

TIGHT LINES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON
FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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I have been fortunate to get some time fishing the Tongariro over the last couple of weekends. It has been clear that the flood on the eve of Queen's birthday weekend has triggered more fish to move into and up the river. The fishing has been patchy, as it often is when pods of fish enter pools and pass through. The fish I have seen have mostly been in good condition.

I have a couple of other observations to make: One is 'fish where the fish are'; and if you don't know where the fish are, then stay close to the fishermen who do. I observed a club member who hadn't had any luck fishing on his own. He wasn't doing anything particularly wrong, but I know from my own experience in learning to catch fish on the Tongariro is that it is always easier to catch a fish if you put your flies in the same places that you see others catching fish. By observing the successful fisherman, and taking note of their rigs and how they are fishing you will learn far more and faster than you will on your own.

My other observation is more concerning; and that is the number of times I have seen trout being mishandled beside the river. I ask anglers to respect the fish they catch, and if they are to be released, do that from a net, or at the water's edge. It is a privilege to be able to catch a wild fish and

release it. If that privilege is abused, then don't be surprised if anglers come under criticism for their sport. In competition fishing, any fish that is mishandled is disqualified.

At this stage we are planning to hold a workshop at the next club meeting. The more feedback or questions we get in advance, the better prepared we can be to cover topics of interest. See you there.

Paul

Club Meeting Monday 1st July 2019

WHAT FLY SHALL I USE?

A presentation by Paul Baker on choosing the correct fly
(or flies) for the

fishing location or conditions.

What makes a good fly

What is more important, the pattern or the presentation.

ONSTREAM

Sunday	14 th July	Hutt River
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CLUB TRIPS

July 20 th and 21 st	Turangi
August 17 and 18	Turangi
Sep 14 and 15	Turangi



Hunting & Fishing

N E W Z E A L A N D

COME IN AND SEE

***Sims New Season Wading Jackets
From \$299 to \$899***

***Scierra X Stretch Breathable Waders
\$399.99***

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

The Flyfishing Experts

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ

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Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500 Facsimile: 0064-4-589 9520

Pond Annual Cleanup

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July starting at 9am. Bring gloves spades and gardening implements.

There will be a sausage sizzle.

Phone Strato if you can help, 386 3740.

Flybox and Flies Raffle

This is a fund raising effort. Plenty of tickets available. \$5 buys a chance to win 130 beautifully tied flies.

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INC

Wellington Flyfishers Club has been a member of the New Zealand Federation Of Freshwater Anglers Inc. for many years and Strato has been a member of their executive for over twenty years.

The Federation is very active in making submissions on proposed legislation and has published numerous press releases and letters to the editor on numerous subjects.

The Federation recently, at its annual general meeting and in the presidents report covered a wide range of topics which the Federation feels are essential to its continued advocacy.

The full report is available on the Federation website www.nzffa.co.nz.

All the executive members of the Federation are voluntary members and for many years supporting clubs paid a levy of \$3.00 per member to assist in the Federation's expenses.

As from 2018 the Federation opened its membership to individual members who can join with no subscription payable, details of which are on the website.

As the Federation executive is drawn from all parts of New Zealand, each executive member is able to use the Federation to assist in any local issues to add weight to any local club submissions.

All anglers need to be mindful of the fact that aspects of our recreation are being subjected to an increasing number of outside pressures and constraints and unless we as anglers are aware of these issues and support groups such as the Federation, our sport will suffer.

Obviously the issue of the degradation of our waterways is a major issue confronting us all not only anglers but also New Zealand's image overseas. See the website for details of other issues

How I learnt to cast with a “10 foot two handed Switch Rod”

Now I own a Switch Rod I felt it was necessary to learn how to use this.

I purchased a 10 foot, 9-10 weight Switch Rod
Aventik IM12 Nano Carbon

My first port of information was to see if we had any notes of
our website or any other club’s website.

None that I could find!

Next, I have a search on the net whilst paying attention to
“YouTube” clips. It was only when I went into “Images” and
started searching did I find some useful information. The
web sites and links are provided below.

*The disadvantage of a switch is the way you have to hold your rod while
retrieving flies. You will tuck the rod under your armpit and strip up on top
of the cork; you are a little less connected to your flies and fly line than with
a single hander. You will get used to it though
and after a while not be able to tell a difference. To change old habits took
a while and this took several days.*



So how have I been going – (1) the first lesson was a change in technique in holding the flyrod – As a photo shows the right hand is near the top of the upper handle and the left hand holding the bottom handle – for right-handed casters.

Just getting used to this took a while - I walked around our home and outside just holding this bottom part, just to get used to the feel. No flyline, just walking around the house with a quarter of a fly rod, as women and men do! Why not try it??

(2) Next to see what fly-lines work best, rather than buying new fly-lines, when I'm not really sure this is the best Switch Rod for me.

I choose some of my existing lines of shooting heads with a nine and ten weight and different lengths of shooting heads. The grass reserve opposite our house provided an ideal casting area. This has now been renamed "The flyline casting reserve". *(Please note this is not to be used for golf practise, as just beyond the trees is the Kapiti Expressway and combined walk/cycle way and golf balls could have the potential as a traffic hazard- then we may have problems with NZTA, oh dear, oh dear).* What are the chances of getting this reserve officially renamed and signage paid by our Kapiti District Council? *(Dreams are cheap).*

Back to casting results – after about 40 minutes, with 15 minutes untangling one backing line tangle, I had tested five shooting heads with the overhead cast.

