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

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 7th May

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

AGM + Photo Competition

+

Wellington Fish & Game

Otoliths Microchemistry Projects and DNA Monitoring

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:	26-27 th (Turangi)
Fly Tying:	21 st (7.30pm)
On-Stream Day:	12 th (morning)
Casting practice:	20 th (9.30am)

Future Club Meetings:

June 4th

NEW MEMBERS

Constance Nutsford

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Autumn is now certainly upon us and for many of us our fishing turns to the winter runs of rainbows at Taupo and Rotorua. Don't forget that your Taupo licence from last year is still valid until 30th June but you will need to get a new licence from the 1st July.

A number of local rivers are now closed for spawning and will generally reopen on the 1st October. Don't get caught fishing a closed area.

Our Annual General Meeting is almost upon us and will be held as part of our club meeting of 7th May.

In addition, Wellington Fish & Game will give us a presentation on Otoliths Microchemistry Projects.

To successfully manage any freshwater fishery it is imperative that fish movements are well understood and in recent years science has moved a long way to providing these answers.

The study of Otoliths (structures located in the inner ear cavity of fish) can now provide detailed information on the fish's travels during its lifetime by recording water chemistry.

Otolith studies on a number of local rivers by Wellington Fish & Game have been in progress for some time and the presentation will outline just where we are up to with this research.

A really interesting topic and I hope to see you at the AGM.

As always we are looking for committee members to help run the club, so anyone interested, please contact me and I can provide some additional information as to what is involved. This is not an onerous task.

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Sims Clothing**

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just great for the Taupo winter
season**

Tons of clothing specials in store

The Flyfishing Experts

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
444 Cuba Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt, P O Box 33 206, Petone,
Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500 Facsimile: 0064-4-589 9520

Helpful Links for Wellington Fly Fishers



189 Taupahi Rd **Turangi**
Tackle Shop open most mornings by 7.30am, Cafe 8am
Email info@creeltackle.com
www.creeltackle.com or www.turangiflyfish.com
PH 07 3867929



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



www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz



www.fishscene.co.nz

Those fishing days past

There are times when you need to record that fantastic story about fly fishing! The fish WAS REALLY that big!!



Of course, you could purchase a sweater or have a monument placed at an airport, or on a hillside; but better still you could keep it for your grandchildren by creating your own website.



Come on, whether you are a baby boomer or off Generation X, Y or Z, with some assistance in planning you can create your own fly fishing website. First, you have to convert photos you have to a “jpeg” or “pdf” file” and have some stories written about these occasions.

These are the stories our editor would like to collect for this magazine so why not pass him one or two, to make our magazine interesting.

It was from a fellow club member I learned about a free website called WIX.com. www.wix.com (hope this link works, ok). My site took about five hours to complete and that is with stories and photos easily accessible.

There are more sites available:

<http://top5-websitebuilders.com/create-a-website-for-free>.

Here are most of the steps I needed to do: *(first of all find a computer away from children, grandchildren as you will probably want no interruptions for about 3-4 hours).*

1. Create an account with WIX.com-user name and password;
2. Make sure you select a free plan;
3. I have chosen NOT to have a mailbox; Also I have chosen NOT to pay for a Domain name.
4. Choose a Template;
5. What type of website? Here you may spend some time selecting a template and then discarding the selection and viewing another; be prepared to spend about 30 minutes to an hour on this selection;
6. Once in the Site Menu, You can always Edit the selected site to change Headings etc by Renaming or Deleting Headings;
7. Then it is a process of Editing, Adding and Cut and Paste right and left mouse clicks to work through and remember to Save under Publish. Be prepared to spend several hours on this as this is YOUR design and YOUR mistakes as well! Be prepared to keep notes as you progress as I'm sure like us amateurs there may be an instance when you deleted some work you thought you have saved.

I'm not a computer expert and do not profess to be one, but should you want to have a look at my creation and what notes I took, you can contact me.

Maurice maurice-fishing@xtra.co.nz

Hey! Did you like my sweater?

After completing this website then go out catch a trout and add some new photos and stories to your OWN website. Have FUN!!!

Getting ready for those winter trips?

Bed & Breakfast • Guiding • Other Meals if Required



**57 Rota Street
Turangi**



Contact Chris Anastasiadis
027 479 3357

WHEN THEORY AND PRACTICE DON'T COINCIDE

Rangatikei club trip

For many years we have held our annual trip to the Rangatikei before Christmas and 2017 this was no different.

Our trip to River Valley Lodge in November however was disappointing in terms of the number of fish caught both at the lodge and upstream at Mangahane and Springvale, although two fish for Mangahane were exceptional.

With plenty of rain in the Rangatikei area over recent weeks and the sudden change in temperature, we were therefore tempted to have another trip to the Rangatikei this month (April) in the hope of catching an early run of spawning rainbows. This possibility was further reinforced by the fact the Taupo rivers had had excellent early runs over February and March.

Arriving at River Valley Lodge we found the river while a little high was in excellent colour and this boded well for fishing over the next two days.

An early morning fish before breakfast had all members of the trip being successful in the river adjacent to the Lodge although all the fish were under 1 ½ lb.

