

New Zealand Bowhunters Society

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34th Annual World Koi Carp Classic

Ohinewai November 9th – 10th 2024

Weigh-in times are: Saturday 5pm to 7pm, Sunday 2pm to 4pm

The venue for the carp classic is the same as last year – the Ohinewai Hall. This is conveniently placed as it is right beside the Waikato Expressway, 10 km North of Huntly (see map below). There will be an NZBS committee meeting held in the hall on the Friday night, all members welcome.

Entry fees are \$20.00 per person, juniors \$10.00 (NZBS members only) and there will be plenty of ballot prizes to be won. On-line entries will be available from September. There will be a food caravan available (with cash and eftpos facilities). Any assistance with the organisation or running of this event is welcome. Please telephone Allan Metcalfe at 027 451-7012 or see our website for more details.

Do Not bring bins containing live koi or lakeweed to the weigh-in. There are several species of pest weeds in the areas we hunt so all fish bins, trailers, boats etc must be completely cleaned of any weeds before returning. Also, it is illegal to be in possession of live koi, so keep a club handy and hit them over the head as soon as you land them.





Gold Clams in the Waikato

The recent discovery of the invasive Gold Clams at Lakes Maraetai and Karapiro and in the Waikato River has meant that new restrictions are in place for all boat users of the Waikato River, its lakes and tributaries. See details and poster over page.



A recent classification by MPI of the clam as an unwanted species means that it is an offense to knowingly spread them. Recreational and other users must implement Check Clean Dry (CCD) procedures. According to these procedures both gear and boats should be checked and washed, absorbent gear sterilized, and 48 hours drying is required. Obviously this will affect the carp classic and means that **competitors will have to hunt the same area on both days**. There will a CCD station for contestants to clean their boats and other gear immediately after the Sunday weigh-in.

For further details Google 'freshwater gold clams' and look for this MPI website: Freshwater gold clam (Corbicula fluminea) | NZ Government (mpi.govt.nz)