

# TIGHT LINES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON  
FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.

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**Cover:** Charlotte Mears on the Hinemaiaia river (Pauline  
McIntyre)

## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

So far this autumn, the weather has been kind, with comparatively mild weather interspersed by a few short cold spells. The flows on the Tongariro River haven't exceeded 100 cumecs for over three months now, which is somewhat exceptional. After comparatively settled flows during April, the Ruamahanga is starting to show its typical winter pattern of higher flows. Hopefully the group heading to the Mohaka River this weekend will enjoy success with good river conditions.

Coming up on the Club's programme, we hope to get one of the locals from Wairarapa to talk to us about the Ruamahanga and wider fishing opportunities there. If conditions are favourable, we will also schedule an on-stream day there, potentially including the Korarau Dam. Let Strato know if you are interested.

We are also planning to run another workshop session. This is where we arrange to have a few tables set up where members can learn and discuss various aspects of fly fishing, whether it is leader set-ups, developments and materials available for fly tying, or details on fishing access points. Please contact me or any member of the committee if there are any particular topic areas you would like to cover at this workshop.

Writing this report is somewhat *déjà vu* for me, taking on the president's role again after Strato's third term as President. An abundance of stability and experience are valuable attributes for any recreational club, but so are new ideas and vitality. If you have suggestions on

new activities, or even repeating some past activities, that the committee could consider delivering then please feel free to raise these with any member of the committee.

Paul

## **CLUB MEETING**

Monday 3 June at 7.30pm

## **FISHING THE TAUPO RIVERS AND LAKES OTHER THAN THE TONGARIRO**

## **ON STREAM**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. A day trip to the Wairarapa fishing the Kourarau Dam and the Ruamahanga River.

## **CLUB TRIP**

June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>                      Turangi

July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>                      Turangi

( Contact Strato for these trips)

## **FLY TYING**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June Craig's Night time (Page 12)

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Natasha Bezuidenhout

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

At the AGM it was confirmed that subscriptions for the 2019-2020 year remain the same as previously.

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## **BIOSECURITY ALERT - HORNWORT IN LAKE NAMU NAMU**

Just a quick heads up to say that scientists have found Horwort (<https://tinyurl.com/y6g8kzzj>) in Lake Namu Namu in the Turikina Valley near Whanganui. Horizons regional Council have put out a biosecurity Alert for Lake Namu Namu and are working on a plan to eradicate the invasive weed from the lake. Horwort has the potential to significantly reduce the value of the lake to fishers and other lake users. Please ensure any gear arriving and leaving the lake is clean and dry – i.e. follow the Check Clean and Dry protocols. Please also familiarise yourself with what the suite of invasive organisms look like which threaten our freshwater bodies so you can help stop the spread to our special places.

### **Cleaning line and reel**

At the end of the season I clean line and reel. With the line I put it in a basin of hot water and add liquid soap used for washing woollens. Leave the line in the basin to soak for 5 minutes and then wash it, rinse it and take it out and dry in a towel. Spend the next ten minutes untangling it and get it onto the reel. In the past I have used Amour all to coat the line with no problems. This year I used a food grade silicone from Chemz. The blurb says it is tasteless and colourless. I reckoned that it would not contaminate line or river. I don't think it will save the planet but it might improve my chances. The same with my reel having cleaned it I used Chemz Food grade lube, so if the lubrication got on the line there would be no contamination as against ordinary oil.



# Hunting & Fishing

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## Annual Award Winners

### Pauline McIntyre

David Austin Memorial Photographic Competition



Pauline also collected the **Sporting Life Junior Angler of the Year** trophy on behalf of **Oli and Charlotte Mears**



**Graeme McIntyre**  
Hunting and Fishing Heaviest Fish  
3.75kg Brown Tongariro



**Ken Clarke**  
Presidents Trophy  
Senior Angler of the Year



**John Gamble**  
Literary Prize



**Strato Cotsilinis**  
Competition Cup



**David Butterfield**  
15 year Membership Certificate

Others who are to receive their 15 year Membership Certificates but were unable to attend on the night were Jim Baumgurtel and Rod and Catherine Harris

**Neil Hollebhone** (unable to attend meeting)  
Wallace trophy for Best Condition Factor CF55 97  
Rainbow

## FLY OF THE MONTH

Tararua Tramping Club Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
7.30pm

### CRAIG'S NIGHT-TIME

Developed around Lake Taupo in the 1930's to suggest the *koura* (freshwater crayfish) this pattern is still an outstanding trout catcher. The short tail (or tag) accounts for many fish that might be lost through nipping at the tail of a traditional pattern. This is a very easy to tie pattern and should be present in any night fishers flybox.

Hook	TMC 5262 size 2 - 10
Tail	Red wool yarn or synthetic
Rib	Silver oval tinsel or lumo strip
Body	Black chenille
Wing	Pukeko feathers
Hackle	Black hen hackle
Topping	Jungle cock (optional)



**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.

**Casting Tuition**

Anyone wanting casting tuition please contact Strato

**HELPFUL LINKS FOR WELLINGTON FLY FISHERS**



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



[www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz](http://www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz)



[www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington](http://www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington)



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

**FishScene** Ltd

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

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the July issue is 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
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 ([levineha@gmail.com](mailto:levineha@gmail.com)). (Attached files often result in incoming emails being treated as spam and being deleted by the server).

**The newsletter depends 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** – 6.15 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.

### **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>

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

To join the club: collect a form at a club meeting or 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 2019 - 31 March 2020**

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

Joining fee \$10

Overseas Newsletter

postage \$45

**Enquiries [wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com)**

## 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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