

# TIGHT LINES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON  
FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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

# **CLUB MEETING**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Country Antrim, N.Ireland revisited  
Fly-fishing in places of my youth A presentation by  
John Gamble

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

## **Events This Month**

### **ONSTREAM**

Saturday      26 October      Wainuiomata

### **FLYTYING**

Monday      21 October      Hare & CopperNymphs

### **CLUB TRIP**

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October      Tukituki  
Hawkes Bay

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Phil Parker, Bruce Reeve, Daniel Hummerdal

## **President's Page**

Ready for the new season? I've got fly boxes half full of flies yet I still never seem to have the number of flies of favourite patterns that I would really like to have.

Graham Evans is off to a good start; he won the raffle drawn on the September meeting - a fly box full of an excellent selection of nymphs and dries tied by Richard Benefield.

One of the strengths of our club has been the diversity of fishing experiences that club members have been able to share with us at club meetings. Jarek's trip to fishing trip to coastal Siberia was fascinating to hear about. Getting there, the fish species caught, weather conditions and nature of the accommodation all made for quite a story.

From fishing in one of the remotest parts of the world last month, this month John Gamble will relate to us something of his experiences in Ireland; a part of the world where there has been fishing pressure on its waterways for over 100 years. Understanding the fisheries management in such places provide some valuable learnings for New Zealand as we continue to see growth in the number of anglers that want to access our wild fisheries.

We don't have the remoteness of Siberia to protect fish numbers, there are choices of accommodation to suit all budgets (from sleeping in tents, the back of cars and DoC huts upwards it seems), and we don't have wildlife to be wary of; which all makes NZ a very attractive proposition for visitors. That makes it that much more

important that Fish & Game think very carefully about its role in ensuring all anglers get a fair go.

Remember your licence for the new season, bring along anything you might have for the auction in November, and any fishing experiences you might like to share with others. You might also note that we have a 'help desk' at the meeting. The idea is that any fishing conundrums you might have can be raised at the help desk and we do our best to make some recommendations.

See you at the meeting.

*Paul*

## **CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE OPEN DAY**

The next Open Day will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please mark your calendars now.

If you can help, ring Strato 387 7878 (day) or 386 3741 (night)

## **NEW SEASON LICENCES FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

Visit the New Zealand Fish & Game website for online licence purchases

### **Fly Box Raffle Winner**

Graham Evans with ticket number 84, drawn at the September meeting. Congratulations Graham!

## **CHANGES TO WELLINGTON FISH & GAMETROUT FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 2019/20**

There have been four changes to the fishing regulations for the coming season in the Wellington Fish & Game region:

1 Bait fishing will be prohibited in all waters that close for winter in the Wellington Fish & Game region.

2 The use of treble hooks is prohibited in these waters. Spin fishing with single hooks is still permitted during the open season.

3 The daily bag limit of trout has been reduced to two fish on the Manawatu River downstream of Maunga Road Bridge (upstream of Dannevirke).

4 The daily bag limit of trout has been reduced to two fish on the Ruamahunga and its major tributaries downstream of SH2 and the length of the Tauweru River.

## **We met, we fished** **together, we will fish again!**

We both met at a recent, well not quite so recent Wellington Club meeting – one angler not fished for two years and the another angler eager to get out fishing, as he was going to miss Opening day.

*What missing Opening Day? – this is compulsory, a traditional day for all eager anglers to comply with – an annual pilgrimage day – an annual leave day, a sickie day, attending Aunty Daisy's funeral (for the tenth time), except when wife wants to go travelling – well then all fishing plans are not put off – merely accumulated and remembered for the next available fishing trip.*

The accommodation was soon booked at Patangata, the Hastings Anglers Club lodge. While considering staying for a few nights it was soon apparent membership as well to the Hastings Club could be a future advantage. Here, we had several bunks rooms available with hot showers, a large kitchen, a TV for TV3 and TV3 and TV3. And yes, there was a lounge fireplace – actually quite cosy for a few nights! Even an outdoor area for wet gear, just in case you may need it!



Day 1 Tuesday. It all started about 8:30am when we left Waikanae and Paraparaumu and drove up to our accommodation. It wasn't a long time after we had unpacked, had lunch and were on our way again – having a look downstream on the Tukituki River, to places recommended by other Hasting Club members.

The seasonal changes had changed the riverbed from what was a good long run, over lighter riverbed, followed by a drop-off now became a wide expanse of riffing water. Down by the cliff, where members from other fishing clubs also favour, was consistently not fish hooking up water either. We were still keen to get into some good holding water for trout as Wednesday weather was forecast to be lots of rain.



