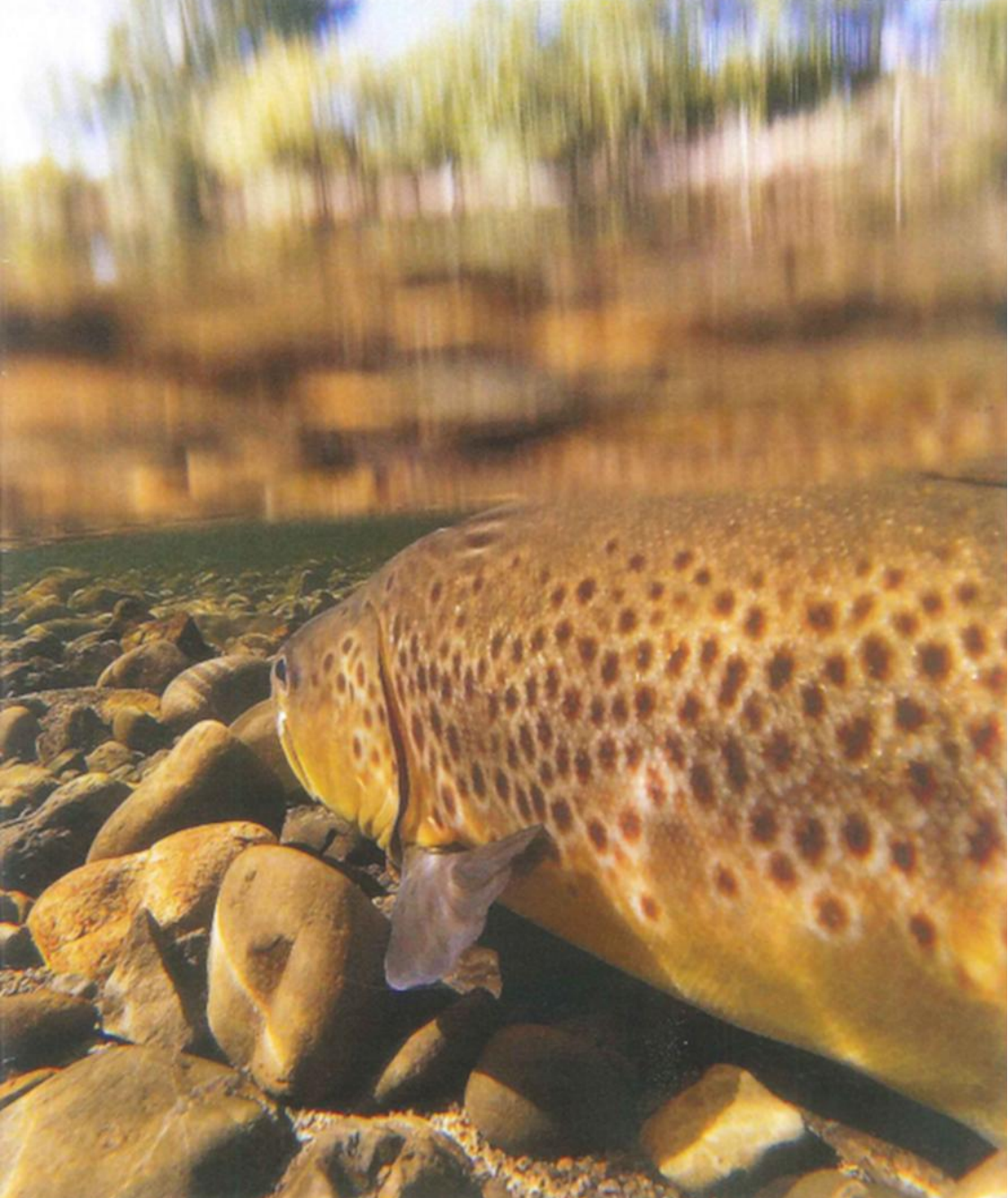


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# CLUB MEETING

Monday 3rd May, 7.30pm

## AGM

Peter De Boer will give a presentation  
“Norway and Scotland – Summer Salmon 2022”

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

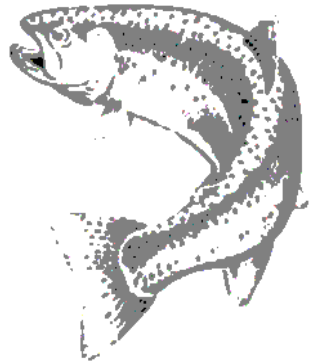
**Club Trip:** May 19 – 21 Turangi

**Fly Tying:** Monday 15 May  
7.30pm - GLOW BUG

**On-Stream Day:**

Saturday - May 27 Hutt River  
Phone Strato 386 3740 by the Wednesday  
prior.

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



## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Jeff Wood

*Dont forget to Check your Fish & Game licences  
some rivers may be closed for spawning.  
Ensure that you are fishing responsibly.*

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It was great to get a positive report on the Club auction this month. I could not make it, but I understand our auctioneer did an excellent job of getting through the lengthy list of items in the auction.

