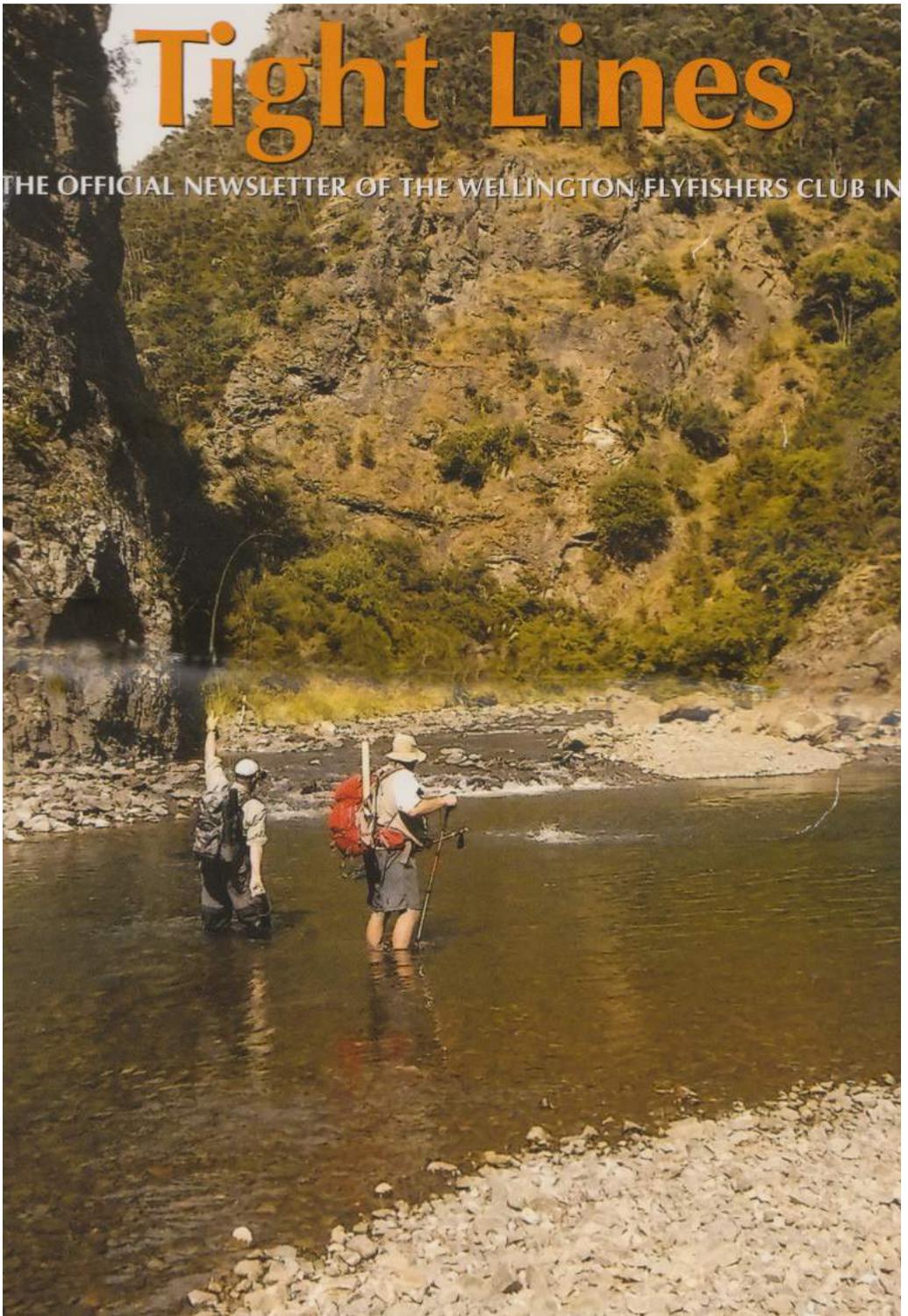


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# **CLUB MEETING**

## **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **AUCTION!**

#### **Viewing from 7.00pm**

#### **Bidding starts 7.30 pm**

**(Note: These times differ from those given on the Auction Entry form)**

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:	19-20 <sup>th</sup>
Fly Tying:	21 <sup>st</sup>
On-Stream Day:	26th
Casting practice:	Wednesdays
Capital trout Centre:	4 <sup>th</sup> December

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

July 4<sup>th</sup>



## **President's Report**

The new season is now well and truly entrenched and I hope you have all got your licences and had a chance to get on your favourite streams.

