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CLUB MEETING

Monday 6 June, 7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount
Victoria, Wellington

WOMENS FISHING WEEK at OWEN RIVER LODGE

Presented by Heather and Jeannie

WINTER FISHING ON TAUPO RIVERS

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 24 - 26 June - Turangi

Fly Tying: Monday 20 June
*Paul Baker will demonstrate some
advanced nymphs for the coming
Taupo winter season*

On-Stream Day:
Saturday 11 June , **Venue TBA**
(Please call Strato 04 386 3740 by the
Wednesday prior)

Casting Tuition: Anyone wanting
casting tuition please contact Strato 04
386 3740



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Zara Cornish
Welcome back John Bell

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It was great to see a good turnout at the Club's Annual Meeting last month. In particular those members that travelled further than most, or don't usually get to meetings. Member's hadn't come along to stage some sort of coup (unfortunately) or to challenge the Committee with tough to answer questions (there weren't any), so I can only assume it was to show support for the Club's activities and to hear Phil Teal provide us with an update on activities at Fish & Game. He provided us with the most recent results of a drift dive survey of the Hutt River, an explanation of the recommended changes in the national structure of Fish & Game NZ and answered a range of other questions. Certainly, I felt there was a good vibe at the meeting and many members stopped for a chat at the conclusion of Phil's presentation (plus to enjoy some of the treats catered by Carmen).

At the Annual Meeting we award the various trophies held by the Club. The David Austin Memorial Trophy for photography is decided on the evening and was awarded to Peter Irwin. The other trophy announced on the evening is the President's Trophy. This is awarded at the discretion of the Club President, but generally includes engaging with the Committee with the intention of identifying Club members who have made a contribution to a range of Club activities over the year. Richard Benefield held the trophy last year. This year it was awarded to Susanne Lang. Some of you may have found the Club's revitalised page on Facebook this year, largely due to Suzy's efforts. There is some excellent content so check it out if you haven't already.

On Queen's Birthday weekend I plan to be in Turangi, but Strato will be at the Club meeting and will facilitate a discussion on winter fishing on the Taupo Rivers. I suggest you push him for ideas on how to catch those large brown trout that some anglers have been landing on the Tongariro River this autumn. I haven't been out fishing for a number of weeks, but on my brief visit to Otaki I was pleased to land a couple of brown trout on the Otaki River, something I had not managed to do in the few previous trips I have had to that river. By

being out there though, I was advised where the higher fish numbers hold in the River, so I hope to find the fishing a little easier next time. Always learning...!

For my bit, I'm going to come along to the fly-tying session in June and show how I tie a few of my favourite nymphs. These are generally tied on barbless jig or grub style hooks. Please let Strato know if you intend coming along, I'm not sure how many seats there are.

Tight lines

Paul

POND CLEAN UP - Advance notice

The annual pond clean-up will be held on the weekend of 23rd and 24th July. The usual gardening, hedge trimming, cleaning maintenance will be necessary to get the premises looking good for the next delivery of fish, which we expect in mid August.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

At the AGM it was voted that the annual subs remain at \$35.00. Subs are now due for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Club Account: 06-0582-0030903-00

If your details have changed, complete the form below or download one from the website and either scan or post.

https://wellingtonflyfishers.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/wffc_membership_form_v2.pdf

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

- Join Wellington Flyfishers Club • Renew Membership • Change membership details
- Contribute to Capital Trout Centre • Subscribe to the club newsletter (overseas)



Fill out this form and mail it with your cheque to:

Wellington Flyfishers Club
PO Box 9236
Wellington, NZ

Or: Direct deposit online to the Club's account **06-0582-0030903-00**

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|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45* | New membership. Family or individual. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Change membership details |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35* | Renewal. (Family or individual) *includes emailed newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> | I would like to contribute \$..... to support the Capital Trout Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free | Junior or Child Membership. Date of Birth..... (Please note: Junior members must renew their membership each year) | | |

Please Print

Name (All names for family membership - please indicate whether adult **A**, or junior **J**):

Address:

Phone: Home:

Work:

Cell:

Email:

Occupation:

By becoming a member of the Wellington Flyfishers Club, you agree that due to the nature of the sport the club will not be held responsible for any unforeseen mishaps or accidents that occur at any officially organized events held by the club.

