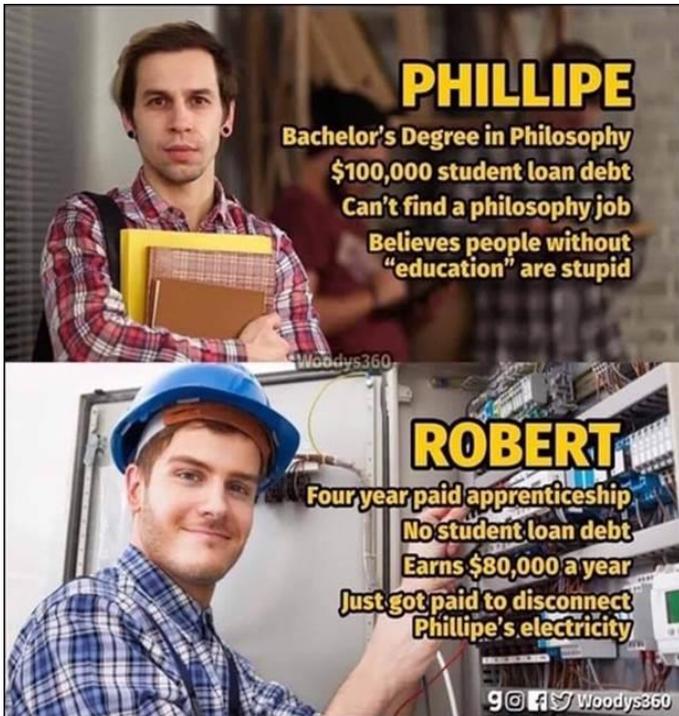
I carry a Schumacher jump kit. I haven't needed it myself but I have made several friends at the ramp when I have helped other boaties to jump their reluctant engines into life. Previously I always carried jump cables, but the emergency start packs are far more convenient – provided you keep them charged up! The pack doubles as a torch, illuminating your working space if you have come to grief after dark.

Other spares

Also carried is a spare prop flag – the law states if your outboard extends more than 1.5 metres beyond your trailer lights, you must have a flag fitted and after hours and this must be lit. Driving around, it is not uncommon to see these flags lying on the roadside having become detached from around the prop.

A couple of ratcheted tie-downs, a winch rope, an old towel, a D-shackle, work gloves and a handful of cable ties completes my tow kit, which is contained in a lidded bin.

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Charlie Baldwin was inconsolable when his dog went missing. His wife says, "Why not put an advertisement in the paper?" Charlie does this but is very upset when he hasn't heard anything after 2 weeks.

"What did you put in the paper?" asks his trusting wife.
 "Here boy", replies Charlie.

Anderson family fishing trip.

At the end of last year 3 generations of Anderson's headed up the East cape to Ranfurly banks, a place they've always dreamed to fish.

After a mammoth 8 hr drive they headed out the next morning with Mick from club talk charters and had a spectacular day. Mick and his crew worked hard to put them on the fish all day. The highlight was the 68kg Bass they caught and there was also many PB's among the group.... the youngest Cody (see pic) caught his biggest ever fish early on in the day.

The Anderson family highly recommend Club talk charters, it was well worth the cost and the effort!

(A big thank you to Andy Anderson for his article & photos, this is the type of article I need to keep this newsletter interesting, plus you will get less of my sick cartoons & jokes.) just saying ED.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going? (taxes)

The governance of our marine fisheries is under increasing scrutiny because maintaining highly productive ecosystems has given way to transactional advocacy targeting every possible fish that can be justified. Local depletion and inter-tidal reefs stripped bare sees coastal communities and Kaitiaki [guardians] crying out for effective restraints. Clearly the current system is not working and this is affecting us all.



Image credit: Guy Macindoe

Depleted fisheries and degrading inshore environments has an impact on all fishers' catch, the enjoyment we get from walking along a beach swirling with life, and the legacy we leave for our next generations.

In the Bay of Plenty Kaitiaki have been striving for acknowledgement and protections of their special places and values associated with the marine life that surrounds Motiti Island. After an arduous court process the Regional Council is now obliged to develop controls that will impact on fishing on several reefs around Motiti Island. While the legal process is incomplete, this does highlight the complexity of achieving any meaningful change to managing our inshore marine environment. As a nation we have enabled 50 years of industrial exploitation of our fisheries in search of export dollars. The bulk harvesting methods used have had an enduring, damaging impact on the benthic [seabed] environment. The once-thriving regional fishing towns have all but disappeared, replaced by the Quota Management System and remote landlords renting quota to fishers working for a minor share of returns. **The Bay has become so depleted it is commonly referred to now as the "bay of empty"**.

