

TIGHT LINES

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FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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Cover: Charlotte Mears on the Hinemaia river (Pauline McIntyre)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that over the holiday period you managed to wet a line and hopefully had some success, after all that is what belonging to a flyfishing club is all about.

From my perspective, I had a couple of days on the Wainuiomata and was lucky enough to have excellent fishing with good numbers and great conditioned browns.

The White Bridge at the lower end of the Wainuiomata has been replaced with a new structure but fortunately this does not appear to have affected the pools in that area and anglers have been reporting good numbers. As the summer progresses the fish will become more selective but by the time you receive this magazine hopefully the cicada season is in full swing and once the trout become aware of their existence, they seem to lose some of their inhibitions and are keen to get a mouthful of feathers and fur.

Reports of good fishing on the Manawatu and the TukiTuki together with some excellent summer fishing on the Taupo rivers has added to some good holiday fishing for some of our members.

Closer to home the Ruamahunga, which was disappointing last year, is showing some signs of recovery. See the Sport Flyfishing report elsewhere in this magazine.

As always we are looking for guest speakers for our meetings and we would love to hear from club members who have stories to tell and can put together a half hour

presentation. Please contact myself or one of the committee members.

We have had some challenging days at the Capital Trout Centre over January where we hosted two days of children's holiday programme. New food provided to us by King Salmon is quite different from food we have used in the past and our successful flies which we have used for the last 20 years are now being ignored. The new food is dehydrated and as a result floats on the surface, but we are struggling to find a dry fly pattern which the fish find acceptable. However from the children's point of view, a few handfuls of food thrown into the pond provides a spectacular display of feeding fish but few hook ups, which is frustrating for the anglers. However we managed to catch enough to keep all the holiday programme children happy and provide a challenge for the parents to cook their successes.

We are now waiting for a new shipment of trout from the Turangi hatchery, which should arrive early February and details of the next Open Day are elsewhere in the magazine.

Our February meeting will be very much listening to tales of members fishing over the holidays. Brenda and Clinton Teague will share their travels to the Galapagos Islands.

I am often asked basic questions such as "where should we go" "what should we be looking for" and "what flies to use" etc. The February meeting therefore will include a discussion which hopefully will answer some of these questions and improve your success.

Hope to see you there.

Strato

TROPHIES

Each year the club presents a number of trophies and prizes.

Categories are as follows:-

- Heaviest Fish Junior (aged 16 and under)
- Heaviest Fish Senior
- Best Condition Factor

Send details to Peter Nagle as per the instructions elsewhere in the magazine.

- Literary Prize for best article published in the magazine -

Send copy to strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com

We have had very few entries this year (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019) but hopefully you have all had some experiences over the holiday period which are worthwhile entering into the various categories.

We must have your entries by 31st March 2019.

Please note that to qualify for the literary prize we must have your article by **19th February** (so it can be included in the copy which is sent to the printer for the March magazine).

CLUB MEETING

Monday 4th February

Stories of holiday fishing trips

Travel to Galapagos Islands

A presentation by Brenda and Clinton
Teague of their trip to these unique islands

Discussion on important tips to improve your
summer fishing

Club Trip

February 23-24 Turangi
(Lake Otamangaukau and
Kuratau Dam)
evening rise on the Tongariro and
night fishing

Onstream

Sunday 10th February Wainuiomata River

Sunday 17th February Capital Trout Centre OPEN DAY

Registration tickets will be at and Steve's Fishing Shop and Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing from Saturday 2nd February.

Many thanks to both shops for their continued support in issuing the tickets.

The day begins at 9am and we have the last group come through at 3pm.

We need club members to assist for whatever time suits. Phone Strato if you can help.

Plastic Bags. With the phasing out of supermarket bags we still need to wrap the fish caught, in a bag.

We would be happy to receive supplies of bread bags and newspaper delivery bags for use at events at the Capital Trout Centre.

SPORT FLY FISHING - WELLINGTON REGIONAL CHAMPS

Sport Fly Fishing held their Wellington Regional Champs on the 12th January, fishing the Ruamahunga River. Six anglers tried their luck in hot dry conditions in a stretch of river upstream from Gladstone.

