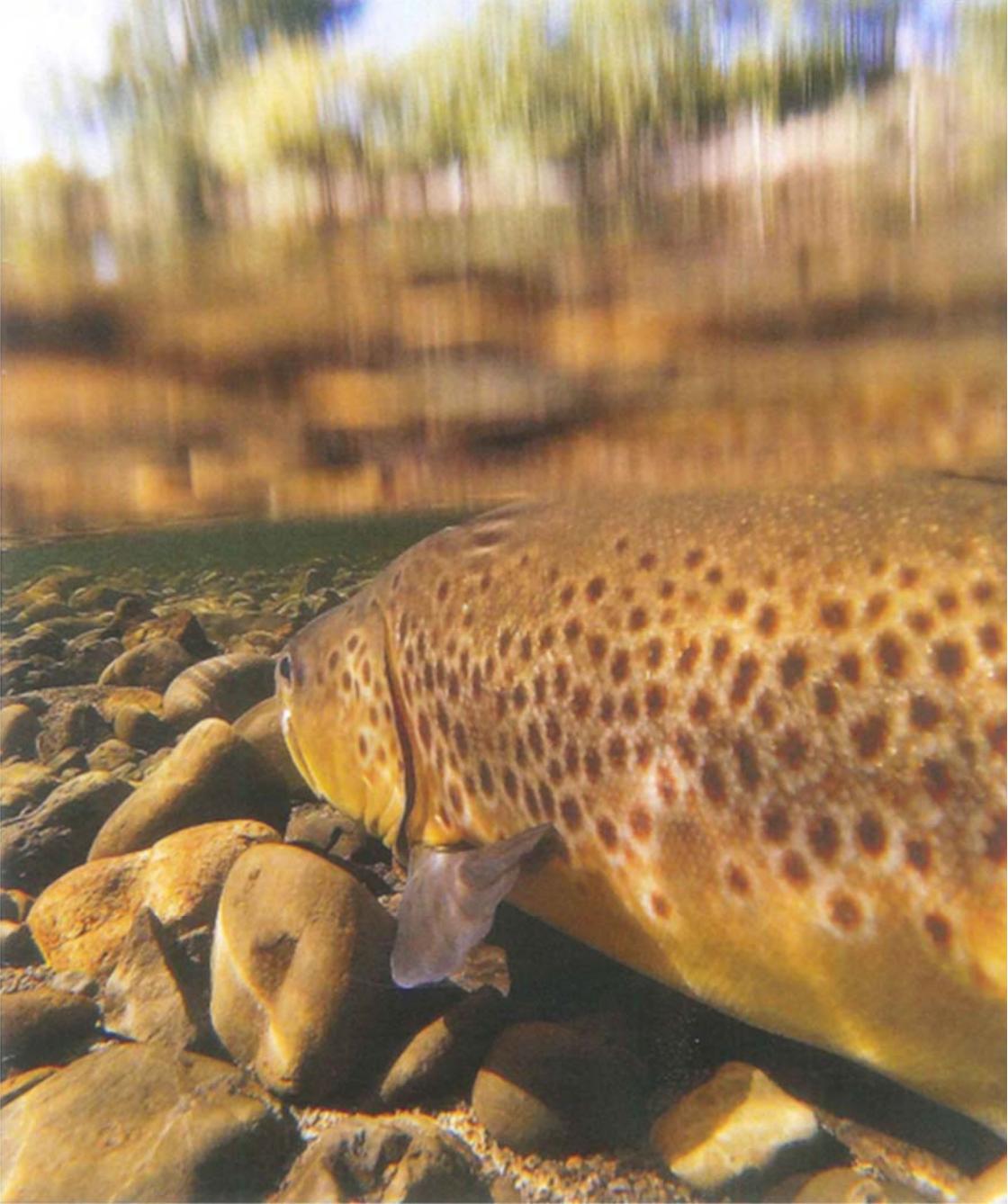


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CLUB MEETING

Monday 5 July, 7.30pm
Taranua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount
Victoria, Wellington

LAKE FISHING

Presentation by Paul Baker.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 9-11 July - **Turangi**

Fly Tying: Monday 19 July

On-Stream Day: Saturday 17 July
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

Michael Gunn
Joey Groves



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Winter is on us, and at time of writing, still no floods in the Taupo catchment. Nevertheless, there has still been some good fishing in the Tongariro, albeit somewhat patchy at times. I was pleased to catch a 7lb brown jack in the Lonely Pool over Queens birthday weekend.

