

TIGHT LINES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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Cover: Early morning at the Reed Pool ,
Tongariro River by Piero Bertocchi

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 3rd AUGUST

Tararua Tramping Club Rooms, 4 Moncrieff St., Mt. Victoria
7.30pm

DAMS ON THE RUAMAHANGA AND ITS TRIBUTORIES

What has happened so far. Where are we at.
What is still to come.

Hear about all the facts at a presentation from Wellington Fish & Game

A club meeting is usually held on the first Monday of every month (except January) even if the Monday is a Public Holiday (Waitangi Day, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday or Opening Day)

Events This Month

Club Trip: 15-16th

Fly Tying: 17th

On-Stream Day: 22nd

Casting practice: 9.30am Sundays



Future Club Meetings:

September 7th

(The Annual Auction is coming up in November – start checking those cupboards for unwanted fishing gear!)



New Members

Bron Edwards

President's Report

The 11th July saw our annual pond clean up at the Capital Trout Centre. This year we only cleaned the front pond as the back pond is stocked with 600 feisty three year old rainbows. Thirteen willing helpers did a great job and the Centre now looks in excellent shape for the coming season which starts with the open day on Sunday 6th September (Fathers Day).

The last club trip to Turangi was a real mixed bag. Fish had stacked up in large numbers immediately below the Tongariro Main Highway bridge and in the Hinemaia and Waitahanui Rivers. Most of us went downstream on the Tongariro to avoid the large number of anglers stationed in the Bridge Pools but this proved fruitless as we did not catch a fish between us. Brian on the other hand fished Waitahanui and Hinemaia and had an exceptional day fishing to sighted fish.

The rains came on Saturday afternoon and by Saturday night we were all very wet and cold.

We had managed a couple of fish on the Friday night and a couple more on Saturday afternoon but after Brian's success on the Waitahanui and Hinemaia we travelled there on Sunday morning full of anticipation only to find the river quite barren with only one fish caught between twenty anglers. The fish had obviously taken off upstream as soon as the rains came.

I was very impressed with all those who came on the trip who tried their best in very difficult conditions.

The auction is coming up in November so tie up some flies or clear out your fly box and set aside any gear you no longer use. This is the club's major fund-raiser for the year.

The 9th September sees a return of the RISE Fly Fishing Festival that will be held at the Lighthouse Cinema in Petone. This has been an excellent presentation over recent years and not to be missed. For further information see details in this month's magazine.

Tight lines

Strato



Hunting & Fishing

N E W Z E A L A N D

Riverworks Specials

Tongariro Wading Jackets only

\$149.99

50% off XRT Wading Boots only

\$149.99

RX2 Wading Boots only

\$99.99

B3Z Breathable Waders only

\$149.99

Also

Ron Thompson Fly Vest only

\$29.99

The Flyfishing Experts

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ

444 Cuba Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt, P O Box 33 206, Petone,
Wellington, New Zealand

Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500 Facsimile: 0064-4-589 9520

Irma

And so it has finally happened! Irma and I are parting after seventeen wonderful years.

There she goes, off down the road without a backward glance. Dry-eyed and wearing her usual stoic expression, she's bravely off to Upper Hut to be an Organ Donor.

Tony, our mechanical advisor and automotive consultant had said some six months ago, that he was very sorry but the Warrant of Fitness that he had issued was to be Irma's last. The dreaded Rust Demon had triumphed, despite the dedication and skill of our coachwork specialist. She was beyond hope of redemption, but at least we had six more months to complete the last act of her story.

The Isuzu "Irmscher" inevitably became known as Irma of course. She was born in Japan in 1989 and embarked on her big O.E. in 1995 on her way to adventures in New Zealand.



Plain, but doggedly determined, with hidden talents as a rough terrain and all-weather enthusiast, she and I have enjoyed traveling together for over 650,000 scenic kilometers.

Adventures – we've had a few!

