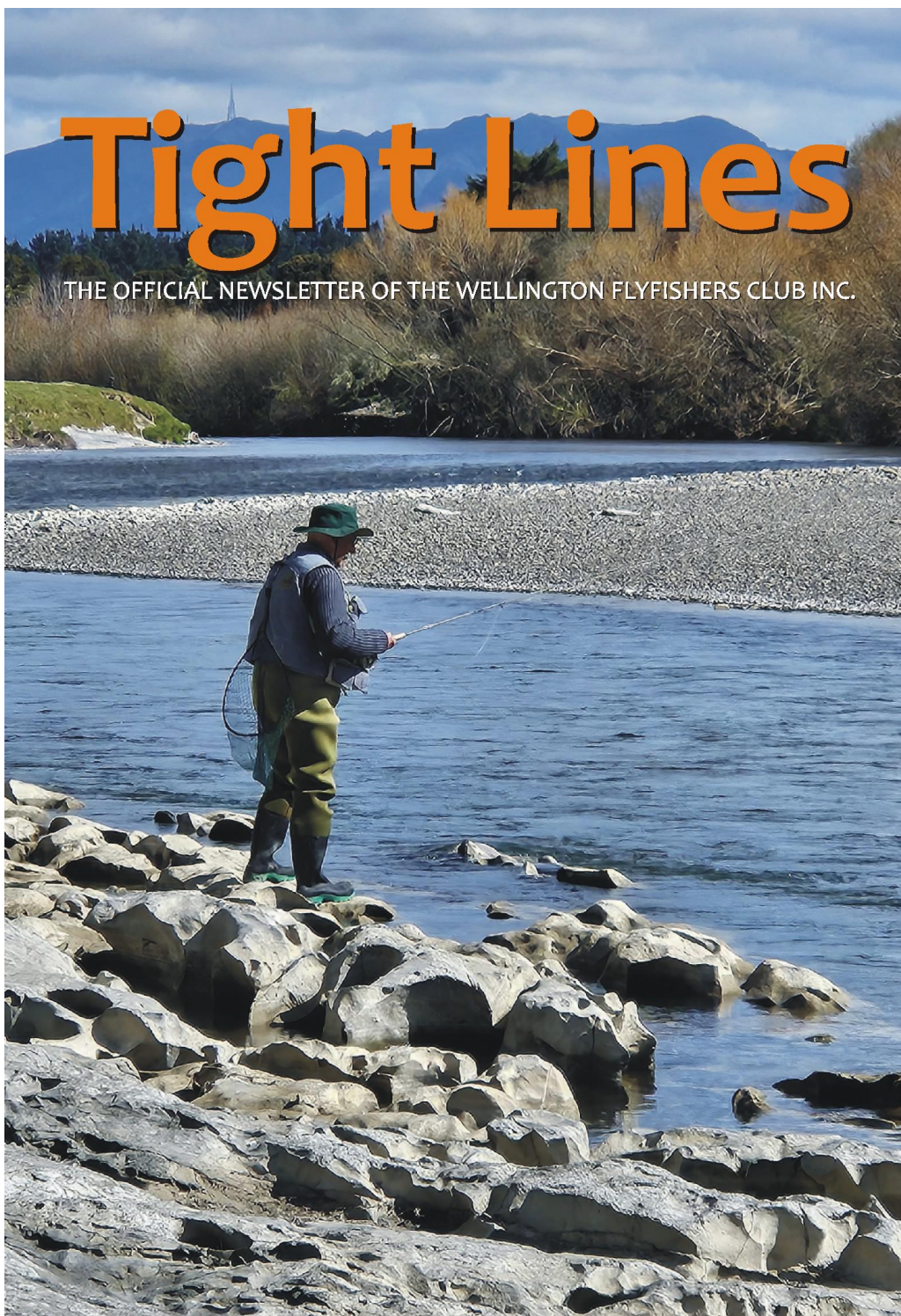


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Cover: Susi Lang (*Strato fishing the Manawatu River at Oringi*)
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CLUB MEETING

Monday 4th November , 7.30pm

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

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to Ratify the New Constitution

Presentation by Paul Baker and Andrew Morrow

Paul and Andrew will show us photos of their Ohau River
fishing as part of a balloted experience.
Huge fish came their way.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: November 22-24 Rangitikei

Fly Tying: 18 November - Cicada
for details see Fly of the Month...p12

On-Stream Day: 20 November - Hutt river
Phone Strato 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior.