This is a crying shame given the productivity of the past. Some of this history was presented during the Rena wreck proceedings, where experts talked about the steady decline of the local hapuku fishery, they presented newspaper accounts documenting early gamefishing feats, even earlier Maori trading of fish, and catch data. Many of the hard decisions required to restore abundance have been avoided by successive ministers yet when we look out our windows the evidence is clear to see. Trawling is still the dominant fishing method and masses of scallops continue to be dredged from the seabed. If we are serious about addressing the impacts of 50 years of bottom contact fishing in the Bay of Plenty we need to do more than just give lip service to maintaining the very habitat that our fish depend upon to survive and thrive. Nationwide, we need to commit to being better Kaitiaki, enhancing our marine resources for the generations to follow.





COROMANDEL FISHING TRIP 2020:
Courtesy of Don Hohepa & Tony Kerr:



Early leavers were Robert Thurston and Chris Loader, myself (Don Finlayson) and Albert Lim travelling north on Saturday 7th to Tapu. We had my 5M Kiwi-Kraft and Alberts pedal kayak for something different. Rob had his 5.6m Hardy boat.



Hi team, just a little update on our latest trip to Coromandel which took place early March, thankfully before the world changed!
This year approximately 20 club members and some of their lucky wives went to Coromandel township for a bit of northern snapper fishing and whatever else might be available in those waters.

We decided to do a marathon drive Saturday to give us an early read of what fishing was like. It was a long drive rewarded with a relaxing evening at the Tapu Hotel, 5 minutes from our book a bach, coincidentally. As it happened there was a fishing competition weigh in and prize giving going on as we arrived. Great fun and some nice fish caught giving us motivation for our fishing the following day. Out of interest the way they established winning fish criteria. The only species was snapper making it easy but the fish were only weighed if they were over the limit size but under 60cm allowing larger fish to be released.

An early start allowed launching at Wakawau Ramp just north of Tapu. The cost is \$15.00pb and the ramp enters a river which is dredged to allow most small boats all tide launch and retrieval. It is a very busy ramp in the weekend. The person in charge told me they had launched 200 boats on the day of the competition but this isn't unusual. It just highlights what an exceptional fishing area this is with excellent bags getting caught with this pressure. The mussel farms ensure this along with no trawling in the area.



Luckily, we were able to find a harvesting mussel barge fairly quickly (highlighted by the amount of circling and anchored boats on mussel lines). Albert was deployed with his kayak and he stealthily snuck in close to ensure we had snapper for tea! Catching some very respectable 1-3kg snapper. He was using bling, (steel lures of all types) his favourite go to anywhere the currents allow. He had a definite advantage over paddle kayaks that were there, being able to have both hands free. His biggest problem on this occasion was getting a big snapper into the kayak, luckily Rob rescued the situation with a boat net! Typical Ngawi fisher stealing other's big fish!!!





The next day (Monday) saw the remaining crews arrive from their stop overs in Taupo area, some worse for wear I hear strangely enough!! They had accommodation at Long Bay motor camp which is situated west from the town. A great location with launching on the beach subject to tides.

Most crews launched from Sugar Loaf ramp (Te Kouma) where the mussel barges operate from and is south of Coromandel. It has a fee of \$10.00pb and is enforced as I and others can vouch for!!

Some of us launched from the town ramp which is tidal, supposedly 2 hours either side of high tide but not really aye Rob, who was caught coming in, luckily he advised me of the trouble and I was lucky to have my wife there to bring the trailer to Te Kouma (thanks Rob, King tides didn't help!). Rob and Chris had a major job getting their boat trailered necessitating a visit to the Top Pub our resident hotel used on all trips to fill in time before the tide allowed retrieval!!

Weather over our time period was pretty good with basically zero swell as usual in the firth with a bit of wind generally below 10kt and occasional shower. Most days were warm weather with the drought up there.

An informal competition was organised by Tony Kerr with all entering paying \$20.00pp and heaviest snapper wins. This was done over Wednesday & Thursday. The 8 boats went in all directions. Coromandel has numerous islands and mussel farms to fish from. The farms have steel ropes holding the mussels and are excellent for anchoring on with a steel hook. The farm operators have no problem with this. You ain't going to move or break them believe me. Also, at various times the open water holds great fishing.

All boats were able to get good bags of fish and some very nice fish were caught, predominantly snapper but Trevally made an appearance too and kingfish were always present but incredibly hard to get in mussel farms. They basically can be hand fed they are that cocky. The water is clear and when parked up on a farm it is like looking down on an aquarium with Moki, baitfish and Kingi's around.



