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CLUB MEETING

Monday 5 April, 7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount
Victoria, Wellington

SALTWATER FLYFISHING

Max Honiss will give a presentation on his experiences
using saltwater flies around Wellington

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 9th – 11th April - Rangitikei

Fly Tying: Monday 19th April

On-Stream Day: Saturday 24th April
Wainuiomata (Please call Strato
04 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior)

Casting Tuition: Anyone wanting
casting tuition please contact Strato
04 386 3740

Capital Trout Centre
Open Day Sunday 25th April

NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Beeston
Simon Redshaw



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The long run of relatively settled weather we have experienced has been great for getting out on the rivers. The Club trip to the Manganui o te Ao provided fine weather, if perhaps a bit chilly overnight. Strato found it rewarding but it can be a tough river to wade; and with many small pockets of water staying in contact with the flies and detecting strikes is a real challenge. Congratulations to those anglers on trip who did land some fish.

The next trip is the River Valley Lodge on the Rangitikei River just after Easter. The lodge has a great spot beside the river and is not expensive to stay at. The Rangitikei provides an interesting variety of water to fish and can be quite productive. It is best when water levels are low, so keep an eye on conditions.

Our next Club meeting has a totally different focus, however. A member of the Club, Max Honiss will talk to us about saltwater fly fishing around Wellington. This is an underrated resource on our doorstep, and I for one am interested in learning more. Unfortunately, in this case I will be in Turangi over Easter and unlikely to make the meeting. Strato will chair the evening.

Coming up in May we have the Annual Meeting. As always, we would really like to have some new faces on the Committee. The roles aren't onerous, and the Committee discussions provide a great opportunity to share fishing experiences and knowledge. If you don't get a tap on the shoulder, then do engage with one of the Committee Members at the April meeting and raise the topic.

With the sun now lower on the water, spotting fish gets more difficult. Water temperatures have cooled down and you can expect most fish will now be in prime condition. Get out there and enjoy it.

Tight lines.

Paul

NOTICE OF MEETING

Wellington Flyfishers Club Inc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3rd May 2021

at

7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club rooms
4 Moncrieff Street, Mount Victoria

Agenda will be in the May issue of Tight Lines

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

We will be having an Open Day at the Capital Trout Centre on Sunday 25th April 2021

Although it is ANZAC Day, the landfill gates will be open from 9am so we can proceed with fishing for young anglers.

Licence/registration tickets will be available from **Capital Fishing**, Ghuznee Street and from **Hunting & Fishing**, 8 Te Puni Street, Petone from Saturday 10th April.

Would club members who can come and help on the day, please phone Strato (386 3740) so we can make a list and arrange help according to the number of licences taken up.

CLUB TRIP CALENDAR

April 9th - 11th Rangitikei River (River Valley Lodge)



Month	Dates	Venue
May	7,8,9	Tukituki River (Patangata Lodge)
June	tba	Manawatu
July	tba	Turangi
August	tba	Turangi

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The club's annual photographic competition will be held at the club's AGM on 3rd May 2021.

- Bring along photos that you have taken yourself.
- Limited to 2 photos per person.
- Photos must have a fly fishing theme or scene
- No specific size or orientation required

Members at the AGM will vote for their favourite photo on the night.

The winner will be presented the David Austin Memorial Trophy.



Hunting & Fishing

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Rawas Fry from Goa - Trout the Indian Way

This recipe is worth trying out, as the result is truly delicious. It is not, however, for the first time cook. A little technique and experience are required. But it is so very good.

Feeds two - Preparation time 1 h for the marinating, ca 20 min. for preparing the fillets



Ingredients:

- 2 middle sized trout fillets with skin on
- 1 tbsp. tamarind pulp
- 2 cm piece of ginger
- 6 cloves garlic
- ¼ tsp. ground tumeric
- 1 tsp. chilli powder
- Rice flower to dust the fish
(we used normal flour which worked well)
- Oil for pan frying
- Salt

Soak the tamarind in boiling water for some time, then strain through a sieve and use the pulp. Peel ginger and garlic and grind to a fine paste. Apply salt and turmeric to the fish fillets and set aside. Mix chilli powder with the ground ginger and garlic paste and tamarind pulp. Marinate the fish in this mix for about an hour.

Dust the fillets with rice flour. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the fillets on gentle heat on the skin side first to get a crispy finish. When cooked and crispy, turn and fry lightly to keep the fillets moist.