Like the time I tripped backwards over a boulder landing a Rainbow hen in the Boulder Reach pool on the Tongariro. My wading belt fortunately prevented much of the icy water getting down my waders, but the car alarm "remote" got drowned and ceased working, as I found out when I tried to persuade Irma to take me to a hot shower and dry clothes. I had no alternative but to open the vehicle with the key, setting off the strident alarm.

No offers of assistance were to come from others in the Blue Pool car park. On the contrary, everyone rapidly fled the scene like so many spooked trout, leaving me to hastily read the alarm instruction manual (written in “Chinglish” to add to my woes) to find a way to silence the excruciating racket and enable me to start the engine. Finally this was accomplished and peace, adrenaline levels, and normality were restored. I will never make a car thief!

Talking of alarms – there was the occasion when I was glad I had set the alarm when I continued fishing later than I had intended on the Hinemaiaia (I’m sure that most people would not be lacking in discipline to this degree).

Vehicle parking is on a number of sidetracks off the main track leading from State Highway 1 to the dam upstream. Sunset brings on navigational confusion in my mind. Things look so different. Which was the turnoff where I had left Irma?

After a deal of walking up and down trying to remember, I resorted to pressing the “Unset” button on the car alarm remote at intervals and was finally rewarded with a “chirrup – chirrup” and some very welcome amber lights. There she was waiting patiently in the darkness. Irma had found me. What a clever girl!

Lady Luck was with me and saved me a huge walk on one of our adventures in the Bay of Plenty region. I had fished upstream on this fairly remote river and stopped for lunch. At this point I discovered that none of my twenty-something pockets held Irma’s keys. Further fishing at this point, became pointless and I returned hastily to where, again, Irma was patiently waiting.

There were the keys lying in the grass surrounded by significant numbers of hoof prints. What luck!

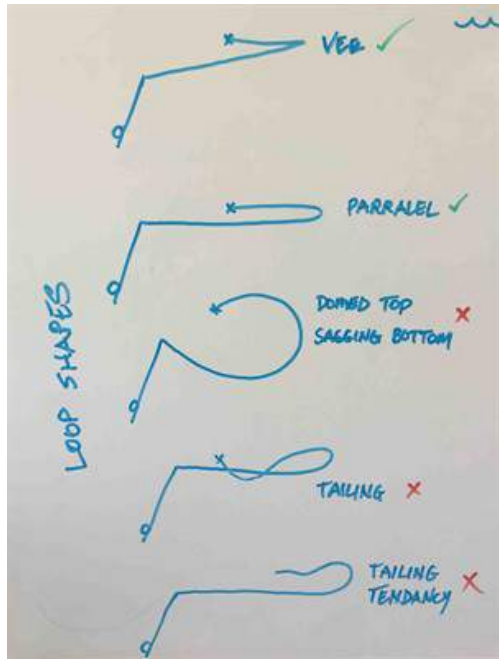
Is it any wonder that I felt a degree of sadness to see her go. I wish you happiness and interesting times in S.U.V. heaven Irma.

David Treseder

Fly Casting

I have to admit that I am a lazy caster, falling into the category of chuck it out quickly and then mend properly. I normally try to do it in 2 casts with the first being the sighter and the second the presentation. This has stood me in good stead for many years and places, from trout in small streams to lakes and rivers in the Central Plateau to saltwater and big fish.

But since I hurt (or wore out more like it) my casting shoulder a few years ago, I have been trying a number of things to make it easier to cast, including over lining rods so the weight of the line takes over for hopefully less effort.



But in a eureka type moment I feel that I don't need to do anything drastic, all I need to do is go back to school. Casting school that is. Being late to the digital media syndrome has meant that the amount of information available has already, in the mainstream, been looked at and like cream in the vat of milk, the good stuff has risen to the top. But what has got me keen to go back to school is a couple of articles on the Internet, one on GinkandGasoline.com, and the other on



PeterHayesFlyFishing.com. Have a look at them, I can recommend them both.

