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CLUB MEETING

The October Club Meeting has been cancelled due to uncertain Covid lockdown regulations.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 16-17 October - Mohaka

Fly Tying: Monday 18 October

On-Stream Day: Saturday 23 October, Wainuiomata
(Please call Strato 04 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior)

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

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Iain Mackay



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Covid-19 continues to disrupt our plans. The current level 2 Covid-19 restrictions are due to be reviewed until Monday 4 October, the scheduled meeting date. With regret, the Club Committee has decided that the best course of action is to cancel the meeting once again. While we obviously hope that circumstances will allow restrictions to be eased back to level 1, we do not wish to hold the meeting under level 2 restrictions.

Unfortunately, the open day at the Capital Trout Centre (the pond) scheduled for Fathers' Day had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions and our next open day will also have to be deferred. We now have a pond full of fish and will need to re-schedule events to help manage fish numbers.

Spring weather is proving to be its usual mixed bag of conditions, with nor-west conditions bringing warm weather to eastern parts of both islands, wet weather in the west, and the occasional cold front. All that I can recommend is to watch the forecasts and make the most of favourable conditions when you can. With luck, river conditions in October should be holding good numbers of fish in great condition, and it seems the Taupo tributaries will still have some fresh run fish among the spawning and recovering fish.

If you hold a Fish and Game licence you will likely have received voting papers in the mail for the region that you nominated as your local F&G region. Please do vote and show your interest in F&G activities. F&G has a critical role in protecting habitat for sports game as well as its other management roles.

Get out there and enjoy the opening of the small streams and rivers.

Paul

SUCCESSFUL FLYFISHING IS VERY MUCH A MENTAL GAME

The Club's latest club trip to the Tukituki reinforced the fact that successful trout fishing is very much a mental game coupled with the physical requirements of casting etc.

To start with and perhaps the most important aspect is to arrive at a fishing venue with the confidence that the fish are there and it is simply a case in selecting the right food item (ie fly) to match the conditions and just as importantly to match what the trout are feeding on, on that particular day at that particular time of the year.

Our usual Tukituki club trips have been held a little later in the year and have always been a nymphing exercise with perhaps the best fighting rainbows anywhere, pound for pound, taking the flies readily.

One of the Hastings club members, who manages the lodge, had commented in the days prior to our arriving, that the fishing had been very hard and this was borne out by the fact that two of the trip members who had gone up two days earlier had little to show for their efforts.

This was reinforced by the fact that I spent three hours on Friday afternoon nymphing at all my favourite spots close to the Lodge without a touch.

Logic however told me the fish must be there as the river was in prime condition and although perhaps some of the spawning fish had not yet returned to that part of the river, the resident one and two year olds must be feeding on something.

If not feeding on nymphs therefore the Tukituki fish must be feeding on bullies and perhaps whitebait in the lower reaches.

Perhaps a change to a sinking line was the answer but I did not have one that afternoon with me on the river. A weighted bead head Orange Rabbit was my only option and on the second cast this was taken by a feisty 1½ lb silver bullet.

Over the next two days, two of us who had sink tip lines hooked into over twenty fish up to 5lb, although less than half were landed. Some were lost as a result of broken leaders while others threw the hook with their spectacular aerobatics, but a number simply let go the hook after the first downstream run.

The loss of a few fish as a result of leader breakage was disappointing. I had been given some of the new Airflo Tactical Premium Nylon to use (8.3lb) and while it looks great it turned out to have no knot strength whatsoever. I thought it may be just a faulty spool but when I tried a second spool, the same happened. I had no further problems when I changed to Rio Fluoroflex.

In summary therefore, next time you are out on the river fishing an area that you know should be holding fish, think alternatives to your favourite method as trout change their feeding habits according to what is available at the different times of the year.

It was obvious that the trout in the Tukutuki in September were not yet feeding actively on nymphs although we did see some fingerlings feeding on the surface to what appeared to be a hatch of very small caddis. Carry with you a number of options when you are on the river and don't be afraid to change from methods you've used before, simply because they worked last time.

Orange Rabbit

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

With the school holidays beginning soon, we would be happy to accommodate any club members who wish to bring their children up to the Capital Trout Centre for a fish.

Please phone Strato to arrange a time. Koha appreciated

FLY OF THE MONTH

Monday 18 October, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room (Access through side door on north side of building)

COPPER JOHN

The relatively heavy weight and thin profile of this fly allows it to descend fast in the water.



Hook	TMC 5262,5263 10-18.
Thread/Head	Black, 6/o 8/o, Gold bead, counter drilled.
Body	Medium copper wire. An underbody of thread tapered.
Tail	Biots, Brown, Black Goose or Turkey.
Legs	Partridge
Wing case	Thin Skin with Flashabou center strip. Epoxy finish.

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

NOVEMBER MEETING - AUCTION

The November meeting is traditionally our annual auction when club members can buy or sell fishing gear.

Included in this magazine is the necessary form you have to complete if you are offering goods for sale.

Please complete these forms as soon as possible

by Rolf & Brigitte Brednich

Trout Terrine

This is really nice as a starter or for a fancy buffet (serves eight), but be aware: this is a bit more of a challenge.

