

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 ANNUAL REPORT

Wellington Flyfishers Club Inc has had another satisfactory year.

Membership is currently at 148 which is similar to the previous year.

The statement of financial performance shows the club made a profit for the year of \$638.00 compared to \$274.00 the previous year. Auction proceeds which are supplemented by magazine advertising and the adult education night classes maintain the club's income levels and expenditure is slightly down on the previous year.

Club funds currently amount to \$17,944.00 with no significant expenditure envisaged in the near future.

The Capital Trout Centre has also had another very successful year with approximately 900 children experiencing the thrill of catching a feisty rainbow. The heavy rain in May 2018 had deposited a large amount of mud and silt into the pond but fortunately we had built up reserves to enable the commercial extraction of the silt and debris. Although the 25 tonne of debris that was extracted was significantly more than expected, our reserves were able to cope with the additional expense. Many thanks must go to the club members who operate the pond and especially Neville Rush and Carmen Cotsilinis and to all

those club members who helped on the clean-up day and assist with the open days and other activities.

Club trips and onstream days have continued to prove popular and hopefully are enjoyed by those attending.

The club won the Inter Club Flytying Trophy this year so congratulations to the team.

The club's use of the Tararua Tramping Club hall for both its meetings and flytying nights, both of which have been very well patronised by club members, will continue to be available.

Thanks must go to the club's committee who continue to give time and effort into running the club and we look forward to the future with some confidence.

Strato Cotsilinis

President.

CLUB MEETING

Monday 6th May at 7.30pm

“Fishing the Hutt River”

Where to go and what to use.

AGM

- 1) Presentation of annual report and financial accounts
- 2) Election of Committee
- 3) Photographic competition
- 4) Presentation of trophies

ONSTREAM

Saturday

11th May

Hutt River

CLUB TRIP

25th & 26th May Mohaka (weather
permitting) -alternative Turangi

FLYTYING

Monday 20th May Woolly Bugger

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Burger Bezuidenholt

Allan Cockburn

Amanda Kliby

Welcome back Josef Beutrais and James Templeton

BIGGEST FISH

Caught 4 April 2019

Graeme McIntyre

Brown 4.01 kg 67cm CF48.17

Caught on Tongariro

PRESIDENTS MONTHLY REPORT

The summer season is all but over and a number of rivers within the Wellington Fish & Game area will be closed as from the 30th April. Make sure you check your licence regulations. The Wainuiomata is a case in point and hopefully we get reasonable winter weather without too many major storms so that the good numbers which we have experiences in the Wainuiomata this summer can have a good spawning season.

Winter tends to result in a mass exodus of anglers to the Taupo region but don't forget that there is still good fishing in the main river systems of the Wellington region. The Hutt River, Ruamahanga, Manawatu and parts of the Rangitikei still offer good sport with the Tukituki and the Waipawa in the Hawkes Bay also possibilities. While nymph activity isn't so great during the winter, swinging a woolly bugger downstream can be very productive as the trout change their feeding habits to chasing bullies.

Our bookings at the Capital Trout Centre are now all but over and our thoughts turn to the pond clean-up which we will have some time in July. As we have had no major storms in the last eighteen months, the clean-up will be much more low key and a good opportunity for members to see how the ponds work.

Our May club meeting is traditionally our AGM but we are also making a presentation on fishing the Hutt river, where to go, what to use.

The AGM is an opportunity for club members who wish to become more involved in club activities to join the committee. This is not an onerous job with only one meeting a month and we are constantly looking for new blood with new ideas. If you are thinking of joining the committee have a chat with one of the committee members who have their details displayed on the last page of the magazine.

We are also on the lookout for more articles for the club magazine so share your experiences over the coming months, which hopefully will inspire your fellow club members.

I hope the Easter break was enjoyable and I know a number of club members intended visiting Turangi.. The lake has suffered a bit during the summer in the hot conditions but the fish that are being caught are in excellent condition and those who have already entered the various rivers have provided excellent sport. The brown trout fishing over the summer has produced some excellent catches so hopes for a good winter rainbow run are eagerly anticipated.

As normal, most of our winter club trips will be to the Turangi area so join us on one of these trips.

With the end of the financial year I want to thank the efforts of your committee members without whom our club would not function.

Strato

USE OF TREBLE HOOKS

In our December 2018 magazine we published a letter from the Kapiti Club wanting anglers' opinions on whether we should continue to allow the use of treble hooks for trout fishing in the Wellington area.

We didn't get any responses from Wellington Club members, which would tend to indicate that anglers are fairly ambivalent in respect of this issue.

Before we report back to Kapiti Club we are giving club members one further chance to make a comment which should be sent to the club's email address which is wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com.



Hunting & Fishing

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Sims Tributary
Stocking Foot **\$349.99**
Waders

*Club discount 10% available on
flyfishing purchases with youmembership
card*

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Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500 Facsimile: 0064-4-589 9520

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

This is just a reminder that the May meeting (AGM) is also the club photographic competition for the David Austin Memorial Photographic Trophy so bring along your favourite photos. They will be judged by the members present on the night. Photos can be presented in any form or size.

This is not the club magazine cover competition which will be held later this year. You can use the same photo for both.

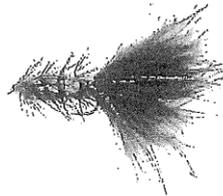
THE UMPQUA FLY OF THE MONTH



Monday 20th May 2019, 7.30pm
Venue: Taranua Tramping Club
(Access through side door on the north side of building)

Woolly Buzzer

Definitely one of the essential patterns. Created by American Russell Blessing almost 50 years ago and still fooling trout in rivers and lakes. The original pattern works well as does the modern variations. Colours and colour combinations vary depending on what you want to achieve.



Hook	TMC 5262 or 5263 size 2-14
Thread	Danville 3/0 black or colour to match body
Weight	Lead wire and gold, red or black bead
Rib	Copper or silver wire or oval tinsel
Tail	Marabou
Body hackle	Rooster Hackle
Body	Chenille
Hackle	Rooster

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



www.creeltackle.com



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



www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz



www.huntingandfishing.co.nz/wellington



www.stevesfishingshop.co.nz

FishScene Ltd

www.fishscene.co.nz

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the June issue is 21st May 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). (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; 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
postage \$45

Overseas Newsletter

Enquiries 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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