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CLUB MEETING

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

**Winter is almost here.
The Taupo rainbows will soon be running.**

A discussion on fishing tactics for the Taupo area over the next few
months.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

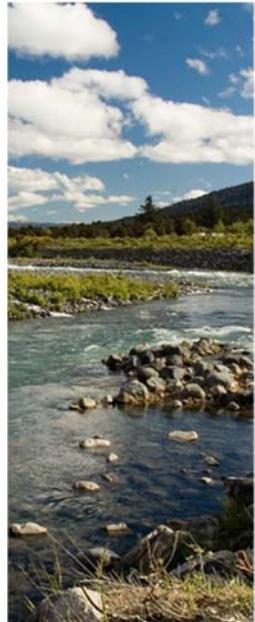
Club Trip: 11 – 13 June - **Turangi**

Fly Tying: Monday 21 June

On-Stream Day: Saturday 19 June
Ruamahanga Day Trip (Please call Strato
04 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior)

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

NEW MEMBERS



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The minimal amount of rain experienced in the Taupo catchment has many anglers holding back and waiting for the rainbows runs to be triggered by a major fresh. From the various on-line reports, it is apparent that there has still been some good fishing for those with the skills and persistence to search out the fish. Often in Autumn, the river mouth fishing can be good, and the bonus is the quality of the fish is generally at its best just prior to spawning.

With the low rainfall many of the other main-stem rivers have continued to be productive. A day on the Manawatu yesterday provided over 21 feisty rainbows up to 4lb between two of us, which is to say, the Taupo tributaries are not the only game in town.

Those familiar with fishing the Tongariro River will have noticed the increase in numbers of anglers using techniques such as Euro-nymphing and Spey casting. With the increased popularity of these techniques has arrived a wider range of equipment to choose from, which is great. The primary benefit however is that it makes a wider range of water available to anglers, helping to reduce the fishing pressure on those pools ideally suited to wet-line or nymph fishing (or budgie fishing as I am inclined to refer it – due to the size of some indicators looking like budgies sitting on the end of a fly-line.)

I will be at Turangi over Queens Birthday weekend and will no doubt be spending some time on the river. As such I will not be available for the Club meeting, but you will be in good hands with Strato giving guidance on Taupo fishing techniques. The Club trips over winter will be based in Turangi. They will provide the perfect opportunity to fish with others and maybe pick up some new skills and learn about different locations to fish.

Tight lines.

Paul

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

At the AGM it was voted that the annual subs remain at \$35.00.

Subs are now due for the year ended 31 March 2022.

See form in this magazine or download one from the website.

https://wellingtonflyfishers.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/wffc_membership_form-2.pdf

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

OPEN DAY - Sunday 30th May

Please phone Strato 386 3740 and advise if you can help on the day, he can then organise helpers to attend at the most useful times.

POND CLEAN UP - Advance notice.

The annual pond clean-up will be held on the weekend of 24th and 25th July.

The usual gardening, hedge trimming, cleaning maintenance will be necessary to get the premises looking good for the next delivery of fish, which we expect in mid August.

Wellington Flyfishers Club Inc.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



- Join Wellington Flyfishers Club • Renew Membership • Change membership details
- Contribute to 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, NZ

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 emailed newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> | I would like to contribute \$..... to support the Capital Trout Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free | Junior or Child Membership. Date of Birth..... (Please note: Junior members must renew their membership each year) | | |

Please Print

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

Address:

Phone: Home: Work: Cell:

Email: Occupation:

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 events held by the club.

Applicant's signature: Date: / /

Please tick or fill-in where appropriate:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New to flyfishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Can help junior group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have fished for 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 only:**

TROPHY WINNERS

At the AGM meeting in May, the following trophies were awarded.



Best conditioned Fish
Maurice Broome



Heaviest Fish
Warren Horne



Club Competition
Strato Cotsilinis



Photographic Competition
Susanne Lang

CLUB TRIP CALENDAR

11 – 13 June - Turangi (Auckland Club House)



Month	Dates	Venue
July	9-11	Turangi
August	6-8	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 or tel 04 2989663.