Club trips over winter will focus around Turangi. The accommodation is not expensive and there are a range of fishing options available. While these trips do not go far afield, there are club trips to locations such as to the Mohaka River that get far away from cell phone coverage or medical support. In the interests of the safety of members the committee decided to purchase a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) and First Aid Kit; to be carried by an angler on those trips. Strato will be holding those as he tends to be on most trips, but they will also be available on other trips organised by the Club. We do not intend making the PLB generally available on a loan basis to members, so please do not ask.

Our topic for the next club meeting is still uncertain at this stage, but as a backup I will make a presentation on lake fishing. Lake fishing is an important feature of most sports fly fishing competitions and can be a rewarding skill to have when the opportunities arise to fish from a boat or the shore of a lake. The Sports Flyfishing NZ National Pairs Competition will be held on 13/14 November this year on Lake Rotoaira. This is a pro-am competition and generally a great opportunity to meet most of New Zealand's top competition anglers.

Coming up in July we have the ever-important clean-up of the Capital Trout Centre. As always, it is a case of many hands helping so no one person carries too much of the load. Strato can provide more details at the club meeting of what assistance is required, but even if you just turn up at the pond on the weekend of 24/25 July there is sure to be something you can help with.

Also, at the last committee meeting we decided to clarify the rules for the heaviest fish of month competition. In the interests of catch

and release, the competition will still be run on an honesty system, but a photograph of the entry will be appreciated. Entries will officially close each month at the commencement of each Club meeting, i.e., you can enter by sending an email to Wellington fly fishers, or just come along to the meeting and provide details of your entry to the (acting) Club President on the night. The winning entry will then be recorded in the next Club magazine.

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.

Please download a form from the website.

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

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE - ANNUAL CLEAN UP

Saturday 24th July and Sunday 25th July

Please phone Strato 386 3740 and advise if you can help on either day.

UNIQUE CATCH

It is not unusual when fishing New Zealand streams to see small flounder 2cm – 3cm long on sandy bottoms, scuttling away as you wade up lowland creeks and rivers. What is not generally known is that the New Zealand freshwater black flounder (*Rhombosolea retiaria*) can grow to the size of dinner plates and are solely a freshwater species, so can be found many kilometres inland.

On a recent club trip to the Tukituki River in Hawkes Bay, fishing a standard hare & copper nymph, I hooked into what I initially thought was a piece of debris on the bottom but as I retrieved the line, a few unusual tugs made me think it was perhaps an eel but certainly not the brown trout I was after.



It was only when this round flat shape started to emerge from the cloudy water that had been stirred up during the retrieve, that we realised it was a black flounder, far bigger than any I had seen previously.

This flounder is unique to New Zealand and although found throughout the country it is the first I have ever caught on a fly.

Apparently they feed on insects so the hare & copper nymph had proved its versatility again. The unusual shape of its mouth made it look quite ugly and although not so obvious in the photo below, it had a very mottled colouring which made it blend into the stream bottom very well.

It was released to live another day and perhaps some other angler would experience the thrill of catching such a unique species.



Strato

TROUT CENTRE OPEN DAY FEEDBACK

Kia Ora Strato

I couldn't find an email directly for the trout centre, so I figured you were the best person to send feedback to, in the hope that you could share?

My family and I came to the trout centre open day recently and absolutely LOVED it!

We wanted to share our gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers who made it an absolutely awesome outing for our three boys, Harvey 8, Jasper 6 and Sidney 3.

They were all able to catch two fish each, and we then bought them home, prepared them (on cooking advice shared from the volunteers) and enjoyed a magnificent trout feast with the kids grandparents!



I know these days are only possibly because of the time generously given by volunteers and I just wanted to let them all know it was greatly appreciated!

It was terrible weather on the day, which was a shame, it didn't put us off but sadly it may have put others off!

Anyway, with great thanks from the Lofthouse family, here are some photos of the fishing, meal prep and feast enjoyment to share!

Best wishes

Jen Lofthouse and family



CLUB TRIP CALENDAR

9-11 July - Turangi (Auckland Club House)



Month	Dates	Venue
August	6-8	Turangi
September	?	Turangi

FOR SALE -

Sierra light weight, breathable chest waders and separate Sierra wading boots (UK size 9).

These are the property of a senior club member, who is no longer fishing. They have been used on only a few occasions. New they cost in excess of \$400.00. They are now for sale at offers of \$170.00 or more.



Please contact John Gamble (M: 0275-175-825).

FLY OF THE MONTH

Monday 19 July, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
(Access through side door on north side of building)

Some lures are essential for the central Plateau. Along with Red Setter, Craig's Night-time, Smelt, Woolly Bugger and floating Glo-Bug – the Orange Rabbit completes the basic selection.

