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CLUB MEETING

Monday 5th December

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

SOCIAL + WORKSHOPS

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:	10-11 th
Fly Tying:	-
On-Stream Day:	17 th
Casting practice:	Wednesdays
Capital trout Centre:	-

Future Club Meetings:

January – no meeting
February 6th



New Members

Steve Hanrahan

President's Report

Last week, nature showed its awesome power with the 7.5 earthquake followed by floods in Wellington. After shaking loose any cliff faces with unstable rotten rock, the subsequent rain created numerous slips round the Wellington area together with blocked drains and overflowing rivers.

The pond did not escape the high water flows with tons of gravel also being deposited in the top pond and along all the paths.

Fortunately no slips within the pond area although the council admin offices did suffer some damage with a slip behind one of the buildings.

Many thanks to those who turned up on Sunday morning to help us start clearing away the debris, which will enable the pond to reopen again in the next few days.

The two combined episodes seemed to have traumatised the fish and we have therefore thought it prudent to cancel the open day which was due on the 4th December. We have a number of other events booked which we will play by ear.

The December club meeting will be our annual Christmas function and rather than have a formal guest speaker, we will have a number of items on display which should be of interest to members and appropriate experts who can answer your angling queries while at the same time enjoying Christmas fare.

Our club rooms are being earthquake strengthened over the summer months and at this stage, will not be available for our February meeting and possibly even March. However we will send a notice to all members advising them of a change in venue for those two meetings once we have further details.

I hope you all enjoy the Christmas break and that you all get a chance to wet a line.

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www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz



www.fishscene.co.nz

1080 BAITES IN THE WAINUIOMATA VALLEY

The Greater Wellington Regional Council has advised that prefeed baits will be dropped in the valley from approximately 15th November 2016 onwards with an application of 1080 pellets following at the end of the month. These are both weather dependent. The baits will be applied by helicopter over approximately 13,000 hectares and warning signs will be erected at all entrance ways where poisons are laid.

We have spoken the operators who have confirmed that the baits will all be dropped east of the coast road and that no baits will be dropped in the river or its surroundings. However it would be prudent to not take any dogs into the valley over the coming weeks and certainly do not touch any pellets which may have strayed onto the river surrounds.

PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE

New Zealand Freshwater Anglers Federation is hopeful of reaching an agreement with Dairy NZ and Fonterra that we will supply them with photos and details of river pollution.

If you are fishing and see effluent, sediment, rubbish, stock or anything in or on the banks of a river, where it should not be, please take a photo, make a note of the name of the river, the address of the farm (or the Fonterra number if applicable) and the time and date and send it to David Haynes at david@outdoorsparty.co.nz.

In return NZFFA are hopeful that Dairy NZ and Fonterra will take the necessary action as a preference to drumming up negative publicity on continued poor farming practise.

This positive approach should be more palatable to Dairy NZ and Fonterra and might help in getting us to where we want to go i.e. clean fresh water in our waterways.

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.



Best Fish Awards Current records: 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017.

Stirling Sports heaviest fish (junior)

Hunting & Fishing heaviest fish (senior)

Graham Evans, 8.6lb, rainbow, caught on Lake O.

(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 Hollebone, Tutaekuri, rainbow Jack, 2.5lbs 17 inches. CF 50.88

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

Runners up:

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

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CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

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.

Upcoming trips:

Dates	Destination	Organiser
December 10-11 th	Otamangakau	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 17th

The On-Stream Day will be on the Wainuiomata River, weather permitting. 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 6 pm Wednesdays

Casting tuition is available throughout summer until daylight saving ends, 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.

FISH'N TIPS



Summer flyfishing basics:

1. **Polarized Glasses** – A good pair of polarized sunglasses is essential for flyfishing. Polarized glasses remove glare and reflection from the water surface, allowing you see the fish more clearly.
2. **Stealth** – Don't rush down the riverbank into the water: Ignore those iconic photographs of trout fishers standing chest deep in the river/lake. Trout can sense vibrations from both the land and the water but they are lazy and prefer lurking in the shallows. Move slowly as you approach and make your first cast from a distance so that your fly lands just at the water's edge. And don't forget to wear clothing that blends in with the surrounding vegetation.

FOR SALE

Sage XI 3 !0 weight 9ft new :
Contact Strato 386-3740

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 23rd January**

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, second Tuesday 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 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.

WEBSITE

The club website and facebook pages provide online information, contact details and useful links.
<http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz>

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

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

2016-17 COMMITTEE

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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 2016 - 31 March 2017

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