Applicant's signature: Date: / /

Please tick or fill-in where appropriate:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> New to flyfishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Can help junior group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have fished for years | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in club activities for women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can assist with club activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belong to other angling/conservation organisation(s), please state: | |

How did you find out about Wellington Flyfishers?

- ☐ Internet ☐ Fishing Shop ☐ Friend ☐ Other (Please specify):

Suggestions: For trip destinations, guest speakers, new club activities, and ideas for improving current activities and events are appreciated.

Club Secretary email: wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

Office use only:

CLUB TRIP - MANGANUI O TE AO



In recent years our camping trip to the Manganui O Te Ao has been held in March or April to get the benefit of

the finer weather but the numbers caught have not been exceptional and did not match the extraordinary scenic beauty of the area.

We therefore decided to try our trip in May, although camping at that time of the year was always going to be a lottery. Fortunately the weather forecast indicated at least Friday and most of Saturday were to be fine and so five of us decided to make the trip.

Arriving just after lunch on Friday we pitched the tents which include two large 8 x 8 tents and by mid-afternoon, four of us were fishing the pools around the camp and crossing the river fished some of our favourite downstream lies. Not a touch.



While we were pitching our tents one of the locals arrived and his stories of dead eels and trout in recent weeks, did not bode well for a successful weekend.

A recent fall of snow in the area certainly had the water temperatures at a level which was definitely acceptable to trout but the local indicated that the river had been much lower and the cause of the trout and eel deaths were probably as a result.

The fifth member of the group arrived just on dark by which time dinner was well under way on a variety of cooking facilities which formed part of our camping gear.

Next morning we split up into two groups with Jarek and Ricky fishing the upstream lies while myself, Ben and Phil fished my favourite spots on the Merson property. Regrettably, our group had no success at all but Jarek and Ricky managed a few fish to break the drought.



I then took our group to the stretch below the main bridge not realising that there were two anglers who were fishing up from the camp.

As soon as I entered the water below the bridge, they immediately left their position downstream to come and tell me that they were fishing up

through that pool. As we had seen no other people in the camp we had not expected anybody but we had no issue in letting the guys fish through. We went downstream to fish up through the area that they had already fished (for one fish each). The very low river conditions meant there was a lot of slime on the rocks and the wading stick really became a necessity when fishing this area.

As it turned out the other two anglers' determination to come and tell us that they were fishing up through that area meant that they had missed the two pools below the bridge, which from past experience, have been quite productive. These two pools produced one nice brown and four feisty small rainbows so at least the rod had been given a bit of a workout.



We all reassembled for lunch and made the decision that with heavy rain now forecast for Saturday night and all of Sunday, we were best to up camp so as to not be packing in the rain and perhaps fish the Rangitikei on the way home. This proved a good decision as the four of us all were successful at one of the fishing spots on the Rangitikei we had fished in the past.



There is no doubt that the scenery in the area around the Manganui O Te Ao is an excellent reason for fishing there and a number of blue ducks gave us additional photographic opportunities. While large numbers of fish were not caught, the trip was still worthwhile and enjoyed by all.

Strato

FLY OF THE MONTH

Monday 20 June, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room (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.

Paul Baker will tie some of his favourite nymph patterns and we will also tie Glow Bugs

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

TROPHY WINNERS AT AGM

15 Year Membership Certificates

Clinton and Brenda Teague



Peter and Jeanie Buxton

Hunting & Fishing NZ Heaviest Trout



2022 Graeme McIntyre

3.58kg

*Brown trout caught 24 February 2022
from the Lower Bridge Pool of the
Tongariro.*

Best Condition Factor Trout

2022 Graeme McIntyre

CF 54.27 (3.58kg, 62cm)



Competition Cup



2021 Jarek Jurasz

Stirling Sports Heaviest Trout - Junior

2022 Oli Mears

2.75kg. Caught on Tongariro River 30 July 2021.

