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

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 7th September

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: 19-20th

Fly Tying: 21st

On-Stream Day: 26th

Casting practice: 9.30am Sundays



Future Club Meetings:

October 5th

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



New Members

Ford Lambert
Shane Bailey
Sam Irvine

President's Report

As the winter draws on the prospect of the new season starting on the 1st October gets closer. At the Club meeting in August, Phil Teal of Fish & Game mentioned the new categories of license that will now be available for the 2015/16 year. These look quite interesting and you need to look carefully when buying your license online.

The next meeting will see a further guest speaker from Fish & Game. This time, Bryce Johnson the national Director, will be talking about the controversy that has arisen over a proposed Treaty Settlement in the Turangi area. For those who fish Taupo, this is an interesting debate and while much of the discussion has been behind closed doors or is confidential, the NZFFA website has some information which highlights the reason why anglers are up in arms.

October is also election time for Fish & Game Councils where once every three years, each region elects its local Fish & Game Council. However to vote you must have elected to be a voter when you purchased your license and if this is the case you will receive a voting pack in early October.

If you didn't tick the appropriate box or are unsure, you can contact the registrar to check or to add your name to the register. **You need to do this by the 6th September.**

Full details on how to do this are on the New Zealand Fish & Game website.

Just another reminder that November is our auction and the necessary forms will be included in the October magazine for those wishing to have items included in the auction catalogue. The October issue will also have your Wainuiomata car sticker for those who wish to fish the river, which is a help to the local farmers who will know you are a bona fide fisherman. Don't forget to get your license before the 1st October.

Sunday 6th September is our first open day and a number of our regular volunteers are away on that weekend so we need your help. Please ring Strato if you can come any time during the day. The next open day will be October 4th.

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Strato



Great Deals

Clearwater pack/vest half
price \$70

Backwater front hip pack
half price \$40

Simms Quality Combo Deal
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Freestone Waders only
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Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
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Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500 Facsimile: 0064-4-589 9520

Proposed Agreement between Department of Conservation and Tuwharetoa Maori Trust as part of Treaty Settlements

The concern is that Tuwharetoa Maori want the following:

- (1) With respect to the Tongariro National Trout Centre they want to raise trout to harvest for significant Ngati Tuwharetoa hui, tangi and other occasions.
- (2). Arrangements for Tuwharetoa to utilise a raceway at the trout centre. (they say this is a closed raceway. It is not)
- (3) arrangements for Tuwharetoa to use any other existing facilities that the Department of Conservation considers are not required by DOC
- (4) arrangements to enable Ngati Tuwharetoa to construct and manage any new facilities .

The economy of the region and the world renown wild fishery could be at risk.

The list goes on. The Taupo fishery Advisory Board acting on behalf of anglers has prepared a list of questions to be raised at a meeting with the OTS Office of Treaty Settlements.

As individuals we should all be writing to Minister of Conservation without going into a great deal of detail but voicing our concerns as keen anglers.

September Meeting

Come to the September club meeting to hear Bryce Johnston speak on this proposal and how it may impact the Taupo Fishery.

Capital Trout Centre



All hands on deck on Saturday 11th July up at the pond. Nice to see some new faces showing up and of course the regular good old faithful.



Almost ready now for opening day in September.

Marion

Plenty of sludge removed from the front pool and a good trailer load of weeds and rubbish from around and about.



POLLUTION OF THE HUTT RIVER.

An ordinary meeting of the Hutt Borough Council was held last evening. Present The Mayor (Mr. W. A. Fitzherbert), Councillors Cudby, De Rosa, Jones, Waugh,

Eglinton, and Burridge. The Secretary of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society wrote asking for the co-operation of the Council in preventing the pollution of the Hutt River by refuse from the wool-scouring works at Belmont. Councillor Burridge considered that the matter was greatly exaggerated, and moved that no action be taken by the Council.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir

In your issue of yesterday you convey that the Hutt County Council is of opinion that the matter of a few fish and some lazy whippers of streams should not be allowed to stand in the way of licensing a fell-mongery on the Hutt River, &c. I was surprised and greatly grieved to think that some of the Councillors should be so narrow-minded and display so little knowledge of the subject, and should be, further, so unmindful and careless of the preservation of the rights of the public. Is it possible that they really imagine that it is only in the interests of a few anglers that the objections to the pollution of the Hutt River are raised? Well, taking even this view (which is by the way one of the least of the reasons for objecting), I think the objections should be upheld.

In order to save a private venture the expenditure of a small sum in the erection and maintenance of filter beds, the Councillors would apparently willingly acquiesce in depriving the citizens of Wellington and the Hutt Valley and their sons forever of one of the most health-giving of outdoor sports.

