

TIGHT LINES

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 7th March

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

Workshop: Flies, Knots & Tackle

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: 12-13th
Fly Tying: 21st
On-Stream Day: 20th
Casting practice: 6pm Wednesdays
Capital trout Centre: 3rd April

Future Club Meetings:

April 4th



New Members

Jonelle Lancashire

Alison Pearce

Robert Gourdie

President's Report

Summer is well and truly with us and the cicadas are going crazy.

We've had many reports of people fishing both the Hutt and the Wainui successfully with cicadas, so it's worth a try.

Many thanks for the very good turnout at the pond clean out in January. The pond received the best clean-up it has had in many years and hopefully this will be of benefit to the trout.

Although we received a new shipment of fish recently, they are very sluggish due to the heat and those who turned up for the open day on the 21st February, did a great job enticing some lovely rainbows using a vast array of different fly patterns.

Thanks to Warren for his presentation on 'Fishing in Patagonia'. Another fishing trip to put on the bucket list.

The next club trip is to the Mohaka on the 12th and 13th of March. This trip is very popular so make sure you book early to save your place. Give me a ring.

Next club night will be a workshop night where we encourage members to not only come and view some of the fly tiers in action but also to discuss topics and places to fish from our experts present.

I look forward to seeing you.

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Upgrade Update



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Option A endorsed by regional council

After months of planning and consultation on flood protection in Lower Hutt the Greater Wellington Regional Council reflected the overwhelming view of the community and decided on Option A. The decision, made on 9 December, accepted the recommendation of the joint Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee, which means the option will now go forward to its detailed planning and design stage ahead of applications for resource consents in 2017

It's a bold decision made easier by the community's stated desire to get on with building far-sighted flood protection in the stretch of the Hutt River between Ewen Bridge and Kennedy- Good Bridge.

While it means that property will have to be purchased on Pharazyn Street and Marsden Street to make way for a wider river channel and higher stopbanks, it also means that long term flood protection will be built in one, rather than two, stages.

The benefits will be worth it. The level of protection alongside the CBD will rise to deal with bigger floods - from a 1:65 year return flood standard to 1:440 years - and take into account projected changes in rainfall driven by climate change.

Other key benefits for the area will be the provision of better linkages between the CBD and the river, using the stopbank as an active edge to promote commercial development as part of Hutt City Council's *Making Places* urban renewal strategy, and providing a natural environment by the river for recreation. The New Zealand Transport Agency is also investigating the replacement of Melling Bridge and building a new intersection serving the bridge and SH2 and we will programme our works in conjunction with this.

Discussions continuing with property owners

Discussions have been going ahead with affected property owners since the options were made public some months back. Information was mailed out and meetings have been held to inform people about the flood protection options and how they may affect their property. With the final decision having been made, these discussions will likely move into a new stage as affected owners can now properly consider their circumstances and work with us on what's best for them. Construction won't start for at least five years on the western bank, and we'll use that time to meet their needs. We'd like to thank them for their patience and calm during a difficult and uncertain time.

A big thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to date in choosing the preferred option; everyone who came along to public meetings, met GWRC and HCC officers, provided feedback, or simply took an interest in this very important project. It has been particularly difficult for owners and tenants of properties required for the flood protection works.

What's next?

Greater Wellington Regional Council will now take Option A through its next stages, which will include discussion with property owners and the community, ahead of Resource Management Act hearings in 2017, at which time you will have a further opportunity to make formal submissions in the statutory process.



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TREATY OF WAITANGI NEGOTIATIONS WITH NGĀTI TŪWHARETOA

In a recent Newsletter members were encouraged to write to the Minister of Conservation voicing concern about the Treaty of Waitangi settlement negotiations between Ngāti Tūwharetoa and the Crown. This followed the printing of a letter the Club sent to the Minister of Treaty Negotiations and his reply on the matter. At the September meeting of the Club, Bryce Johnson, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council also spoke about the negotiations.

I will not be acting on the suggestion of writing to the Minister because I have a different perspective on the issue.