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

Inter-Club Flytying Competition:
Monday 25th November hosted by Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

Capital Trout Centre: Next Open Day
Sunday 8 December



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In 2022 the Government passed new legislation relating to Incorporated Societies. All Incorporated Societies that want to continue, have to register under the new Act and must produce a new Constitution.

In many places, the new Act is quite prescriptive in what it needs in the constitution, while in other areas the committee of the Incorporated Society have significant discretion.

The Kapiti Club had some legal advice among its membership and produced quite a detailed document and were generous enough to offer it to us to use as the basis of our own constitution.

This has now been developed by your committee (and in a number of cases amended from the Kapiti draft) and we hope this will be ratified at the next meeting as it needs to be filed early next year.

You will have all now received copies of the draft constitution and anyone with comments or questions please contact us prior to the meeting so these can be examined further.

Hopefully you've all had some success since the beginning of the new season and can give us details of your experiences at the November club meeting.

Tight Lines
Strato

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

Report on Open Day – 20th October 2024



A nice sunny day was exactly what was wanted to ensure the best possible conditions for 85 very excited children, many of whom had never been fishing before.



The yells of success and beaming smiles are what make the whole day worthwhile for the excellent group of club volunteers who make the day possible.

We regularly hear stories from parents who brought their children to the ‘pond’ years ago and who can still remember that fun day.



Children who have their birthday parties at the pond will often remark that it was “their best birthday party ever”.

Fish numbers in the pond are still great and should provide for another excellent day on the next open day on the 8th December.



ProQ COLD SMOKER



I bought one of these cold smokers a couple of years ago and forgot about it. Up until now I have used a "Little Chief" cold smoker which has been quite good but this time I have used both and I have to say the fillets that have been smoked in the ProQ are next level. With the Little Chief the trout comes out warm, with the ProQ the fillets come out cold. There is no hassle storing the ProQ whereas the Little Chief is a big unit.

Powdered sawdust for the ProQ comes with the initial purchase, enough for maybe 4 lots of smoking using a barbecue with a lid. My bbq takes 6 fillets. The ProQ retails at \$60.00 but on Trade Me \$16.28. I think you need to use powdered sawdust and that can be bought from Brosnahans in Whakatane 073124729 but there maybe retailers in Wgtn and Ak.

Richard B

WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

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



OCTOBER FLYTYING NIGHT



The Lunkerbuster was the nominated fly for tying at the October flytying night.



This pattern forms the basis for many other similar mayfly nymph imitations and is relatively easy to tie.

A great addition to your fly box and I'm sure the nymphs tied that night could well prove successful over the coming summer months.



NATURE HAS ITS WAY

Generally it's true that the success of any angler depends on the level of skill that that angler possesses not only in so far as using the equipment but also the understanding of the fish species they are trying to catch.

However sometimes nature has her say and what would appear to be reasonable fishing conditions, produces little results to the angler.

This was clearly borne out in recent experiences on the Rangitikei and the Tukituki.

Many anglers believe that rainbows in the lowland rivers of the North Island, do not feed when there is a cold southerly.

Last year my brother and I fished the Rangitikei on the second week of the season and had significant success. This year we decided to fish the same river at the same places on opening day and made the journey to River Valley Lodge the day before to ensure we were ready to start on opening day. The river was high and slightly coloured when we arrived but prospects for the opening day appeared to be reasonable.