Month	Dates	Venue
June	<p>Mon14 June to Fri 18 June 4 nights/3 days fishing</p> <p>Patangata Hastings Club rooms. Bunk rooms bring sleeping bags & pillows</p>	<p>Tukituki River</p>  <p>Approx cost \$20 a night x4 = \$80</p>
July	<p>Sun 25 to Fri 30 July</p> <p>Numbers & payment req'd by Wed 30 June</p> <p>Tokannu Motor Motel Individual rooms.</p> 	<p>Taupo River mouths</p>  <p>Approx cost Gold Card member pricing \$70 a night for 2 bedroom chalet. So \$35 x5 = \$175 each.</p>
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.



Winter is coming and so are the Taupo area rainbow runs.

Stock up on all your winter clothing needs

New Products

Airflo combo rods & reels from \$149.99

Desolve Waders (Neoprene) \$169.99

Snowbee Granite waders (Neoprene) \$399.99

Club discount 10% available on
flyfishing purchases (excluding specials)
with your membership card

The Flyfishing Experts

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
8 Te Puni Street, Petone.

P O Box 33 206, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500

Truite au Bleu - Blue Trout

The French recipe for Blue Trout is widely known in many European countries, especially in France. It will appear as a main fish dish on many European restaurant menus; throughout Europe we see little variation for preparing this dish. The blue colour of the trout is due to poaching its moist skin which is easily destroyed when scrubbing it too hard. Our recipe derives from Alsace in the Eastern part of France where we frequently spent our holidays.

The recipe feeds two - Preparation (ca 30 mins):

- One large or two medium sized trout, preferably rainbow trout.
- 2 liters of water
- 50 ml. dry white wine
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 big wedge of celeriac, thinly sliced
- 1 leek, sliced into rounds
- 2 bay leaves
- Some pepper corns crushed
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1/8 liter of vinegar
- 20 gr butter
- A bunch of flat parsley
- 1 lemon for serving

You need a big pot (casserole or stock pot) with a lid which holds your trout easily.

Pour in the water, the wine, the salt, the pepper, the garlic, the sliced carrots, the celeriac, leek and the bay leaves, bring to the boil and let it simmer for ca 15 minutes. This will make a good stock.

While cooking the stock, put the trout on a flat dish, bring the vinegar to the boil and pour it on the trout to turn it blue. Then put the trout into the prepared bouillon and cook it softly for about 15 minutes. Towards the end of the cooking time, melt the butter. Place the trout on a warm platter, pour the melted butter over the trout and serve.

Serve with lemon and parsley, boiled potatoes and green salad.

Bon appetit!
Rolf & Brigitte



FLY OF THE MONTH

Monday 21 June, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
(Access through side door on north side of building)

For those who travel to Turangi don't forget that if the weather allows, night fishing can be very productive. Traditional night flies of **Scotch Poacher** and **Craig's Nights** with perhaps a touch of lumo are great options.

CRAIG'S NIGHT-TIME



Hook	TMC 5262 size 2 - 10
Tail	Red wool yarn or synthetic
Rib	Silver oval tinsel or lumo strip
Body	Black chenille
Wing	Pukeko feathers
Hackle	Black hen hackle
Topping	Jungle cock (optional)

Developed around Lake Taupo in the 1930's to suggest the koura (freshwater crayfish) this pattern is still an outstanding trout catcher. The short tail (or tag) accounts for many fish that might be lost through nipping at the tail of a traditional pattern.

This is a very easy to tie pattern and should be present in any night fishers fly box.

SCOTCH POACHER



Hook	TMC 5262 or 5263 size 2 – 10
Tail	Black squirrel tail
Rib	Silver oval tinsel
Body	Orange chenille
Wing	Pukeko breast feathers
Hackle	Orange or red
Thread	Black Monocord 3/0

An excellent Taupo lure. Essential for fishing the river mouths on dark winter evenings and into the night. Use it either on its own or as a double rig with a lumo.

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

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 19 June

The On-Stream Day will be a **Ruamahanga Day Trip**, 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.

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	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.

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