Serve with rice, and if you feel fancy, with a vegetable curry, a raita and some chapati.

Enjoy!!

Rolf & Brigitte

WAINUIOMATA RIVER – Reminder

The season for fishing the Wainuiomata River
ends on 30th April 2021

A VISIT TO WAINUI STREAM

It was 14th January 2021 and this was opening day for me. Believe it or not, I had not managed to get on the water until now!

Weather, wind and any other excuse you might like to think of! But this morning was beautiful – bright, sunny, cloudless and no wind, no excuse!

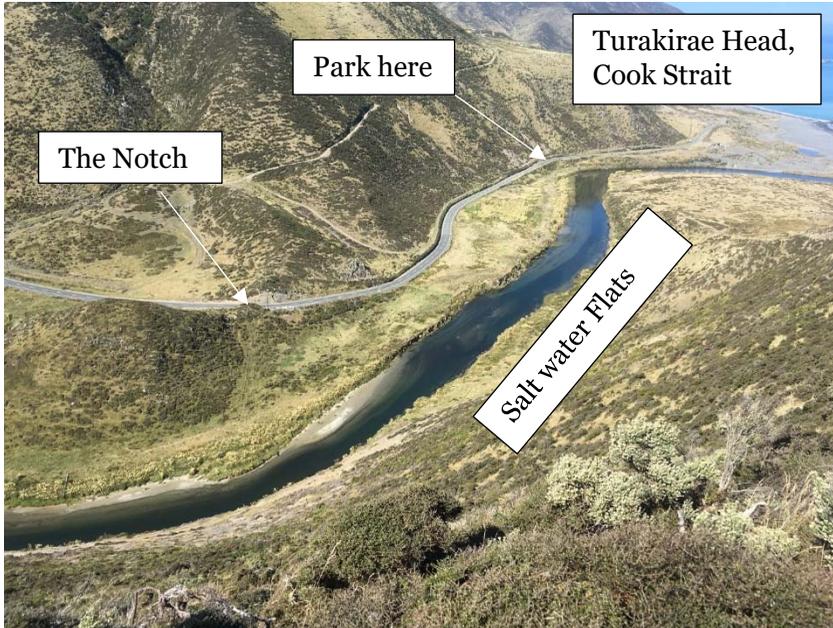
I was up at 7.00 am and ready to go by 8.00 am. I had my fly rod set up with #6 floating line and a 3.5m leader tapered down to a 4 lb tippet of about 1.5m. I took a small patch of flies (a few assorted hare and copper nymphs tied on #14 - #16 hooks and a selection of dry flies – coch-y-bondhu, sedges and a few small humpies on #14 – 18 hooks). This is all I ever use on Wainui, and I always try to fish to sighted fish.

I had planned to start at the wooden ‘White Bridge’, now replaced by a solid steel structure, that gives access to walking and biking routes in the Regional Park and to the Baring Head monitoring station, where atmospheric CO₂ has been measured continuously since the mid 20th century – one of our planet’s longest, continually operated, atmospheric monitoring stations (NIWA). However, on arriving, the car park area was busy with visitors and some workmen, so I decided to head down stream towards the ocean.

I stopped just before the notch in the ridge and parked up close to a rickety access gate. To my left was the big rock and pool at the base of the ridge of rock that the notch is cut through. There's a nice pool here, and it was once common to see swimmers here in high summer. The pool shallows up to the true right bank and this is often a good spot to espy a cruising fish. However, I forgot to add that by this time the wind had got up, and it was no longer flat calm, it was blowing a steady 20 knots. Closer to me was another pool, up-stream from the rock pool, although the bank was full of toitoi and cutti grass and I was 2-3 metres above the water. But it was a good position from which to spot fish, so I waited and watched. It didn't take long before a cruising fish appeared, close in to the bank, moving upstream, left to right, and clearly on the feed. I moved to release the coch-y-bondhu from the ring on the rod, and the fish spooked. Idiot, I had not been careful enough to take the rod back beyond the view from the water before removing the fly from the keeper. But that's Wainui. It needs a cautious approach, so don't get lazy. The coch-y-bondhu is my dry fly of choice on Wainui, usually #14 or 16. It's easy to tie, floats quite well and imitates a brown beetle or blowfly. If not, I use a parachute Adams, a sedge imitation or a hare and copper nymph.

