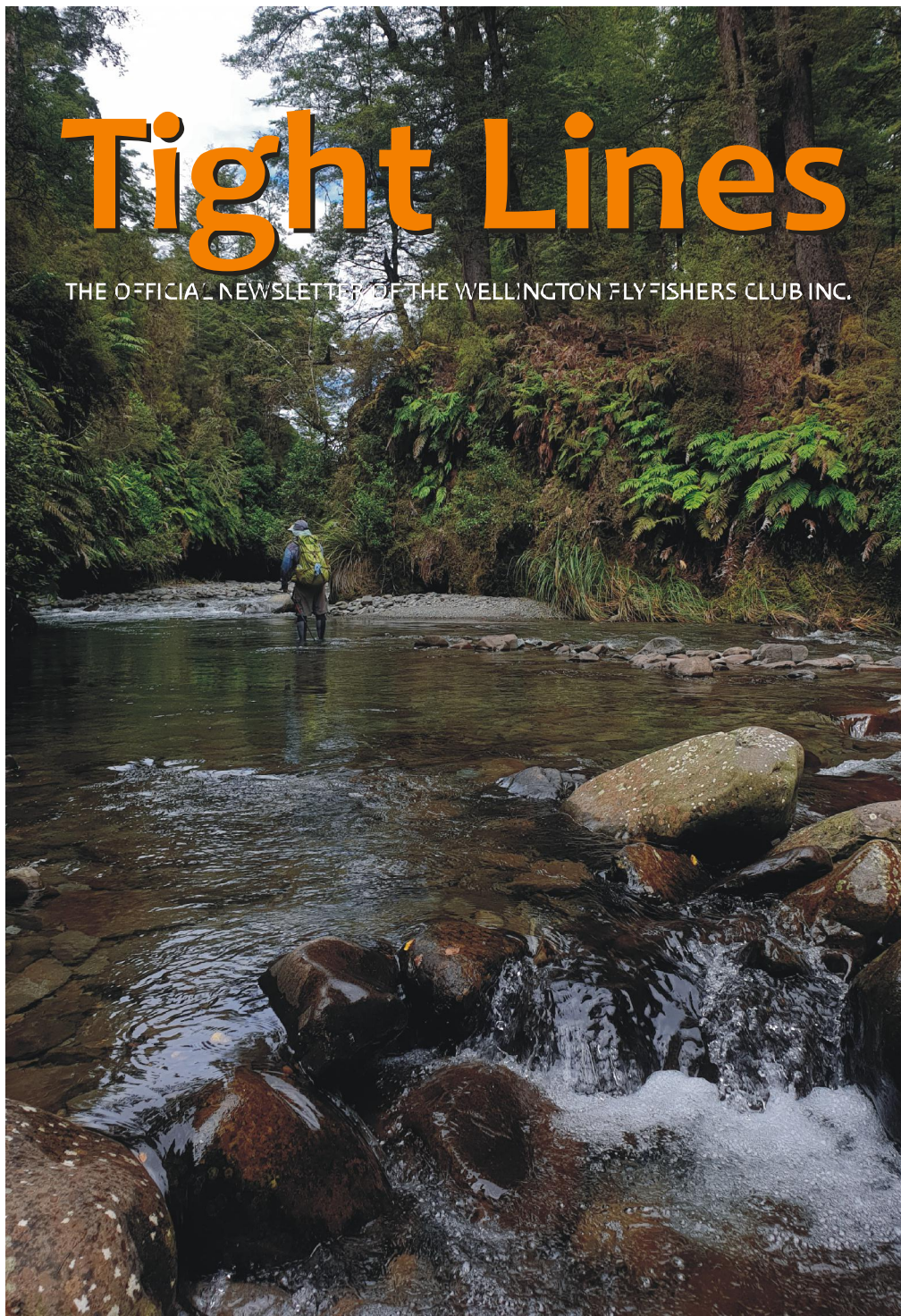


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLY-FISHERS CLUB INC.



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CLUB MEETING

Monday 6 June, 7.30pm

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

Details to be advised

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: June 14/16 – Turangi

Fly Tying: Monday 17 June - Scotch Poacher
for details see Fly of the Month...p12

On-Stream Day: Saturday 22 June - Ruamahanga 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



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Julia Gallagher, Mark Whitmore, Hannah Hefferman and Tabby,
Darcy & Arlo

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The AGM has come and gone and our financial accounts show the club is continuing to have a healthy financial position. Club membership of approximately 130 has enabled us to maintain subs at the current level for a further year.

All the members of the current committee were nominated again this year and we were very pleased to have an additional club member, Peter Irwin, join the committee. Welcome Peter.

The next club meeting is on King's Birthday Weekend and the programme for that meeting is yet to be decided. We will advise you accordingly.

The July meeting will be our annual auction and anyone wishing to include items in the auction either on their own behalf or as a donation to club funds, need to complete the auction form which is included in this magazine.

The winter season is now upon us and our regular trips to the Taupo area have been arranged, with details of dates in the magazine. If you wish to come on any of those trips you need to contact me as soon as possible as accommodation is limited.

Hope your winter fishing goes well.

Strato

MEMBERSHIP SUBS

At the AGM it was moved that annual membership subscriptions stay at \$35.00.

The subs for the year ending 31 March 2025 are now due.

If your address or contact details have changed please complete a membership form and email it to us. Bank account details are on the membership form which can be downloaded from the club website.

CLUB AUCTION

We will be holding the club auction at the July meeting.

Items can either be donated to the club for auction or sold on your behalf with a 10% commission kept by the club.

Please fill out the Entry Form and **email to Strato by 14 June** so that a catalogue can be prepared of items.

