

TIGHT LINES

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Cover: Graeme McIntyre on the Hinemaiaia river (Robyn Gray)

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 2nd July

7.30pm, Tararua Tramping Club Rooms, 4 Moncrieff St., Mt. Victoria

Our globetrotting club members Brenda and Clinton Teague will present their experiences fishing for Sail Fish on the fly in Malaysia and Black Bass in Papua New Guinea.

Not to be missed.

A club meeting is usually held on the first Monday of every month (except January) even if the Monday is a Public Holiday (Waitangi Day, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday or Opening Day)

Events This Month

Club Trip July 14th & 15 July Turangith
Fly Tying: Monday 16th July, 7.30pm
On-Stream Day: Saturday 7th July, Hutt River
Casting Clinic:



Future Club Meetings:
August 6th



NEW MEMBERS
Renee Jaine

TAUPO LICENCES

The new season starts 1st July.

Make sure you purchase your new licence which can be done online on the DOC website

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Winter is now in full swing and some parts of the country have experienced severe conditions with floods causing considerable damage.

Our main fishing spots including the Taupo area have escaped any major damage but high water levels can pose significant safety issues. Make sure you check the water levels on the various websites and wherever possible, fish with a partner.

The rivers around the south end of Lake Taupo have been producing some excellent early season trout in great condition.

The traditional May run was quite evident in the early weeks of May and those lucky enough to spend time on the river were well rewarded.

What was most notable was the fact that the browns continue to run through May and into June and reports seem to indicate that this was one of the better runs in recent times.

Fishing the Tongariro has been quite patchy with many of the traditional pools having changed following high water flows and flood protection work downstream of the bridge. This has resulted in much silting of some of our favourite lies and the fish seem to be moving through the river quickly in the search of clean gravels.

Following the heavy rains on the 13th and 14th June those expecting big runs immediately following the rain would have been disappointed. However it must be remembered that fish can take weeks to travel the length of the Tongariro up to the spawning grounds and in the old days we used to expect to wait at least two days after heavy rain before the fish showed up. This was obvious with the club trip as pods of fish started to appear Sunday morning and I expect that those who had the ability to stay after the weekend will have good fishing for the next few days.

Following recent patterns the main runs are still to come and fishing over July, August and September should be rewarding.

Those that are keen enough are picking up a few fish at the river mouths at night and the mouth of the Tauranga Taupo, fishing into the lake, is quite easy fishing using floating lines. Keep well clear of the drop off back into the river.

When fishing back into the river at the river mouth it is essential that only floating lines are used as there is a heap of snags that will deplete your fly supply if fished with any depth. Lumo flies continue to be a favourite of most but if you tie your own, we understand that Aurora Skirts are no longer available from the local stores. Grab what you can.

Tight lines for the coming weeks.

Strato

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR MAGAZINE COVER

At the July meeting we will be judging the photo which will be the cover of Tight Lines for the following year.

- Club members can submit up to two photos each.
- The photos must portrait orientated and A5 in size.
- They must be of high resolution.

TIGHT LINES EDITOR

After many many years as editor of Tight Lines, Chris Paulin is now retiring from the position. His contribution to the club over these years has been very significant and we sincerely thank Chris for his efforts.

In the short term articles for the magazine should be sent to strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com



Hunting & Fishing

N E W Z E A L A N D

In store specials still available

Sims G3 2017 Waders

Were \$950

Now \$830

Headwater 2017 Waders

Were \$599

Now \$499

Latest range of Pat Swift flies

The Flyfishing Experts

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
444 Cuba Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt, P O Box 33 206, Petone,
Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500 Facsimile: 0064-4-589 9520

SCIENCE AND TROUT FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Science is playing an increasing part in the management of our fisheries and New Zealand is no exception.

Wellington Fish & Game is at the forefront of using science to determine some of the questions which have been pondered over by anglers for decades.

This last summer, Fish & Game staff along with Massey University completed an extensive field programme of electric fishing and in-stream habitat mapping for the Rangitikei River.

Water samples were taken from many sites for micro chemical analysis and using electric fishing juvenile fish were captured and the otoliths will now be examined. These can then be calibrated to the micro chemistry of the water samples which will give a clear picture of the movement of trout in the upper Rangitikei area and the value of the various natal streams.

Wellington Fish & Game have also carried out their annual drift diving in the Hutt, Waikanae and Otaki rivers. Both the Hutt River and the Waikanae River show increases over 2017. However numbers are still down on the high periods of 2011 to 2015 but the upward trend is encouraging.