By now the wind had increased to a steady 30 knots, so I decided to head farther down stream, through the notch and along the straight section of road that parallels the flat expanse of water that I call "Salt Water Flats". I drove down to the car park for the regional park, swung around and parked at the top of the ridge where you could look down on Salt Water Flats (see photograph). There's a bit of a wooden stile here that you can climb over and walk down a track to the water. I seem to recall Warren catching a nice fish here on a club "on -stream day" many years ago!

Down to the river and secreted behind a broom plant, I watch the stream edge along the bank to where it shelves into deeper water. Soon, about 1-2 metres out from the bank a shape emerged cruising slowly along parallel to the bank. Not huge, but quite a nice trout.



A couple of false casts parallel to the bank and a gentle cast taking the fly about a rods length out from the bank upstream from the cruiser. There is no delay, the fish sees the fly, changes direction and sips in the fly – 1, 2, 3 and lift the rod and it's hooked. With a roll and a splash it is off downstream only for the hook to come out, but that's an easy release, so I am well pleased.

With the wind now blasting I head back upstream to the car park at the "White bridge", cross over and walk down stream to the old pump house that once supplied water to the lighthouse and weather station facilities. By the way, there's a deep pool by the bridge and if you "carefully" look over, just up stream on the true left side, there's a good lie that often hosts a fish – try a big cicada if you like and see what happens!?! There's also a nice pool by the pump house, with a large backwater and there are often cruisers here, but not today. I head upstream and find a nice riffle and run above another pool. I cannot see any fish, but it looks fishy, so I tie on a deer-hair humpy (#12) and add a little red-tag hare and

copper nymph (#16) as a dropper at the hook bend. Second cast the humpy shoots under and I am into a fish. This is only a little one and it took the red-tag. It's quickly landed and released and it's time to head for home. Another enjoyable few hours at Wainui.

John Gamble

REALLY; WERE THE TROUT WAITING FOR US?

Well, another mid-week fishing trip and yes, the trout must have been waiting for us!

On the first day, Maurice's second cast at Glen Falls; on the second day Grant's first cast along McVicars Road and on the third day Maurice's second cast at the top of the run at Everett's Reserve.

Staying at Time Out, Titiokura there was ample room for us to stay for these four nights.



Day One: Wednesday off to have a look at Glen Falls Reserve. Expecting an there angler already, we were surprised to see the three campervans/caravans all shaded up and no residents up by

about 8:30am. Okay, let's have a flick! Not expecting much, we were pleasantly surprised to hook into seven trout here in one morning.

Day_Two off to McVicars Road, and again with low expectations, after viewing the water Grant was surprisingly soon into a good rainbow, while downstream a short distance Maurice landed a good brownie. Another seven trout hooked again today.

Day_Three took us down to Everett's Reserve, a good walk up and down Auroroa Road. There was plenty of good fishing water here, and with no rush to get home to watch the America's Cup, we stayed till about mid-afternoon.

Here Grant puts a good rainbow back for another day. This was just one of the ten trout hooked this last fishing day. The weather stayed fine, sometimes a southerly cool wind but no need for any jackets. It was while we were watching TV or eating the rain come down – most nights. Another good enjoyable mid week fishing trip away.



NEXT MID WEEK FISHING TRIP Fishing the Tukituki River, staying at the Hasting Club available accommodation.

Arriving about 2pm Monday 12 April and leaving about 10am (or before) Friday 16 April. Club Members \$10 a night, others \$20 a night. Contact Maurice maurice.fishing@xtra.co.nz for more details or tel 04 (PRM) 2989663. Numbers needed by 30 March 2021, please, to confirm accommodation. Sleeping bags needed.

Maurice Broome.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Monday 19 April 2021, 7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Red Setter

With winter fishing fast approaching and with downstream lure fishing showing a resurgence, especially in the Turangi/Taupo area, the Red Setter is a “must have” fly.



This is another easy to tie essential pattern. Created in the 1940's by Geoff Sanderson of Turangi, this pattern is still a great fish catcher.

Popular with Rainbows and Browns, this fly can be fished in rivers and at the river mouths. Even sea-run browns in the Hutt River during late summer will take it when fished with a floating line.

Thread	Danville Monocord 3/0
Hook	TMC 3796 size 2-10
Tail	Red fox squirrel or black squirrel
Body	Hot orange chenille
Hackle	Natural Brown or Ginger

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 24th April

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 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. 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.

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\$35	no fee.	\$10	\$35

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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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