Our next meeting is the Club's Annual Meeting, with the election of the committee, presentation of the Presidents report, financial results and trophies, and selection of the winning photograph in the photo competition. Normally this does not take too long, and we have Peter de Boer also presenting to the meeting.

Once again, I encourage you to consider joining the committee for a year. For newer members it provides an opportunity to get to know some of the Club stalwarts better, and the Club will always benefit from new ideas and input. It is not an onerous task and duties are shared as people have the time and flexibility to contribute.

It is a challenge to remain relevant to members and sustain membership numbers. With the demands on people's time through work, families, and social media, plus the seemingly inexhaustible resources on fly fishing on-line, it is important that the Club continues to provide an opportunity for members to interact, discuss fishing conditions and generally look out for each other. In other words, provide a level of engagement that is simply not available through social media alone. I believe the Club is doing well in that respect and encourage you to come along to the Annual Meeting and engage with fellow members.

*Tight lines*

*Paul*

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **Agenda**

Welcome:

Guest speaker presentation

Apologies:

Minutes of the previous AGM 2nd May 2022

Matters Arising

President's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

General Business

Election of Committee:

Judging of Photographic Competition

Prize Giving:

## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The AGM will set the membership subscriptions for the coming year.  
You will be sent a separate notice.

## **Reminder**

# **Photographic Competition**

The club's annual photographic competition will be held at the club's AGM on 1st May 2023

- Bring along photos that you have taken yourself.
- Limited to 2 photos per person
- Photos must have a fly fishing theme or scene
- No specific size or orientation required

To be displayed on a board and numbered randomly. The photos will be judged by club members at the AGM.

Please put your name and contact phone number on the back of your photo.

At the end of the evening, the photos will be collected by the committee who will at a later date use some of them for future covers for "Tight Lines".

## **CLUB AUCTION**

The club auction is the major fund raiser for the Club and was held at the Club meeting on 3rd April.

There was a full catalogue of items available and a good turnout of members.

Pat McShane was the auctioneer and he joked and cajoled the bidders so that the end result was a profit of \$1,478.50. This was an excellent result.

Many thanks to all those that took part.

# CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE FUND RAISING RAFFLE

## Fly Box and Flies



**Richard Benefield has again donated two fly boxes filled with flies to the Capital Trout Centre to raffle for fund raising.**

The tickets cost \$5.00 each

We have a form with the numbers 1 to 150 which will be available at club meetings for you to write you name against a number.

Be in with a chance to win 1st or 2nd prize

The raffle will be drawn when all 150 tickets have been purchased.

If you cannot make it to a club meeting but would like a ticket (or tickets) please email [carmen.cotsilinis@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.cotsilinis@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and number of tickets.

Make the payment direct to the club account 06-0582-0030903-00 and we will add you to the raffle form.





# BEST FISH AWARDS

**1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023**

## **Hunting & Fishing Heaviest Fish (Senior)**

Chris Anastasiadis - 9 1/2 lb - Tongariro - March 2023

## **Wallace Condition Factor: best conditioned fish**

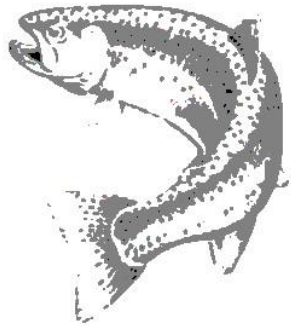
Chris Anastasiadis - CF 79.8 - Tongariro - March 2023

# BIGGEST FISH OF THE MONTH

The following catches have been advised.

**Strato Cotsilinis** - 7 lb brown.

Caught on the club trip to Rangitikei





# FLY OF THE MONTH

**Monday 17 April, 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.

This month's fly is a **GLOW BUG**



<b>Thread</b>	Danville flymaster or Kevlar if available
<b>Hook</b>	Danville flymaster or Kevlar if available
<b>Body</b>	Glow-Bug yarn – preferably stretchy yarn Various colour combinations including; champagne, fire orange, fluorescent orange, flame, deep dark red

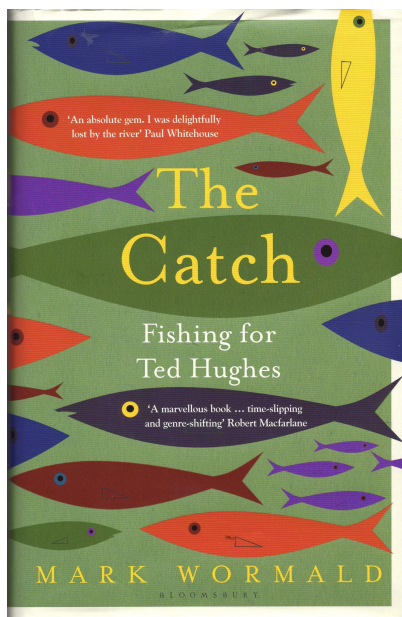
If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the fly-tying meetings please let Strato know (386 3740).