The hundreds who toil from day to day indoors are surely not to have one of their few pleasures so lightly taken away from them. I am not speaking of the present, but of a few years hence, when the river is properly stocked and when hundreds of anglers will leave town on a holiday for a breath of country air and a day of enjoyment on the Hutt River.

Are the Councillors aware that in England within the last few years alone over a hundred thousand pounds has been paid by clubs and societies to buy out the vested interests (such as the Council would allow to spring up) in order to purify and prevent the pollution of the rivers?

Furthermore, the harbour and the coast waters around are gradually getting stocked with sea trout, and it is, even now, a common thing for a fisherman to haul in several with his nets, and it is hoped that in a few years this supply of food will cease to require protection and will be thrown open to the public.

Does the Council realise that by allowing the pollution of the Hutt River it will mean the extinction of these magnificent fish, not only in the harbour, but over a considerable portion of the Straits, and will of course preclude the introduction of

salmon into this district, for there is no other river within many miles suitable for these large sea trout or salmon to run up and spawn.

One of the most extensive spawning beds of the harbour fish lies just outside the Hutt River, and some of our most valuable sea fish require brackish water to spawn in, and their part destruction is also involved.

It is not really a question of the evil which this one fell-mongery would do, but it is this, that if one is allowed, then it is only a question of time when other similar concessions will be required, when instead of having a pure and clear stream flowing through the Hutt Valley in which the rising generation can bathe and learn to swim there will be a foul, evil-smelling, germ-breeding river (as the Ngahauranga now is so will the Hutt become), and the concessions so lightly given away now will have to be re-purchased at a cost of thousands of pounds. I cannot but conclude that the Councillors have not thought this matter out that they have spoken hastily, without giving it more than a superficial consideration, and I hope that they will yet recognise its importance, and not lightly deprive future generations of such a valuable inheritance.

I am, &c.

A PLACE FOR NOXIOUS TRADES.

The interesting discussion reported in our issue of Tuesday last as having taken place at the meeting of the Hutt County Council on the subject of the proposed pollution of the Hutt River by emptying the waste products of a fell-mongery into it at Belmont calls for more than passing notice, and raises the large question of necessity for early reservation of a special district for the operations of noxious trades.

The Hutt River rises in the Tararua Ranges, and after flowing through deep rocky gorges for many miles issues into the Hutt Valley, above its junction with the Mungaroa, in a fine stream of pure cold water, flowing thence unpolluted to the sea through some 25 miles of settlement.

Its lower waters are freely used for dairying, household, and bathing purposes, and hitherto factories and fell-mongeries have only been permitted to be established on lesser streams emptying directly into the sea or harbour, such as the Kaiwharawhara, Ngahauranga, and lower portion of the Korokoro.

Those who use the Hutt and Johnsonville roads know how these streams are polluted by the industries on their banks. Local industries such as the proposed fell-mongery are admittedly of great importance, and should be fostered, but not in places where their presence is detrimental to the public welfare.

In older countries the question of river pollution is a very large and important one, and once a vested interest is created in a factory, thousands of pounds are

often successfully demanded to minimise the discharge of deleterious matter into a river such as the Hutt, so that it behoves every citizen who is concerned for the welfare of the community to be very careful to see that in a young country like this such rights are not established on the banks of a fine river like the Hutt while other sites are available where no nuisance would be created.

Once the residents in the Hutt Valley allow their river to become a sludge-channel for deleterious matter from manufactories and works, the purity of the water will be impaired, all pleasure to those frequenting its banks for fishing or recreation will be destroyed, a source of danger will be created to those using the water below, and a dangerous precedent established which the experience of older countries has strongly condemned.

For this aspect of the case we invite our readers' attention to the letter in another column. As usual, the Acclimatisation Society is abused for trying to prevent the mischief. The Society has spent large sums of money in stocking the Hutt River and the harbour with sea-going varieties of trout, imported at great expense, which are fast increasing, and will in the future, if not destroyed, form a valuable food supply, afford our citizens good and healthy sport, and increase the attractiveness of our city.

In the present instance, it appears from the report of the proceedings of the local Council that the lessees have erected the works against the wishes of the owners of the land, and we are informed that the Acclimatisation Society protested against their erection and warned the parties that any attempt to run 'deleterious' matter into the Hutt River would be opposed.

We know nothing about the conditions under which the buildings were erected, or of the proprietors, but we think we can confidently appeal to the local body created for the public welfare to refuse assent to any pollution of the Hutt River, and feel sure that it will keep it pure as a heritage for the dwellers in the Hutt Valley and the inhabitants of the city of Wellington.