This was certainly an improvement on our November trip. After a hearty breakfast, provided by the Lodge, we were soon on our way to Mangahane. Five hours later and a lot of walking, we had little to show for our efforts with only five fish caught although a 4lb jack in excellent condition was the highlight.

By mid-afternoon we were ready to go back to the Lodge and a further hour's fishing before dinner was rewarding including some caught on dries and small lures just on dark, which lifted our spirits somewhat.

The next day a trip downstream from the Lodge before breakfast was not very productive but some spectacular scenery including a magnificent waterfall, emphasised why the River Valley Lodge are is one of the most beautiful of the local venues that we fish.

After another huge breakfast we drove to Springvale and walked downstream all the way to the cliffs with little reward. A 5 ¼ lb hen in spawning condition at least gave us some indication that the spawning runs had commenced.

However with only two decent fish for the whole weekend, our theory of an early run was well and truly debunked.

We popped in at the Rangitikei at Mangaweka on the way home only to find it was very dirty. Apparently it has been like that for a while due to a slip upstream. Best to check beforehand if you are planning at trip in that area.

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Whakapapa & Whanganui River Angler Use Monitoring Study

Adam Daniel (2017; Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game)

In response to concerns of increased angling pressure resulting from greater accessibility via mountain bike and ATV tracks, Auckland/Waikato F&G staff conducted an extensive angler monitoring programme on the Whakapapa and upper Whanganui rivers from October 2014 to October 2016. Camera traps were placed at a total of 25 locations and successfully recorded for a total of 8,441 monitoring days.

Of 498 river users recorded, 87% were anglers 88% of whom were male fly fishermen. The majority of the non-anglers recorded were Department of Conservation staff (11%). The remaining 2% of river users were not carrying fishing equipment and were presumably either hunters, rafters or hikers.

Overall fishing pressure was extremely low with a pooled average of only two anglers per month. Additionally only four anglers (1% of anglers) were recorded carrying dead fish including three spin fishers (6% of spin fishers documented), indicating further rule changes to enhance the fishery (e.g., fly fishing only areas) would achieve very little in terms of reducing fishing pressure or improving fishing. Fishing pressure declined as total travel distance increased but usage was highly variable. One of the highest use sites was relatively remote but was frequented by a guide with clients due the availability of farm tracks and accommodation.

The study had a secondary goal of determining if additional public access was needed on the upper Whakapapa River. This section of the river has public access on the riparian margin that is not easily accessible because it is land locked by private property and can only be reached by a long hike up or down the river. The three sites monitored within the landlocked area had less than half ($1.2 \text{ anglers month}^{-1}$) the angler use that was recorded on the other more accessible sites ($2.5 \text{ anglers month}^{-1}$). The camera data indicates that despite guides accessing the landlocked area via private land, this section of the river is underutilized and purchasing land to open access would be warranted.

CLUB CHAMPS

Fishing Wainui in the last weeks of the season is always a challenge and so when Paul, Strato, Alexa and Hal arrived in overcast conditions, we were not expecting large numbers.

For Alexa and Hal this was their first club comp and as an incentive, bonus points were to be allocated to any fish they caught,

Fishing various stretches from the beach to the Catchpool, five nice fish were landed with four of them over 59cm. I can still see the smile on Alexa's face holding the fish she landed, far exceeding anything she'd caught in homeland Montana.

Paul however was the winner once again with three fish, so congratulations to Paul

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At the AGM we will be presenting the **David Austin Memorial Photographic Trophy** for the best photograph judged by the members present on the night.

Please bring along a photograph with a fishing theme taken by yourself.

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 2018 - 31 March 2019.

Stirling Sports heaviest fish (junior)

Hunting & Fishing heaviest fish (senior)

(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

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

* Calculate your condition factor on the Wellington Flyfishers website.

CLUB EVENTS THIS MONTH

Casting Clinic Sunday May 20 Hataitai Park 9.30am

Casting instructor Gordon Baker will be at the park to run a special flycasting clinic to assist anyone looking to improve their casting for the up-coming winter fishing season.

- This is an opportunity to tweak your heavier weight gear to get the best out of it.
- Tuition in distance casting for floating and sinking (including shooting head) lines.

This event will take place whatever the weather so make sure you come with appropriate clothing if it is wet or looks like rain.

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
26-27 th	Turangi	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 12th

The On-Stream Day will be on the Hutt 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 21st , 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.)

Glo-Bug

Probably the most effective cold water winter fly pattern. The Glo-Bug has proved itself for over 60 years now. Originating in California this easily tied pattern is successful wherever trout are. In fast, slow or still water this fly will attract pre-spawning and other trout when standard natural patterns are less interesting.



Hook TMC 2457 size 14 or 105 size 10
Thread Danville flymaster fire orange
Body Glo-Bug yarn - various colour combinations including; Champagne, fire orange, fluorescent orange, flame, deep dark 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.



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

President	Strato Cotsilinis	386-3740
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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 2018 - 31 March 2019

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

Joining fee \$10 Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

Enquiries: kiwifyfisher@gmail.com



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