As the pics show, the prime spot is often next to a harvester. The boats have signs stating a minimum distance to keep which everyone ignores with some small boats who know the workers on board often attaching to the harvesting boat, so if you are up there in future don't be shy. Best fishing is by the exit hole where the barge throws all the crap out and if further out by stray-lining with big baits. Soft baits and small mussel/squid baits (with little weight) work best in close. This is not a peaceful quiet environment to fish with the barge being noisy and the music on board the harvesters being loud enough to be heard in Auckland! The rest of the area is however beautiful, tranquil and a joy to be there.

These trips are a great way to interact with club members and other fisho's from out of our area. It is a great learning ground too as the way you fish here will generally not result in great catches there so you have to adapt or suffer poor catches.

Tony will continue now with his experiences and best fisho's awards! Thank you Tony for your efforts up there with a great BBQ on a classic Coro' night, the atmosphere was great with everyone contributing to it. Nightly meet ups at the Top Pub were also entertaining and worked in well with meeting the locals.

Don Hohepa Finlayson



Thank you Don .

To continue from where Don left off, our crew consisted of Kevin & John Crawford, Marty Dawes, George Daines, Skinny Farr and Kim and Paul Catt and myself Tony Kerr we were all based at Long Bay Motor Camp where we had some really nicely appointed cabins

Long Bay is situated 5ks North of Coromandel Town and has a range of accomodation from Tent sites to caravans and cabins, it also has a boat ramp(which is tidal) and fish cleaning/boat cleaning facilities There are numerous ramps in the area(concrete ramps) which are a luxury for us Wairarapa fishing folk.

The main catch in the coromandel area is snapper but kingfish are quite common as well.

Over the years we have struck up some great friendships with the locals so after fishing each day

a trip to the local pub was a must to tell lies about what was caught, a real kiwi pub called the Top Pub owned by Ex NZ Baketballer Stan Hill the son of Ex All Black Tiny Hill(These 2 fullas make Gary and Ian Warren look like dwarfs)



Nice fish Kim.....you might have to train Paura up on how to catch the big ones? Just saying. 😊

During the week a competition was held amongst all anglers to catch the largest snapper, this was won by Kim Catt with a 9.9kg snapper(20lbs), there re lots of good fish caught, ranging from 5 to 10 lb.



A presentation was made to Kim on the last night with a BBQ at our HQ in the camp where all Wairarapa people and Coromandel locals turned up, great night was had by all
Anyone who's keen to make this trip next year let us know and we would love to have you along
Cheers Tony



Paul Catt was very proud of his biggest catch to date (his personal best)





I wonder what bullshit is being tossed around at this table?? (is that you Skinny??)

A big thank you to Don & Tony for their respective articles & photos, well done lads. ED.



LOCKDOWN:

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.

Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat

I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.

Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun

Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.



"THAT'S ODD: MY FACEBOOK FRIENDS WHO WERE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARS JUST A MONTH AGO ARE NOW INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTS...."

What do you do or say, when an innocent child asks you something so innocent and they are so serious?

Read on and you'll discover the joy in it! These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

JACK (age 3)

Was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister... After a while he asked: 'Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?'

MELANIE (age 5)

Asked her Granny how old she was.. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six.'

STEVEN (age 3)

Hugged and kissed his Mom good night. 'I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'

She was sitting by herself in the bar. He was sitting by himself in the bar. They made eye-contact and moved together. After a few more drinks, he said, "Would you like to come home with me?" She said, "OK." Assuming that she was going to spend the night together, he asked, "How would you like your eggs in the morning?" She replied, "Unfertilised!"



National Geographic photo of a cougar sleeping in a tree.

Chris Simmonds has been a nature lover all his life & finds the most amazing photos of wildlife. Thank you Chris, I look forward to your next photo ED.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we

split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And that's when the fight started.



Hell Campbell Edwards, that looks like one hell of a hangover!!! (who won the fight??)

Historic Ocean Liner SS United States May Get Second Life



— Scott Rechler was negotiating a deal to build Airbnb rentals in a Manhattan office tower when the real estate developer had an epiphany. Tree houses and other unconventional lodgings were popular on the home-sharing site. Why not a ship?

Rechler, chief executive officer of RXR Realty, had a vessel in mind. For decades, cruise operators and real estate people have been trying to revive a mothballed ocean liner called the SS United States. Encouraged by his conversations with Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky, Rechler decided to take the plunge.

Last year, Rechler **struck a deal** with the ship's nonprofit owner and started commissioning designs. Now RXR is shopping its plan to New York, San Francisco and a half-dozen other U.S. cities, seeking a site for a roughly \$500 million project that would include hotel rooms, restaurants and a museum celebrating the vessel's history. If local governments respond well to a formal request for interest, work could begin at a shipyard later this year.