Day 2 Wednesday. A reasonable early start had us walking along the gravel bed from Walkers Road by about 8:30am. Yes, try this back water first on the Waipawa and then down to the confluence with the Tukituki River. Let's just say we had a pleasant morning casting away. Upstream meant not moving the car so we were up for a late morning walk. That's exactly what this was – a late morning walk after an early morning walk and not even a trout sighted yet!

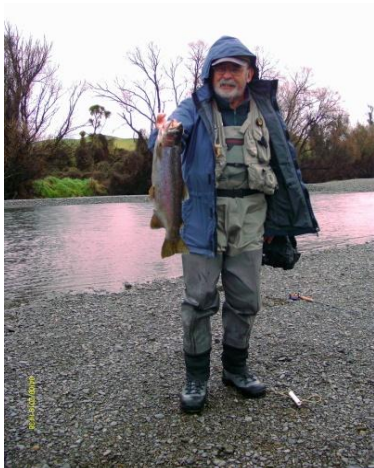
“How about we go upstream? ” a good suggestion. Driving to areas unknown and looking for fishing access points without the access map seemed ok and soon parking just off the road, we walked down to the Waipawa River. Well, well, well. Let’s just say that between us both we got into a hook up and landed trout! Here the sun was shining and we were out of the wind. Downtowards our accommodation with a stop-over at the bridge over the Tukituki. Here the wind was blowing upstream with some good effort, the river was still clear but the “ducking” casting technique was used. You know what this is cast behind and “duck” at the fly sours near your head as you seek to avoid being hooked by the fly being blown forward and upstream. About 25 minutes of this was too much as there was a call from the accommodation – it was after one/wine o’clock, like about four hours after wine o’clock so time to end casting for the day.

Day 3 Thursday Remember I mentioned that Wednesday was to be lots of rain, well we are sure it all came down last night! Where to go?? A quick drive over the bridge and looking down dashed any hopes of fishing the Tukituki River – it was light brown and high – in flood! A quick drive to Walkers Road quickly showed the colour was replicated for this was also a light brown and in flood. After some quick thinking we were soon on our way up to Lake Tutira- a small morning drive of about 1 ½ hours from the Lodge. The Ngaruroro River wasresembling what we had seen this morning in other rivers and we were surprisedwhen crossing the Tutaekuri River was flowing clear. “What the ....is happening here, don’t they have the same catchment areas?” Not bothering to stop to consult a map we headed into Taradale and drove



towards this river. Alas, the memory had faded from a few years back as we were soon driving AWAY from the river. So when you are lost, and only then do you consult a map! Not too further on we u-turned and drove towards the river and found an access walkway. Here we continued with our casting practise over this river in what seemed good trout holding water.

Then up and "let's get to this Lake Tutira! It was lunchtime when we arrived and overcast conditions. After donning our rain jackets it came out warm with a lovely afternoon watching the fish jump completely out of the water and trout cruising by. Did we hook up or land any? The attention, they say is with the detail and floating lines with glo bugs worked the best that afternoon.



Day 4 Friday Was this to be our last day? The local rivers were well in flood; we had fished Lake Tutira so what to do?? It was pouring with rain overnight and still this morning, and did our wives want us home a full day early? Surely not!! So back to Lake Tutira! Neither roadworks nor fog diminished our hopes as this

was our last chance – to be home for our evening meal we planned to leave no later than 3:00 pm-home was about three drive hours away. Yes, here it was raining as well! So like mad dogs and Englishmen we geared up and walked out to the lake in this continuous rain. Where was everyone else, because yesterday we had about six anglers together and four –let's call them admirers- as an audience. Here we saw fewer ripples, but there were fish here and as one drenched angler left for a hot drink and food about 10:00am the other stayed on for another cast!

We all know this means another 20 to 30 minutes at the earliest. After a few false tugs there was a hook up and yes landed! So it all comes to a good end! Enjoy your fishing! **Maurice and Michael.**





## **SPECIAL**

**Airflo Nemesis Combo Fly Rod,  
Reel & Line Set \$199.99**

**New Season Airflo  
Superflo Fly Lines**

**New Range of Sims Clothing**

***Club discount 10% available on  
Flyfishing purchases(excluding specials)  
with your membership card***

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# FLY TYING

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7.30pm  
(Access through side door on north side of building)

## FLY OF THE MONTH

### Gold (Black) Bead Hare & Copper Nymph



This is arguably New Zealand's greatest contribution to fly design. It is the easiest pattern to tie in its most simple form yet it is one of the most effective nymph designs. Tied "in the round" so it looks the same no matter how it is drifting. A perfect starting place for anyone thinking about giving flytying a go. Larger examples probably suggest large swimming mayflies, bullies and stoneflies, medium sizes suggest caddis pupae and small ones midge pupae.