Ingredients:

- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 tsp butter
- 500 gr trout fillets, cleaned, dried and cut into fine stripes
- 1/2 tsp salt
- A pinch each of white pepper and nutmeg
- 40 gr whole meal bread
- 1/4 l cream
- 100 gr young carrots, cut into very small cubes
- 15-20 verbena leaves
- 100 gr prawns, cleaned
- 2 egg white



Use a terrine dish taking 1 litre, buttered.

Heat the butter and gently fry the shallot until transparent, and let cool down. Mix the trout filets with salt, pepper and nutmeg and shallot and blend finely. Rest in the fridge for 20 minutes. Cut bread into small cubes, mix with half of the cream and put into the fridge. Mix verbena and prawns and chop. Whip the other half of the cream and beat egg whites until firm. Place fish farce on top of a bowl with ice cubes and add egg whites and bread mix. Mix until the farce starts to shine. Add whipped cream, spoon by spoon. Add carrots and prawns and transfer into the terrine dish. Close with a lid or double foil. Fill half of a deep baking tray with hot water (ca. 80 degrees), place the terrine dish into the middle and bake for 50 minutes. Let it cool down, decorate with prawns and verbena leaves.

Bon appetit!

We hope you enjoyed our 12 recipes.

Rolf & Brigitte

FISH & GAME ELECTIONS

The triennial elections of Fish & Game Councils has now started and those who chose to take part in the election process, when they purchased their licence, should have received election papers.

Voting closes at 5pm on October the 8th and can be done either by post or online through the Electionz.com website (ivote.electionz.com/e/FGNZ2021).

This is your chance to have some say in the governance of Fish & Game, so for those who are already on the electoral role please exercise this opportunity to vote.

NEW LICENCES NOW AVAILABLE

Fishing licences for the 2021/2022 season are available and are effective from 1st October 2021.

Get your licence online now and don't go fishing after the 1st October if you haven't renewed.

The rangers will be up and about checking licences, so you've been warned.

START OF THE NEW SEASON

As from 1st October 2021 many rivers which previously have been closed for spawning over winter will now be open.

Check your licence regulations to confirm the start date to check your official opening day for the particular river you wish to fish over the next couple of months. **They are not all 1st of October.**

OPENING DAY EXPERIENCES

The October meeting is generally the meeting where club members tell us of their open day experiences for the new season.

Due to covid-19 the October meeting has been cancelled, so write an article for Tight Lines telling us the good and the bad of your first fishing trip of the new season.

Good luck and hope the weather plays its part.

CLUB TRIP CALENDAR

16-17 October - Mohaka



Month	Dates	Venue
October	16th/17th	Mohaka
November	20th/21st	Whanganui
December	11th/12th	Rangitikei

MID-WEEK FLY FISHING TRIPS

These are usually a higher standard accommodation, with bedding and towels supplied on occasions. Maurice tries to give each angler a separate bedroom, in the accommodation booked.

Month	Trip details
October 2021	<p>Rangitikei River</p> <p>Monday 4 October and leave Friday 8 October 2021 = 4 nights, 3 days fishing</p> <p>FULLY BOOKED</p>
November 2021	<p>Upper Whanganui River</p> <p>Sunday 21 Nov to Friday 26 Nov = 5 nights, 4 days fishing. Availability for 1 or 2 more persons Maranui \$35 each night x5 nights incl Bkfst Maranui.</p> <p>Close off/payment date 19 October</p>
Late January 2022	<p>Manganui o te Ao</p> <p>Sun 30 January 2022 to Friday 4 Feb 2022: = 5 nights 4 days fishing. Availability for 2-3 more persons \$50 each per night x 5 nights – five bedrooms</p> <p>Close off /payment date 28 December.</p>
Late February 2022	<p>Manawatu River</p> <p>Sunday 27 February to Friday 4 March 2022 - 5 nights 4 days fishing. Availability for 2-3 more persons \$45 each per night x 5 nights (accommodation 5km from Woodville). HOST required guests to be fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Close off/payment date 25 January 2022.</p>

Month	Trip details
<p>March 2022</p>	<p>Upper Whanganui River</p> <p>Sunday 13 March to Friday 18 March 2022 5 nights, 4 days fishing. Availability for 1 or 2 more persons Maranui \$35 each night x5 nights includes Bkfst Maranui.</p> <p>Close off/payment date 11 February 2022.</p>
<p>Mid April 2022</p>	<p>Maurice is planning some nights at Time Out, Mohaka</p> <p>for 5 nights accommodation, 4 days fishing; \$25 per person per night; with one day a raft fishing trip for about an extra \$250.00 each angler, for 3-4 anglers giving an eight hour day rafting and fishing.</p> <p>Please contact Maurice direct quickly if you are interested in this special package.</p> <p>Close off/payment date mid March 2022.</p>

Email maurice-fishing@xtra.co.nz tel Paraparaumu 04 298 9663 (not after 8pm, please).



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ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 23 October

The October On-Stream Day will be on the Wainuiomata . 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

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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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