CLUB AUCTION - RULES

All purchases must be paid for on the night

- At the end of auction – go to desk and get your “bidding sheet” from Strato who will add it up.
- Please pay (no eftpos) Cash or Internet Banking only
- Your sheet will be handed to a committee member who will pick up your “bids”. Please do not pick up your own items off the table as this causes confusion.
- Please return your “bidding form” to Strato. Do not take it home as this is required for reconciliation purposes.

Thank you, have a pleasant and successful auction.

AUCTION ENTRY FORM

The Auction entry form is included on the following page for those wishing to put items into the auction.

Please fill out the form and email it to strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com by **14 June** so it can be included in the auction catalogue.



Wellington Flyfishers Club (Inc)

ANNUAL AUCTION

Monday 1 July 2024

Auction Entry Form

Viewing from 6.30pm. Bidding begins at 7.30pm

*NOTE: Auction will be limited to 100 items.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Description of item (s)	Reserve \$ (if any)	Donated to club (tick)	Lot # (office use only)

Notes

- Please enter a brief description of the items for auction, using one line per lot submitted.
- Bring your completed form to the March meeting, or give it to a committee member, or post it to:
Wellington Flyfishers Club
PO Box 9236
Wellington
New Zealand
- If you have any inquiries phone Strato (04 386 3740)
- 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 reserve price.
- Please indicate if any of your items are donations to the club.
- Goods may be delivered to Strato a few days before or brought to the June club meeting.
- **NO MAGAZINES PLEASE**

CLUB TRIP TO THE WANGANUI AND WHAKAPAPA

While filled with anticipation of some good conditioned large rainbows trips can also be disappointing.

The rainbows run up the Whakapapa River to spawn and for this reason the river is closed to fishing from the end of June.

Last year's trip which was held in March, was disappointing and only a few fish were caught.

This year we delayed the trip to May in the hope it would be more successful but reports received from other anglers prior to the trip were not all that positive.

Five of us made the journey and travelled to the Taumaranui Motor Camp where we had booked the Kiwi Cabin.



Arriving midday Friday we decided to fish the Wanganui close to the camp but we only had a 1 kilo brown to show for our efforts.



Saturday was spent fishing Stone Jug Road on the Whakapapa, which is a favourite with anglers but our efforts were to no avail.



A transfer to the Te Renua Road Reserve in the afternoon however resulted in six hook ups but the fighting qualities of these Whakapapa rainbows resulted in only three coming to the net.

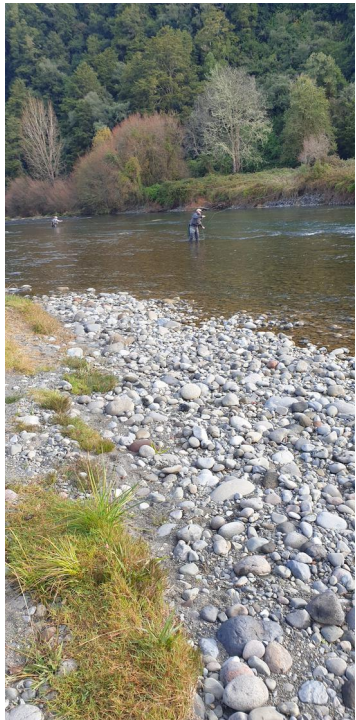
Other anglers who had fished that area in the morning had had some success so we were fishing some of the waters second hand.



That night we were lucky and saw the Aurora lights in a spectacular display.

Sunday morning we decided to return to the Reserve where the previous day a few fish were caught in the stretch of water which required some tricky river crossings where a wading stick was imperative. A 6 lb rainbow jack was the highlight of one angler's day and yells and smiles of success from two who caught two nice 5-6lb fish in the area close to the car park, at least gave extra satisfaction to some in our group.



All the rainbows caught were resident fish and were not part of the spawning run.



Perhaps next year we may delay the trip to June.

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TROPHY WINNERS 2024

Honorary Members - 15 Years	SCOTT GARELLI 
Continuous Membership	and BRIAN BENSON
Stirling Sports Heaviest Trout Landed by Junior	JAHDYN POUTAWA 1.540kg 
Hunting & Fishing Heaviest Fish (Senior)	SUSANNE LANG 15lb
Wallace Trophy Best Condition Factor Trout	MAURICE BROOME CF 66.31
Competition Cup	PAUL BAKER

Presidents Cup	<p>PAUL BAKER</p> 
Photographic Competition	SUSANNE LANG
Rodd & Gunn David Austin Memorial Trophy	SUSANNE LANG



CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

The annual clean-up of the Capital trout Centre this year will be held on the weekend of the 29th and 30th June starting at 9am each day.

This is an opportunity for club members to assist in the running of the Capital Trout Centre and to have it ready for its re-opening on the 4th August.

Anyone who is able to assist on the Saturday morning or afternoon or Sunday morning, let me know and we can discuss any tools that may be useful.

Please note parking is only allowed in the car park area in front of the WCC buildings and you come up the wooden stairs.

Regards

Strato

WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

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



FLY OF THE MONTH

Fly tying is sponsored by [Fishscene](#)



Monday 17 June, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
(Access through side door on north side of building)

This month's fly is a SCOTCH POACHER.

An excellent Taupo lure.
Essential for fishing the river
mouths on dark winter evenings
and into the night. Use it either
on its own or as a double rig with
a lumo.



Fish on or near the bottom with sink-tip or sinking lines.

Materials

Hook	TMC 5262 or 5263 size 2 – 10
Thread	Black Monocord 3/0
Tail	Black squirrel tail
Rib	Silver oval tinsel
Body	Orange Chenille
Wing	Pukeko breast feathers
Hackle	Orange or red



**With the cold weather here
Come in and stock up
on
Your winter woollies**

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 22 June - Ruamahanga 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>

HELPLESK

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

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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