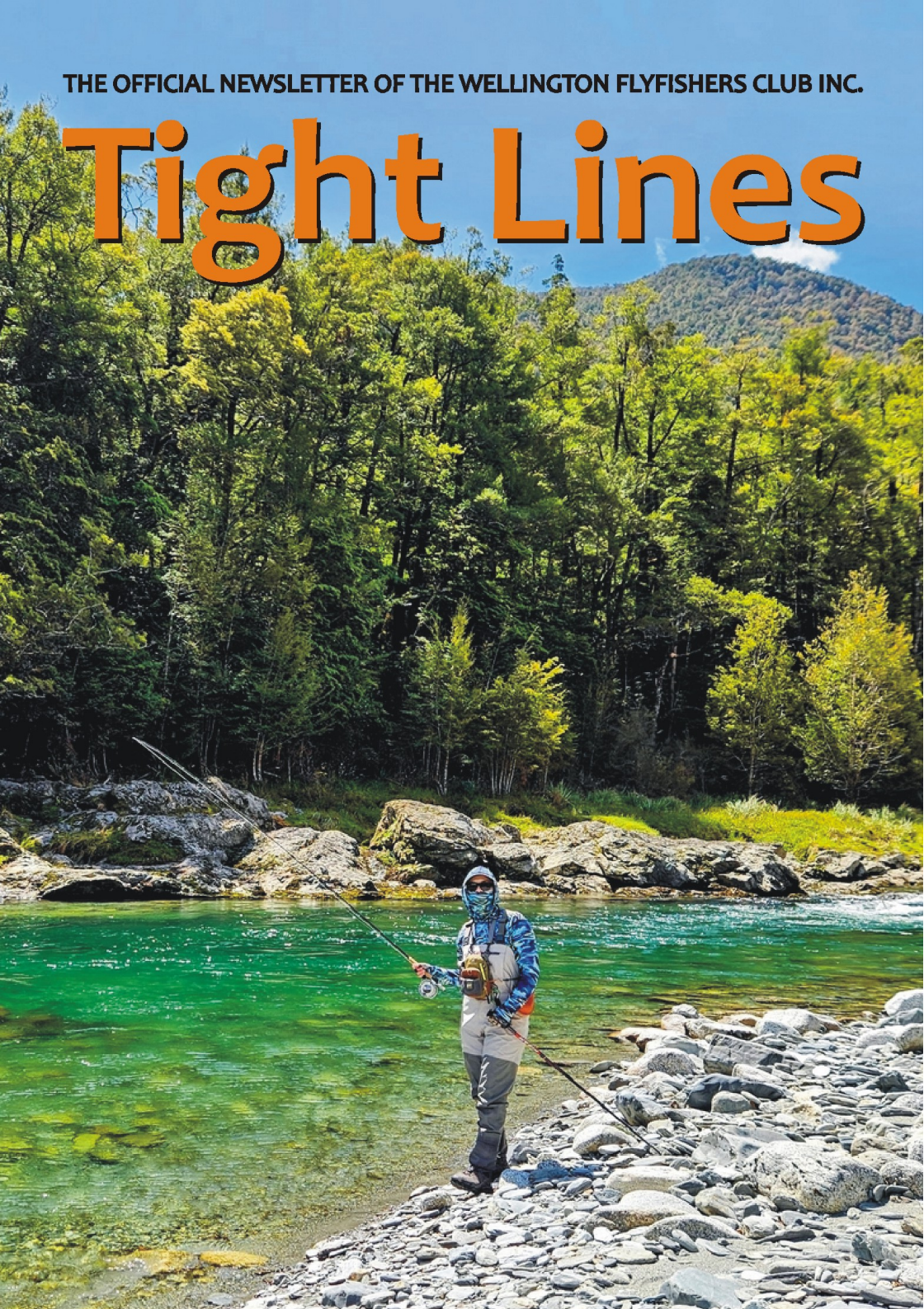


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Cover: Brian Benson (Susi Lang fishing the Grey River November 2025). *Any articles published in this newsletter are the opinions of the author alone and do not necessarily represent the views of the club as a whole or other members of the club.*

CLUB MEETING

Monday 3 August 2026 - 7.30 pm

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

Presentation to be advised

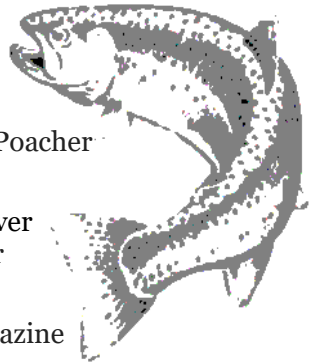
EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: August 21-22-23 - Turangi

Fly Tying: Monday 17 August 7.30pm Scotch Poacher
for details see Fly of the Month...p8

On-Stream Day: Sunday 16 August - Hutt River
Phone Strato 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior

Capital Trout Centre
Open Day Sunday 9 August - See article in Magazine



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Jeremy Chrichton.

AUCTION REMINDER

The club auction will be held Monday 7 September.
The Auction form will be sent out separately.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Warren and I have returned from a great non-fishing trip to Canada. We are feeling the difference in temperature quite markedly. Ottawa at 35^c is a little too warm and today in Wellington was beautiful but cold.

We enjoyed the football games at BC Place in Vancouver but would of course have enjoyed them more if the All Whites had won.

We did, however, find a great fly-fishing shop in downtown Toronto. The owner of Drift Outfitters and Fly Shop described it as a destination shop. However our spending was restricted as we didn't want to pay for extra bags.

Over the recent weekend a small group of members turned up to get the Capital Trout Centre (aka. The Pond) ready for a trout delivery and the first open day. My sincere thanks to those club members who weeded, shoveled silt, painted signs, trimmed hedges, mowed lawns and cleared paths.