One of the most sinister signs of our time is the utter absence of any spark of that higher citizenship which has pride in its environment, and while conscious of and striving to compass the needs of the present is imbued with sense of duty to those who will come after.

No man with any breadth of vision or any sense of the fitness of things will deny that the Hutt River should be maintained pure for all time. Yet we find the local body that practically controls it seemingly considering a concession that if granted will in process of time turn it into a sewer for noxious trades to poison the waters of Port Nicholson, from which the sewage of the city has just been diverted at a cost of over a quarter of a million of money.

The creation of this fell-mongery may seem a small thing in itself, but if permitted it will be the beginning of an evil that will eventually deprive the Hutt Valley of all wholesome life, depreciate the value of property, and become a menace to the public health.

Already the infant city, cramped as it is, has a congested population, that is living under conditions which will make it the easy prey of the first epidemic that assails it. The Hutt Valley even now, with a fast express railway service, would quickly become a popular and populous suburb, where the well-to-do could make their homes with the spacious surroundings that are impossible within the confines of the city.

But if the pure and crystal waters of the Hutt River are to be poisoned with the refuse of noxious trades, the valley through which it runs will be shunned by all but those who have to labour there, and its present possibilities as a great suburban residential district will be destroyed.

The question here raised is yet another illustration of the timely nature of Councillor Devine's motion for the expansion of the city area to be discussed by the City Corporation this evening. City and suburbs are alike concerned in keeping pure the harbour water and every stream that flows into it.

Not only should the Hutt River be kept immune, but noxious trades that now exist on the streams emptying upon the western shore should be removed. The foul refuse of these industries should, like the city sewage, be conveyed to the sea, and that this may be done the local bodies cannot too soon confer with the City Council with a view to the delimitation of a special area within which noxious trades must be confined.

Evening Post, June 1898

CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day - Saturday 26th

The On-Stream Day will be **Full day – visit to Kourarau Dam in the Wairarapa** 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 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 – Sunday 6th

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.

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.

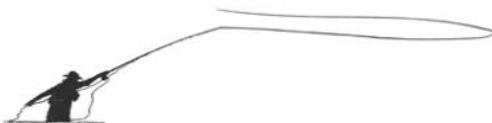
Contact each organizer at the club meeting. Novice fishers are encouraged to participate.

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

Upcoming trips:

| Dates | Destination | Organiser |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| September 19-20 th | Turangi | Strato 386 3740 |

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)

Caddis Nymphs & Emergers

We will be looking at a few caddis nymph patterns that are very useful through spring and early summer. Patterns that suggest net building, cased, sandy cased and free living will feature. Caddis pupa and emergers will be covered if there is enough time.

Hook TMC 2457 or 3769 size 12-16
Thread 6/0 black
Body Dubbed fur to match natural
Rib Wire or mono
Thorax Peacock herl or dubbing

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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.

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 21st September**

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 September

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.

SH'N TIPS

Spring fishing is often regarded as time to head for Taupo, however, local fishing on the inland rivers that are open can provide some excellent sport, particularly on clear, calm days. Cover the water with generic nymphs and caddis patterns as fish will not move far in colder water. Keep an eye out for a late but brief afternoon hatch and have those emerger fly patterns ready.



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)

Vallace Condition factor: best-conditioned fish

Igel Robinson, 1.98kg, 51cm, CF 53.9

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

Igel Robinson, 1.98kg, 51cm, CF 53.9

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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|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

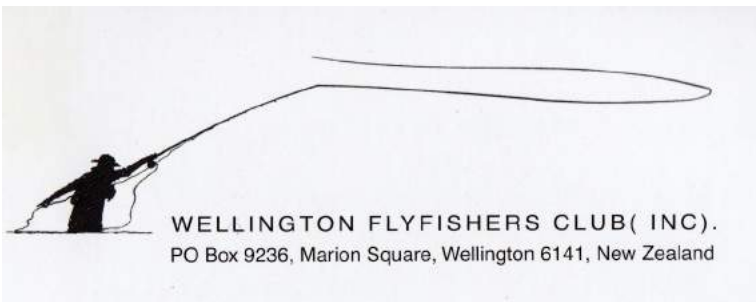
To join the club: collect a form at a club meeting; download a copy from the club website; or phone a committee member to have a form mailed to you. Mail the completed form to PO Box 9236, Te Aro, Wellington, or hand it in at the next meeting with your subscription and joining fee.

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.

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Fees 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016

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