"The idea is to build a great public space that can become a destination for people to spend the day and be a part of history," Rechler said in an interview. RXR has a track record of refreshing aging structures, including a former Manhattan shipping terminal that the firm converted into office space for Google, and the Nassau Coliseum, where it's developing

apartments and retail shops on the parking lots surrounding the outdated arena.

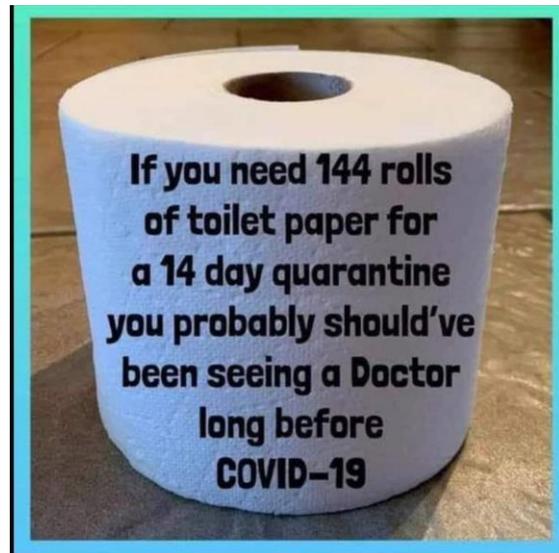
The SS United States, which at 990 feet is just shy of the Chrysler Building, will need a [lot of work](#). The ship has spent more than two decades rusting on a pier in Philadelphia, and a series of failed redevelopment plans have left it stripped of virtually all furniture and fittings. Doors hang off their hinges and metal scraps dangle from the ceiling. The ship's interiors look like an abandoned industrial space, not a luxury ocean liner.

And yet it was the envy of the world when it took its maiden voyage in 1952, symbolizing postwar America's technical and financial might. The ship set a speed record on its first New York-to-London crossing, thanks to secret funding from the U.S. Department of Defense — which wanted a ship that could carry 15,000 troops across the Atlantic Ocean without refueling in the event of war.

That conflict never came, but the age of the airplane did. The ship was pulled from service in 1969, and has spent the past half-century bobbing between owners who tried and failed to repurpose it. When commercial owners gave up, philanthropists stepped in, raising money from history buffs who wanted to save the ["most famous ship that didn't sink."](#)

"The ship embodies a moment in history in which anything was possible," said Susan Gibbs, president of the [SS United States Conservancy](#) and granddaughter of the naval architect who designed the vessel. "It wasn't just about a ship, it was about the nation's ability to excel."

For Rechler, the ocean liner's stripped-down state makes it a blank slate for redevelopment. Early plans call for converting its bowels into a brewery and food hall and creating a glassed-in event space on the ship's stern.



Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, 'So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?' She says, 'Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night.' The priest says, 'Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?' She says, 'That he did, Father.' The priest says, 'What did he ask, Mary?' She says, 'He said, please Mary, put down that gun....'



I FISH. I CARE. I VOTE



Goal: To have political parties commit to policies that will restore New Zealand's inshore fisheries to abundant levels.
Objective: Political parties adopt and implement the five policy planks outlined in the [LegaSea Fisheries Manifesto](#).

No Fishing Results for APRIL.

Pukemanu Boating and Fishing Club Results March 7/8 2020

1st Gary Warren
2nd Liz Warren
3rd Chris Oakly

Average Angler:
Charlie Baldwin 243.10

Average Blue Cod:
Heath Riddell 1.38

Average Tarakihi:
Liz Warren 1.51

Mystery Fish:

Tuna Gary Warren 3.28

**If I was a plastic surgeon –
I would 100% put a squeaky toy in every
breast implant...ED.**



When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, brewing beer, watching TV.

Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said,

**"When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."
The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.**

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A politician visited a small town and asked the villagers what their needs were.

"We have two basic needs honourable Sir," replied the village leader.

"Firstly, we have a hospital but no doctor".

On hearing this, the politician brought out his phone. After speaking for a while he told them that there'd be a doctor there tomorrow and asked for the second problem.

"...secondly Sir, there is no mobile phone coverage anywhere in this village".



Heaviest fish

Barracoutta	Don Finlayson	6.24
Blue Cod	Ian Warren	3.18
Blue Nose	Leisa Riddell	2.98
Groper	Ron Biel	20.86
Gurnard	John Leveridge	1.11
Kahawai	Liz Warren	2.53
Kingfish	Ian Warren	8.54
Red Cod	Heath Riddell	2.73
Snapper	Terry Liggett	2.61
Tarakihi	John Leveridge	2.32
Trumpeter	Alan Cundy	4.85
Tuna	Gary Warren	3.28

Oh Shit!!!



New toilets on the Navy's two newest aircraft carriers clog so frequently that the ships' sewage systems must be cleaned periodically with specialized acids costing about \$400,000 a flush, according to a new congressional audit outlining \$130 billion in underestimated long-term maintenance costs.



