

TIGHT LINES

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FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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CLUB MEETING

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

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

FISHING THE LOWER AND MIDDLE MUKHTEL RIVER

In Khabarovsk Krai a "Federal Subject" of Far Eastern
Russia

Lots of Lenoks over 60cm together with Gorbusha
Salmon

A Presentation by Jarek Jurasz
who has just returned from this fascinating trip.

Events This Month

Club Trips: 14th & 15th Sept. Turangi

Fly Tying: 16th September

Onstream: 8th September

Future Club Meetings

October 7th

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ross Smith, Federico Prato

President's Page

Spring is coming; the 'bait will be running with sea-runs following them in; bullies will be spawning in the shallow edges at Taupo with big browns following them in at night; and the Taupo steelhead runs are still in full swing.

Check your gear! You will want to be ready for the new season on 1 October, and this is also a good time to think about sending some surplus gear to the Club auction, which is held in November every year. Flies tied by some of the more skilled fly tiers in the club are also keenly sought after.

If you are not confident in your fishing abilities, or would like to pick up on some finer points in river fishing, you might like to attend the fly fishing clinic run by members of the New Zealand Fly Fishing Team. Anglers have enjoyed this experience at clinics run by Sports Fly Fishing NZ in previous years.

Details are in the magazine. Funds raised will help fund the team's travel to represent New Zealand at the World Fly Fishing Championships in Tasmania later this year.

The Wellington Trout Centre (pond) clean-up went very well this year, thanks to the volunteers who turned up and got stuck in to the number of jobs needing attending to. The presentation of the pond and its environs are a credit to Strato and Carmen in particular, but also all of the club members who contribute in their own way to supporting the operation of the pond and kids fish-out days. This year marks 21 years of the pond's operation. That is a remarkable feat given the vision and work required to get it established, and the challenges involved in learning of the hazards involved in transporting and caring for trout in a limited space with

a (mostly) modest flow of fresh water off the hills behind the southern land-fill.

It shows the strength of our Club that we have been able to support the Capital Trout Centre. Another sign of strength is that we have club members making presentations at the next two club meetings. Our meetings reflect the diversity of fly fishing opportunities available and it is great to get a good turnout to these meetings. I always like to catch up on friends that we just seem too busy to make contact with in our usual busy week. Do make the effort to come along and catch up other anglers and get some new insights into our sport. I was disappointed to not make the last meeting, but I don't think anyone would have appreciated me sneezing and snuffling through the evening. I understand that John Pansters' presentation was very good and informative on the fishing in the Wairarapa.

At the September meeting we are also drawing the fly-box raffle. Just a few more tickets are available.

Looking forward to spring.

Paul

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE OPEN DAY

1 SEPTEMBER 2019

A great way to spend Fathers Day

Lots of help needed

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

ReviewClub Meeting 5th August 2019Wairarapa Fishing

At the club's August meeting, Paul Shortis and John Pansters gave us an excellent presentation on fishing the Wairarapa.

Paul Shortis who is the Wellington Fish & Game Council's representative on the New Zealand Fish & Game Council, outlined various issues and proposals currently affecting the Wairarapa region and Fish & Game's monitoring of these proposals.

John's presentation described the many trout fishing opportunities within the Wairarapa region. He then also emphasised the coarse fishing that was available. This created a great deal of interest and with the summer season not far away, this is an area a number of our members will be exploring further.

CLUB AUCTION – 4TH NOVEMBER

The club's annual auction is to be held 4th November

Any fly fishing related items for donation to the club or
resale on your behalf
will be gratefully accepted.

Full details and Auction Forms in the October magazine

TWO PERSON TENTS TO A GOOD HOME

For sale – two x 2 person tents
Both in good condition and complete with ground sheets
sewn in, pegs, poles and flies.

All proceeds to Wellington Flyfishing Club
\$40.00 minimum per tent, any additional offers as a
further donation to the club.

Great for adults and / or kids with plenty of length and
width.

Loads of room for a single adult and camping kit / rods
etc.