2.75kg, 62.3 cm, cf 40.62

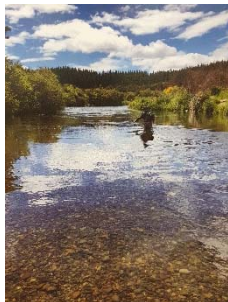


Ben Thomas Presidents Trophy Senior Angler of the Year



2022 Susanne Lang

David Austin Memorial Trophy – Rodd & Gunn Photographic Competition



2022 Peter Irwin



Winning Photo

WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonFlyfishersClub>

ANNUAL GENERAL METING – GUEST SPEAKER PHIL TEAL

Our guest speaker for the Annual General Meeting was Phil Teal, manager of Wellington Fish & Game.

One of Wellington Fish & Game's major tasks each year is to complete annual surveys of trout numbers in a number of the major rivers which fall within the region.

The divers who carry out the drift the dives, as part of the survey, need to be commended on the huge amount of time and effort which goes into this exercise.

Phil's presentation was of particular interest as we were aware that the Hutt River survey had recently been completed and anglers were keen to learn whether our lack of consistent success on the Hutt

River this past twelve months, was due to a reduction in numbers or a reflection of our fishing ability.



The graphs which formed part of Phil's presentation clearly showed a reduction in fish numbers over the last two years but this fitted exactly into a pattern which the Hutt River has experienced over a number of years and indicated that if the pattern continued, fish numbers should begin to increase.

In addition to his work for Wellington Fish & Game, Phil has been active on a number of committees for the National Fish & Game organisation and more recently has been part of the group developing Fish & Game's response to the recent independent review, carried out on behalf of the Department of Conservation.

The review covered a number of governance issues and in particular a restructuring of the number of regional Fish & Game Councils and their composition.

The group that Phil was part of was given the task of co-ordinating the responses from the various Fish & Game Councils, to the review recommendations and presenting a report back to the Minister.

This has just been completed and Phil was able to give us a brief outline of the suggested changes to the regions which form part of the document forwarded to the Minister.

We now await the Minister's response to Fish & Game's report.

This was an extremely interesting presentation enjoyed by the club members present.

Strato Cotsilinis

UPCOMING CLUB TRIPS

Trip Dates	Location
June 24th/26th	Turangi
July 29th/31st	Turangi
August 26th/28 th	Turangi

To book your place on a club trip please contact Strato (04) 386 3740

TAUPO FLIES RAFFLE

Chris Anastasiadis has donated a box of Taupo flies to be raffled. \$2.00 a ticket. On sale at the June meeting.

WE LEFT THE TROUT BEHIND!

Here we are into another **Mid Week Fly Fishing Trip**.

This time during May 2022 and fishing the middle reaches Rangitikei River trip staying at Ohingaiti, near Hunterville.



Yes, three of us again as only three bedrooms.

Here are some photos of where we were to go fishing. Interesting as this maybe I am sure you want to hear what happened, rather than just look at pictures.



Rangitikei River

This is some private access down Otara Rd, alas, now changed after floods early this year.



Come Monday, just after lunch time three wise men came with gold, silver and bronze. Well, that was the colour of the vehicles, so these must be three wise men. We all met at 1:00pm at the closed Ohingaiti café to spend four nights, three days fishing the middle reaches of the Rangitikei River. Our host graciously obtained permission from local farmers for private access.

Soon while unpacking we found the third bedroom where slim, short to medium height persons could have a good sleep.

Our afternoon, as often was spent reconnaissing the available fishing access places. These looked very fishable with moderately clear water with a few runs and some pools. Tuesday with rain overnight! This did not alter Plan A; could not. as there was no Plan B!