Your hard work is much appreciated.

We look forward to the delivery of trout on 28th July and to the first open day on Sunday 9 August.

I trust that some of you have been winter fishing I look forward to hearing some stories at the Club night in August.

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Heather Miller

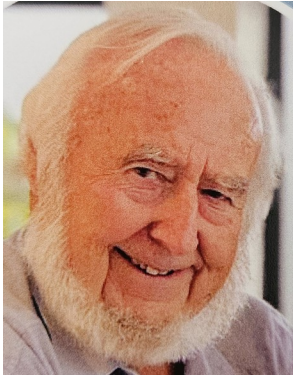
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Club membership subs are due 1/4/2026 – 31/3/27

Subs remain at \$35.00. Download a renewal of membership form from our website, update your details and scan to wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com. Pay online.

CLINT ADAM TEAGUE

12 December 1942 - 3 July 2026



Warren and I got back just in time to make it to Clint Teague's funeral. The club was also represented by Strato and Carmen. Club member, Murray Short spoke about Clint and fishing. Some of his notes are kindly reproduced here.

We always appreciated Clint's encouragement and generosity. He was always interested in our fishing trips and generously offered to loan fishing rods for some of Warren's trips. There was very little fuss when two got broken in Costa Rica.

"Second to family then it was fishing that shaped Clint and Brenda's life together." They fished the Taupo region extensively and successfully.

"Where they chose to travel in retirement was defined by fishing. They fished for tarpon in Costa Rica, bone fish in the Pacific Islands, Barramundi in the estuaries of northern Queensland to name but a few".

His fishing room was a sight to behold. Rods and reels, all neatly stored. "He tied many of his own flies and lures including a Clint special, a rabbit fly with a unique deer-hair head which made it move realistically in the current to imitate the inanga or cockabully."

"For Clint, fishing was much more than catching fish, it was the enjoyment of the whole experience from preparation to the activity itself, and to the beautiful environments of rivers, lakes, estuaries and bush that came with the activity"

"He was the consummate fishing expert and applied his extensive knowledge and meticulous attention to detail in the same way as I am sure he must have as a medical professional."

"He was therefore also very good at catching fish and I might say that whilst we mourn his loss, the fish of the world will be happy."

POND CLEAN-UP

A hard working team were at the Capital Trout Centre on Saturday and Sunday.

The front pond was empty of water and much of the sludge was dug out using many wheelbarrow loads. Hedges were trimmed, weeds pulled, signs painted, paths cleared, seats cleaned and lawns mowed.

The team was grateful for the fuel of sausages, onions, cheese muffins, afghans and cups of tea.

We look forward to the upcoming trout delivery.



UPCOMING CLUB TRIPS

August 21-22-23	Turangi	Accommodation to be confirmed
September 18-19-20	Turangi	Auckland Club House

WFF INAUGURAL QUIZ NIGHT

Despite terrible weather 23 members attended the inaugural Quiz night and were well rewarded.

Well presented questions prepared by Susi Lang were supplemented by food platters and drinks prepared by Julia, Carmen and Athena.

Susi had obviously put a great deal of effort into preparing for the night and from the reactions of those present, it could be an annual event.

Four teams recorded their answers to the questions which were read out by Susi and shown on the screen and then each team's score card was marked by one of the adjoining teams.

Julia had also prepared a food basket which was raffled and happily won by Greg Squire.

Overall an excellent night.

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE – OPEN DAY

The Capital Trout Centre will have its first Open Day for the season on Sunday 9 August 2026.

This is a great opportunity for young children aged 11 years and under to experience the thrill of catching a feisty rainbow trout.

Registration forms will be available from Tuesday 28 July from Capital Fishing in Ghuznee Street and Hunting & Fishing, Te Puni Street, Petone

Equipment is supplied by Capital Trout Centre and Wellington Flyfishers Club members will be there to assist.

If you need any further information please contact Strato Cotsilinis at (04) 386 3740

JULY FLYTYING NIGHT

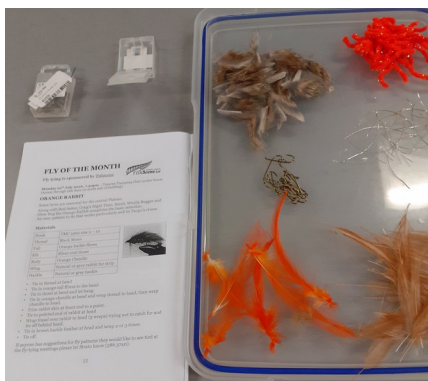
A very good turnout of budding flytiers attended the latest flytying night, where tying the Orange Rabbit fly was on the menu.



With the help of some of the senior flytiers, over 30 examples of this popular Taupo downstream river fly were tied.

Ross was also there with the new flytying materials used to tie the recently popular Slushie Egg flies and a number of those present tried their hand at tying this fly. Two of the best tiers on the night were Leo and Moritz, two young lads who have a promising future.

Next months' Scotch Poacher will continue the popular Taupo flies during this winter period.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Fly tying is sponsored by [Fishscene](#)



Monday 17 August 2026, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club
Locker Room (Access through side door on north side of building)

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.



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

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

WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

Checkout the latest news on the club facebook page

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



WINTER IS HERE

*Time to ensure you have all the right clothing to
keep you warm
on your next fishing trip for you and the kids*

*Hoodies, Beanies, Thermals
Come see our range*

Other than for specials, Club discount 10% is available on
flyfishing purchases 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 – Sunday 16 August - 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, 8 Te Puni Street, Petone, 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 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

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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