

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 5th October

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

OPENING DAY LIES

Club members will give their reports on the first few days of the new season.

FISHING CALIFORNIA & ORIGON

Club member Ray O'Callaghan will give a presentation on his recent trip to USA

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: 11- 12th October, Manawatu
Fly Tying: 19th October
On-Stream Day: 31st October, Wainuiomata
Casting practice: 9.30am Sundays



Future Club Meetings:

November 2nd Annual Auction



New Members

Ruben Robles
Daniel Jacobs

President's Report

The excellent attendances at our last two club meetings where the guest speakers were essentially talking politics, was a good sign that our members have an appreciation of the continual battles which we face to protect our sport.

Unfortunately, many of the battles which we are confronted with are required simply because local authorities and in some cases landowners, do not follow the requirements of our environmental protection legislation such as the Resource Management Act and Fish & Game is one of the few agencies which is prepared to stand up and fight for our rights.

This is unfortunate as there are many landowners out there who have gone out of their way and at some expense to protect waterways which run through their properties and as always, it is only a small minority that let the side down.

As anglers we need to ensure that landowners who let us cross their property know how appreciative we are. Any goodwill that you can create with a landowner rubs off next time someone asks to cross their property.

The new season is upon us as from the 1st October and this is a good time to renew our relationships with the landowners in the area you wish to fish. Do not let the enthusiasm of the new season overlook the fact that in many cases you are crossing private property.

Good luck for opening day and we look forward to those stories at the next club meeting.

Strato



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CLUB MEETING 7th SEPTEMBER 2015

Bryce Johnson, the CEO of New Zealand Fish & Game addressed an enthusiastic group on a number of issues which presently face Fish & Game.

In particular, the current issue over the Agreement in Principle to allow Ngati-Tuwharetoa to raise trout in one of the Turangi raceways for use on cultural occasions.

This has raised the spectre of the introduction of trout farming and has had a strong reaction from anglers especially those who have fought trout farming proposals in the past.

Elsewhere in the magazine is a copy of the letter which is being sent by this club to Chris Finlayson, Minister of Treaty Settlements.

Bryce fielded a number of questions on trout fishing issues at what was a very informative evening.

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE OPEN DAY

The first open day of the new season was held on Sunday 6th September (Father's Day) and 140 children experienced the thrill of catching a feisty rainbow trout and in most cases, taking them home for dinner.

Due to the fact that we had carried over part of our last shipment right throughout the winter, the trout were much larger than normal with approximately 20 over the kilo mark. This proved a real challenge for the young anglers and a real thrill for the club members who were assisting.

Many thanks to all those who turned up on the day especially as it was Father's Day.

INTER-CLUB FLY TYING COMPETITION

The annual inter-club fly tying competition between Kapiti, Lower Hutt and Wellington will be held at Kapiti on the Monday 26th October.

Teams of fly tiers from each club will compete against each other for the Inter-Club Fly Tying trophy but we need some Wellington members to accompany our team and provide them with support. This is an excellent chance to see some good fly tiers in action.

Details will be made available at the next club meeting but if you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Strato

Capital Trout Centre – Sunday 4th October

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.

Casting Practice Hataitai Park 6.30pm 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.

TURANGI HATCHERY

Below is a copy of the letter the Club is sending to the Minister. You are encouraged to write your own letter to express your concerns

20 September 2015

Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
Hon Christopher Finlayson QC
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

Re: Negotiations with Ngati Tuwharetoa

The Wellington Flyfishers Club (WFFC) understands that there are aspects of an agreement in principle between the Office of Treaty Settlements and Ngati Tuwharetoa that involve rights in respect of raising and harvesting of trout in the Taupo catchment. From what we understand of the agreement, it would appear that the Crown negotiators are either ignorant of the ramifications of those concessions or they choose to ignore them.

We understand Ngati Tuwharetoa are justifying their claims on trout on the basis that trout displaced a native grayling in Lake Taupo. While that may be true, it seems a poor excuse for creating a unique right that cuts across the whole principle of protecting sport fisheries and ensuring that they are available to all New Zealanders on an equal basis.

The Supreme Court ruling in the case of Taranaki Fish & Game versus McRitchie, made it clear that trout were not subject to the Treaty of Waitangi. We are therefore surprised that the Office of Treaty Settlements are now using this recreational species as part of a proposed settlement.

The WFFC has absolutely no problem with the right of Ngati Tuwharetoa to receive an appropriate and just settlement in respect of its treaty claims, but there are aspects of the proposed agreement which do not appear to be in the long term interests of the Taupo fishery or Ngati Tuwharetoa.

The wild trout fisheries in New Zealand are a major tourist income earner. Any degradation of the wild fisheries would have a significant economic effect on the Taupo area. The benefits of the Taupo trout fishery to the Taupo area have been variously estimated at up to \$100,000,000.00 per annum. Anything that threatens this fishery would impact the people of Ngati Tuwharetoa severely.

If the accommodation and tourism benefits were lost to Turangi, it could be expected that the town would struggle to retain a sustainable commercial centre.

We are also concerned that the Office of Treaty Settlements has not availed itself of appropriate resources or advice in negotiating a settlement with Tuwharetoa. For example, we would have expected the Office of Treaty Settlements to have obtained detailed knowledge on the workings of the National Trout Centre before conceding access rights or use of the facilities for trout raising, but there is evidence that this has not been the case.

The Office of Treaty Settlements has already apologised for asserting that the hatchery was a closed system when in fact it is not.

The Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee has the statutory responsibility for advising on Taupo fishery matters and extensive knowledge on managing the trout fishery. The Committee has a wide representation of fishing interests, including a member of the Tuwharetoa Maroi Trust Board. I was also a member of the Committee for a long term and have a good understanding of both how the fishery operates and how the Committee could have been very useful in providing anglers' perspective on the proposal. I

understand the Committee has since had some discussions in this regard but these have not proved satisfactory.

For instance, many anglers have expressed the view that the proposed transfer of a raceway at the Turangi Fishery for the express purpose of raising trout for Ngati Tuwharetoa may be contrary to section 26ZI sub section (3) or (4) of the Conservation Act 1987. We would be pleased to have your view on this point, not only in terms of the legal technicalities, but in terms of the principle embodied in this Act.

There are also aspects of the proposal which we find hard to understand. The Office of Treaty Settlements has confirmed that currently, approximately fifty trout are provided by the hatchery to Ngati Tuwharetoa for cultural purposes each year. They now propose to provide access to a raceway at the hatchery for the purpose of raising eight hundred trout with a possible second raceway adding a further eight hundred to this total.

Ngati Tuwharetoa already has the right to two hundred free fishing licences for the purpose of providing trout for their requirements. The locals are very adept at trout fishing and those supplied with the two hundred free licences must surely be able to harvest the numbers required for cultural purposes.

We are at a loss to understand as to why one thousand six hundred trout are now required when previously fifty were adequate. While the Agreement in Principle specifically prohibits the commercialisation of the hatchery, we again find it hard to understand the purpose of raising one thousand six hundred fish per annum.

There is adequate evidence overseas that trout farming places great risks on wild fisheries, especially where the farming is carried out by private entrepreneurs. While we understand that there is no suggestion of trout farming in the current proposals, the precedent that the Agreement in Principle will set is obvious.

The anglers of New Zealand have in the past, shown very clearly that they will not countenance the introduction of trout farming due to the adverse effects that may impact on wild fisheries.

The Wellington Flyfishers Club has been in existence for approximately 32 years and has 180 members, many of whom fish the Taupo fishery regularly. On behalf of the Club, I ask you to seek expert advice on this matter and send your negotiators back to the negotiating table to come up with more options that are more sensible for all parties.

Yours sincerely

STRATO COTSILINIS

President

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS' CLUB (INC)

NEW LICENCES

The new fishing season for all of the country, except the Taupo fishery, commences on the 1st October. Make sure you have purchased your new licences which can be obtained through the Fish & Game website.

If you have your last year's licence available this will make the purchasing of the licence quick and easy. You will initially receive an email acknowledgement and this will be followed up by the plastic licence which will be forwarded to your postal address.

Wainuiomata Map and Car Sticker

The new Wainuiomata River map and club car sticker are included with this issue of Tight Lines. Where the map indicates that you should request permission of landowners, please make a point of asking before crossing the private land. Remember there is no 'Queen's Chain' on the Wainuiomata river and fishing access is a favour granted by the landowners.

As most of the land holdings are fairly small you should consider the possibility that you may wish to cross boundaries after you have arrived at the river. Check with all owners whose property you may wish to fish through or even take a short cut across to get back to the road.

In all cases respect the properties you pass through.

Traverse fields only along the fence lines and do your best to avoid disturbing stock. Leave gates as you find them – closed or open. If you need to climb a fence do at the strainer posts. If you find any distressed stock, take time to inform the owners.

Attach the car sticker to the corner of the rear window of your vehicle at the right lower-hand (driver's) side. **Wellington Flyfishers Club (Inc)**

CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day - Saturday 31st October

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.

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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.

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.

Upcoming trips:

Dates	Destination	Organiser
October 10 & 11 th	Manawatu	
November 21 & 22 nd	Manganui – a-teo	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).



Feather Merchants Fly of the Month



Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library
Monday 21st September, 7.30pm
(Access through side door on north side of building)

Humpy & Royal Humpy

The Humpy is a very popular and useful summer dry fly. Its ability to float high in the water and buoyancy makes it great for fast water fishing. The Royal Humpy has white wings making it even more visible in bubbly, turbulent streams. Capable of supporting a small weighted nymph in these conditions. An essential pattern for wilderness summer fishing.

Hook	TMC 9300 size 10-16
Thread	Danville 6/0 black
Tail	Moose mane
Wing (Royal)	White calf body
Hump/wing	Elk hair
Underbody	Floss or thread - green, red, yellow or orange
Hackle	Grizzly and/or brown



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.

A screenshot of the Feather Merchants website. The page features a navigation menu with 'PRODUCTS' and 'Home'. The main content area includes a welcome message: 'Welcome to Feather Merchants New Zealand Ltd - fly fishing and fly tying wholesaler'. Below this is a section for 'Proud Supporters of Future River Initiative' which states that for every FM product purchased, a percentage will go towards supporting Future Rivers projects. There is a link to a '2013 - 2014 Fly Catalogue pdf'. On the right side, there is a logo for 'FUTURE RIVERS SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES' with the text 'Introducing Future Rivers' and 'Future Rivers is a new initiative and is about environmentally conscious businesses working together'. The background of the website shows a close-up of a fish's mouth and a fly.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 19th 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 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 14th October

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

New season – new licence!
Don't leave it until the last minute.
Get your new season licence on line at
www.fishandgame.org.nz.

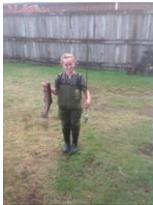


Once the rivers clear after this last winter blast, early season caddis nymphs and streamer flies will be productive. Good luck.

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

Nigel Robinson, 1.98kg, 51cm, CF 53.9

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

Judy Baker, 2.2kg Tongariro

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 website.

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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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

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