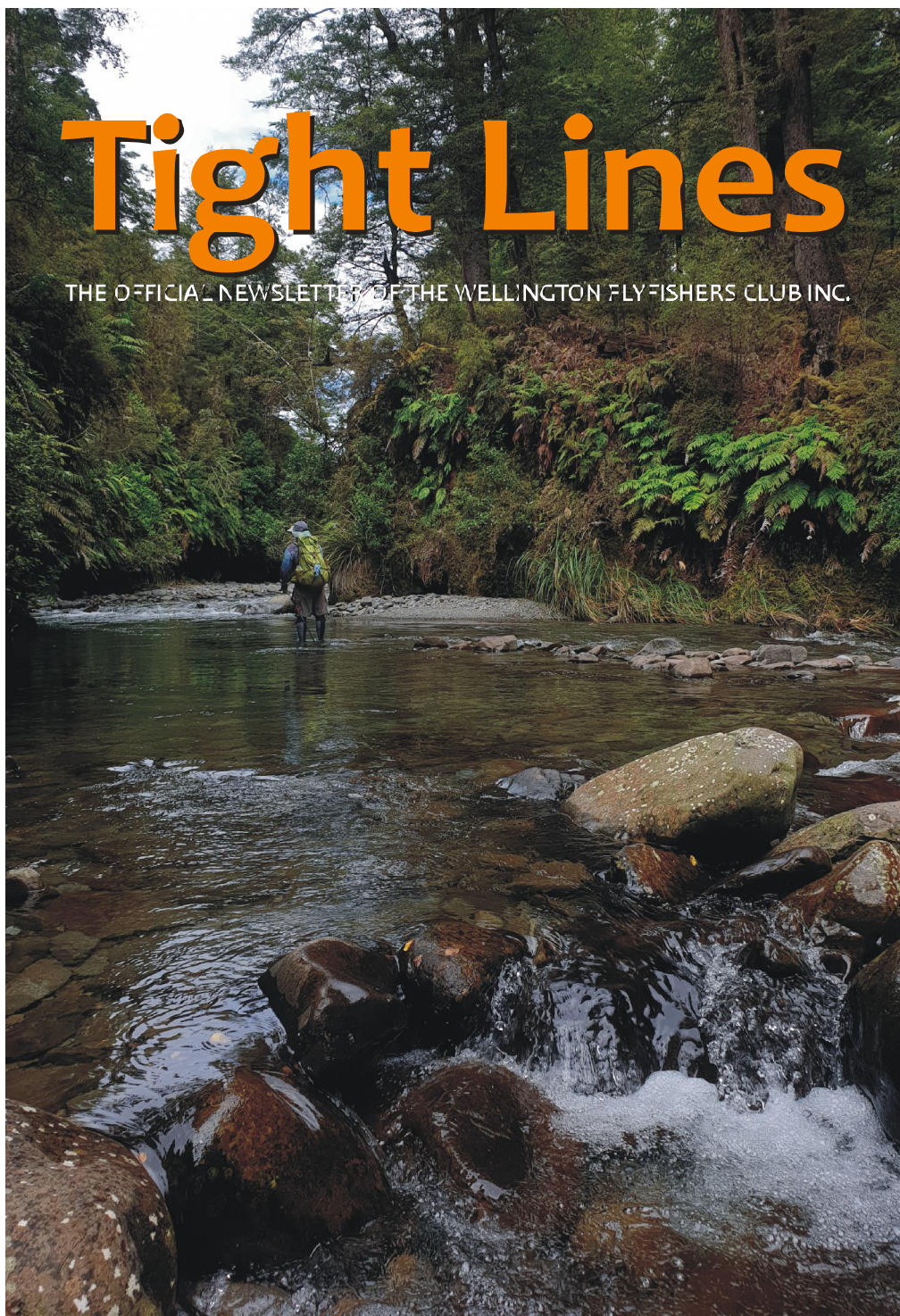


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CLUB MEETING

Monday 6 May, 7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club Rooms – 4 Moncrief St,
Mount Victoria, Wellington

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Corina Jordan
CEO of New Zealand Fish & Game Council
Will Give A Presentation

EVENTS THIS MONTH

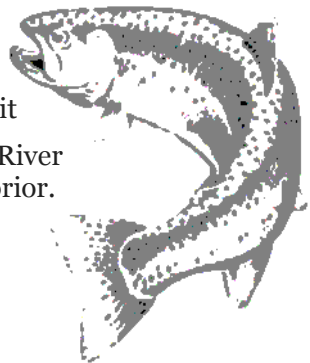
Club Trip: May 10-12 - Whakapapa

Fly Tying: Monday 20 May - Orange Rabbit

On-Stream Day: Saturday 25 May - Hutt River
Phone Strato 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior.

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

Capital Trout Centre: Closed



REMINDERS

Check your Fish & Game licences. Some rivers are now closed for spawning. Ensure that you are fishing responsibly.

Clean up weekend at Capital Trout Centre 29th and 30th June (more details in the June Tight Lines)

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Another month has come and gone and the club's normal activities have been well supported.