Both articles break down casting into some really fundamental ideas that should make it easy to adjust to a new way of casting that doesn't get the shoulder sore, while being more accurate and with a better presentation of flies, all meaning that the number of fish caught will go up (although this sounds like a Tui Ad).

It would also mean that for the first time in my life I would have a casting lesson and get rid of some of the bad habits that have stood me in great shape for the last 40+ years. It would also mean that if I ever taught anyone else to fish I wouldn't be teaching them all my bad habits, which can happen if learning from others.

I am fortunate to be going down to Queenstown for a running event soon, so will take a few extra days and book lessons with both Chris Dore and Paul Macandrew and see if they can undo all the bad work and make me into the casting God that I know I should be. Oh and also maybe do a little fishing as well – got to practise those lessons.

Jeff Wood

Film Night – RISE Fly Fishing Festival 2015

This will be at the Lighthouse Cinema, Petone on 9th
September, 8 – 10pm

Tickets sell out weeks in advance, so get yours now.
Tickets available online from

[Gin Clear Media@mail.vresp.com](mailto:Gin_Clear_Media@mail.vresp.com)

July fishing club meeting

There was a good turnout at the July club meeting despite it being a very cold night. 1 July brings in the new season for the Taupo region. Have you purchased your new season licence yet?

We had flytying demonstrations, a session on different knots and rigs for the Taupo region, a selection of float tubes and a raft and the accessories you need for safety on the water.



Jeff Wood from FishScene Ltd had a selection of lines, stripping baskets and hooks for sale at a very good price to club members.

It was a good opportunity to chat with members who fish regularly in the Taupo region.



CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day - Saturday 22nd

The On-Stream Day will be on the **Hutt River**. On-stream days are opportunities for members who are new to flyfishing to learn from an experienced angler. Attendance at one or two on-stream days will help in gaining an understanding of fishing rivers. Develop rudimentary casting skills at our Hataitai Park sessions before coming to an on-stream day. 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.

Casting Practice Hataitai Park 9.30am Sundays

Casting tuition is available throughout winter until daylight saving begins, except on on-stream days when casting practice is held on-stream. Being able to handle windy conditions will do much for your confidence and success on-stream. Any member who needs help with casting but is unable to attend the scheduled sessions should phone Gordon Baker (027 494 6487) to arrange an alternative time. Gordon is a Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor.

June - Distance Casting Month

Distance will be the focus at Sunday morning casting seasons this month. There will be casting no matter what weather so come prepared. This is a great opportunity to develop your distance casting skills, double-haul and fine tune your winter fishing gear.

Capital Trout Centre – closed for winter

Next open day 6th September (Father's Day)

Anyone who can help out on the day please phone Strato (386-3740, hm; 387-7878 wk). We need members to assist with fishing, marshalling, issuing tickets and certificates, gutting fish, selling sausages etc, so please mark your calendars.

Many thanks to all those members who assisted at the pond clean-up last month.



George Robinson: 1.57kg rainbow

Ribbonwood Lodge Raffle Result

The Winter Raffle for two nights accommodation at Ribbonwood Lodge was won by Gordon Baker.

SUBS ARE DUE

If you have a blue sticker on your magazine address label, it means that as at the time of sending the magazine to the printers, we had not yet received your subscription. Renewal notices were included in the June magazine or you can download a form from our website.

NB

Turangi house will be available to club members from July 18th to August 16th inclusive. Contact Strato and make your bookings early.

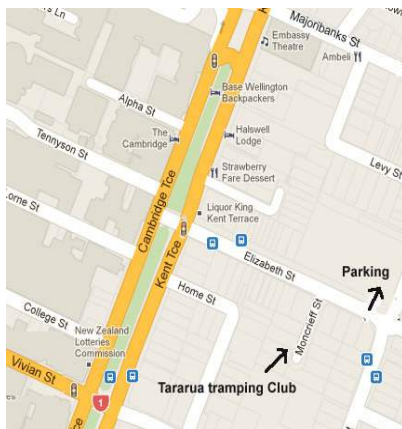
MEETING VENUE (TARARUA TRAMPING CLUB ROOMS) 4 Moncrieff St., Mt. Victoria

From motorway:

Follow Vivian Street and turn left onto Cambridge Terrace, then first right into Elizabeth Street at the next set of traffic lights.

