

Tight Lines

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.



TIGHT LINES

The official newsletter
of the Wellington Flyfishers Club inc.
February 2021



CONTENTS

Club Meeting	2
President's Page	3
Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing.....	4
Club Fishing Competition	5
Trout Recipe of the Month #4.....	6
Euro-Nymphing Coaching Sessions (Aka Czech Nymphing).....	7
Club Trip Calendar	8
Wanted	8
Fly of the Month	9
On-Stream Day.....	10
Useful Links.....	10
Club Meeting Venue	10
Newsletter Contributions	10
Committee Meeting.....	10
Helpdesk.....	11
Website.....	11
Club Membership.....	11
Fees 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021.....	11
Receive the Newsletter via Email	12
Club Mission.....	12
Committee	12

Cover: Photo by Braedan De Lange

Any articles published in this newsletter are the opinions of the author alone and do not necessarily represent the views of the club as a whole or other members of the club.

CLUB MEETING

Monday 7 December, 7.30pm
Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount
Victoria, Wellington

Fishing the Ruamahunga River

Presented by Paul & Strato (& others).

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: February 26th - 28th - **Mohaka**

Fly Tying: Monday 15th February

On-Stream Day: Sat 20 February - **Wainuiomata**
(Please call Strato 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior)

Club Fishing Competition: Sat 13 February - **Ruamahanga**

Euro-Nymphing Coaching: Sun 14 February **Ruamahanga**

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

NEW MEMBERS

Peter Wills



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I hope that Xmas and January have been kind to you. It seems the cold spell in late December has led into much better summer weather for most of us. There has been enough water flowing in the Whanganui tributaries to have a fresh flow of water still coming through Lake Otamangakau, just as conditions are starting to warm up enough for a good cicada hatch. Hopefully, a sign for some exciting fishing ahead. (I find Ota can become difficult fishing when conditions warm up and the cold water passing through the Lake is reduced to keep the Whanganui River fresh.)

Trout also become stressed when water temperatures rise to 20°C and higher. This is partly due to lower dissolved oxygen in the warmer water. The trout's ability to recover from being caught and handled is reduced and it is important that if you are returning a fish to minimise any handling or time out of the water, and even keeping playing time short by not using tippet any finer than necessary to deceive the fish.

In recent years', the Wainuiomata River has been severely affected by extended low flows and warm temperatures during daylight hours. It is obvious that those people who object to installing water meters across the Wellington region have no consideration for or understanding of the environmental impact of extracting and wasting water from the Hutt and Wainuiomata Rivers. The best fishing times in peak summer are early morning and late evening when the river is cooler. (It used to be possible to view the Wainuiomata River water temperatures online, but a quick search of the Greater Wellington Environmental Monitoring & Research site failed to locate that data for me.)

As mentioned last newsletter, it is our intention to hold the Club Championships on Saturday 13 February this year, together with an on-stream coaching session for euro-nymphing on the Sunday. Details are in this newsletter. Last year we missed out on holding

the competition due to covid-19, so hopefully, better luck this time around. In preparation, I will also talk through some of the characteristics of fishing the Ruamahanga River at the February Club meeting. The Ruamahanga is notoriously fickle, with widely varying flow rates and conditions, and so fishing it can be a real test of your versatility. Nevertheless, it is usually well worth a visit if you are not familiar with fishing it

Do enter the Club competition, it is a great way to fish alongside someone new.

Paul



Summer's here

***Come and stock up on all your fishing and
camping supplies***

Club discount 10% available on flyfishing purchases with your membership card.

Visit our new bigger and better store at
8 Te Puni Street, Petone 5012

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
P O Box 33 206, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589-9500 Fax: 0064-4-589-9520

CLUB FISHING COMPETITION

The annual competition for the Club's fishing trophy is to be held on the Ruamahanga River on Saturday 13 February. This has always been a friendly affair and closely contested by a few keen anglers. The competition is not restricted to experienced anglers, and less confident anglers are welcome to join. If we get enough competitors, we will run a handicap competition in addition to the Club Cup.

Anglers are paired together and take turns to fish. Where possible we pair the less experienced anglers with the experienced anglers. This way they have the opportunity to pick up on a few ideas from the experienced anglers.

There are some good numbers of fish in the Ruamahanga and we try to allow every angler to fish fresh water. That will depend on the number of competitors and conditions on the day.

Full competition details will be sent to competitors before the competition. Note: the competition rules are to fly fish, and to meet the Fish & Game regulations only, i.e. competitors do not have to conform to Sports Fly Fishing NZ rules. Competitors will control for each other.

We will meet up just upstream on the true right of the River close to Gladstone Bridge at 8:00 a.m. and allocate the pairs and beats from there

If you are interested, or want more details, contact Paul by email: pbakerema@gmail.com. Please also include your mobile phone number as it can sometimes be necessary to give late notice of cancellation if the river looks like being in flood on the day.

Classic New Zealand Smoked Trout

Hardware: I recommend to use or buy a Portable Maxistrike Fish Smoker available for 35\$ from The Warehouse.

If you own a Weber BBQ, you can add a smoker element at extra cost.

Use a medium sized rainbow or brown trout, cleaned and dried.

