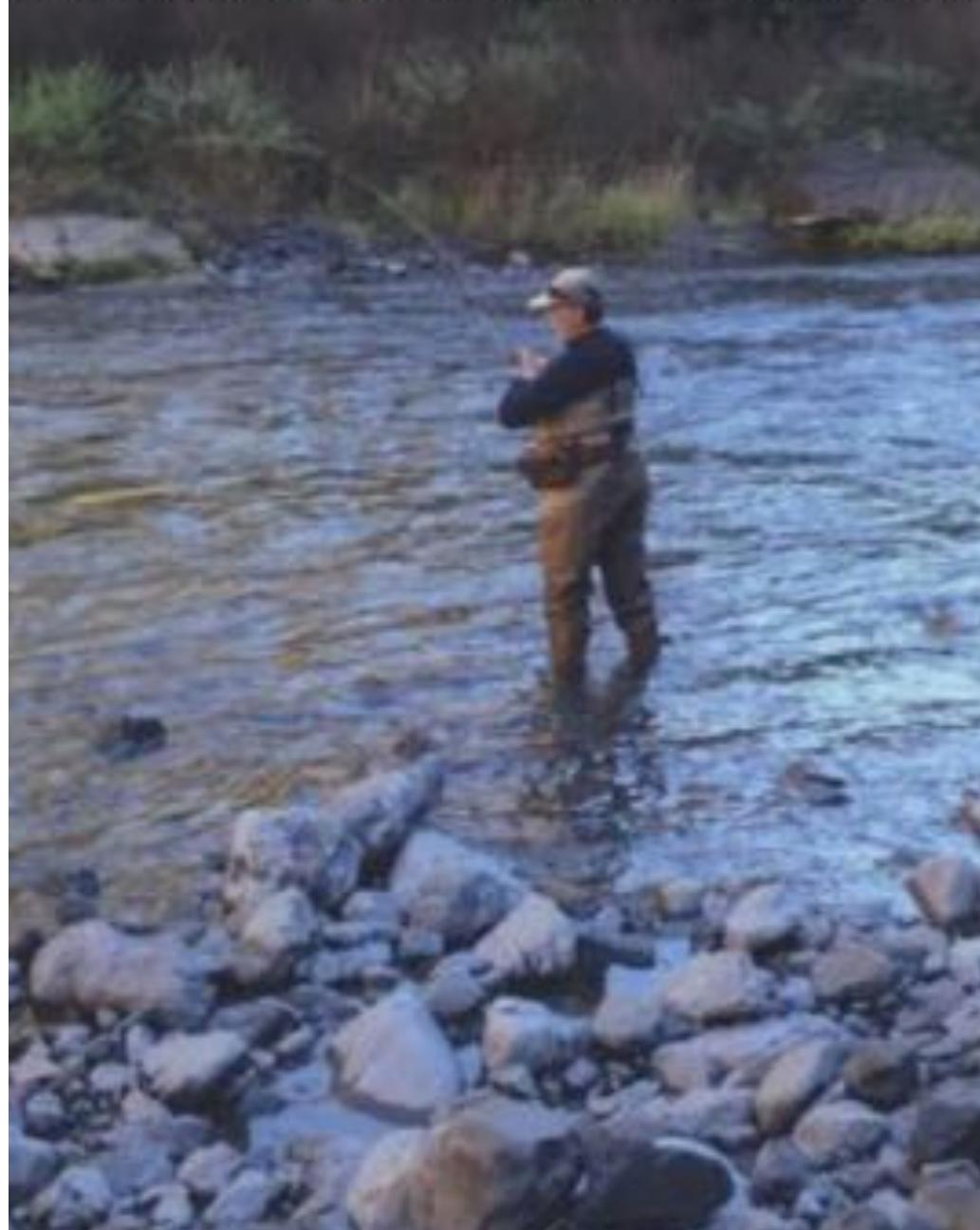


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Cover: Fish on - Whakarekau river –Rangitikei (Robyn Gray)

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 6th November

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

AUCTION!

Viewing from 7.00 pm. Bidding begins 7.30 pm

All purchases to be paid on the night (cash or cheque)

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: 18-19th
Fly Tying: 20th
On-Stream Day: 4th
Casting practice: Wednesdays
Capital trout Centre: 10th December

Future Club Meetings:

December 4th Social



PRESIDENTS REPORT

The new season is now fully underway and with the fine weather I hope you have all had a chance to get out and wet a line.

Reports from the Hutt and the Wainuiomata have both been encouraging and fish are in good condition.

Surprisingly, Taupo is still producing good runs and well conditioned fish so if you are in the area it's still well worth a try.