CONFUCIUS DID NOT SAY...

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.

Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.

Squirrel who runs up woman's leg will not find nuts.

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

Man who runs in front of car gets tired, man who runs behind car gets exhausted.

Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.

War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.

Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night.

It takes many nails to build a crib, but only one screw to fill it.

Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

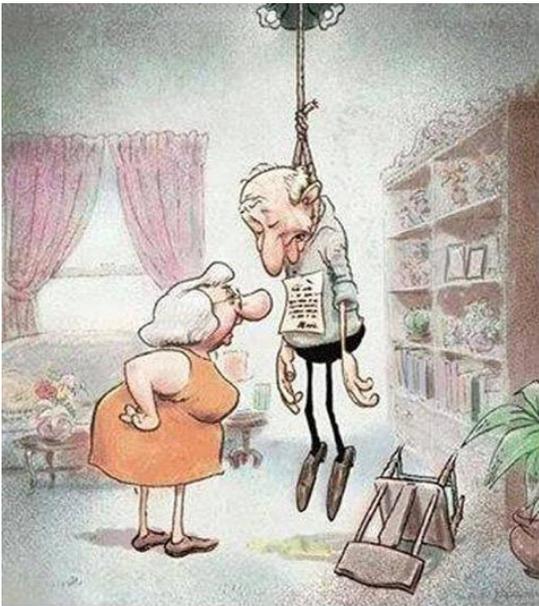
Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.

Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

Man who fish in other man's well often catch crabs.

Finally CONFUCIUS DID SAY. . . .

"A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood!"



"You misspelled 'constant criticism'."

CartoonHyena.com



"Say, fellas, how would you like to join the Air Force?"

SEX IN THE SHOWER

In a recent survey carried out for the leading

toiletries firm 'Brut', people from South

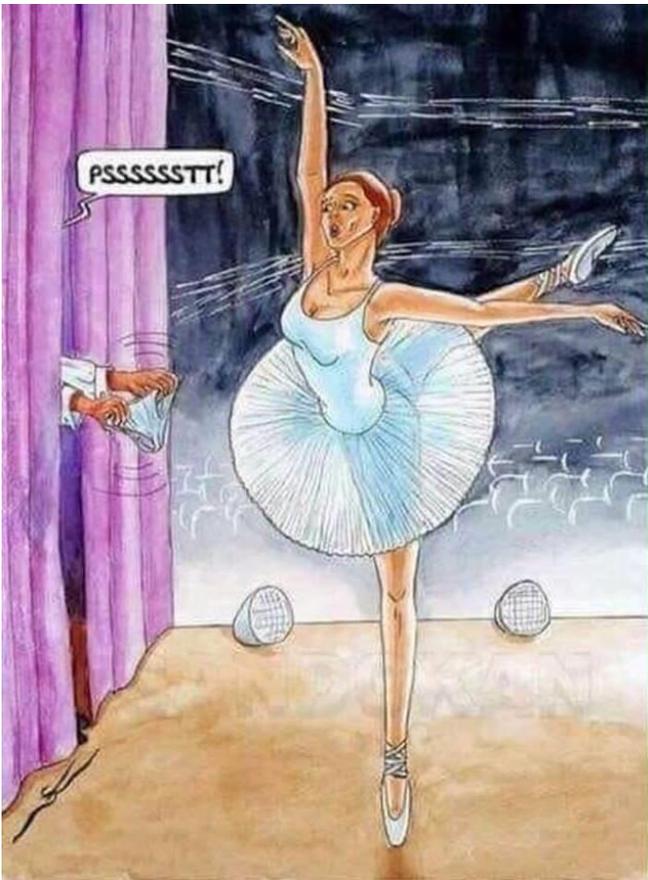
Auckland have proved to be the most likely

to have had sex in the shower!

In the survey, 86% of South Auckland residents

said that they have enjoyed sex in the shower.

The other 14% said they hadn't been to prison yet.



CASHIER: "Would you like the milk in a bag, sir?"
Don Hohepa: "No, just leave it in the carton!"

BRITISH SURVEY

A recent survey in the United Kingdom asked the following question:

Are there too many foreigners in this country now?

Answer:

18% said: YES

82% said: معهد الأمن العالمي بواشنطن

FRIENDS OF IRONY



☠️ FRIENDS OF IRONY

Really?



