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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

Monday 7th September, 7.30pm

Guest Speaker Graham Evans

FISHING THE EDGES OF LAKE WAIKAREMOANA

Graham has been fishing Lake Waikaremoana for many years and has excellent knowledge about where to fish, how to fish and what to use.

NOT TO BE MISSED

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 18th and 19th Whanganui
(Call Strato 386 3740 to book)

Fly Tying: Mon 21st (7.30pm)

On-Stream Day: Sat 26th Hutt River
(Call Strato 386 3740 by Wednesday 19th)

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



NEW MEMBERS

James Mitchell

John Hayward

Michael Stewart

Bruce, Jenny and Zach Willingale

President's Page

As we move into spring, thoughts begin of the fishing opportunities ahead. Of course, the winter run of rainbows into the Taupo tributaries is still far from over. I think that this last weekend everyone from outside Auckland who enjoys fishing the Tongariro decided to make the most of the lack of Aucklanders and head to Turangi. The river seemed busier than ever! The fishing seemed pretty good for many, and some well-conditioned fish were taken.

Judy and I joined some friends and walked up to the Kamahi Pool for the first time in many years. I fished the tail of the pool after a friend moved up out of that area. With some colour in the river from recent rain, conditions were good, and I hooked up on three fish within the next hour or so. I moved up the pool and later, another angler arrived and as there were five of us there politely asked if he could enter the pool in the tail. Of course, we had no issues with that and off he went; wading through the area of the pool where I had just been fishing, to cast a long line to the other bank. He didn't have any success, but he advised Judy that he caught ten trout there yesterday. I suspect that they were probably in the prime lie until he chased them over to the other side of the river also! Just a reminder of the adage: fish your feet first.

Coming up we have Father's Day at the pond. The pond area has been cleaned up and the pond is fully stocked. Its always a great day at the pond so do try and come along, even if to socialise for a bit with other members. Remember, members are always welcome, and there is no pressure to have to assist, or on how long you stay (except for Strato however, who almost lives there).

For the Club meeting we have another long-standing member presenting to us. Graham Evan's now resides in Greytown but

is still a WFFC member. Graham will speak to us on fishing the edges for Brown Trout at Lake Waikaremoana. This style of fishing is more often seen around South Island Lakes; and Tasmania is renowned for it. I recommend reading some of Rob Sloane's works for stories on this style of fishing in Tasmania. The difference in Tasmania is that you really need someone spotting for snakes that you might be about to stand on, while you are focussing on trying to spot cruising browns. Graham has fished Waikaremoana for over twenty years with considerable success, so is well worth listening to.

Also, a reminder now for the Club auction in November. Its early days; but time soon goes when you suddenly realise that your dry fly gear needs sorting, you never quite got around to tying those new patterns you wanted to try, there are plans to make, bookings to be made for summer etc. We already have some items submitted for the auction, and it would be good to get a renewal of interest on the night. If you know of anyone taking up fly fishing, mention to them that the auction is a great opportunity to pick up some excellent books and likely some great value gear that is ideal to get started with.

Looking forward to returning to level 1 and some spring fishing.

Paul

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

In the July magazine there was a membership form to remind members that subs are due for the year ending 31 March 2021.

[Visit the website for more details](#)

You can pay online to the Club bank account 06-0582-0030903-00 and scan any information changes to your address, phone numbers, email etc to wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com.

AUGUST ONSTREAM DAY

For a change, we decided that the August onstream day would be a trip to the Ruamahanga and Kurarau Dam. Unfortunately rain in the preceding days had pushed the water flow in the Ruamahanga River from its normal 35 cumecs to 150 cumecs and although it was slowly improving it was still unfishable on Sunday.

We then travelled to Kurarau Dam, which was a new experience for a number of the anglers who joined us that day.

Due to some bad flood damage from last year, the normal carpark was not usable but the very friendly farmer allowed us to take the vehicles all the way to the water's edge. As we had taken a number of float tubes and canoes with us, this was most helpful.

Fishing the western shore of the lake with an assortment of nymphs, wee wets and lures, a few fish were caught during the morning and Caleb had his first trout caught in New Zealand.

Those who ventured into the float tubes and canoes had limited success but the fish caught were in excellent condition.

Kurarau Dam is not an easy lake to wade due to the muddy bottom but the southern end of the lake can be waded with some care and difficulty.

