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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

Monday 3rd August, 7.30pm

MEMORIES OF PAST FISHING DAYS

Rolf Brednich and John Gamble will recount stories of early fishing days in Europe.
Not to be missed!

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 15th and 16th - **Turangi**
(Call Strato 386 3740 to book)

Fly Tying: Mon 17th (7.30pm)

On-Stream Day: Sun 23nd - **Ruamahanga**
(Call Strato 386 3740 by Wednesday 19th)

Casting Tuition: Anyone wanting casting tuition please contact Strato 386 3740



NEW MEMBERS

Zac Bielak

Welcome back Tim Lee

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

The subs have remained at \$35.00 for the year.
Club bank account is 06-0582-0030903-00

See membership form page 8 or download from
http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz/about/documents/Flyfishers-Membership_form.pdf

President's Page

The AGM was well attended last month and we enjoyed hearing more about both Warren & Heather's, and Strato's, trips last spring to Patagonia <https://www.jurassiclake.com/>. Warren and Heather's experience with the weather serves as a reminder of just how fickle spring can be. However, despite some difficult conditions it was apparent that they enjoyed some fantastic fishing. Less encouraging was the extent to which the level of Strobel Lake, (often referred to as 'Jurassic Lake) appears to be dropping in level.

Such trends in one area, even over ten or more years does not prove that it is anything more than a normal fluctuation in long term weather patterns; but it does seem likely that this is linked to evidence of climate change elsewhere in the world. At least it is unlikely to affect the fishing any time soon.

It was great that the club's Executive Committee has agreed to stay on, with just the retirement of Peter Nagle. Peter has not been able to get out fishing for a while now and has not been able to join in club activities. Nevertheless, he has made a valuable contribution to supporting the committee, and the production of the magazine for many years. His input will be missed. I have agreed to continue as Club President for another year.

What was disappointing was the lack of new members for the committee. The commitment is not onerous, and it is always valuable to get a fresh perspective and input to meetings. If you can spare an evening once a month to come along to committee meetings, please do give me a call or speak to one of the committee members.

Earlier this year we had a meeting via Zoom where Matt Noakes presented to us his work in producing cane fly rods. For the August meeting, Rolf Brednich and John Gamble will talk to

us about their early experiences of fly fishing in Europe. I grew up with fibreglass fly rods, so I will be interested in their perspectives in the period when fibreglass started replacing bamboo for most anglers.

Tight lines all

Paul

Trophy Winners 2020



LITERARY PRIZE -

Judged by Linley Boniface

Richard Benefield

Article: " My Favourite Nymph

(The Trap of Time)"

published in the August 2019 magazine – see *the letter from Linley below*

Hi Strato

It was such a pleasure to spend an evening reading the year's contributions to Wellington Flyfishers' magazine. Once again, I'm bowled over by the quality of the articles. I've decided there must be some sort of curious link between a talent for fishing and a talent for writing.

This year's haul included some wonderful descriptions of fishing trips. Highlights for me included 'Fly Fishing Only', an evocative description of learning to fish as a child in Germany, and 'We Met, We Fished and We Will Fish Again', which was easily the best title of the year. There were also some excellent examples

of practical articles with tips on everything from fishing the Wainuiomata to the importance of investing in an automatic inflatable life jacket.

'My Favorite Nymph: The Trap of Time' was one of the first stories I read, but I knew immediately that it was certain to be the winner. Stories like this simply don't come along often, no matter where you read them.

My Favourite Nymph is partly a heartbreaking description of the losses of ageing, death and illness, partly an uplifting meditation on human nature, and partly a rollocking adventure story. "I lie here and escape the present by remembering past pleasures," says the writer, who goes on to recall his obsession with fly-tying and the epic capture of a big brown jack on the Manganui o te Ao under the watchful eyes of two blue ducks.

It's extraordinary how effortlessly this writer moves between sadness, grief, excitement and comedy. I spent much of lockdown reading, but nothing I read moved me as much as My Favourite Nymph. It is a hugely powerful story and a very worthy winner.