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Hollings First
Ticehurst Timber
EV's Bar
Mark's Signs
Midway Barber
Lighthouse Gin
TK Vineyard
Masson's
Take Note - Carterton
Wairarapa Electrical Appliances
MTF Finance Masterton
Repco
Ashdown
Lins Autos
HBC Technology
Ewen Glass
Fagan Suzuki
Pan Pacific
Wurth
Dawes Construction
Subway Masterton
Wild Blue Tackle
Chris Simmonds Building
Janice & Ian Warren
Gary and Liz Warren
Mike Firth
Select Signs
Carter's Masterton
Western Auto Mart
Gina Collings Professionals
Auto Electrical Services
G.T. Boyd Plumbing
Alleva
BOC GAS
Donaghys
Pioneer N.Z.
Keinzley Agvet
Wrightson Seeds
Merial N.Z.
Plumbing World
Caltex Chapel Street
Valley Plumbing
Norwoods Masterton
Haloz Hair Studio
Plumbing World Masterton
Village Grinder Cafe
Bunnings Palmerston North
Allan Cundy Sparkies Electrical
Premier Bacon
South Wairarapa Groomers
Catt Electrical & Engineering LTD
Fagans Masterton
Carters Greytown
Dave Wilton
Fresh Choice Greytown
Hunting and Fishing Masterton
Jaycar Electronics
Neils Autos Kuripuni
Still Shop Greytown
Buckhorn Bar & Grill
Wild Oats Cafe
Ewen Glass
Kuripuni Post Shop
Blackworth & Sons Greytown
BP Martinborough
Pukemanu Tavern
Wrightsons Martinborough
Tom Wilsons Motors
Kuripuni Ice Supplies

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Due to covid-19...

CEO's are now playing miniature golf.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

I saw a Mormon with only one wife.

McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

And, finally...

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call center in Afghanistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.



"Yes! That was very loud Mr. Trainer, but I said I wanted to hear your HEART!"

There's an old sea story about a ship's Captain who inspected his sailors, and afterward told the first mate that his men smelled bad.

The Captain suggested perhaps it would help if the sailors would change underwear occasionally.

The first mate responded, "Aye, aye sir, I'll see to it immediately!"

The first mate went straight to the sailors and announced,

"The Captain thinks you guys smell bad and wants you to change your underwear."

He continued, "Catt, you change with Warren, Telford, you change with Edwards, and Hodges, you change with Daines."

THE MORAL OF THE STORY:

Someone may come along and promise "Change", but don't count on things smelling any better



A woman who had recently lost her husband had him cremated and brought his ashes home. She picked up his urn and poured him out on to the kitchen table. Then, tracing her fingers in the ashes, she started talking to her deceased spouse.

“Colin, you know that dishwasher you promised me? I bought it with the insurance money!”
She paused for a minute, tracing her fingers in the ashes then said, “Colin, remember that car you promised me? Well, I also bought it with the insurance money.”
Again, she paused for a few minutes and, while tracing her fingers in the ashes, said, “Colin, that diamond ring you promised me? Yep. Bought it with the insurance money.”
Finally, still tracing her fingers in the ashes, she said, “Colin, remember that blow job I promised you? Here it comes.”



This has to be the feel-good story of the year!

If this does not touch your heart, then you just don't have one. An incredible story of luck and inspiration! Can you believe it? This guy wins \$181 million in the lottery last Wednesday, and then finds the love of his life just 2 days later
Talk about LUCK!

Blaine, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to this blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV as the 10:00 news came on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a large building preparing to jump. The blonde looked at Blaine and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"
Blaine says, "You know what, I bet he will."
The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."
Blaine placed \$50 on the bar and said, "You're on!"
Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset and handed her \$50 to Jack, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."
Blaine replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump."
The blonde replies, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."
Blaine took the money.

Kia ora,

We are a travel company based in the Chatham Islands and are the only locally owned and operated travel company offering tours of the Chathams.

Recreational fishing is a popular attraction in the Chathams, and travelling here would appeal to members of your club for this reason. The fishing charter operator we book (Owenga Charters) offers a range of trips from a part day (3 to 4 hour) fishing charter to full day fishing and scenic charters around the outer lying islands. The skipper and crew are also commercial fisherman by trade, so not only can you experience the Chatham Islands way of handling but you can hear first-hand stories about catching crayfish and blue cod for a living. Handlines are provided on charters, but you are welcome to bring your own fishing gear if you prefer to use a rod.

It is possible to organize diving charters as well for people that are interested in those, as well as guided tours of the island itself. We have a range of accommodation options available from self-catering houses that sleep up to 12, to hotels and lodges.

If travelling to the Chathams is something your club may be interested in, please get in touch with us and I'll be happy to answer any questions and provide more information. Our website also offers information on the package deals we offer.

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More closures

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few further local businesses around our Town.

The bra manufacturer has gone bust and the specialist in submersibles has gone under.

The manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation and a dog kennel manufacturer has had to call in the retrievers.