Travelling South on Kent Terrace:

Turn left into Elizabeth Street at the first set of traffic lights after the Embassy Theatre (by the Liquor Store). Additional parking is available at the Clyde Quay school – use the top gate.



PLANNED CLUB TRIPS

Contact Strato Cotsilinis for details.

Weekend Club Trips away from Wellington are organized each month. Accommodation is usually prearranged for the Friday and Saturday nights (dates given are days fishing). Transport is arranged as necessary, with costs shared.

Contact each organizer at the club meeting. Novice fishers are encouraged to participate.

Although assistance will be available, basic casting and fishing skills are required and will make your trip more enjoyable.

July

Dates: 18-19th

Destination: Turangi

Organizer: Strato 386 3740

Upcoming trips:

August 15-16th Turangi

September 19-20th Turangi

Feather Merchants Fly of the Month



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

Cadillac PT Nymph

A very popular and successful pattern developed by American Dave Lambroughton. Dave regularly fishes here so this pattern has fooled plenty of Kiwi trout. The original had pheasant tail fibres for the body but these are more likely to be replaced with a coarse dubbing for greater durability.

This is a great pattern for faster water and can be used with another heavy nymph almost anywhere lie deep.

Hook	TMC 2457 size 10-12
Weight	Tungsten bead and lead
wire	
Thread	Black or brown 6/0
Tail	Moose hairs
Back	Copper or gold tinsel
Rib	Copper wire
Abdomen	Pheasant tail fibres or dubbing
Wingcase	Moose hair
Thorax	Light brown Synthetic Arizona peacock
Legs	Trimmed moose ends



www.feathermerchants.co.nz



If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the flytying meetings please let Gordon know 027 494 6487. This will give an opportunity to plan ahead and order materials well in advance.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 17th August**

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 chrispa@hotmail.com. (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 editor and/or 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, Monday 10th August

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 unraveled. 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.

FISH'N TIPS

Winter fishing at Taupo is at its best. Recent floods will have disrupted early breeding fish and many eggs will have been swept downstream and consumed as food by recovering fish. Any colour in the water means fish with egg patterns – glo bugs – the dirtier the water the bigger the glo bug. As the water clears smaller glo bugs, then generalised natural patterns (such as hare & copper) and in clear conditions, caddis patterns will be effective.



CLUB WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

The club website and facebook page provide online information about the club, contact details and activities, as well as links to river level data, weather and fishing information.

<http://www.wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz>



BEST FISH AWARDS

Current records:

1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016.

Stirling Sports heaviest fish (junior)

George Robinson, 1.57kg.

Hunting & Fishing heaviest fish (senior)

Marion Hall, 6.8lb, rainbow jack, Rotoiti

(NOTE: entries for heaviest fish of the year must be received within 30 days of capture. Entries received in March for fish caught outside the 30 day period will not qualify. Entries close 3rd week of March on printing deadline for newsletter)

Wallace Condition factor: best-conditioned fish

Neil Hollebhone, 3lb 8oz, 19.25 inches, CF 49.06, olive woolly bugger

This month's best fish (month to date of newsletter deadline)

Nigel Robinson, 1.88kg.

Runners up:

If you think your fish qualifies phone Peter Nagle (479-4944) or email peter.nagle@xtra.co.nz

* Calculate your condition factor online at the Wellington Flyfishers

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

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

2015-16 COMMITTEE

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	Linda Brown	027 2304770

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 2015 - 31 March 2016

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

Joining fee \$10 Overseas Newsletter postage \$45