

TIGHT LINES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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Cover: Graeme McIntyre on the Hinemaiaia river (Robyn Gray)

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

With the 1st October only days away, our thoughts turn to what the new season may bring. Make sure you have purchased your new season licence which can be completed online especially if you have your 2018 licence number.

Included in this magazine is the new Wainuiomata Map showing the landowners and their telephone numbers. The map shows the main access points on the river but if you are at all uncertain, make sure you contact the landowner first. Also make sure you use a recognised access way when you are leaving the river.

Those of us who fish Taupo on a regular basis will have found this season so far to be inconsistent and we were hoping that DOC's projections that the runs would be late this year will be accurate. The signs however are looking better as the last few weeks have produced much steadier runs up all the rivers, especially after each fresh. Hopefully the club trip in late September will have produced some better results and perhaps some stories for the next magazine.

Many years ago one of our early club members asked if I could give his son some pointers as he was very enthusiastic. His son duly came with us on a club trip to Rotorua and his talent and feel for fly fishing was soon very evident. His name was Jack Kos and Jack subsequently shifted to the South Island where he has become a very respected angler in his own right. Furthermore Jack also became a historian and for his PHD traced the history of Brown Trout in New Zealand. This has recently been developed into an excellent video which is now available on Utube and Jack has provided us with a copy which we will show at the club meeting on the 1st October. The introduction of trout in New Zealand has always been somewhat shrouded with myths and half-truths and Jack's detailed analysis is an excellent piece of work not to be missed.

Tight Lines
Strato

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Monday 1st October

OPENING DAY LIES

Those lucky enough to fish on the first day of the season will recount their impressions

THE INTRODUCTION: New Zealand's Brown Trout Story

JACK KOS (trout fisherman and historian)

Brilliant video provided to us by Jack



Gear up for the new season

Make sure you have your new licence and receive a free pair of polarised sun glasses with each full season licence

View our range of Sims Camo fishing gear and latest range of Pat Swift flies

10% discount on all flyfishing related stock for club members

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday 22nd October

WELLINGTON REGION FISH & GAME COUNCIL MEETINGS

Every two months, the Wellington Fish & Game Council hold their formal council meetings which discuss a far ranging agenda and governance issues.

These meetings are available to all Fish & Game licence holders and to try and encourage public participation, the meetings are held in Palmerston North, Masterton and Upper Hutt.

This is an excellent opportunity for anglers to get a better appreciation of the issues facing freshwater angling in the Wellington area and details of the date of the meetings and the venues can be found on the Wellington Fish & Game website by scrolling down the front page.

If you require any further information either contact the Fish & Game office in Palmerston North details of which are on the website or contact Strato on 386 3740.

FISH & GAME ELECTIONS

Elections are due again this year with the voting closing on October 12th.

Any angler who purchased a 2018 full season licence and indicated that they wished to be on the electoral roll for voting purposes should receive a voter pack in the next few days.

Online voting commences on the 20th September. Details of the candidates standing in your area can be found on the Wellington Fish & Game website

WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION

The Walking Access Commission was established some years ago and given the job of establishing a reliable mapping system for the whole of the country especially designed to provide information for those wishing to enjoy the outdoors. Over the years the mapping systems have been developed extensively and now provide a wide range of options for those wishing to find out where to go and how to get there.

These can all be found on their website www.walkingaccess.govt.nz
In particular, anglers should be examining those areas where there is public access not only to waterways but also along waterways and conversely showing those areas where landowners have rights and you need to contact them accordingly.

Try their site it is well worth while.

NEW MEMBERS

Glenn, Gabrielle, Jacob and Samson Parker

CLUB TRIP

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| October | 13 th and 14 th | Rangitikei (staying at River Valley Lodge) |
| November | 17 th and 18 th | Mohaka |

ON STREAM

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| Sunday | 21 st October | Wainuiomata River |
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CLUB AUCTION

November Club Meeting

The Club Auction is our major fund raiser for the year. Please look through your gear and enter items you no longer require.

Please get your items and your list to Scott (wildfoodnz@gmail.com) as soon as possible so he can compile the auction catalogue.

HEAVIEST FISH

No heaviest fish for the month

HEAVIEST FISH YEAR TO DATE

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| Pauline McIntyre | 2.02 kg | Rainbow |
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CONDITION FACTOR YEAR TO DATE

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| Pauline McIntyre | 51.90CF | Rainbow |
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MEETING VENUE (TARARUA TRAMPING CLUB ROOMS)

4 Moncrieff St., Mt. Victoria

From motorway:

Follow Vivian Street and turn left onto then first right into Elizabeth Street at the

Travelling South on Kent Terrace:

Turn left into Elizabeth Street at the first set of the Embassy Theatre (by the Liquor Store).