Phone Ken 0274 947 890 or

Email: ken@responsiblecarenz.com

FLY BOX RAFFLE

Last chance to get a ticket in this raffle.

130 great flies together with fly box
Excellent for the new season

Just \$5 per ticket

To be drawn at club night 2nd September

GETTING READY TO FISH THE WAINUIOMATA RIVER(Season opens 1 October)

The Wainuiomata River near Wellington is an enigma in many ways.

Novice anglers often have great difficulty in catching fish in this pasture stream due to the need for good presentation. However once the presentation is mastered, it can be a consistent producer of high quality browns up to 6lb.

Due to a very silty bottom, caddis nymphs have in the past been to the fore although in recent years a succession of floods has exposed a gravel bed which has re-established the Mayfly hatch and the use of Mayfly nymphs and dries.

My top choice for caddis imitations is the tried and true Hare and Copper lightly weighted fished by itself to sighted fish or fished blind under a dry fly strike indicator.

The Wainuiomata generally runs clear during the summer and sighting the fish is not difficult. You can target specific fish and naturally you aim at the bigger ones.

The success of the lightly weighted Hare & Copper is due to the fact that it drifts naturally in the Wainuiomata currents and there is nothing more satisfying than seeing the nymph disappear in a white flash as the trout engulfs the fly. Striking must be instantaneous as a

moment's pause and the trout will spit out the false offering. No time to admire your handiwork. The hook must be set to make sure of your prize. This is not a fancy fly, no wing case but a small gold bead (not tungsten) in the early part of the season and in cloudy water conditions can add to its effectiveness. However, simplicity is the key.

Safety

Over the last two years The Hawkes Bay has lost 3 men in the rivers.

As we get older our footing and strength against the current is not what it was. Easy to slip and fall in.

The first in the Mohaka fell hit his head on a rock became unconscious and they found him a kilometre down stream drowned. The river was not more than a metre deep.

The second was fishing in the Tukituki around Waipukerau when the river was in spate and was lost presumably swept away and drowned. The third was fishing at the end of Tennants Road. They found his body on the shore at Clifton beach. The rumour is he had a heart attack.

All of the fishermen were in their late sixties and seventies. All of the fishermen might have been saved by An **automatic inflatable life jacket** which will automatically inflate when the **life jacket** is submerged in at least four inches of water, either when a small tablet dissolves in water and causes the inflator to activate or when using an internal water pressure gauge

that activates the inflator. They are designed to hold an unconscious person's head and face clear of the water so he can breathe. The jacket has the gas bottle is up by the collar of the vest and on being in water releases gas to inflate the vest. These vests are light easy to put on and cause no inconvenience whilst fishing. I have been surfing the net looking for the best value vest. Prices range up to \$250. The best value one I found was for \$139.99 at Hunting and Fishing and it ticks all the boxes. These days I have a solid wading stick and life vest. So for the price of a fishing license you have a life vest that would save your life

CO2 Cylinder - 33g for 150N Adult Inflatable Life Jacket

Have spent an hour talking to Air NZ in regards to CO2 cylinders in luggage .It is in their baggage instructions that Co2 cylinders are allowed for life vests. You are allowed to take 2 cylinders and one life jacket, but should declare it.

Neil Hollebone

CLUB TRIPS TO TURANGI

Our winter club trips have followed similar patterns to previous years and have been based at Turangi using the Auckland Club's house. The house recently had a kitchen overhaul and provides excellent accommodation for up to eight anglers (assuming two share a double bed).

Generally, reports from Tongariro during the winter have suggested that the fishing is patchy but we understand that good numbers are reaching the spawning beds, which is an indication that the fish are passing through quickly. Many of our popular pools show much more siltation this year and we suspect that fish are avoiding these pools and moving through the system much quicker than normal.

However the condition of the fish this year has been excellent and while the average is only about 4lb they are well worth the effort.

Earlier in the season, the Waitahanui and Hinemaia had some excellent early runs, which some of our club trip members took full advantage of. However this last month, while there were still plenty of fish in the Hinemaia, most were dark and in spawning mode and there did not appear to be too many fresh run fish which have come up recently.