The central concern expressed in the letter and by Bryce is about commercial trout farming. I have no argument with that concern and the rationale has been well traversed over the years. Similarly, one can have no argument with the concern that any degradation of the wild fishery would have a significant economic effect.

However, what's missing is any evidence of how the provisions of the proposed settlement would lead to commercial trout farming and the degradation of the wild fishery. To the contrary, in the letter from the Club it is acknowledged that there is "*...no suggestion of trout farming in the current proposals...*"

I have no particular familiarity with what is being negotiated but from Bryce's session and the letters in the Newsletter I understand that the proposed settlement with Ngāti Tūwharetoa includes provision for them to utilise a raceway and possibly other facilities at the Tongariro National Trout Centre, to raise and harvest trout for hui, tangi and other occasions. The provisions would also enable them to construct and manage new facilities (presumably with the agreement of the Department of Conservation). The training and employment opportunities for iwi members are a key element of the settlement.

Despite there being no suggestion of commercial trout farming, the letter from the Club states that “...*the precedent that the Agreement in Principle will set is obvious.*”

In my view, what is proposed is no precedent. The hatchery was set up to raise trout for various purposes and the proposed settlement with Ngāti Tūwharetoa would make no change to this practice. The only different element is the purpose of raising trout in this way. The purpose to date has been the stocking of other fisheries including ponds like the one in Wellington. The question then is, whether the proposed “harvesting” by Ngāti Tūwharetoa is any different. There is no commercial aspect to it and the purpose is just as laudable as stocking a pond so youngsters can enjoy the experience the art of flyfishing, albeit in a somewhat artificial environment.

There is clearly no precedent involved and there is no other evidence provided that supports the contention that the provisions of the proposed agreement will lead to commercial farming.

This singular lack of evidence does not stop the Club from making a number of other claims that in my view do serious disservice to Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

The Club in its letter states that the fact that trout displaced a native grayling “...*is a poor excuse for creating a unique right that cuts across the whole principle of protecting sport fisheries*”. Apart from providing no evidence of how the right will cut across the principle of protecting the fishery, this claim demonstrates a lack of understanding of the profoundly negative impact on iwi of the loss of indigenous fisheries. In my understanding, not only did those fisheries provide an important source of food but they were central to concepts of hospitality and other values and practices that are a fundamental in the culture of the local iwi. Belittling this, as the Club has, does us little credit.

The Club also states that Ngāti Tūwharetoa has a right to 200 free fishing licences and “...*surely must be able to harvest the*

numbers required for cultural purposes.” In a related contention the Club adds that the trout hatchery currently provides approximately 50 trout each year to Ngāti Tūwharetoa for cultural purposes and the purpose of raising up to 1,600 fish per annum is not clear when “...*previously fifty were adequate.*” These are judgments made on the basis of cultural misunderstanding (to put it politely).

Is the Club in any position to understand and comment on “the numbers required for cultural purposes”? Is the Club in a position to know that “previously 50 were adequate”? Did the authors of the letter from the Club consult about these contentions with anyone from the iwi concerned?

There are many marae in the Ngāti Tūwharetoa area and each one will host tangi or hui on a regular basis. From my own experience I know that the numbers of guests attending these events is often in the hundreds and sometimes in the thousands. The Club’s letter therefore reveals a lack of understanding of the demands on host marae when managing a tangi or hui, both in terms of the numbers involved and the cultural importance of a prestige food that the area is renown for.

From what I know of the proposed Treaty of Waitangi settlement with Ngāti Tūwharetoa I strongly support it. When they are available in due course, I would urge club members to read the settlement documents with an open mind. There is much for New Zealanders to learn about our history and the process of healing it in these documents.

In relation to commercial trout farming, my advice to members of the Club is to ‘keep our powder dry’ until there is actual evidence of proposals to change the existing law. I suspect that if that does eventuate we will find many allies for our cause amongst Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

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Government report 'an attack' on water quality

Fish & Game has slammed a Government consultation document on freshwater, saying it will weaken, not strengthen, existing environmental protection. The organisation says the document is a "smokescreen" to hide backdoor efforts to undermine the Resource Management Act and Water Conservation Orders.