An easy to tie pattern that works particularly well in Taupo's rivers.

ORANGE RABBIT

Hook	TMC 5262 size 2 – 10
Thread	Black Mono
Tail	Orange hackle fibres
Rib	Silver oval tinsel
Body	Orange chenille
Wing	Natural or grey rabbit fur strip
Hackle	Natural or grey hackle



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

“I NEEDED A BREAK!”

Here I was, confined to home with some home office work and must have been showing signs of distress of fly-fishing deprivation. It took a mere suggestion, that coming up were three fine days at Hawkes Bay, with the rest on New Zealand suffering rain, drizzle and cold temperatures – would I be keen to go away for a few days?... YES, dear, what else could I say!

Within a day accommodation was arranged, a fellow Hastings angler who I often fish with was joining me for a day. So, on Wednesday

after some home chores, I was away, staying at Patangata, arriving about 3:30pm.

Unpacking was still in progress when Red turned up and suggested we go down river for an evening fish. Good for me, not for Red. There must have been a small hatch, as they were rising where I was fishing. Out of the three hook ups only one was landed as these Tukituki River fish like to splash around and like many other trout do not like a small hook in their mouth, with a xxxx... angler pulling them towards the shore. A good 2 ½ lb rainbow hen. Thursday was exploring new waters, up river somewhere; but to no success... did not even see a fish here, nor any sighted further downstream the Waipawa. Plan C, down to Walkers Road, to try that ripple we did not try the last time. First cast Maurice hooked up, but put it back as maybe it had shrunk being in the water too long [or for not long enough] – only about a pound. Two more hook ups and two more lost fish. They really like to splash around.

Thursday, Maurice by himself, so Plan A was to walk upstream from the accommodation which normally would take him back to the accommodation for lunch – often about 1-hour upstream walk. But where was the river? The fog did not lift till after 9:00 am, so Maurice concentrated just up from the lodge. Soon a good drift was found after listening to advice (last month's club meeting – thanks Strato), to ease out some flyline to get the fly and indicator drifting naturally downstream. Well it worked; the hard take and subsequent runs took some line of the reel and then went slack. Whoops, no flies anywhere. A retie with similar flies and casting slightly up stream and yes, again! This time he was well hooked – placing some side strain (again thanks to advice from the last club meeting) and after a few minutes he was on the bank.



A good fish from the Tukituki coming in at 3 ¼ lbs. So for two days fishing, eight hooked and two keepers.

Does this entice you to come along for the next mid-week trip here in August, with numbers needed to confirm by 31 July?

Here there are two large bunk rooms with a smaller room for any snorers or who wants some privacy – yes it is small! There is a large lounge, large kitchen- about three fridges, two stoves and a microwave. Recent improvements are some new mattresses and a newish TV. So where to fish – the Tukituki is about 8 minute’s walk away, other places are about 20 to 30 minute drive away and there is the Waipawa and Tukituki Rivers. Why, I have even driven to Mohaka and Lake Tutira, both useful when local rivers are dirty. These are about one hour’s drive away. There is always the Kaweka Lakes for brook trout, again about an hour’s drive away.

So why not contact Maurice soon, as he is also a member of the Hastings Club and many members have told him of some, but not all likely good fishing places

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
August	Mon 23 to Fri 27 Aug. Patangata Hastings Club rooms.	Tukituki River
September	Sun 19 to Fri 24 Sept	Taupo River mouths
October	Mon 11 to Fri 14 Oct	Rangitikei River
November	Sun 21 to Fri 26 Nov	Upper Whanganui

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

Smoked Trout and Anchovy Pâté

A quick and easy prepared pâté which makes a lovely starter served with hot sourdough toast and pickled beetroot.

Ingredients:

- 125 g fillets of smoked rainbow or brown trout
- 2 anchovy fillets, roughly chopped
- 50 g softened butter
- 100 g crème fraiche
- 1 tbsp horseradish sauce
- Juice of a small lemon
- 1 tbsp chopped capers
- Salt and pepper



Preparation:

Put the softened butter and the anchovies into a small bowl and mash them together with a fork.

Put the mixture into a food processor and add the horseradish and crème fraiche. Season with salt and pepper, then whizz quickly for a few seconds.

Add the trout fillets, lemon juice and capers and whizz again until it's well mixed.

Put the mixture into a small bowl and serve the pâté on toast with the beetroot on the side.

Bon appetit!
Rolf & Brigitte



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

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ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 17 July

The July On-Stream Day will be on the Hutt River. 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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Full member or family membership	Junior membership	Joining fee	Overseas Newsletter (Email only)
\$35	no fee.	\$10	\$35

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 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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