

# 2025 World Koi Carp Classic report

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This was our 35<sup>th</sup> annual carp classic and it was extremely successful. We had 62 entries which included Chris Cass from the USA as well as entrants who travelled from Wellington, Carterton, Stratford and a big contingent from Dargaville. They weighed in a total of 2597 koi carp weighing 4.7 tonnes which was our best result for 10 years. Lake and river levels were very high; in fact the highest in the history of the event and many competitors had to adjust their hunting areas. Fortunately we had fine weather throughout the event.

The highlight of the weigh-in was a massive 22.8 kg grass carp brought in by Andrew Cottle on the Sunday. This was the heaviest grass carp we have had weighed in at the event since 2008, and it obviously won the 'heaviest other fish' prize. The Waikato River Authority trophy for heaviest koi carp was a tie between Bradley Aberhart and Angus McMillan who both weighed in 6 kg koi on the Saturday.

The Department of Conservation Cup competition was very close this year with the Shafted team of Sam Walter and Andrew Cottle building up a big lead on the Saturday while The Koi Killers team of Bob Gow and Daniel Hodgson came back at them on the Sunday and almost made up the margin, losing by just 8 kg. Monster Bass (John Blair & Gary Johnson) were third.

Thanks go to Kelvin Tupuhi on behalf of mana whenua for working with us to provide continued access to the areas we hunt, and for their welcome to the area.

We appreciate the great support of our major sponsors this year, the Waikato Regional Council, the Department of Conservation and the Waikato River Authority. The prize table was probably the best we have ever had with major donations from Muzzy, AMS and Gargod, all organised and brought to New Zealand by Chris Cass. Special thanks also to Tawera Nikau and Te Rui o Waikato (TROW) for the crucial job of taking away the koi carp.

## Full Results:

### **Waikato River Authority Trophy** (for heaviest koi carp):

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bradley Aberhart	6.0 kg
1 <sup>st</sup>	Angus McMillan	6.0 kg
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Baxter Walter	5.7 kg

### **Department of Conservation Cup** (for heaviest weight of koi carp by a team):

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shafted (Sam Walter & Andrew Cottle)	426.7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Koi Killers (Bob Gow & Daniel Hodgson)	418.7
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monster Bass (John Blair & Gary Johnson)	356.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	River Raiders (Graeme Warrender & John Gow)	313.3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Slayers (Steven Sherborne & Angus McMillan)	263.1
6 <sup>th</sup>	MAGA (Chris Cass & Paul Wilson)	262.5
7 <sup>th</sup>	We not know (Jason Sime & Matt Thomasen)	249.4
8 <sup>th</sup>	Top Shot (Gary Keoghan & Cole Avery)	228.1
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kaipara Koi Killers (Logan Pocklington & Matt Hall)	221.3
10 <sup>th</sup>	Brothers in Arms (Carl Saunders & Kevin Watson)	210.1

### **Junior Trophy:**

1st     Baxter Walter            5.7 kg

### **Other Results:**

Heaviest Koi Saturday	Bradley Aberhart	6.0 kg
	Angus McMillan	6.0 kg
Heaviest Koi Sunday	Richard Lewis	5.35 kg
Most Koi Carp	Sam Walter	114
Most Koi Carp by a Junior	Mitchell Hansen	85
Most Koi Carp by a Woman	Sarah Thoroughgood	76
Heaviest White Carp	Andrew Cottle	3.7 kg
Heaviest Other Fish	Andrew Cottle	22.8 kg grass carp
Smallest Koi Carp	Allan Horne	260 grams

### **Statistics:**

<u>Hunting area</u>	<u>Number of Koi Carp</u>	<u>Average Weight</u>
Lake Whangape	783	1.73 kg
Whangamarino	631	1.85 kg
Waikato River	617	1.96 kg
Lake Waikare	352	1.56 kg
Mangawara Stream	186	1.95 kg
Lake Waahi	20	1.61 kg
Mangatawhiri River	8	2.41 kg
Total	2597	1.81 kg

The prizes for the year-long Carpbusters competition were also presented at this time, representing the effort put into shooting this pest fish in every month of the preceding year.

### **Carpbusters Trophy:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Gousmett	53 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorence Niessen	47 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marina Adams	36 pts