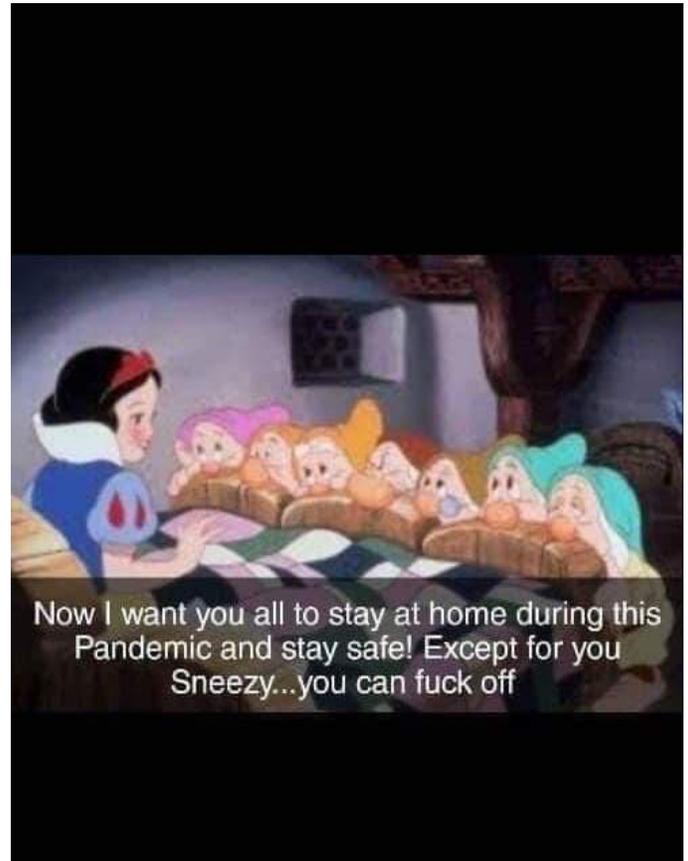
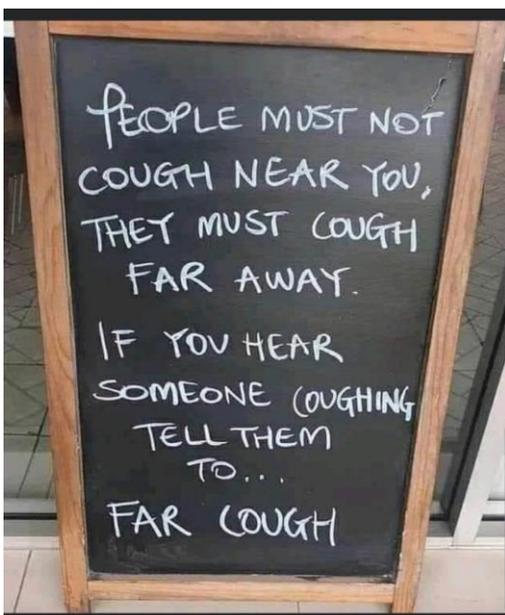
The suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded and the Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders.

The tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road and the bread company has run out of dough.

The clock manufacturer has had to wind down and gone cuckoo and the Chinese has been taken away.

The shoe shop has had to put his foot down and given his staff the boot and the laundrette has been taken to the cleaners!

(I hope readers will not think I am being irreverent & making a joke of the Virus & the lockdown? I am just trying to put a bit of light relief & humour out to our members. I apologise if I have upset anyone, (except Blaine Smith, Campbell Edwards, Paul Catt & a few others who I don't need to name, you know who you are! 😊) ED.



Please excuse the swear word, I am unable to change it, so "tough shit"!



Was this chick on the BOOZE with you Campbell???? Just saying 😊

Wiremu's Oven Baked Crayfish



For this recipe I am using a large 4kg crayfish and ingredients/utensils to suit the size. The shell of large crays are fairly thick so a hacksaw makes a tidy job of splitting the crayfish. The trick with crayfish is to undercook it, as the meat will continue to cook as it rests and you don't want overcooked, chewy crayfish! By placing the dish low in the oven, it heats the liquid in the bottom and creates a steaming effect. Alternatively you can use an electric frying pan for the same effect.