The flytying night we tied glow bugs which will be important for the Turangi trips in the coming months.

The club trip to the Tukituki in terms of numbers actually landed (over 60) and appeared to be enjoyed by all. A good percentage of the fish landed were small fish which hit the line with some vigour while the larger ones were in excellent condition. It appears the weather events of the last twelve months have done little to damage this excellent fishery.



The coming AGM will be an opportunity for members to hear a presentation from Corina Jordan, the current CEO of Fish & Game, which will not only outline where Fish & Game are currently at but will also give an insight into the future.

This presentation is not to be missed.

See you all at the meeting.

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Strato

UPCOMING CLUB TRIPS

May - Whakapapa River - 10th/12th
Staying at Taumarunui Holiday Park

June	14 th /16 th	Turangi
July	5 th /7 th	Turangi
August	9 th /11 th	Turangi



Wellington Flyfishers Club Inc

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Wellington Flyfishers Club Inc will hold its AGM at its normal club meeting on Monday 6th May 2024 at 7.30pm at the Tararua Tramping Club hall.

PRESIDENTS REPORT TO AGM

Annual report of Wellington Flyfishers Club Inc for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The last financial year has again been a successful one for the club.

Club Trips, flytying nights, on stream days and club nights have been well patronised and thanks must go to all those who are involved in organising those activities.

Financially the club once again had a positive year with the operating account showing a surplus of \$2,317.66.

The activities of the Capital Trout Centre were once again successful financially due to the sponsorships and donations received while the activities that did take place were well patronised by excited children.

The one disappointing aspect was that our fish supplies ran out considerably earlier than we had anticipated due probably to the small size of the fish from the hatchery this year, which were very attractive to the local shag population. Steps to counter this in the coming season are currently being examined.

Club membership has stayed stable with good numbers of new members replacing those where age has becoming a telling factor.

The club appears to be in good heart and looking forward to the next twelve months.

Strato Cotsilinis

President

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC A.G.M.

Monday 6th May 2024

AGENDA

Welcome

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Guest Speaker's Presentation

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Judging of Photographic Competition

AGM

Apologies

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Minutes of the previous AGM 1st May 2023

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Matters Arising

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President's Report

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Treasurer's Report

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General Business

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Election of Committee

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Prize Giving

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The club's annual photographic competition will be held at the club's AGM on 6th May 2024

- 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 may at a later date use some of them for future covers for “Tight Lines”.

CLUB TRIP - TUKITUKI RIVER 19th – 21st APRIL 2024

Twelve club members made the trip to Tukituki following reports that the trout were in excellent condition this year and in reasonable numbers.

The two anglers that travelled up early on Friday found numerous other anglers on the river but managed 19 rainbows landed for the day including a significant number in the 2 – 4lb category. These certainly bore out the reports we had received previously as they were all in excellent condition.

Saturday and Sunday morning there were some very light drizzle patches, but overall most anglers were successful, with young Jahdyn



landing his first two river trout on flies he had tied himself. Haihong and children Zishan and Phoebe tried hard on their first club trip.

The Saturday night dinner at the Patangata Pub was as usual very successful and although it rained heavily overnight the river was still quite fishable Sunday morning. A few more were added to the total Over all the group landed over 60 fish for the three days which included a significant number of small fish which really fought hard despite their size.

A couple of club members stayed for a further night and we understand they were rewarded with further success.

BIGGEST FISH FOR MARCH

Nick Miller 7.43lb Brown Trout caught 28 March 2024.



Some shots of **Jan Simmons** with a lovely rainbow - about 6.3lb



FLY OF THE MONTH

Fly tying is sponsored by [Fishscene](#)



Monday 20 May, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
(Access through side door on north side of building)

This month's fly is an ORANGE RABBIT.

Some lures are essential for the central Plateau. Along with Red Setter, Craig's Night Time, Smelt, Woolly Bugger and Glow Bug the Orange Rabbit completes the basic selection. An easy pattern to tie that works particularly well in Taupo's rivers.

Materials

Hook	TMC 5262 size 2 – 10
Thread	Black Mono
Tail	GOrange hackle fibres
Rib	Silver oval tinsel
Body	Orange Chenille
Wing	Natural or grey rabbit fur strip
Hackle	Natural or grey hackle.



- Tie in thread at bend
- Tie in orange tail fibres to the bend
- Tie in tinsel at bend and let hang
- Tie in orange chenille at bend and wrap thread to head, then wrap chenille to head.
- Trim rabbit skin at front end to a point.
- Tie in pointed end of rabbit at head
- Wrap tinsel over rabbit to head (3 wraps) trying not to catch fur and tie off behind head.
- Tie in brown hackle feather at head, wrap 2 or 3 times and Tie off.

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



**Have you got the right flies
for those Turangi trips**

**From Glow Bugs to Red Setters
and many more**

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

The Flyfishing Experts

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WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

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

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 25 May - 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>

HELPPDESK

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.

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