Cambridge Terrace,
next set of traffic lights.

of traffic lights after

Additional parking is available at the Clyde Quay school – use the top gate.

Casting Tuition

Anyone wanting casting tuition please contact Strato

HELPFUL LINKS FOR WELLINGTON FLY FISHERS



www.creeltackle.com



<http://wellington.fishandgame.org.nz>



www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz



www.fishscene.co.nz

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is 10pm Tuesday 16th October

As a guide for article length – anything from 250-450 words per page. Early submission preferred – items not received by the deadline may not be included. Format text for A5 page size. Please copy and paste text into an email and ensure images do not exceed 1Mb. Mail hard copy to PO Box 9236, Te Aro, Wellington; or email the editor. (Attached files often result in incoming emails being treated as spam and being deleted by the server).

The newsletter is dependant on contributions from club members and all articles are eligible for the annual Literary Prize awarded at the AGM in May each year.

Advertising: The club has a policy of only accepting advertising relating to fishing. Commercial rates \$25 per half page, members no charge. Centrefold (Promotional material only) \$75. Contact the club secretary. **Please support our advertisers – tell them you saw their ad in *Tight Lines*.**

Receive the Newsletter as a pdf via email

Contact the club secretary to be added to the mail list (Please check your email settings so that the newsletter is not deleted as 'spam' or 'junk')

COMMITTEE MEETING – 5.45 pm, second Monday every month.

Any club member who has matters which they believe should be considered by the committee may discuss them with a committee member by phone, or at the club meeting, or write to the secretary. Committee Members – the meeting will be at Petherick Towers, 38 Waring Taylor St.

THE 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. It will be manned by a different senior club member each month.

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 to have a form mailed to you. 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.

Fees 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

Full member or family membership \$35, Junior membership no fee.

Joining fee \$10 Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE OPEN DAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018

Weather predictions that our first Open Day of the new season, held on Fathers Day, was going to be wet and windy were not the news we had been hoping for.

Despite the reports from the shops of good ticket sales we were expecting numbers to be down but were pleasantly surprised when virtually all the tickets were taken (150) and despite showers on the day, nearly all children turned up.

Many thanks to the club members who assisted on the day which turned out to be one of our best Open Days both in terms of attendance and in donations received. It was amazing to learn how many children had in fact brought their fathers out on Fathers Day. All children were successful with the average fish size of approx. to 450gm being very similar to previous years.

The next Open Day is Sunday October 28th and we are already receiving many enquiries for birthday parties and other children's groups so a very active season is ahead of us.

Many thanks to Hunting & Fishing, Alicetown and Steves Fishing Shop, Ghuznee Street for their continued support in issuing the licences (tickets).

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE OCTOBER

Open Day is Sunday 28th October

Registration tickets are at and Steve's Fishing Shop and Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing.

The day begins at 9am and we have the last group come through at 3pm.
We need club members to assist for whatever time suits. Phone Strato if you can help.

Plastic Bags. With the phasing out of supermarket bags we still need to wrap the fish caught, in a bag.

We would be happy to receive supplies of bread bags and newspaper delivery bags for use at events at the Capital Trout Centre.

Feather Merchants Fly of the Month

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
Monday 17th September, 7.30pm
(Access through side door on north side of building)

Humpy

This is a very useful summer pattern. The Humpy seems to suggest a variety of different insects when tied in a range of sizes. It has buoyancy so can support a nymph in quite turbulent water. The Royal Humpy variation has white wings and is clearly visible in rough water.



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| Hook | TMC 9300 size 10-16 |
| Thread | Danville 6/0 black |
| Tail | Moose Hair |
| Overbody | Elk or deer hair |
| Abdomen | Red, green, yellow floss. Green or blue metallic tinsel or peacock herl. |
| Wing | Elk or deer hair tips or white calf body |
| Hackle | Brown |

'Reel Life' Newsletter

Keep up to date with all the freshwater fishing action, news, events and comment from across New Zealand by signing up to 'Reel Life' - the official monthly newsletter from Fish & Game New Zealand.

Why not check out some recent editions of our 'Reel Life' newsletter on the Fish & Game website

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WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

To establish, maintain and conduct a club for the encouragement and promotion of flyfishing and all activities pertaining thereto.

2018-2019 COMMITTEE

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