The main object of the organisers is to try and have all the beats produce similar numbers of fish but there is always going to be hot spots and slow sections. Water temperatures were quite high and it was not surprising therefore that most fish were caught in well oxygenated water whereas there seemed to be an absence of fish in most of the long slow glides.

A total of 40 fish were measured by the six anglers with 29 rainbows and 11 browns. These included two 50cm fish (one brown and one rainbow) and all fish seemed to be in good condition.

Overall winner was Lloyd Struthers with Corey Scott second and Harry Hunter third. This was Harry's first competition (17 year old) and he was only one of two anglers who caught fish in each session. Well done Harry.

Competition fishing is a great way to test your fishing knowledge and techniques and to swap notes with other anglers. It is only as stressful as you want it to be and is usually a fun day. The other option is to go as a controller where you are allocated an angler for each session and you measure the fish caught. Great learning opportunity

Anyone who thinks they would like to try should contact Paul Baker or StratoCotsilinis for details of the remaining Regional Champs and National Champs to be held this summer.

Club competition

The annual competition for the Club's fishing trophy is to be held on the Ruamahanga River on Saturday 9

March. This has always been a friendly affair and closely contested by a few keen anglers. The competition is not restricted to experienced anglers however, and less confident anglers are welcome to join. If we get enough competitors, we will run a handicap competition in addition to the Club Cup.

Anglers are paired together and take turns to fish. Where possible we pair the less experienced anglers with the experienced anglers. This way they have the opportunity to pick up on a few ideas from the experienced anglers.

There are some good numbers of fish in the Ruamahanga. The Sports Fly Fishing NZ Wellington Regional was held there on 12 January. For the day, six anglers caught 40 trout. The average catch rate was just under one fish per hour, and average size 37cm long. The largest fish, rainbow and brown, measured 50cm each.

The fishing got tough in the later sessions as in those competitions every beat gets fished over three times. (If you draw a beat that a top angler fished in the previous session, it can be very tough.)

For the Club competition however we try to allow every angler to fish fresh water. That will depend on numbers of competitors and conditions on the day.

Full competition details will be sent to competitors before the competition. Note: the competition rules are to meet Fish & Game regulations only, i.e. competitors do not have to conform to Sports Fly Fishing NZ rules, or provide a controller.

If you are interested, or want more details contact Paul by email: pbakerema@gmail.com

Fishing With Wellingtons Flyfishers Club a Tale by a Visiting Student

When I first came to New Zealand after 30 hours in a plane from Denmark, I was amazed by how welcoming and friendly everyone in NZ was. I was studying for 4 months at Victoria University of Wellington and naturally my plan was to fish as much as possible in this fisherman's paradise. I heard about a flyfishing club in Wellington early on, when visiting the Hunting and Fishing store and naturally they told me to find and talk to Strato. When I came to my first meeting in August, Strato and Carmen welcomed me with open arms and I felt just at home in the club from the very first moment. Soon after the meeting, I went on a trip with the club to a small dam with a complicated Maori name, I have unfortunately forgotten. Coming from Denmark I fish mostly on the coast for seatrout and had only little experience fishing in rivers and lakes. I asked for advice and Strato told me exactly how long my leader should be, what flies to use and where to fish. So naturally I did just that and I caught some beautiful rainbows and enjoyed the companionship of fellow fishermen. Since that day I have gained so much knowledge about fishing

New Zealand rivers, especially from the weekend trips to Turangi and Rangitikei. I would like to thank everyone from the club who had the patience to teach me all the Kiwi tricks to catch the sometimes elusive New Zealand trout. Thanks to Strato for all the wisdom you are more than happy to share, to Jarek for showing me all the secret spots where the big fish were hiding and how to catch them, to Hal for showing me fantastic spots in Upper and Lower Hutt, to Ruben (The Hutt River specialist) to show me amazing fishing spots on the Hutt River, to Susi for showing me great spots on the South Island and to everyone else from the club who made me feel right at home. Joining Wellington Flyfishers club was the best decision I have made in New Zealand. Soon I will leave Wellington and travel around New Zealand for 2 months and use my newly gained knowledge to catch some beautiful fish. When I go back to Denmark in January, I will definitely try to convince my girlfriend that New Zealand is the place to be, so we can come back here very soon.