Thanks again for some fabulous reading, Strato. Hope the AGM goes well and that club members have been able to get back to the rivers after the disruption of the past few months.

*Cheers
Linley*

HEAVIEST FISH SENIOR

Graeme McIntyre 4.1 kg brown CF 48.17

WALLACE TROPHY BEST CONDITION FACTOR FISH

Graeme McIntyre CF 54.70 21/06/19 1.9kg

BIGGEST FISH JUNIOR ANGLER

Oli Mears

1.73Kg

15/7/19

CF 37.57



SENIOR ANGLER OF THE YEAR TROPHY

Scott Garelli

15 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

- Rowan Wright
- Cameron Wright
- John Wright
- Mark Wilcox

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CLUB CERTIFICATE

Peter Nagle

(stepping down from the committee)



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Susanne Lang



REMINDER FLY BOX RAFFLE



Capital Trout Centre fund raising raffle is for a fly box and 168 flies that any angler would be proud to own. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

If you cannot make it to a meeting but would like a ticket (or tickets) please email carmen.cotsilinis@gmail.com with your name, phone number and number of tickets.

Make the appropriate payment direct to the club account 06-0582-0030903-00 and we will add you to the raffle form.

Wellington Flyfishers Club
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



- ◆ Join Wellington Flyfishers ◆ Renew membership ◆ Change membership details ◆
 - ◆ contribute to the Capital Trout Centre ◆ subscribe to the club newsletter (overseas) ◆
- Fill out this form and mail it with your cheque to:

**Wellington Flyfishers Club
PO Box 9236
WELLINGTON**

Or: Direct deposit online to the Club's account 06-0582-0030903-00

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45* New membership. Family or Individual. | <input type="checkbox"/> Change membership details |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35* Renewal. (Family or individual)
*Includes newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> \$.....Contribution to support the Capital Trout Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Junior or Child License. Date of Birth.....
Please note: Junior members must renew their membership each year. | <input type="checkbox"/> NZ\$45 Overseas newsletter
*Includes membership |

Please Print

Name (All names for family membership - please indicate whether adult **A**, or junior **J**):

Address:

Phone: Home: Work: Cell:

Email: Occupation(s):

By becoming a member of the Wellington Flyfishers Club, you agree that due to the nature of the sport the club will not be held responsible for any unforeseen mishaps or accidents that occur at any officially organized event held by the club.

Applicant's signature: Date:

Please tick or fill-in where appropriate

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New to flyfishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Can help junior group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have fly fished years | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in club activities for women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can assist with club activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belong to other angling/conservation organisation(s) please state: | |

How did you find out about Wellington Flyfishers?

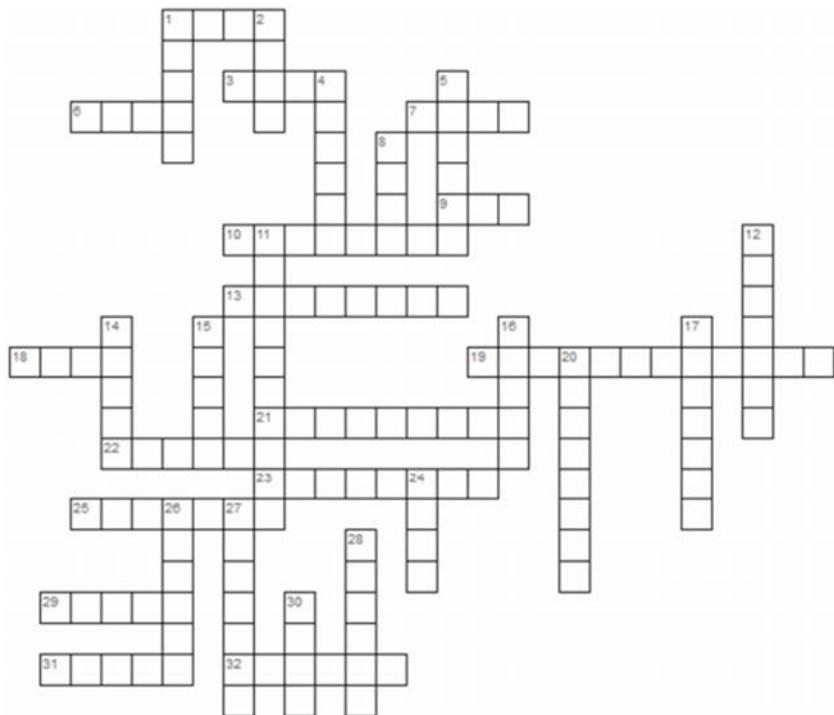
- Internet Fishing Shop Friend Other (Please specify):