An afternoon struggle with the mud, for one angler, fishing around where the stream enters the lake proved to be very successful with nine beautifully conditioned rainbows all around the 3lb mark coming to the net. As the lake is home to perch, a Hamills killer proved to be the answer.

There is access to the stream mouth area using the road on the eastern side but its walking access only and care needs to be taken to deal with the boggy areas.

Most of the fish appeared to be maiden fish and therefore have further growth possibilities and considering their excellent condition the future of the dam looks healthy.

Thanks must go to those groups who have spent a lot of time re-establishing the lake as a viable fishery and it is now well on its way to returning to its previous excellence.

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.

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

The “Pond” will reopen on Sunday 6th September (Father’s Day) after being closed for eight months. Our new fish stocks have arrived and notices have been sent to all schools etc.

Tickets are available at Capital Fishing (formerly Steves Fishing Shop, Ghuznee Street) and Hunting & Fishing, Petone.

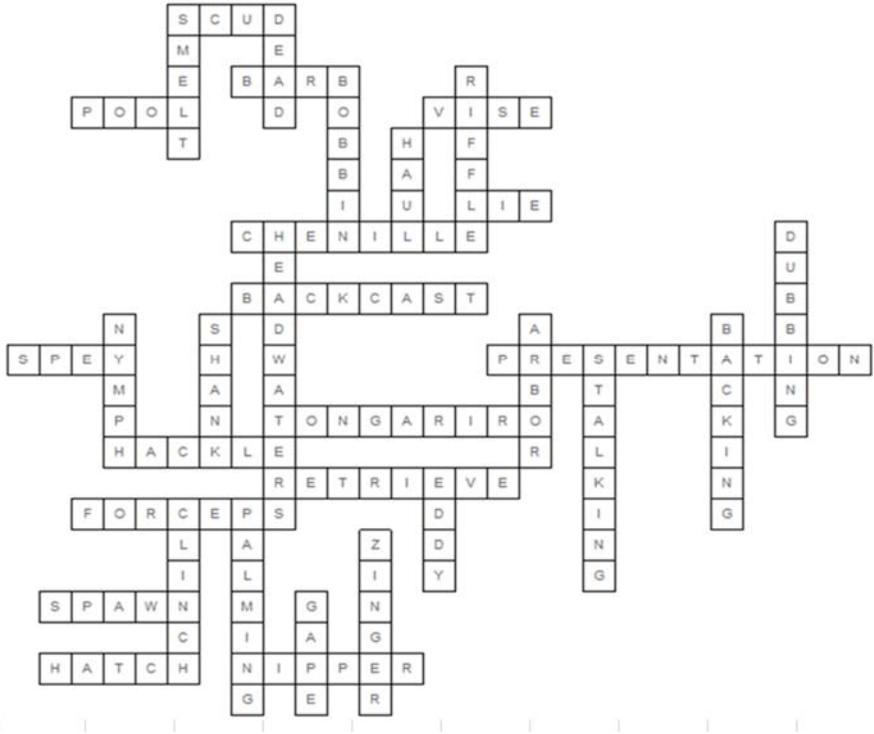
As always we will need volunteers to help the young aspiring anglers catch their fish and/or to help in the administration shed.

To comply with covid-19 restrictions we have a covid tracer displayed and will have hand sanitiser available. All helpers will be required to wear masks.

If you can help on the day, contact Carmen on 387 7878 (day) or 386 3740 (evenings)

WFF Crossword

Answers to last month's puzzle





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FLY OF THE MONTH

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club Library
21st September 2020, 7.30pm

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

Royal Wulff

The Royal Wulff is a must have in any fly box, especially deadly on Rainbows who find it hard to resist. Originated by master angler Lee Wulff around 1930 to imitate a beetle, it has stood the test of time virtually unchanged ever since.



Hook	TMC 9300 size 10-16
Thread	6/0 black or red
Wing	White calf body hair
Tail	Moose mane or similar
Body	Peacock herl separated by red floss or thread
Hackle	Brown

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.



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

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.

WHANGANUI RIVER 18TH – 19TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The club has not fished the Whanganui River for many years.

Assuming the weather plays its part, we should get excellent fishing for browns and rainbows.

We have booked two cabins at the Taumararui Holiday Park.

Book now to reserve your place. Ring Strato (hm) 386 3740

Upcoming trips:

Dates	Destination	Organiser
October	Rangitikei	Strato
November	Mohaka	Strato

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 26th September

The On-Stream Day will be on the **Hutt 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*.

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.

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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

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