The opening week was very patchy weather-wise up and down the country and I've had a number of reports of very disappointed anglers whose favourite spots were unfishable. However Wellington seems to have avoided the worst of the weather and there have been some excellent days for fishing the Wainuiomata with reports of good conditioned fish. Also a few small ones indicating that there has been some recruitment over the last two years.

I had an afternoon on the Rangitikei recently and although it was only marginally fishable, it produced a good number of excellent conditioned fish that fought very well in true Rangitikei style. Hopefully that is a good indication that our club trip while being further up the river will have similar results.

Reports coming from Otamangakau also indicate a mixture of very good conditioned fish and some spent fish that have come back from spawning. We will be looking at a float tubing trip to Otamangakau in December and now have the option of some good shoreline fishing for those that want a break from the float tubing.

It has now been confirmed that 55 Rota Street has been sold, which will bring to an end the very good relationship we've had with the Griffin family in respect of that property and we wish Joan all the best in the future and thank them very much for making the property available to the club all these years. We have had discussions with the Auckland Club who also have a property in Turangi and subject to their own club members having priority, this looks to be a viable option for next year.

Our next meeting is the annual auction that is one of our main fund raising events of the year but also gives the opportunity of picking up some real bargains. A large array of flies tied by club members will again be available so it is a chance to stock up on your fly box. Hope to see you there.

*Strato*



# **Hunting & Fishing**

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## Helpful Links for Wellington Fly Fishers



189 Taupahi Rd **Turangi**  
Tackle Shop open most mornings by 7.30am, Cafe 8am  
Email [info@creeltackle.com](mailto:info@creeltackle.com)  
[www.creeltackle.com](http://www.creeltackle.com) or [www.turangifyfish.com](http://www.turangifyfish.com)  
PH 07 3867929



<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)



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

## Opening day 2016 Manganui-O-Te-Ao

As an angler there is almost a religious observation to take some days off for Opening Day of the new season. This can be arranged annual leave, unpaid leave, sick leave or funeral leave to visit a recently passed away aunty. Gosh, would you believe that most of my 16 aunties do pass away about this time, now only seven aunties remaining!

Us anglers are a privileged bred of persons, who not only have an opportunity to catch trout at a low cost compared to other countries; but also to enjoy the back country environment! Where can you go for free, and view spectacular scenery; rare protected birds such as the Blue Duck, be close to wild goats, wild rabbits, the company of calves following as you walk through a paddock and the eyes of Jersey bulls as you walk more carefully around the perimeter of this another paddock? Even a nest of peacocks flying away from their tree nest, as well as pheasants freely walking knowing they will not soon become plucked for their tail feathers. Best of all following a farmer walk a bull along these back country roads ..at bull pace, of course! What! You can get all this and even go trout fishing!! How fortunate can an angler be, fishing in this New Zealand back country!



So why the Manganui-O-Te-Ao – Well, why not? Soon accommodation was found and being the school holidays I managed to find a small cottage down Pipiriki Rd. The weather did NOT look promising with showers predicted for most of my four night stay.

Driving up on Saturday the rain that started at just north of Taihape and only paused to let me unpack at the accommodation. Just enough time to visit the land owner (thanks to my accommodation provider) whose land I was allowed to walk over for the next day's fishing. Yes, I was offered several spots and the river was looking a dark green colour...good, so far!

Saturday and Opening Day and the dawn came! But this angler merely turned over for an extra nap, as it was raining most of the night and still raining this morning, well after daylight. With a quickly prepared breakfast, a prepared lunch and flask for coffee and a cold drink all was ready, whoops, I nearly forgot the fly-rod set-up. Geared up with 8lb nylon and an orange tungsten bomb I also attached a size 14 rainbow tungsten grub hook, as a bottom fly, about a metre below the bomb. I was hopefully now ready for the onslaught!

