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Cover: Fish on - Whakarekai river –Rangitikei (Robyn Gray)

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 4th December

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

Video and Christmas Nibbles

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:	16-17 th Otamangakau
Fly Tying:	18 th (7.30pm)
On-Stream Day:	9 th (3-7pm)
Casting practice:	Wednesdays (6pm)
Capital trout Centre:	10 th (9am-3.30pm)

Future Club Meetings:

February 5th



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year has almost ended and I am sure it has gone faster than previous years. The next club meeting is our annual Christmas meeting which will be an informal affair with a bit of Christmas cheer. Many thanks to all those who have helped organise it.

Unfortunately I won't be at the meeting as I will be somewhere over the Pacific on Air NZ, so I just want to take this opportunity of wishing you all a rewarding festive season and that fishing is at least part of your programme.

The next open day for the Capital Trout Centre is Sunday the 10th December by which time I will be back and we look forward to the support of our usual band of helpers. The pond has again been very active with school groups and birthday parties and my thanks go to all those who help on these occasions. It has also been somewhat stressful this year as oxygen levels in the pond became dangerously low but with an extra pump working to provide more circulated water flow we seem to have survived and the fish are now back to their active selves. We have also been fortunate in that the City Council has looked into providing us with an oxygenation unit for the pond and a prototype is already in place which seems to be working well. It is heartening to have the Council taking an active interest in the welfare of the pond and its future.

January is a month off for club activities (although the pond will still continue) and I will therefore see you all again on the first Monday of February.

Tight lines.

Strato



Hunting & Fishing

N E W Z E A L A N D

**NEW SIMMS
"Freestone" Vest
Hex Camo & Guide vest**

**NEW AIRFLO
"Ambush" Ideal Small Stream Outfit
(Traditional action)
7ft 2in - 4 Weight
"Backcountry" WF4F Flyline
"Flylab Ultra" Alloy Reel & Backing
ONLY \$249.99**

**COMING SOON
NEW SIMMS G3
Boots and Waders**

**Free cap still available with any
Season licence
*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

Helpful Links for Wellington Fly Fishers



189 Taupahi Rd **Turangi**
Tackle Shop open most mornings by 7.30am, Cafe 8am
Email info@creeltackle.com
www.creeltackle.com or www.turangifyfish.com
PH 07 3867929



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



www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz



www.fishscene.co.nz

WET FLY FISHING FOR **BROWN TROUT** IN NEW ZEALAND.

By G. D. HAMILTON (1907)

The first condition in fishing for **trout** may be accepted as the need to keep out of their sight. They are not to be caught as long as they see you or anyone else nor for some time afterwards, probably not for an hour or two. Besides this, it should be remembered that **trout** that have seen you will in their flight frighten and disturb those that have not, and that the result will be almost the same as if these had seen you. This should be kept in mind in fishing small streams when clear, as there is not sufficient water to prevent the angler being seen right across them. This is the chief reason for fishing small streams up, particularly when clear. Larger streams, where there is more volume of water to help to conceal the angler, such as have been mentioned earlier, may, if the banks will allow, be fished more at right angles to the bank, but still with an inclination up stream until opposite the angler the line is raised and cast again. The casting more at right angles with the bank gives a better chance of the flies, when two or three are used, being seen by the **trout** as they are spread out across the stream as they float down—whereas in casting straight up in small streams, or over the water of the edges in larger ones, the flies come down in the same line, and over the same water, and are not likely to be seen by so many **trout**. The number of flies to use at a time with a ten-foot rod varies from two to three, according to the width of the stream. More than this cannot be fished to advantage, as, besides entailing too much line in the water for the length of the rod, they are apt to get entangled in various ways while fishing. A useful distance apart is 20 inches, further apart inclines to have too much line in the water, closer they are rather too crowded.