The consultation document puts forward more than 20 proposals the Government says will improve New Zealand's freshwater quality.

Fish & Game says it falls well short of what is needed to address the threat of falling freshwater quality. Chief executive Bryce Johnson says it is an attack on the environment

and the value of natural freshwater.

"When you look beyond the rhetoric, this document is all about furthering water-based development at the expense of the environment. There is no solid reference to recreation, food gathering or making rivers swimmable".

At a February 3 meeting, Hawke's Bay Regional Council wrote to Environment Minister Nick Smith opposing a Water Conservation Order application for the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers. The application was lodged with the Minister by a group of parties including Fish & Game, Ngati Hori ki Kohupatiki, Forest & Bird, Whitewater NZ



and Jet Boating NZ.

Mr Johnson said the recent consultation document was "a win for agriculture and a defeat for the environment". Fish & Game said it was shocked by the Government's plan to weaken Water Conservation Orders.

"Water Conservation Orders are the equivalent of National Park status for waterways, but the Government wants to change the law to make them subservient to regional planning processes - the very process WCOs were created to sit above.



"This proposal would be the beginning of the end for Water Conservation Orders, completely reversing the hierarchy of the present law.

"We believe there is a growing frustration among New Zealanders that the clean water they once took for granted is disappearing," Mr Johnson said.

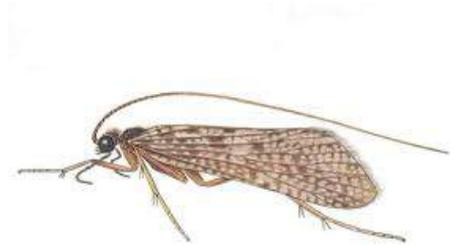
- Hawkes Bay Today

What do trout eat?

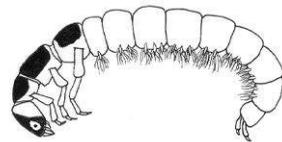
The most important thing to know when you get onto a river is what the fish are eating.

There are between 3 and 5 thousand invertebrate species in the Wellington region that make up the diet of brown and rainbow trout so it is important to narrow down the field. This can be done by some simple understanding of what trout eat.

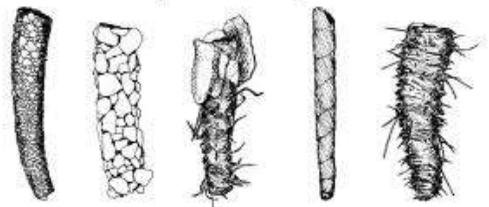
The most important food source is the caddis. Locally, these make up 40% of the trout's diet. There are over 240 species that vary in length (up to 20 mm) and colour (tan, brown, black etc).



The caddis has three stages of its life cycle: 1. the larva lives on the bottom of the river on stones and in weeds; 2. the pupa swims to the surface where it hatches; 3. the adult form which flies from the river to mate.