I have made some fantastic friends in the club and I hope to see you all at the secret fishing spots you have showed me again one day.

Kind regards

Kristian Ejlsted (24 old student from Denmark)

Feather Merchants Fly of the Month

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club

Monday 18th February, 7.30pm

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Cicada

To see a large trout emerge from the depths of a big deep pool, in fast water and take a large dry fly off the surface is one of the greatest joys of summer fishing. The cicada and other terrestrial patterns are designed to do just that. Extra buoyancy can be achieved with foam.



Hook	TMC 5212 size 6 - 10
Thread	Black 6/0 or 3/0
Body	Spun deerhair
Wing	Flared deerhair or synthetic wing material
Thorax	Spun deerhair
Legs	Pheasant tail

If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the flytying meetings please let Strato know (386 3740)



***New range of Sims Tributary
Waders & Boots***

Waders \$449.00

or

***Combo - Waders & Boots
\$499.00***

***Available in men's, women's and
children's sizes***

***Club discount 10% available on
flyfishing purchases with your
membership card***

MEETING VENUE (TARARUA TRAMPING CLUB ROOMS) 4 Moncrieff St., Mt. Victoria

From motorway:

Follow Vivian Street and turn left onto Cambridge Terrace, then first right into Elizabeth Street at the next set of traffic lights.



Travelling South on Kent Terrace:

Turn left into Elizabeth Street at the first set of traffic lights after the Embassy Theatre (by the Liquor Store).

Additional parking is available at the Clyde Quay school – use the top gate.

Casting Tuition

Anyone wanting casting tuition please contact Strato

HELPFUL LINKS FOR WELLINGTON FLY FISHERS



www.creeltackle.com



<http://wellington.fishandgame.org.nz>



www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz



www.fishscene.co.nz

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is 10pm 19th February
As a guide for article length – anything from 250-450 words per page. Early submission preferred – items not received by the deadline may not be included. Format text for A5 page size. Please copy and paste text into an email and ensure images do not exceed 1Mb. Mail hard copy to PO Box 9236, TeAro, Wellington; or email the editor. (Attached files often result in incoming emails being treated as spam and being deleted by the server).

The newsletter depends on contributions from club members and all articles are eligible for the annual Literary Prize awarded at the AGM in May each year.

Advertising: The club has a policy of only accepting advertising relating to fishing. Commercial rates \$25 per half page, members no charge. Centrefold (Promotional material only) \$75. Contact the club secretary. **Please support our advertisers –** tell them you saw their ad in *Tight Lines*.

Receive the Newsletter as a pdf via email

Contact the club secretary to be added to the mail list (Please check your email settings so that the newsletter is not deleted as 'spam' or 'junk')

COMMITTEE MEETING – 6.15 pm, second Monday every month.

Any club member who has matters which they believe should be considered by the committee may discuss them with a committee member by phone, or at the club meeting, or write to the secretary.

THE HELPDESK

Helpdesk is an opportunity for those attending club meetings to have their questions answered. This is a chance for newer members to have fly fishing mysteries unravelled. Tying techniques and problems, rigs, knots, fly selection, issues, casting, how to and where to go. Bring your problems and try the Helpdeskout. It will be manned by a different senior club member each month.

WEBSITE

The club website and facebook pages provide online information, contact details and useful links.

<http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz>

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

To join the club: collect a form at a club meeting; download a copy from the club website; or phone a committee member to have a form mailed to you. Mail the completed form to PO Box 9236, TeAro, Wellington, or hand it in at the next meeting with your subscription and joining fee. **Meetings** are held at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of every month except January at the Tararua Tramping Club rooms, 4 Moncreiff Street, Mt. Victoria, Wellington.

Fees 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

Full member or family membership \$35, Junior membership no fee.

Joining fee \$10

Overseas Newsletter

postage \$45

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

To establish, maintain and conduct a club for the encouragement and promotion of flyfishing and all activities pertaining thereto.

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