For larger flies thirty inches is about right, but two flies are enough of these. One of the occasional drawbacks to the flies being further apart is the chance of hooking two fairly heavy **trout** at the same time. I have never landed both in this country, the gut always breakng between them and sometimes both have escaped owing to breakage. Among the small **trout** of North Britain it was as common to land two **trout** as to kill birds 1 right and left. . If the strands of gut in the casting line are of such a length that two of them make about twenty inches, and three of them about thirty inches, then the droppers can be attached at knots twenty inches and thirty inches apart as recommended. I had a curious experience on the Tweed, North Britain. I had just hooked a nice pound **trout** on the tail fly when a swallow took one of the droppers. The gut was exceptionally fine, the **trout** in high condition, and a break seemed inevitable. With every dive of the **trout** the swallow had to dive too—much to my surprise I landed both.

CLUB AUCTION

The November meeting was our annual club auction and many thanks must go to our auctioneer Graham Howie, who did an excellent job in persuading those present to open up their wallets a little bit to help the club's funds.

Our thanks go to Hunting & Fishing, Alicetown and Fishscene, Hataitai for their support and contributions. Many thanks must also go to those club members who contributed items for the auction either as donations or on a commission basis.

As a result, the club made a healthy profit of \$1,500.00 which was up on the two previous years.

I hope all those who purchased items at the auction received good value for money.

RANGITIKEI TRIP NOVEMBER 2017

Our annual visit to the Rangitikei in November each year is always keenly anticipated, not only for the fishing but also for the food and hospitality of the River Valley Lodge. This year was no exception.

However, as we all know, fishing can be very fickle and usually the results of our November trip shows significant numbers of smaller fish being caught with the odd report of anglers being smashed by above average rainbows. This year however it was quite different. While there was a few small fish around, especially around the Lodge, even these were somewhat larger and feistier than recent years.

However large numbers of small fish were not so predominant at Mangaohane and Springvale but instead were replaced with some exceptional catches. An 8lb rainbow and 7lb brown were supported by a number of 5 and 6lb fish not to mention those that were lost in the battle.

All those on the trip were successful and even the weather, while a bit blustery, played its part.

Hopefully a good sign for other club trips in the new year.

Strato



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 2017 - 31 March 2018.

Stirling Sports heaviest fish (junior)

Hunting & Fishing heaviest fish (senior)

Gordon Baker 3.75kg brown trout Tongariro.

(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, Rainbow Hen 2 lb 7 oz, 15.5 inches, C/F 65.12.

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

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

* Calculate your condition factor on the Wellington Flyfishers website.

CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

CASTING PRACTICE

Casting Practice Hataitai Park 6.00pm Wednesdays

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

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 16-17 th	Otamangakau (Float tubing)	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 9th 3-7pm

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.

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

Open Day – Sunday 10th December

Please phone Strato and let him know if you will be able to assist for the morning, the afternoon or all day.

We need anglers, marshalls, fish gutters, registration desk helpers and general all-rounders to assist and give everyone a break to have a cuppa or a cooked sausage.

Feather Merchants Fly of the Month



Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library
 Monday 18th , 7.30pm

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Parachute Adams

A simple, easy to tie yet very effective dry fly. Very useful as summer progresses. Many trout at this time ignore high floating dries preferring insects trapped in the surface film. Snipping the hackle at the bottom of a standard dry can also achieve a lower floating dry fly.



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| Hook | TMC 9300 size 12-18 |
| Tail | Brown and grizzly hackle fibres |
| Wing | White calf body hair |
| Body | Dubbed grey muskrat or similar synthetic |
| Hackle | Brown or grizzly |

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.

The collage features several elements: a close-up of a trout's mouth on the left; the FM logo in the top left; a screenshot of the Feather Merchants website in the center, which includes the text 'Welcome to Feather Merchants New Zealand Ltd - fly fishing and fly tying wholesaler', 'Proud Supporters of Future River Initiative - for every FM product purchased a percentage will go towards supporting Future Rivers projects, you can help as the more you buy the more the environment benefits', and a '2013 - 2014 Fly Catalogue.pdf' link; a fly on a hook in the bottom center; and the Future Rivers logo on the right, which includes the text 'www.futureivers.co.nz', 'SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES', and 'Introducing Future Rivers Future Rivers is a new initiative and is about environmentally conscious businesses working together!'

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 22nd 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. (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>

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

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

2017-18 COMMITTEE

President	Strato Cotsilinis	386-3740
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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 2017 - 31 March 2018

Full member or family membership \$35, Junior membership no fee.
Joining fee \$10 Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

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