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**Cover:** Graeme McIntyre on the Hinemaiaia river (Robyn Gray)

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# **CLUB MEETING**

## **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

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

### **VIDEO: Pure Fly**

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:	21-22nd
Fly Tying:	16 <sup>th</sup> (7.30pm)
On-Stream Day:	28 <sup>th</sup> (morning)
Casting practice:	Sundays (9.30 am)

#### **Future Club Meetings:**

May 7<sup>th</sup> (AGM)

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Andrew and Alexander Short  
Jessica Payne  
Alexa Millward

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Autumn is here and the end of April means the closure of some of our local rivers to give the trout a rest during the spawning season. Make sure you read all the details in the regulations that come with your licence. In the Wellington area the Wainuiomata and the tributaries of the Hutt River such as the Akatarawa, Mangaroa and Pukuratahi all have closed seasons.

An excellent summer and resulting low water conditions have resulted in fish being more concentrated in the deeper pools and oxygenated water and I have been receiving many positive anglers' comments about the fishing both in the Hutt River and the Wainuiomata. The outlet at Wainuiomata has been closed for some time resulting in the lower pools having good depth and slow movement. The cicada season is almost over but a well placed fly is still attracting good sized browns on their daily beat.

Fish Migration Day is coming up in April so read the article elsewhere in this magazine.

As indicated in previous magazines we are desperate for new members to join our committee to spread the load of running the club. With Marion Hall, Gordon Baker, Robyn Gray and Ron Cheriton all shifting or about to shift out of Wellington, our ranks of hard working club members have been reduced. A few extra hands would be very much appreciated.

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[www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz](http://www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz)



[www.fishscene.co.nz](http://www.fishscene.co.nz)

## MANUGANUI O TEAO

One of the attractions of fly fishing, especially in New Zealand, is its unpredictability. One day you would swear there are no fish in the river and yet the very next day there are fish everywhere or vice versa.

The club trip to the Maunganui o teao was a classic example. As with our previous trips to this beautiful river in the past, this was a camping trip and seven of us pitched our tents in the Ruatiti Domain. One of the team had gone up early and had already logged eight fish caught and others lost. It had rained from about Taihape to Ohakune and rain in the middle of the night suggested conditions would be rather more difficult the next day.

A few of us had had a quick flick in the river adjacent to the camp as darkness fell with a couple of small feisty rainbows starting one angler's weekend tally.

However perhaps the highlight of the twilight time was a pair of blue ducks zipping in and out of the rocks in an action which is quite peculiar to that species and then the call of kiwi in the bushes no more than 25 metres from where we were fishing. I am told it was the male kiwi but his calls went unanswered.

Once darkness had well and truly set in, the inky black of the night sky showing stars usually unseen in the urban environment was lit up by the wood fire we had managed to get started despite the wet conditions. A bottle of wine and a few fishing stories helped pass the time before we all retired to those lumpy camp beds.

As predicted, the next morning the river was up by almost 20cm and had some colour but was certainly fishable. We were soon away in our pairs and having previously contacted all the local farmers for permission to cross their paddocks, we headed off in different directions to our favourite spots.

Crossing the stock bridge and a short walk through the paddocks took us down onto the river bed and a waterfall tumbling into one of my favourite pools.

Within minutes one of our newer anglers was into her first fish in the waterfall pool and this pool and the rapid below it produced further five fish before we moved on. The water was showing signs of clearing but crossing the river was still not an option, which restricted our access to some of the good stretches experienced in the past.

Nevertheless by the end of the day over 30 fish had been landed with the majority being feisty rainbows in the one and a half pound range with the odd brown to add to the excitement. All the fish were in good condition but no fish over two pound were landed although broken hooks and broken leaders indicated that there were a few much bigger fish willing to take our flies.

Another evening meal and a bottle of wine around the fire ended a reasonable productive day and we were all looking forward to the following morning where we hoped the river had dropped and was in prime condition. So it proved and the following morning some of us crossed the river to fish stretches which we had been unable to reach the previous day.

Unfortunately floods during the winter had changed the configuration of some of the pools and a number of the perfect flowing drifts from previous years were now somewhat disturbed flows but still looked fishy.

Somebody had also forgotten to tell the fish that conditions were almost perfect and we all struggled to significantly add to our tallies of the previous day.

The Maunganui o teao is known for its slippery rocks and this year was no different and a challenge to ankles and legs. While an absolutely beautiful place to fish, we packed up the tents at midday all feeling somewhat tired from the previous day and a half's exertions but still all saying we must do a camping trip, especially to the Maunganui o teao more often.

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### **World Fish Migration Day – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

The World Fish Migration Day is a one day global local event to create awareness on the importance of open rivers and migratory fish.

Migratory fish make a crucial link in the food chain and play an important role in a healthy and productive river system.

Migratory fish all over the world depend on free flowing rivers. Today, river barriers like dams, sluices and many other obstacles threaten many fish species' survival. Free flowing rivers that allow fish to travel up river increase fish populations in the river and assure healthy river life.

*Want to know more about this day and see an excellent video by Monster River Fish angler Jeremy Wade just Google "World Fish Migration Day"*



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### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:peter.nagle@xtra.co.nz)

\* Calculate your condition factor on the Wellington Flyfishers website.

## **CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH**

### **CASTING PRACTICE**

#### **Casting Practice** Hataitai Park **9.30am Sundays**

Casting tuition is available throughout winter until daylight saving begins. 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 Strato Cotsilinis (386-3740) 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:**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
21-22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Rangitikei	Strato

### **ON-STREAM DAY**

#### **Next onstream day – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**

**Closed for winter**

# Feather Merchants Fly of the Month



Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm

(Please note that Tararua Tramping Club will be having their AGM in the main hall at that time. Fly tyers please use the downstairs side entrance only.)

## SCOTCH POACHER

An excellent Taupo lure or anywhere where small fish are part of the trout's diet. Essential for fishing the river mouths on dark winter evenings and into the night. Use it either on its own or as a double rig with a lumo.



Fish on or near the bottom with sink-tip or sinking lines.

### Materials:

Hook	TMC 5262 or 5263 size 2 – 10
Thread	Black Monocord 3/0
Tail	Black squirrel tail
Rib	Silver oval tinsel
Body	Orange chenille
Wing	Pukeko breast feathers
Hackle	Orange or red

If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the flytying meetings please let Strato know. This will give an opportunity to plan ahead and order materials 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 says: "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 link to "2013 - 2014 Fly Catalogue pdf". On the right side, there is a logo for "FUTURE RIVERS SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES" with the text: "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 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

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

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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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