The slightly coloured water offered Maurice a trout soon before morning tea. Red with another trout later in the morning and Grant hooking up soon after lunch.

As these hours passed quickly away so the river started to turn colour. The green turned to whitish and the whitish turned to a light brown. It was well after lunch down at the Fish and Game access that all anglers decided to call it a day and come back to the accommodation.

Red's contribution: Red got up about 6:55am and woke up the others and the hosts' nine dogs. With rain this morning and wondering how the river was. It is now cloudy and rising. Great views yesterday as I crossed the Rangitikei near Hunterville, noted Red.

I got a two pounder about 10:30am, a small but a very silvery fish with no dots on its back, just green. Looks just like a coho salmon. A great day fishing, but cooling down fast so I went home early and

enjoyed a long hot shower. Wonderful first introduction to this part of New Zealand.



Lo, and behold this later afternoon/early evening became a birthday celebration.

Grant's contribution: A splendid birthday (81 years) where we sampled three Glenfiddich's (12, 15 and 18 year old single malts) which followed our three trout – one each.

Wednesday came with Grant hooking into an airborne trout on his first cast. There were no other notable comments for the rest of the day.



Thursday came so we set off for new waters – around the Mangaweka camping area and later in early afternoon down to Vinegar Hill. I could lie and say we hooked into too many trout we lost count, but let's be honest as anglers (well, reasonable honest; how a wee bit honest) but have to admit we tried, we cast, but we did not hook up that many; well not enough to count.

We left the trout behind for another trip, yet to be arranged.

This was worth a visit and needs to be revisited at other times of the year to gauge more information as to the best fishing months here.

Maurice, Grant and Red.

MAURICES MID-WEEK TRIP CALENDAR

Month	Trip details
June	Tukituki River and Waipawa River and Lake Tutira
July	Waimarino and Tauranga Taupo River mouths.
August	Tukituki River and Waipawa River and Lake Tutira
September	Tongariro River

To book your place on a mid week trip contact Maurice Broome maurice.fishing@xtra.co.nz or tel Prm 04-2989663 (not after 8:00pm, thanks).

CLUB MEMBERS FROM FAR AND NEAR, GET TOGETHER TO FISH!

Here we have news that our newsletter is read overseas.

Email received 11/2/22

Hi Maurice,

I always read the entire Wellington Flyfishers newsletter each month, and dream of being back there to join you on one of the trips.....So please put me on a list for updates [for mid-week trips].

Best wishes,

Paul

[Paul is an overseas Wellington Club member, currently residing in Weare, New Hampshire, USA]. Soon, Paul tells me he is coming here to stay in Wellington with family for six weeks from about early May 2022. What to do? **Ah, let's go fishing together!!!**



Winter is coming...

Time to stock up on your favourite winter flies for the central North Island fishing and those rivers that are open during the winter season.

A large range of clothing to **cope with the cold on those very chilly mornings** on what the experts are predicting will be excellent winter fishing.

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

The Flyfishing Experts

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
8 Te Puni Street, Petone.

P O Box 33 206, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 11 June

Venue to be advised. Onstream days are opportunities for members who are new to flyfishing to learn from an experienced angler. 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

USEFUL LINKS

For a list of useful links including licences, river flow levels, weather sites and organisations please visit the club website.

<https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/links>

CLUB MEETING VENUE

Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount Victoria, Wellington. For a detailed map and instructions on getting there please visit the club website <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/club-meetings/>

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please visit the Website for details relating to newsletter submissions

<https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/newsletter/>

COMMITTEE MEETING

6 pm, second Monday every month. For additional details please see the club website

<http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz/committee>

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.

WEBSITE

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

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Full member or family membership	Junior membership	Joining fee	Overseas Newsletter (Email only)
\$35	no fee.	\$10	\$35

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

As a club member you should receive a copy of the club newsletter via email if you are not receiving club emails please see the website for details. <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/newsletter/>

CLUB MISSION

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

COMMITTEE

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