An analysis of the statistical data going back to 1998 for both rivers, shows a very cyclical pattern which would tend to suggest that 2018/2019 will show a further improvement. Hopefully that is the case.

The Otaki River still shows very low levels of trout densities with declining counts after the more robust counts of 2013/2014. I suspect however that these higher counts were as a result of escapees from a local pond rather than any natural increase in abundance

Many thanks to Matt Kavermann, senior Fish & Game Officer of Wellington Fish & Game Council, and his helpers for carrying out the survey work and providing this information. Strato

Queen's Birthday Honour for Environmental Champion

Bryce Johnson has been made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Fish & Game chairman Lindsay Lyons says the Queen's Birthday honour given to former Fish & Game Chief Executive Bryce Johnson is a richly deserved recognition of an "inspirational" environmental campaigner.



"Bryce Johnson has led from the front and fought long and hard to protect New Zealand's environment from the ravages of greedy, unthinking development. "The battle hasn't been easy and at times lonely, but despite personal attacks, Bryce has been staunch, determined and successful," Mr Lyons says.

Lindsay Lyons says Bryce Johnson's work spans decades. "Bryce was visionary recognising the increasing threat to the environment 40 years ago and worked hard with successive governments to protect our wild places. "He was instrumental in persuading the Muldoon government to give outstanding rivers and lakes the equivalent of national park protection with Water Conservation Orders and under his leadership, Fish & Game is responsible for 12 of the 15 existing WCOs," Mr Lyons says.

"Bryce used his passion, commitment and good humour to help weld environmental groups into a united front to fight for our wild places. Even his opponents admit he has been a powerful and effective campaigner and he has earned their respect."

Lindsay Lyons says Bryce Johnson has also battled for New Zealanders' rights. "The right for Kiwis to be able to swim in their rivers, fish and gather food from them has been a powerful driving force for Bryce," Mr Lyons says. "He has also fought for Kiwis' access to the outdoors and back country. He firmly believes it's their right and heritage and he has firmly opposed any exclusive capture that would take away this traditional access and give it to those rich enough to pay for it," Mr Lyons says

FISH IN SCHOOLS

One of Wellington Fish & Game's policy initiatives is to encourage greater youth participation. In addition to fully supporting the Capital Trout Centre and other events such as the Manawatu Kids Open Day, they started a Fish in Schools programme two years ago.

Ova are transported from the Ngongotaha Hatchery and placed in aquariums in a select number of schools. Once the ova have hatched, the fingerlings are retained in the aquariums for a short period of time before being released into a local river. The object of the exercise is for the schools to look after the aquarium and to develop school projects around it.

The number of schools participating has gradually increased and although Wellington Fish & Game is able to provide a certain level of support, the project relies heavily on teachers who are enthused by the project and members of the local fishing clubs who provide assistance where possible.

If you have any primary schools in your area where you think they would have the adequate support from teachers and club members then get in touch with Hamish Carnachan of Wellington Fish & Game to discuss the possibility of the school joining the scheme next year.

Strato

LAKE SNOW / SNOT AND THE TAUPO FISHERY

Recent reports that lake snow or lake snot (*Lindavia Intermedia*) had been found in Lake Taupo, Lake Rotoiara and the Moawhanga River caused much uninformed comment and prophecies of doom.

The truth is far from this being so. *Lindavia* was first found in Lake Waikaremoana in 2008. Some recent re-testing of samples collected in 2005 in the Moawhanga River tested positive for

Lindavia when recently re-examined by NIWA. Subsequent testing of Lake Rotoiara, Lake Taupo and the Moawhanga River confirmed the presence of Lindavia in the algal communities at relatively low densities,

However there is no evidence of lake snow forming (blooming) and therefore like Didymo, does not seem to be able to flourish in the central North Island.

Lake Otamangakau is currently free of Lindavia so anglers are encouraged to *check clean dry* when moving from one waterway to another, not only within the central North Island but all waterways.

Lake snot is a brown algae which when it blooms can seriously clog up water filters and cause damage to hydro power schemes. If you see any strange algae in any waterway you should contact your local regional council.

MEETING VENUE (TARARUA TRAMPING CLUB ROOMS)

4 Moncrieff St., Mt. Victoria

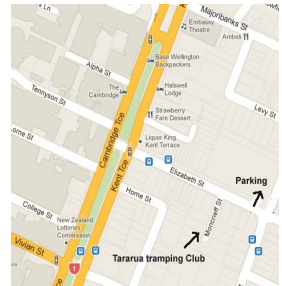
From motorway:

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.