The Tauranga Taupo on the other hand was still producing fresh run fish for those who were fortunate to be there on the day the fish were running. On this last trip, the rain on Thursday had made the river come up significantly and reports indicated that those who fished

it on Saturday had excellent success. Some of us therefore fished it Sunday morning and the condition of the river was the best I have seen it for a long time... Regrettably, although we fished almost up to the Cliff Pool, only one fish was caught and it appears that the pulse of fish from the previous day had simply gone straight through.

Most of our efforts on our recent club trips have however centred on the Tongariro and there is no doubt that specific pools are continuing to be more successful than others. Notably the Bain, Log, Reed and the Jones all have produced good numbers of fresh fish with those fishing downstream wet line having more success than the nymphers. Locals fishing the Tongariro however have commented that nymphers using naturals have been more successful than glo-buggers earlier in the season but glo-bugging was now starting to improve.

The most successful flies used by the downstream wet liners have been the olive woolly bugger, red setter, orange rabbit and large glo-bugs with the latter producing six lovely fish to one of our trip members on the August trip in a couple of hours fishing on the Sunday morning.

The last club trip to Turangi will be the September trip on the 14th and 15th and those wishing to be part of the trip should book early as these trips have proved very popular this year and we are limited to eight at the Auckland House.

Strato

FLY FISHING CLINIC

The New Zealand Fly Fishing Team is holding a clinic
on the Whanganui River
5th and 6th October.

This is a fundraiser for the New Zealand Fly Fishing Team and the cost is \$750 per person.

Tuition will be a maximum of two anglers per New Zealand Fly Fishing Team member, so you will have expert tuition and help throughout the weekend, not just on the river bank, but also at The Park.

Our aim is to answer all your questions and guide you through various techniques and how to fish them, along with relevant equipment, lines and flies. Also, we will look at where to locate fish, how to approach them and demonstrate variations on presentation. We can also help you with casting skills. Overall, we will help you to become more proficient on the water and catch more fish. It will also be a fun weekend too,

A clinic such as this is a unique experience, where you have a number of the best fly anglers in the country in one place, with the freedom to ask for as much help as possible. A couple of months after, they will be competing in the World Flyfishing Championships in Tasmania , Australia.

Although the cost does not include accommodation, we have provisionally booked rooms at The Park Hotel in National Park. For couples we have arranged for some King rooms. Cost of meals will also be up to individuals but there is a restaurant at The Park with a varied menu. We will have pre-fishing discussions at The Park, so we recommend you stay there. Please email Paul Gummer at p.gummer@ucol.ac.nz to confirm your interest and I will send you specific details for registering for the clinic.

Jan Simmons Big Fish

Tongariro Bridge pool August 17





SPECIALS

Airflo Brookie Kids Fly Rod Set
\$149.99

Airflo Covert Fly Rod Set \$199.99

Selected Riverworks Waders

New Season Sims Clothing

***Club discount 10% available on
flyfishing purchases***

(excluding specials)

with your membership card

FLY OF THE MONTH

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
Monday 16th September 2019, 7.30pm
(Access through side door on north side of building)

PHEASANT TAIL NYMPH

The Pheasant Tail nymph is one of the most useful nymph patterns. Rainbows and Browns love them because the nymph imitates a wide range of naturals. Mayflies, caddis, midges and damselflies are all suggested by this pattern.



Materials

Hook	Kamisan B175 #12 & #14 or TMC 3769 #10-18
Tail	Fibres from pheasant tail
Gold rib	Copper wire
Body	Pheasant tail fibres over lead wire
Thorax	Peacock herl or hare's fur or copper wire
Head	2.8mm gold, brass or glass bead – optional
extra	
Legs	Hackle or pheasant tail fibres

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

Casting Tuition

Anyone wanting casting tuition please contact Strato

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the October issue is 23rd September 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.

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
postage \$45

Overseas Newsletter

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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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