Suggestions for trip destinations, guest speakers, new club activities, and ideas for improving current activities and events are appreciated.

Club Secretary email: wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

Office use:

WFF Crossword



Across

- 1 A small freshwater scrimp-like crustacean
- 3 The backward facing projection cut into a hook
- 6 A reach or segment of a river or stream with greater depth and slower current
- 7 A tool used by fly tiers to hold the hook secure
- 9 The areas in a river or lake where fish hang out
- 10 A fuzzy rope-like material used for creating the bodies of artificial flies
- 13 Portion of any fly cast that extends behind the caster

- 18 A casting technique using special two-handed rods and a modified roll cast
- 19 The act of casting the fly on the water and offering it to the fish
- 21 Famous river in the North Island of New Zealand
- 22 A feather usually from the neck area of a chicken
- 23 The method of stripping in the fly line that gives the fly action
- 25 A hand-operated medical instrument widely used to remove flies from the jaws of a hooked fish
- 29 The behaviour of fish in which females deposit eggs
- 31 A large number of the same species of insects emerging around the same time
- 32 Tool used to cut line

Down

- 1 Small schooling fish
- 2 A perfect drift in which the fly is traveling at the same pace as the current
- 4 A fly tying tool and term borrowed from seamstresses
- 5 A small rapid in a river or stream
- 8 A pull on the fly line with the non-casting hand to increase the line speed
- 11 An upstream section of the river before the main tributaries join it
- 12 Material used in fly tying: typically used to create the body of a fly
- 14 The immature form of insects
- 15 The long straight part of the hook between the eye and the bend
- 16 The centre part of a fly reel where line and backing (first) is wound
- 17 An added braided line that connects the reel's spool to the fly line

- 20 The action of creeping up on a fish so as not to surprise or disturb it
- 24 A section of water that is less disturbed than the surrounding water
- 26 A very popular knot for tying the tippet to the fly
- 27 Gently applying the palm of your hand against the spool edge of a fly reel
- 28 A retractable device used to hang necessary items off your fly vest
- 30 The distance between the point of a hook and the shank of a hook

Cold, but not quite freezing!

So where shall I start this story – half way through, when it was a mere minus 3 degree calcium at 9:00 am, or what led me to be standing here with a flyrod and flyline all equipped for a few days of fly fishing in this back country stream



another way to catch a trout



Seems I have already started this story so I'll just revert to the beginning; of how I got here and then carry on, and carry on and carry on!

It was 11 May 2020. when our Government of New Zealand considered relaxing domestic travel, so sports persons could travel around the country and fish from the banks of streams or lakes or rivers or even the beach. With the tax department also undertaking some new changes there was no choice = head for the hills (and mountains and lakes)! Wait for schools, colleges and universities to begin; hope most people decided to end working from home and are now working in their offices, and then off we go = the first real trout excursions since Corvid 19 lockdowns.

But it was not until Monday 18 May when I took a journey to fish the Whanganui and Whakapapa Rivers, via Turangi, the Waimarino River mouth, Lake Kuratau and then towards my accommodation, near both rivers. I had a new flyline called the Bobby Catcher to test at the Waimarino river Mouth. Yes it could cast ok, but it did fail in one major area – it failed to hook any trout. (The others who had been there for hours beforehand also failed to hook into a trout – so let's not blame the flyline). A look-visit showed a calm mirror like surface to the Lake Kuratau , so keeping this in mind I may come back for a day fishing if I don't get good results, where I plan to go fishing.