You also need some methylated spirit and woodchips, preferably Manuka, a small bag being available for 9\$.

Marinating the trout: Place the fish on a dish and cover both sides inside and out with a thin layer of rock salt, brown sugar and fresh dill (if unavailable, use dried dill). Cover it with plastic foil and let it rest for 3-4 hours in the fridge.

Put the chips on the bottom of the smoker, the trout on top of the crate; if it's a big trout, on the lower, a smaller trout on the upper crate.

Cover the smoker with the lid, pour some spirit into the bowl provided, place it centrally under the smoker and light it. I usually put a brick on top of the lid for better results.

Depending on the size, your trout should be ready after 20/30 minutes cooking time. If in doubt, test by trying to tear out the dorsal fin.

Sides: Potato gratin and green salad.

Enjoy!

Rolf & Brigitte



EURO-NYMPHING COACHING SESSIONS (aka czech nymphing)

Due to number of requests received, the Club will run a couple of coaching sessions on euro-nymphing on the Ruamahanga River on Sunday 14 February, the day after the Club Competition.

The sessions will be split; with the morning session covering equipment requirements, basic set-up, knots, flies, and casting technique. The afternoon session will focus on advanced techniques and expanding the range of casts and drifts to maximise your catch rate.

Both sessions will cover some theory and practical casting, so a 9' (or longer) rod, no heavier than 5wt, will be required. Also, some weighted flies, ideally a range of jig-hook patterns with 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 mm tungsten beads. A euro-nymph fly-line set up with leader will be an advantage but is not essential.

The sessions will be held on the Ruamahanga River, meeting up in the park just upstream on the true right of the River close to Gladstone Bridge at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, and 1:00 p.m. for the second session.

Numbers will be limited to six anglers per session, and there will be a charge of \$50 per session, or \$80 for both sessions. The funds raised will go into the Club's competition fund, which is set aside for helping support anglers who qualify to compete at national or international Sports Fly Fishing events.

If you are interested, or want more details, contact Paul by email: pbakerema@gmail.com.

CLUB TRIP CALENDAR



26th - 28th February Mohaka River
Titiokura Lodge



timeOut
@titiokura

Month	Dates	Venue
March	19,20,21	Manganui-o-tea-o (Camping Trip)
April	9,10,11	Rangitieke River (River Valley Lodge)
May	7,8,9	Tukituki River (Patangata Lodge)
June	tba	Manawatu
July	tba	Turangi
August	tba	Turangi

WANTED

**Scientific Anglers
System 2 8/9M Reel**

Please contact Strato – 386 3740

FLY OF THE MONTH

Venue: Tararua Tramping Club
Monday 15th February 2021 7.30pm
(Access through side door on north side of building)

Cicada

To see a large trout emerge from the depths of a big deep pool, in fast water and take a large dry fly off the surface is one of the greatest joys of summer fishing.



The cicada and other terrestrial patterns are designed to do just that. Extra buoyancy can be achieved with foam.

Hook	TMC 5212 size 6 - 10
Thread	Black 6/0 or 3/0
Body	Spun deerhair
Wing	Flared deerhair or synthetic wing material
Thorax	Spun deerhair
Legs	Pheasant tail

If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the flytying meetings please let Strato know (386 3740)

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 20 February

The On-Stream Day will be on the **Wainuiomata 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

USEFUL LINKS

For a list of useful links including licences, river flow levels, weather sites and organisations please visit the club website. <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/links>

CLUB MEETING VENUE

Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount Victoria, Wellington. For a detailed map and instructions on getting there please visit the club website <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/club-meetings/>

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please visit the Website for details relating to newsletter submissions <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/newsletter/>

COMMITTEE MEETING

6 pm, second Monday every month. For additional details please see the club website <http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz/committee>

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.

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. 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 2020 - 31 MARCH 2021

Full member or family membership	Junior membership	Joining fee	Overseas Newsletter (Email only)
\$35	no fee.	\$10	\$35

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

As a club member you should receive a copy of the club newsletter via email if you are not receiving club emails please see the website for details. <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/newsletter/>

CLUB MISSION

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

COMMITTEE

President	Paul Baker	970 2595
Past President	Strato Cotsilinis	386 3740
Vice President	John Gamble	027 517 5825
Secretary	Heather Millar	386 3049
Treasurer	Carmen Cotsilinis	386 3740
Newsletter Editor	Linda Brown	027 230 4770
Librarian	Warren Horne	386 3049
Website	Scott Garelli	021 325 032
Club Trips	Strato Cotsilinis	386 3740
Helpdesk	Hal Levine	027 4200 482
Fly Tying & Casting	Strato Cotsilinis	386 3740
Club Competitions	Paul Baker	970 2595
Committee	Peter Buxton	472 3456



WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB(INC).
PO Box 9236, Marlon Square, Wellington 6141, New Zealand

SPORTING LIFE - TURANGI

North Island - New Zealand
Outfitters to the Famous Tongariro River

Professional gear for professional fishermen



SPORTING LIFE : The Mall, Turangi
Tel:(07) 386-8996 Fax:(07) 386-6559
sport.life@extra.co.nz www.sportinglife-turangi.co.nz

SIMMS.