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

Best Fish Awards Current records: 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019.

Stirling Sports heaviest fish (junior)

Hunting & Fishing heaviest fish (senior)

Graeme McIntyre 1.93kg rainbow jack Waiotaka

(NOTE: entries for heaviest fish of the year must be received within 30 days of capture. Entries received in March for fish caught outside the 30 day period will not qualify. Entries close 3rd week of March on printing deadline for newsletter)

Wallace Condition factor: best-conditioned fish

Graeme McIntyre 3 1.93 kg rainbow jack 55cms C/F 41.9

This month's best fish (month to date of newsletter deadline)

If you think your fish qualifies phone Peter Nagle (479-4944) or email peter.nagle@xtra.co.nz

CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

Casting Tuition

Anyone wanting casting tuition please contact Strato

CLUB AUCTION NOVEMBER MEETING

Now is the time to look through your fishing gear, books etc which are now surplus to current requirements but would be very useful for other anglers. Items can be sold on your account with a commission to the club or as a donation to club funds. The October magazine will have a specific auction form for you to list the items

CLUB TRIPS

Contact Strato Cottilinis for details.

Weekend Club Trips away from Wellington are organized each month. Accommodation is usually prearranged for the Friday and Saturday nights (dates given are days fishing). Transport is arranged as necessary, with costs shared. Contact each organizer at the club meeting. Novice fishers are encouraged to participate. Although assistance will be available, basic casting and fishing skills are required and will make your trip more enjoyable.

Upcoming trips:

Dates	Destination	Organiser
14-15 July	Turangi	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 7th July

The On-Stream Day will be on the Hutt River, weather permitting. On-stream days are opportunities for members who are new to flyfishing to learn from an experienced angler. Attendance at one or two on-stream days will help in gaining an understanding of fishing rivers. Develop rudimentary casting skills at our Hataitai Park sessions before coming to an on-stream day. It is your responsibility to have a current NZ sports fishing licence. These can be purchased from Hunting & Fishing, 444 Cuba St Alicetown, or online from Fish & Game.

Contact Strato (386-3740) before 9pm on the Wednesday prior to get details of where to meet. Limited numbers can be accommodated and acceptance will be on a first come first served basis.

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

The annual clean-up will be carried out over the weekend of 21st & 22nd July, 9 am start but you will be welcome any time.

Please contact Strato if you can come and help.

FEATHER MERCHANTS FLY OF THE MONTH



Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library
Monday 17 July, 7.30pm
(Access through side door on north side of building)

Orange Rabbit

Some lures are essential for the central Plateau.
Along with Red Setter, Craig's Night-time, Smelt, Woolly Buzzer and floating Glo-Bug – the Orange Rabbit completes the basic selection.

An easy to tie pattern that works particularly well in Taupo's rivers.



Materials:

Hook	TMC 5262 size 2 – 10
Thread	Black Mono
Tail	Orange hackle fibres
Rib	Silver oval tinsel
Body	Orange chenille
Wing	Natural or grey rabbit fur strip
Hackle	Natural or grey hackle

If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the flytying meetings please let Strato know. This will give an opportunity to plan ahead and order materials in advance.

A screenshot of the Feather Merchants website. The page features a navigation menu with 'PRODUCTS', 'Home', and '+ All Products'. The main content area includes a 'Welcome to Feather Merchants New Zealand Ltd - fly fishing and fly tying wholesaler' message, a promotional text about supporting the Future River Initiative, and a link to the '2013 - 2014 Fly Catalogue pdf'. A small image of a fly is shown below the link. On the right side, there is a circular logo for 'FUTURE RIVERS' with 'SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES' below it, and a paragraph of text about the initiative. The background of the website features images of a trout and a fly.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is 10pm Monday 16th July

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, Te Aro, Wellington; or email the editor. (Attached files often result in incoming emails being treated as spam and being deleted by the server).

The newsletter is dependant 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 – 5.45 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. Committee Members – the meeting will be at Petherick Towers, 38 Waring Taylor St.

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 Helpdesk out. 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>

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

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

2018-2019 COMMITTEE

President	Strato Cotsilinis	386-3740
Past President	Paul Baker	970-2595
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	Scott Garelli	021-325-032
	John Gamble	027 5175825
	Linda Brown	027-2304770

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, Te Aro, 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.

Tight Lines, the club newsletter is published monthly, except January, and is also available to club members via email as a pdf – contact the editor to be added to the distribution list.

Fees 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

Full member or family membership \$35, Junior membership no fee.
Joining fee \$10 Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

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