The green river had changed to a medium brown, so the pools were unfishable, so the rapids and small runs became the areas of attraction for my concentration. Twenty minutes later, after traversing up and down the ridge, walking clear of local stock, I arrived on the river. Ah, ha; coffee time first! Freshly ground coffee beans, with boiling water through an espresso maker had filled up the flask, so with whipped cream added to this, I did enjoy this first cuppa of the day! (Surely this is par, as normal, for each angler?)

It only took another 25 minutes before a fresh 2 lb rainbow was landed and released. That was it for the day! After visiting the Ruatiti Domain and finding seven groups already camping there, some light-hearted attempt was made to fish for trout. Soon off home to my accommodation, as tomorrow is another day!

Yes, tomorrow came today, so today became yesterday; as there was a repeat



of rain overnight and yes, the angler turned over after the dawn for some more beauty sleep. *Really how does sleep keep you beautiful, when there is fly fishing to be done? The mind has yet to unravel the mysteries of this!* Now are we agreed it is Sunday, so down to the same access, but no luck so up to see the landowner for permission to go downstream. Granted! By now

time was passing on so about 11:30am, and still no coffee drink yet. Did it seem a keenness of fly fishing took precedent over a cuppa for a time? By noon now and standing knee deep in the even browner water, in the middle of some rapids, he was geared up to cast these multi-coloured bright flies to

whatever was lurking in this brown water. Yes, you may ask yourself, a cuppa was partaken just before noon – with same trimmings as before!

Cast up, mend and get that drift right downstream; but what, the flyline kept on going in differing directions – across the water, back up towards me, and even downstream with some pressure on the flyline. A mere six trout caught in this first hour, and before lunch as well... Could this be the coffee, or the whipped cream!! Must be the brown water!

After lunch there were intervals of sunshine between and with the downpours! Home boy, re-stock and tomorrow is still another day. Well, what can I say about Monday other than the fireplace in the accommodation and drying rack was in full use.

There are some anglers who would be put off by some rain and others of a “keen” nature who defy getting soaked to the skin, despite having no success. So maybe a talk with the locals, for perhaps a return trip. These locals not only mentioned some private access (the Queen’s chain does not prevail around here – prior permission is always required).

You can always gain that local knowledge to add to the experience of any trout fishing trip. Many thanks to the owners of: “Bush Hill Cottage – one bedroom accommodation, suited to one or two anglers; “Milk and Honey Cottage” – two bedroom accommodation, for say three to four anglers; (*Bring this article along for a 10% savings - valid till 31 March 2017*) “Makakahi Lodge” with five bedrooms accommodation, for say from one to four or more anglers. (*Bring this article along for a 10% savings - valid till 31 March 2017*)

Or contact the author direct “maurice.fishing@xtra.co.nz”  
Maurice Broome

*Credit is due to Orautoha school , who with others are helped the release of the Blue Duck at the Domain earlier this year .*



## Aquatic Weeds

Didymo has been in the headlines for several years as a major weed pest. However, there are many other aquatic weeds that threaten our waterways.

Aquatic plants play an important role in the overall health of our waterways, ponds and lakes. They provide food and shelter to native fish and wildlife, lend stability to shorelines and lake beds, tie up nutrients thereby reducing algae blooms, improve water clarity, produce oxygen by day and can provide aesthetic beauty to an area.

Aquatic plants can grow in a variety of different forms. Some grow rooted in shallow water along shorelines and are called emergent plants because much of these plants stand up out of the water. Some float freely or have floating leaves but are rooted to the bottom sediments, and others grow almost entirely under water and are called submerged plants.

In New Zealand, we have a unique and special assemblage (biodiversity) of 'native' aquatic plants that naturally occur and grow in our water bodies, and these plants seldom cause problems.

Exotic species such as hornwort, curly pond weed and oxygen weeds have invaded many of New Zealand fresh waterways and crowded out native species altering the balance of the ecosystem, which is often the cause of cyclic eutrophication. Eutrophication is the process of nutrient enrichment of waters that results in the increased production of toxic algae's and aquatic macrophytes - deteriorating water quality so that it is undesirable and

interferes with the functions of a waterway. Waterways suffering from cyclic eutrophication suffer repeated rounds of excessive weed growth. This releases nutrients into the water and creates conditions for the growth of toxic blue/green algae which then causes a 'collapse' of the water body.