#### Materials

Hook	TMC 3769 size 8-18
Thread	Danville 6/0 black
Rib	Copper wire
Underbody	Lead wire
Body	Dubbed hare's fur
Bead	Gold or Black bead

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

## November Club Meeting: AUCTION!

As you prepare for the new fishing season, give a thought to the Club auction coming up on 4 November. This is always a key event for the Club's fundraising and an opportunity to trade some of your fishing gear. Well-tied fishing flies are always popular, particularly for those that don't tie their own. Feel free to invite a mate or two along for the evening.

Auction will be limited to 100 items.

**Viewing from 7.00pm. Bidding begins at 7.30pm. Purchases must be paid for on the night.**

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### ITEMS FOR AUCTION FORM

Name:.....

Phone:.....Address:.....

Lot No	Description of Item	Reserve \$ (if any)	Donated to Club (tick)

Notes: Please enter a brief description of items for auction using one line per lot submitted. No Magazines please.

Bring your completed form to the October meeting or email your list to Scott Garelli at [wildfoodnz@gmail.com](mailto:wildfoodnz@gmail.com) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

You may enter a reserve for any item if you wish. A commission for the club of 10% will be deducted from the amount received even if the item is sold at the reserve price. Please indicate if any of the items are donations to the club.

Goods may be delivered to Scott or a committee member, or brought to the club rooms by 6.30 pm on the auction night.

## **Fly Fishing Only**

A Lifetime Experience with the Fly on three Continents

A three part story by Rolf Brednich.

### **Part One**

After exchanging some memoirs of the Good Old Days of Fly Fishing one day, a fishing friend asked me: Why do you not tell us more about your life as a fly fisherman? I always had that in mind, so here it is, printed. Born in the German town of Worms, we lived a stone throw away from the majestic Rhine River who would rule my life for the next five decades. In the 1930s, the Rhine was a pure, unpolluted river with salmon running to their spawning grounds in the upper reaches and a lot of other species, especially in the smaller tributaries. My father, a local policeman, taught me fishing when I still was a young boy. He was an avid fisherman and mostly fished for European graylings (*Thymallus thymallus*), using a fly rod which came from England. I still remember the fine taste of thyme (hence the Latin name) when the fish were pan fried at home. They never reached the size of big trout but were a delicate fish which thrived in pure water conditions.

In 1941 my family moved to the city of Mainz to a street just a short stroll away from the Rhine. There was good fly fishing to be had in the slower currents and the many side streams. But with the years, due to the growing industrialization and ship traffic, water quality started to deteriorate, and salmon and graylings became rare and finally extinct. After the war and my graduation from the University of Mainz, I got my first permanent position at the University of Freiburg. Again, this city was close to

the gin clear Upper Rhine River and where the Black Forest mountains offered a lot of beautiful trout streams and lakes. In the meantime, I had become a keen fly fisherman myself, had joined the local fishing club and spent my weekends and holidays fly fishing for trout, graylings and perch. European rivers are classified in three categories of predominant fish: Trout in the mountainous headwaters, graylings in the middle regions and bream in the lower section. The Rhine River near Freiburg belonged to the middle section, but as soon as you followed the tributaries into the food hills of the mountains, you found yourself in brown trout country. It was fly fishermen's heaven, even Freiburg had the river Dreisam, crossing the middle of the town, one of the Rhine tributaries and a lovely trout stream. All the tributaries once were spawning streams for salmon, but in the 1970s, these fish were all extinct. I was told, that in the old days the contracts for the domestic servants stated that they could not be asked to eat salmon more than five days the week, as salmon was so cheap and ready to have. But that surely would have been an urban myth because research has shown that salmon was always regarded as a delicacy for the rich.

To be continued next month.....

## **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://www.creeltackle.com)



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



[www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz](http://www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz)





[www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington](http://www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington)



[www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz](http://www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz)



[www.fishscene.co.nz](http://www.fishscene.co.nz)

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the April issue is 18<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto: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.

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.

### **Fees 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020**

Full member or family membership \$35,

Junior membership no fee.

Joining fee \$10

Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

**Enquiries [wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com](mailto: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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