The next morning, while being quite fine, was cold with a slight southerly blowing. We'd caught nothing at the Lodge the previous afternoon in similar conditions and the opening day was no different with neither of us nor three other anglers who turned up being successful either at the Mangahane Bridge or later that day at Springvale. One very nice brownie meant we at least landed something.



A couple of weeks later we were fishing the Tukituki, and had two reasonable days on the Friday and Saturday. The Hastings and Napier clubs were to use the river for their annual competition on the Sunday and although good numbers were caught in the morning, the southerly which arrived in the early afternoon meant few fish were caught in that second period.

There is some logic to these occurrences as rainbows at this time of the year in these rivers are feeding mainly on mayfly who tend to move about and hatch in the milder and warmer weather conditions. The cold southerlies result in little mayfly action and the rainbows are not prepared to expend valuable energy in the currents when there is no food about.

The belief that rainbows do not feed well in a cold southerly seems to have some basis but should not stop you trying whenever the opportunity to go fishing arises.

Strato

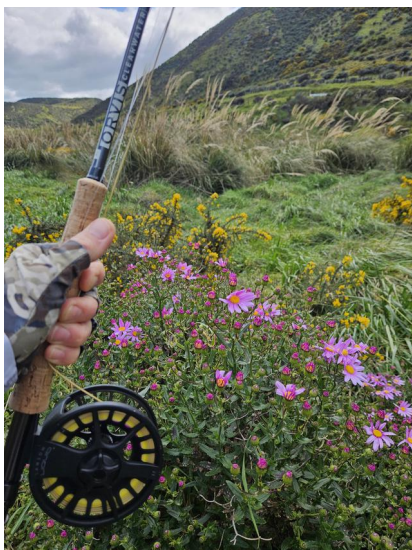
OPEN DAY ON THE WAINUIOMATA RIVER



It was a blustery overcast day when I set off on a 1 October 2024 open day solo mission to the Wainuiomata River, a place where I had only fished once on an onstream day many years prior.

Relatively inexperienced fishing on my own, I was rather apprehensive when the gale winds picked up, knowing that the Wainuiomata was a veritable wind tunnel on the best of days but I was determined to give it a go.

I parked by the bridge around 10am and immediately spotted two other flyfishers on their return from a morning of fishing, one of whom was a fellow Clubmember Braeden who had experienced some success on the river catching a few brown trout. We had a good chat then I set off on my merry way in a strong headwind through the pretty pink spring flowers with wind in my face and my 5 weight rod swaying.



I found a nice bend in the river which certainly looked like a fishy place and was slightly more sheltered than the open areas of the river. I tried my luck there with my new fly line and used a recommended black beaded hare and copper size 14 fly and along a very fishy looking edge.

Within half an hour and to my delight I had hooked a nice brown trout, I'm estimating maybe 2 and half pounds, which I reeled in and landed on the shore then released back into the river.

It was rather a highlight and added to my confidence. I hooked another one but unfortunately didn't land it.





I casted my way a few kilometers back to the car crossing the river in a shallow area but the wind gusts were proving very challenging. I set off down the road in my car to the coast which was wild with a frothing sea.

I was going to give it a whirl at the river mouth but decided to leave it for a calmer day. All in all it was a most enjoyable half day trip of exploring, fishing, and had the added bonus of me landing a brown trout in a new river for me on opening day. Bring on the rest of the season!

Susi Lang

FLY OF THE MONTH

Fly tying is sponsored by [Fishscene](#)



Monday 18 November, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room (Access through side door on north side of building)

Cicada

To see a large trout emerge from the depths of a big deep pool, in fast water and take a large dry fly off the surface is one of the greatest joys of summer fishing. The cicada and other terrestrial patterns are designed to do just that. Extra buoyancy can be achieved with foam.



Materials

Hook	TMC 5212 size 6 - 10
Thread	Black 6/0 or 3/0
Body	Spun deer hair or foam
Wing	Synthetic wing material
Thorax	Spun deer hair
Legs	Pheasant tail
Eyes	Burnt Nylon



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ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – 20 November - 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 14006, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6241, 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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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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