Ingredients

- Liquid layer – can use a mixture of cream and white wine or even just water. I prefer to use fish stock
- Garlic butter
- Fresh chopped chives and/or parsley
- Salt and pepper
- Bay leaves (optional)

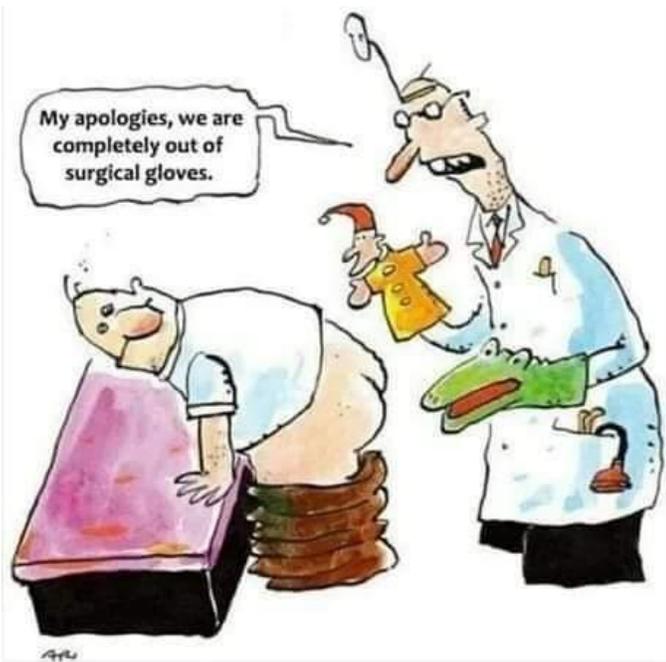
You will need

- Large deep oven dish or alternatively an electric fry pan with lid
- Tin foil (if using oven dish)
- Hacksaw/ large knife

Method

Prepare crayfish

- Use a hacksaw to carefully split the crayfish lengthways, right through the middle of the carapace and tail
- Remove the “poo tube” and any unwanted innards. Rinse with water if needed
- Depending on the size of your dish, the crayfish may need to be separated further. If so – remove the legs and horns. These can be boiled separately while the body is cooking (which is what I did with this crayfish). The carapace (head/shell) can be removed from the tail and cooked separately or placed in the same dish for cooking.
- Preheat oven to 180-200 degrees
- Place the split crayfish shell-side down in the dish
- Add about a 2cm layer of stock or liquid to the dish (the shell needs to be sitting in it, you don't want the liquid covering the meat.
- Add bay leaves to the liquid if desired
- Smear garlic butter to your liking over the crayfish flesh
- Sprinkle with chives and parsley and a little salt and pepper
- Cover the dish with tin foil and crimp the edges so that any steam and moisture cannot escape
- Place the dish in the lowest position in the oven and bake for 20-30mins (depending on the size of the crayfish)
- Check after 15mins and keep a close eye on the meat by parting the tail meat with a knife. The meat will turn opaque and the middle wants to still be a little transparent when you take it out of the oven
- Remove from the oven immediately and keep covered to trap the steam and continue cooking
- **Serve hot and steaming & make sure Cam Edwards & Wok Anderson are at the back of the queue ,otherwise they'll eat the bloody lot! Just saying.**



Back to class.

The teacher said, "Let's begin by reviewing some American history.

Who said 'Give me Liberty, or give me Death'?"

She saw a sea of blank faces, except for Little Hodiaki a bright foreign exchange student from Japan, who had his hand up: 'Patrick Henry, 1775', he said.

'Very good!'

Who said, 'Government of the People, by the People, for the People, shall not perish from the Earth?'

Again, no response except from Little Hodiaki, 'Abraham Lincoln, 1863'.

'Excellent!', said the teacher continuing, 'let's try one a bit more difficult...'

Who said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country?'

Once again, Hodiaki's was the only hand in the air and he said:

'John F. Kennedy, 1961'.

The teacher snapped at the class, 'Class, you should be ashamed of yourselves, Little Hodiaki isn't from this country and he knows more about our history than you do.'

She heard a loud whisper: 'F . . k the Japs,'

'Who said that? I want to know right now!' she angrily demanded.

Little Hodiaki put his hand up, 'General MacArthur, 1945.'

At that point, a student in the back said, 'I'm gonna puke.'

The teacher glared around and asks, 'All right! Now who said that!?'

Again, Little Hodiaki said, 'George Bush to the Japanese Prime Minister, 1991.'

Now furious, another student yelled, 'Oh yeah? Suck this!'

Little Hodiaki jumped out of his chair waving his hand and shouted to the teacher, 'Bill Clinton, to Monica Lewinsky, 1997!'

Now with almost mob hysteria someone said, 'You little shit. If you say anything else, I'll kill you.'

Little Hodiaki frantically yelled at the top of his voice, "Michael Jackson to the child witness testifying against him, 2004.'

The teacher fainted.

As the class gathered around the teacher on the floor, someone said, 'Oh shit, We're screwed!'

Little Hodiaki said quietly, 'The Australian Rugby Team, 2019'



Congratulations Blaine Smith, an excellent effort in staying in your bubble, well done!
 (can you please let me know when it's low tide so I can whip around for a quick paua dive?)ED