I've not had any reports from Otamangakau so if anyone has had a chance to fish there since the season opened, please let me know.

The club auction is scheduled for our November meeting and this is a great opportunity to buy some never fail flies tied by our club anglers, or some additional equipment or reading material.

This is our main fundraiser for the year and we hope all club members will support this night.

The new season of club trips, other than Taupo, is now underway with Tukituki this month and Rangitikei in November with a series of other venues to follow. Keep a watch in the magazine and on the website.
Regards

Tight lines.

Strato



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www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz



www.fishscene.co.nz

150th anniversary of brown trout in New Zealand

October 2017 marks the 150th anniversary of the introduction of brown trout to New Zealand. Brown trout are native to Europe and were first introduced into New Zealand by the Canterbury Acclimatisation Society in 1867 from British stock that had been established in Tasmania only three years earlier.

Research by historian Jack Kos found that the survival rate was low, with only three trout hatching from the 1200 eggs that had been shipped from Tasmania.

The first brown trout to hatch in New Zealand was in Christchurch's Hagley Park on October 10, 1867, followed a few days later by a further two. By mid-October 1867, New Zealand had three brown trout.

From that small beginning, brown trout have become widely established in both the North and South Islands. In the process, they have become a culturally valuable New Zealand species and one that has been a catalyst for protecting the environment, water quality and some of the country's most outstanding wild rivers, lakes and streams.

Trout are important because they act as an "umbrella species", safeguarding the environment because they are critical indicators of high water quality. They are the canary in the mine – if water quality is deteriorating to the point that trout can't survive, then native species, which have a higher tolerance for poorer water quality, will also become more threatened.

As a result, 12 of the country's 15 Water Conservation Orders have been secured because of the high quality of their trout fisheries. Together with rainbow trout introduced in the 1880s, brown trout provide the foundation for a multi-million dollar recreational and tourism industry.

Things Come in Threes

The recent Open Day at the Capital Trout Centre was memorable for all the good reasons but also for three not so good reasons.

One – we arrived at 8.30am to start setting up. Open the shed, turn on the lights. No lights. Check the fridge, the light was on. The pest control was blinking away in its socket so we had power to the plugs. Jiggle the light switches a few more times and finally, they came on. Thank goodness as the morning had dawned overcast and the shed was quite gloomy.

Two – racing around we set up signs, entrance awning, started the sausages and onions cooking and then the rain began. It was quite hard, then it became harder and harder till the noise on the roof made it hard to hear each other. Oh dear, would this put off our parents and children? The gates open at 9.00am and by 9.10am no one had come up. However by 9.15 we could hear voices and in trouped a group of wet but excited children who wanted to fish in the rain.

The weather improved as the morning went on and we had a steady stream of anglers to keep us busy.

Three – We have to provide groups that book the pond with a Health & Safety Hazard Register pointing out any possible hazards of using the facilities. We will now have to add another to the list. Cell phones.

One excited youngster was running alongside the pool and his dad went to pick him up, afraid the child would fall into the pool only to have his cell phone slip out of his pocket and drop into the water.

Despite Strato wading into the pool with a net and trying valiantly to find it, the cell phone was not found.

With all the splashing etc, the fish went off the boil for a while and someone remarked they were probably lining up to take selfies.

A costly trip for one dad but the youngsters were delighted with their fish.

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)

Rubén Robles, 2.94 kg brown, Wainuiomata

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
November 18-19 th	Rangitikei	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 4th

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 20th , 7.30pm

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Cicada

To see a large trout emerge from the depths of a big deep pool, in fast water, and take a large dry fly off the surface is one of the great joys of summer fishing. The cicada and other terrestrial patterns are designed to do just that. Extra buoyancy can be achieved with foam



Hook	TMC 5212 size 6-10
Thread	Black 6/0 or 3/0
Body	Spun deerhair
Wing	Flared deerhair or synthetic wing material
Thorax	Spun deerhair

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.

A screenshot of the Feather Merchants website. The page features a large image of a trout on the left and a fly on the right. The central text reads: 'Welcome to Feather Merchants New Zealand Ltd - fly fishing and fly tying wholesaler'. Below this, it states: '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.' There is a small image of a fly and a '2013 - 2014 Fly Catalogue.pdf' link. On the right, there is a circular logo for 'FUTURE RIVERS' and text: 'www.futureivers.co.nz SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES Introducing Future Rivers Future Rivers is a new initiative and is about environmentally conscious businesses working together - conscious businesses working together'.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 20th**

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.

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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

Enquiries: kiwifyfisher@gmail.com



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