# GREAT BOOKS ABOUT FLY FISHING # 1

**Mark Wormald:  
The Catch. Fishing for  
Ted Hughes.  
Bloomsbury Circus,  
London, 2022. 323 p.**

My first review for Tight Lines is about a book from “Home”, because it was England that provided New Zealand with the first deliveries of frozen eggs for the introduction of brown trout, rainbow trout and salmon. Without that service, there would be no salmonids in our country– and probably not a Fly Fishing Club.



The Catch is a fascinating book. It is devoted to the famous English poet laureate Ted Hughes (1930-1998) whose life was dominated by poetry and fly fishing. For him, the passion to pursue, capture, kill and eat was and still is contained in us as the old hunting instinct, the bodily need to hunt. For Ted, the activity in which it survives in its purest form, the passion and excitement, was fishing. He was born in the county of Devon in Southwest England, close to the River Taw, where he learned the art of fly fishing as a child. He later declared the Taw as his “Own River”. He originally lived in the West Dartland of Torridge, but his passion for fish and fishing took him restlessly and for all his life to places where he could find new fishing grounds, wild fish and real water. He lived a colourful life which was governed by his poetry and fish. His family shared this passion with him.

Ted extensively travelled and guided his family to ever new targets, to streams, rivers, lakes, loughs, even reservoirs, always on the

pursuit for trout, sea trout and salmon. He loved the fishing waters in Scotland, Ireland, Austria, but even went as far as Iceland and Alaska. Fishing was his way of breathing. He needed to fish, it sustained him. It took him into the natural world, and reminded him of who he was, who he had been.

With all his accumulated wisdom, he never wrote a book about his fishing experiences. He was a poet, and all his love went into his poems. When he finally composed a book about fishing, it was a book of poems, aptly called *River*, published in 1983. All his love for fishing went into his poems. He had kept them for a long time by himself and when he finally made his collection public, it became the most poetic book that ever had been written about fish and fishing. But it was certainly not a very popular book. It was a deftly and passionately attentive chronicle of life, nature and the change over the course of the seasons. It is important to note that the fish which Ted had caught in all these waters was destined for him and his family's consumption. Ted's nickname was "predator". He was not only a master fisherman, but also a good cook. He knew what to do with the catch. His favorite dish for breakfast was smoked salmon. Catch and release, the now ever growing "fishing for fun" was unknown in his generation. Fish were only released if they were too big or too small or ill.

Ted met Mark Wormald, the author of this book, at the University of Cambridge in 1983. As it quickly turned out, Mark was also a poet and keen fisherman, and this first encounter developed into an intimate partnership and friendship. The then young poet and fisherman became an apprentice and Ted the teacher. They travelled and fished together, and the aging Ted let him know all the subtleties of fly fishing for trout and salmon. And Mark would become more and more familiar with Ted's angling philosophy.

"For the angler who lives near a river, the state of the water becomes the first thing he speaks of each day. He watches it as the doctor watches a patient's temperature chart".

"I do not talk about catching a fish. It's about your sense of the fish and the river catching the fisherman".

After Ted's death, Mark discovered that Ted had entrusted all his papers into the care of the Manuscript Department of the British Library. For weeks and weeks, Mark had been seen reading and copying Ted's voluminous unpublished folders of letters, diaries, fishing and travel reports and his views on life and nature. This was a real treasure for him and he used all the new knowledge about Ted's earlier life to walk in the foot steps of his deceased friend. He travelled extensively with both his own and Ted's family, very often coming to places where Ted had left his marks. But he also became more and more aware of the impact of the radical progress of civilization onto the fishing waters. He saw and regretted the effects of industrial pollution, road constructions, bridges, water abstraction, algae blooming, you name it... He was an active member of the Trout Association Water Resources Group and the Atlantic Salmon Trust.

The book needs deep reading, and I recommend doing it one chapter a day and to let it sink in. Mark's beautiful, inspirational language is stunning, so are the inviting titles of the book chapters like Stealing Trout, I fished Still Waters, Headwaters, The Catch, Great Irish Pike, the Dry-Fly Purist, May Salmon, and much more. And you will find only a few pages of this book without the mentioning of fish or fishing. You might also find some humour as well:

***A man can match  
The hatch and catch  
The Time of his life  
In fish and in wife,  
But live forever  
He will never  
Land the river***

And you might follow the "predator's" slogan: Fish on!

Rolf W.Brednich

# UPCOMING CLUB TRIPS



## May 19 – 21 Turangi

As usual we will be staying at the Auckland Fly-fishing Anglers Clubhouse “Turangi Lodge”.

Month	Dates	Destination
June	23 - 25	Turangi
July	28 - 30	Turangi
August	25 - 27	Turangi

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

## WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

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



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## **ON-STREAM DAY**

**Next onstream day** – Saturday - May 27 Hutt River

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 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. 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

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## 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.

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