I find much of this "grain" and "grams" quite confusing so tried out what I calculated as follows:

FlylineMy results

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| (1) 10 weight 48 feet with black backing; | 540 grains |
| good | |
| (2) 9 weight shooting Head | 330 grains |
| under powered | |

- (3) 10 weight 30 feet with white backing 470 grains
felt it needed more shooting head/weight
- (4) Masterline 10 weight UFS 849 grain (seems like 13
weight) 43 metres seemed too heavy and
cumbersome
- (5) 9 weight shooting head 30 metres with multicolour
backing (*got knotted*) adequate.

Remember this was tried over a grass reserve and I know for real, over water casting can differ quite a lot.

Tomorrow I'm going to try "Switch casting" over grass, quite difficult, so will have to apply this on a lake.

Tomorrow came so I tried what has been called the "Switch cast". I could try to describe this but prefer to let you view and read what other experts suggest.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiFJ9B3OtKs>*Easy Switch casting for Big distance.*

Place the line out in front of you with a small overhead cast;

Holding the line with the right hand on the large/upper handle-this keeps the tension on the line;

Line can be held in left hand –at the base handle or right hand on the upper handle;

Bring the line back and then cast forward = no back false casts;

With backing line at my feet this should give up to about 80 foot cast;



2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxxeAhaFaucHD> - *Switch Rod Snap-T Casting* ..Have the flyrod level with the water, Pick up and lay down flyline; "reach" pointed in the direction of the cast; Then snap lift the rod then with the top hand do a forward stroke; This forms a "D-loop" and allows a long cast with the "anchor point" or where the flyline touches the water is beside me. .
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rClhwSp3T2g> ORVIS - *Spey Casting - Roll And Switch Casting* .No need to keep right arm stretched out as this can cause strain on the arm and shoulder. When bringing the rod back for the "D cast" lift the rod and then tuck the bottom handle into my belly. .When bringing the rod back use the rod is vertical and then cast what can be called "splash and go".
4. <https://www.minturnanglers.com/switch-casting-instructions/>**Switch Style:**
 - . *Switch style incorporates rods and lines that can be used to cast over the top, under the tip, with one or two hands.* .
 - . *The basic switch cast is what is referred to as a "touch and go cast."* .
 - . *The basic switch cast is important to learn before you can move any farther.*

5. Steps of a Switch Cast

1. Raise the rod to shoulder level in order to lift line of the water.
2. Make a back cast with the top loop of the line traveling under the rod tip.
3. The goal is to place an anchor down smoothly (the anchor is the tip of the fly line and leader landing on the water) with the tip of the line pointed towards the direction you are casting.
4. Once the anchor is down, everything proceeds in the same way as your normal fly cast with a stop of the rod on the forward and back cast, rod tip traveling on the same plane throughout the cast.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=608toKFlexE> Spey Casting

With Jon - Switch Cast.

Cast the line

down to where it came from;

Use the "dish technique" to lift the rod slowly to the direction you want to cast;

This will

create the "D" cast;

. The right hand grip on the rod is near the top of the upper handle; Lift-Dish-Deliver

Any positive comments will be welcomed; negative comments will be suitable filed!

Since writing this I have bought another Switch Rod 3/.4 weight Aventik. To accompany this I have bought a Switch 4 weight flyline which can also be used as a single handed casting and a large Arbour 3/.4 weight reel. This was inexpensive and gives me an opportunity to learn casting with Switch rod.

My research has found you can use a reel and normal flyline two weights above the switch rod weight or buy a large arbour reel and switch flyline to match the rod. Also thw Switch flyline is thicker so a large Arbour reel would be recommended.

When making the small D in a roll cast try bringing the rod back further, so only about one to two feet are on the water and shoot this forward. This is part of the cast for a Switch rod. So there is much to learn but the end result is that you should be able to cast longer distances with no false casting. Any interested person can contact me, below.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fees 1 April 2019- 31 March 2020

Full member or family membership \$35,

Junior membership no fee.

New Member \$35.00 plus joining fee \$10

Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET THE POND CLEAN-UP

July 27th and 28th

FLY TYING EVENING

Venue: Taranua Tramping Club

Monday 15th July 2019, 7.30pm

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Winter fishing for many of our club members is predominantly directed to fishing the Taupo and Rotorua areas.

We have had a number of requests to repeat previous sessions relating to popular Taupo patterns.

The next Fly Tying night will therefore concentrate on Green Woolly Buggers and Glow Bugs.



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

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 August issue is 22nd July 2019
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 (levineha@gmail.com). (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. The Hub Cnr Elizabeth Street and Montcreiff Street

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.

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.

TURANGI CLUB TRIP 15-16 JUNE 2019

Seven members of the club spent the weekend at the Auckland Club's Turangi house while at least another six had accommodation elsewhere. The Auckland house is currently being renovated for a new kitchen but this did not stop those staying there feeling quite at home.

Although we originally intended the weekend would include some float tubing on Kuratau Dam, this did not eventuate due to a westerly breeze. The Tongaririo was at its early season best with fickle fishing depending on where you decided to fish. Some anglers who did very well on the Saturday struggled on the Sunday and vice versa.

One angler fished the Waitahanui with excellent success (9) sight fishing while a couple of others spent a few hours on the Hinemaiaia also successfully.

In all, over 50 fish were landed by the thirteen anglers with the vast majority being excellent conditioned fish in the 3lb to 4½lb mark.

Smoked fish added to the evening meal and over all, a quite enjoyable trip.

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

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

2019-2020 COMMITTEE

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