Tuesday morning came – it was only minus 2C, so after navigating through fog I was at the location by 9:00am, as is shown above. On with my faithful fly, a small indicator, as the water looked clear and a suitable heavy fly to slow down the drift a little. I cast, and yes the flyline cast extended ever so slowly longer across the rippling water.

Here were the edges of the feedline, (why are they always on the other side of the river?). 9:45am came, and the call for some freshly made perked coffee with whipped cream was upper most on my mind...when...yes, you guessed correctly there was a strong tug on my flyline. Whatever was attached to the end of the nylon on the flyline seemed to have some power.

This “thing” moved downstream first, then a few shakes of the head – seems it did not appreciate a sharp foreign object sticking out of its mouth. Soon the normal tug of worlds – the underwater world of the trout and the above world of the angler. Reel some flyline in to keep the pressure on, let some flyline out to let the trout run, reel some flyline in to keep the pressure on, and so this continued with the angler slowly gaining ground. The trout now only three to five metres from the grass bank, so I reached over for my net. What, what, the net could not come loose - seems the straps of the backpack enclosed the net – well only one choice now – bank the trout. (This is normally the prelude to a trout getting away and some colourful language – not quite PC printable explodes from the angler). Carefully, I pulled the trout up on the bank using the nylon and moved it further up the bank, when I could see its size. It broke the nylon just above the bottom fly,, only when the trout was uphill of me with my back to the river.



A good catch 2kg and 54cm.

So this type of fly worked for two days and with no special flies left for Thursday = zilch hook-ups. I come home and before unpacking the car and washing anything I order a dozen or two of these flies. Back soon for another episode.

Maurice



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FLY OF THE MONTH

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library
17th August 2020, 7.30pm

(Please note Fly tyers please use the downstairs side entrance only.)

Pheasant Tail Nymph

The Pheasant Tail nymph is one of the most useful nymph patterns. Rainbows and Browns love them because the nymph imitates a wide range of naturals.

Mayflies, caddis, midges and damselflies
Are all suggested by this pattern.



Hook	Kamisan B175 #12 & #14 or TMC 3769 #10-18
Tail	Fibres from pheasant tail
Gold rib	Copper wire
Body	Pheasant tail fibres over lead wire
Wing Case	Pheasant tail fibres
Thorax	Peacock herl or hares fur or copper wire
Head	2.8mm gold, brass or glass bead – optional extra
Legs	Hackle or pheasant tail fibres

If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the flytying meetings please let us know. This will give us an opportunity to plan ahead and order materials well in advance.



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) and then right into Moncrieff Street..

Additional parking is available at the Clyde Quay school in Elizabeth Street.– 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
15th and 16th August	Turangi	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Sunday 23rd August

The On-Stream Day will be on the **Ruamahanga** River, weather permitting. Onstream days are opportunities for members who are new to flyfishing to learn from an experienced angler. 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.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for the September Issue is 28 August 2020.

As a guide for article length – anything from 250-450 words. 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*.

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



www.fishscene.co.nz

COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 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 inks.

<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.

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Full member or family membership \$35,

Junior membership no fee.

Joining fee \$10

Overseas Newsletter including postage \$45

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

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As a club member you should receive a copy of the club newsletter via email if you are not receiving club emails please check your email settings first in case the newsletter is being deleted as 'spam' or 'junk' and then contact the club secretary.

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB MISSION

To establish, maintain and conduct a club for the encouragement and promotion of flyfishing and all activities pertaining thereto

2020 COMMITTEE

President	Paul Baker	970-2595
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Treasurer	Carmen Cotsilinis	386-3740
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Website		
Club Trips	Strato Cotsilinis	386-3740
Catering	*** to be filled – any takers? ***	
Fly Tying & Casting	Strato Cotsilinis	386-3740
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