Examples of Caddisfly Cases

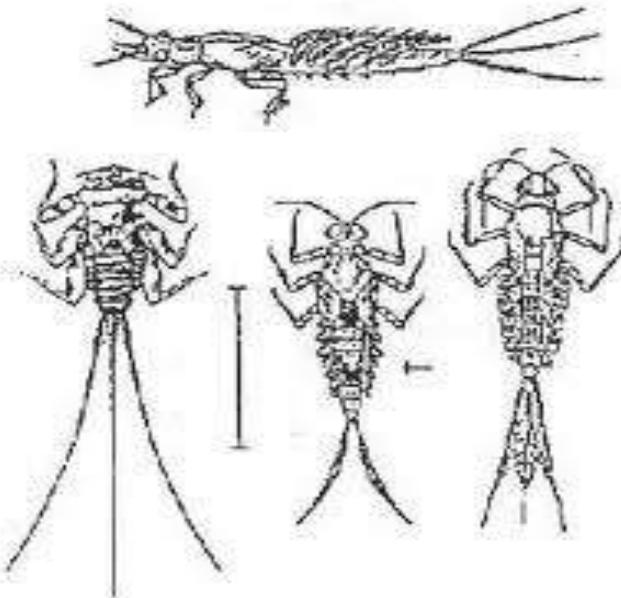


All of these stages are important to the fisherman because trout feed on them at all three stages. Examples of these patterns are Larva (Green Caddis, Case Caddis, Horn Cased Caddis, and Free Swimming Caddis), Emerger (Elk Hair Caddis, Goddards Caddis, and Emerging caddis) and the Caddis Fly.

The next most important group is the Mayflies. One of the identifying features of the mayfly is its tail filaments, unlike other insects and nymph patterns the mayfly is distinguished by having 3 tail filaments.



Mayflies are very susceptible to pollution, so are only found in the cleanest waters. Unlike caddis, mayflies do not undergo metamorphosis, so do not have a pupa stage.



The nymph develops directly into the adult, emerging in open water, often in huge swarms.

There are many other trout food types.

Stone flies & Dobson flies: 110-130 species

- 2 filaments on the tail, brown and tan in colour, 3 separate wing cases, often large.

Dragon fly (11 different species) Damselfly (6 different species)

- often red and blue and can be fished successfully on the Wainuiomata.

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Crane flies and midges, true bugs, water beetles, water spiders, amphipods & isopods, terrestrials (especially cicadas and green and brown beetles), snails, mussels, worms and fish make up the remainder of the trout's diet.

So what does this extensive list of insects, bugs and critters mean to you when you are standing in a tackle shop looking at the vast array of flies, wondering which ones to put in the fly box?

It is important to have four basic types of flies that will cover most fishing needs: Nymphs, Emergers, Dry flies and Smelt/wet flies.

If your fly box has a mixture of these in different sizes weights and colours you will be able to adapt on the water to the feeding needs of most fish that you will encounter,

- and hopefully not walk away from the river scratching your head.



CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day - Sunday 20th

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.

Casting Practice Hataitai Park 6 pm Wednesdays

Casting tuition is available throughout summer until daylight saving ends (10th April), 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.

Capital Trout Centre – Sunday 3rd April

This will be the last open day until September.

Registrations/licences will be available from the usual outlets:-

Steves Fishing Shop, Ghuznee Street

FishScene, Hataitai Village, Hunting & Fishing, Alicetown

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.

This is a departure from our usual dates, as many people are looking for a holiday activity for their children. Please mark this date on your calendar and contact Strato if you can assist.

**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.



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
March 12-13 th	Mohaka	Strato
April 9-10 th	Rangitikei	Strato

Feather Merchants Fly of the Month



Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library
Monday 21st, 7.30pm

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Traditional wets

Similar to the very first fly patterns these easy to tie simple designs suggest either drowned or emerging insects. Fished either upstream dead drift or swung across and down these are very useful additions to your flybox. We will also look at spider and sea trout patterns.



Hook	TMC 3769 size 12-16
Body	Either dubbed fur, floss or tinsel
Wing	Mallard, or woodduck wing slips
Hackle	Partridge or hen hackle feather

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 circular logo for 'FUTURE RIVERS SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES' 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'. A link for '2013 - 2014 Fly Catalogue.pdf' is provided, accompanied by a small image of a fly. The website URL 'www.futureivers.co.nz' is also visible.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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.

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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

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

Summer fishing is at its best – warm temperatures mean cicadas are hatching and are vigorously eaten by fish fattening up for the upcoming spawning season.



Heavy fishing pressure however will result in trout becoming extremely wary. Drift large dry-fly patterns as close as possible to any overhanging blackberry or willows along the banks. The increased risk of losing flies to the great blackberry god is offset by lurking trophy fish.

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)

Paul Baker, 3.6kg, rainbow, Lake O

(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)

Bob Weir, 3.1kg brown, Whareroa

Runners up:

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.

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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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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