**Hornwort**

The results are a deterioration of water quality, unpleasant odours, the loss of native flora, fauna and fish, ultimately resulting in the waterbody becoming a public health hazard. Many of New Zealand's fresh waterbodies are suffering from cyclic eutrophication such as the Rotorua Lakes.



Pest plants often have no natural enemies (such as plant-eating insects) and have the ability to spread and grow more quickly than our native aquatic plants causing major ecological damage to our freshwater habitats.

### **Curly pond weed**

To help prevent the spread of aquatic weed pests, always:

#### **CHECK**

Before leaving a waterway check boats (anchors and bilges), trailers, fishing gear (particularly nets) and other equipment and machinery such as diggers for any plant material and remove it.

Remember a single leaf or plant fragment may be all that is needed!

#### **CLEAN**

Wash all equipment (e.g., nets, reels, lines and footwear) thoroughly using detergent (5% dishwashing liquid) or salt water (sea strength or 1 cup of table salt per 1 litre of water) until completely soaked.



### **Oxygen weed**

#### **DRY**

Dry completely inside and out and then leave dry for at least another 48 hours.

## 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 2016 - 31 March 2017.

### ***Stirling Sports heaviest fish (junior)***

### ***Hunting & Fishing heaviest fish (senior)***

Graham Evans, 8.6lb, rainbow, caught on 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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March on printing deadline for newsletter)

### ***Wallace Condition factor: best-conditioned fish***

Neil Hollebhone, Tutaekuri, rainbow Jack, 2.5lbs 17 inches. CF 50.88

***This month's best fish*** (month to date of newsletter deadline)

### **Runners up:**

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

### FISH SCENE INTER-CLUB FLY TYING COMPETITION

The inter-club fly tying competition is to be held on Monday 14th November at the Hutt Valley Anglers club rooms at 12 King Street Upper Hutt. Starting at 7.30pm. Fly tyers from our club together with Hutt Valley Club and the Kapiti Club will be competing for the trophy and it is a great opportunity to see some excellent tyers in action.

The competition is again sponsored by Jeff Wood through his shop FishScene which is based in Hataitai and which stocks a very good selection of flies both commercial and those tied by Jeff and which include the flies that the tyers will be required to reproduce on the night.

The Hutt Club turns on an excellent event so if you have a free night it would be great to see you there.

### 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>
November 19-20 <sup>th</sup>	Rangitikei	Strato
December	Otamangakau	Strato

### ON-STREAM DAY

#### Next onstream day – Saturday 26th

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, 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 4<sup>th</sup> December**

The open day on the 23rd October was blessed with beautiful weather and a full book of 140 children, all of whom caught a feisty rainbow generally between 400 and 500 grams. However one lucky four year old hooked into and landed a 5lb beautifully proportioned jack, ably assisted by Charlie. I am unsure as to who was more shocked, the child or his parents and it was duly filleted for a number of meals over the coming weeks.

Once again, many thanks to the volunteers who turned up and it was good to see some new faces.

The next open day is the 4th December so keep that day free and put it on your children's or grandchildren's calendars.

### **FISH'N TIPS**



### **WELLINGTON FISH & GAME HOTLINE**

For those members who are not aware, Wellington Fish & Game have a hotline on their website with up to date fishing reports and weather reports which is well worth checking out for possible trips within the Wellington Fish & Game area which include the Rangitikei. Just Google Wellington Fish & Game and the website is easy to navigate.

# Feather Merchants Fly of the Month



Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm

(Access through side door on north side of building)

## Humpy

This is a very useful summer pattern. The Humpy seems to suggest a variety of different insects when tied in a range of sizes. It has buoyancy so can support a nymph in quite turbulent water. The Royal Humpy variation has white wings and is clearly visible in rough water.



Hook	TMC 9300 size 10-16
Thread	Danville 6/0 black
Tail	Moose hair
Overbody	Elk or deer hair
Abdomen	Red, green, yellow floss. Green or blue metallic tinsel or peacock herl
Wing	Elk or deer hair tips or white calf body
Hackle	Brown

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

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.

## **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Deadline for the next issue is **10pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

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](mailto: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.**

**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 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, second Tuesday 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 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.

## **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.

### 2016-17 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 2016 - 31 March 2017

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

Joining fee \$10 Overseas Newsletter postage \$45

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