

# Tight Lines

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.



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# CLUB MEETING

Monday 3 May, 7.30pm  
Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount  
Victoria, Wellington

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Additionally Brian Benson and Susanne Lang will give a presentation of their fishing trip to the South Island.

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

**Club Trip:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May - **Tukituki**

**Fly Tying:** Monday 17th May

**On-Stream Day:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
**Hutt River** (Please call Strato  
04 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior)

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

### NEW MEMBERS

Greg Salmon  
Chris Prowse



# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The summer season is over for many waters and we look forward to fresh runs of rainbows into the Taupo rivers, and maybe the Tukituki on the next club trip also. I got the impression over Easter that perhaps there were more anglers about than trout in Turangi.

I took the opportunity over Easter to take a walk up to the Whiti kau Pool and check it out. Another angler had just come down from the Fence Pool when I got up there. On the track is a DOC sign warning not to go up that track due to unsafe dead pine trees. I did check out the track, and fully support DOC's caution. The dead pine trees up the track have branches that may fall at any time, whether from wind, a build-up of weight through soaking up rain, or just randomly. **DO NOT GO UP TO THE FENCE POOL** until that issue is resolved. The pool itself is not an easy one to fish anyway.

This month of course we have the AGM, so it would be great to have a good attendance. Questions, suggestions, and views from the floor are welcome, as are any off-the-cuff fishing reports. The more that members engage the stronger the Club will remain.

Like any club, it is not easy to attract younger members as they have many options to apply their time to, and flyfishing is not an easy sport to take up for many. It was great to have Max Honiss make a presentation to the Club last meeting.

Members should also be aware that Strato and Carmen continue to run 'An introduction to fly fishing for trout' at the Wellington High School Community Education Centre. As well as raising funds for the Club, the course raises the profile of both the Club and the Capital Trout Centre, which is used for one of the sessions. Several anglers also assist Strato with the fly-tying sessions. The next course begins Thursday 21 October if you have anyone asking you how they can make a start in the sport.

As well as the AGM, our next meeting will include Brian and Suzie regaling us with their trip down to the Westcoast. I have not heard how they got on, and haven't fished south of the Maruia River myself, so will be interested in hearing from them.

As always, we would really like to have some new faces on the Committee. If you do not get a tap on the shoulder, then do engage with one of the Committee Members at the April meeting and raise the topic.

Looking forward to chasing some early spawning runs of rainbows.

Tight lines.

Paul

## **WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC**

### **A.G.M.**

Monday 3rd May 2021

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM 6th July 2020
4. Matters Arising
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. General Business
8. Election of Committee
9. Judging of Photographic Competition
10. Prize Giving
11. Guest Speaker's Presentation

Reminder.....

## 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.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### **June Club Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**TAUPO TACTICS** - With the Taupo winter season now upon us this is a meeting not to be missed.

### **June On Stream day - Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Day trip to the Wairarapa (Ruamahunga River)

Leaving Wellington 8.30am, meeting at the Gladstone Bridge at 10am.

## **WAINUIOMATA RIVER – Reminder**

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

# CLUB TRIP CALENDAR

7th – 9th May - Tukituki (Patangata Lodge)



Month	Dates	Venue
June	tba	Turangi
July	tba	Turangi
August	tba	Turangi

## MID-WEEK FLY FISHING TRIPS

These seek a bit more comfort, relaxed fishing and often individual rooms. Inquiries Maurice Broome, a senior Wellington Fly Fishers Club member [maurice.fishing@xtra.co.nz](mailto:maurice.fishing@xtra.co.nz) or tel 04 2989663.

Month	Dates	Venue
July	Sun 25 to Fri 30 July	Taupo River mouths
August	Mon 23 to Fri 27 Aug	Tukituki River
September	Sun 19 to Fri 24 Sept	Taupo River mouths

If you would like to attend one of Maurice's trips, please contact him ASAP because accommodation is booked in advance.



# **Hunting & Fishing**

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of **Sims Clothing**

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8 Te Puni Street, Petone.

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Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500

# Spanish Charcoal Trout with Fennel

Spain's trout rivers are mostly situated in the Northern Province of Catalonia. That's where this great outdoor recipe originated

Ingredients:

- Two medium-sized trout
- 50 ml. olive oil
- 50 ml. dry sherry
- One lemon
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp chopped fennel sprigs



Put the clean fish in a shallow dish and pour over a marinade made from the oil, sherry, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper and chopped fennel sprigs. Marinate for an hour. Drain the trout and stuff the cavities with a few sprigs of fennel. Have a charcoal BBQ prepared. Oil the grill and heat it before placing the trout on it. Grill the trout over the hot coals, basting with the marinade, until trout are done, after about five minutes on each side. A few sprigs of fennel can be laid on the fire as well – the aromatic smoke further flavours the trout

Serve with baked potatoes and salad.

If you do not own a charcoal BBQ, you can buy a Disposable one from Charmate at the Warehouse. Ideal for picnics and camping.

Buen provecho!

Enjoy!!

Rolf & Brigitte

# FLY OF THE MONTH

**Monday 17th May, 7.30pm**

Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room

(Access through side door on north side of building)

Winter fishing for many of our club members is predominantly directed to fishing the Taupo and Rotorua areas. The May Fly Tying night will therefore concentrate on Glow Bugs and variants

## Glow Bugs



Probably the most effective cold water winter fly pattern. The Glo-Bug has proved itself for over 60 years now. Originating in California this easily tied pattern is successful wherever trout are. In fast, slow or still water this fly will attract pre-spawning and other trout when standard natural patterns are less interesting.

<b>Thread</b>	Danville flymaster fire orange
<b>Hook</b>	TMC 2457 size 14 or 105 size 10
<b>Body</b>	Glo-Bug yarn - various colour combinations including; champagne, fire orange, fluorescent orange, flame, deep dark red



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 15th May**

The On-Stream Day will be on the **Hutt River**, 9am weather permitting. Meet at Stokes Valley turn off car park on Eastern Hutt Road. 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](mailto: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

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