

# Tight Lines

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.



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# CLUB MEETING

**The September club meeting has been cancelled due to the Covid lockdown.**

Events this month are also subject to lockdown regulations changing to level 2.

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

### **Capital Trout Centre - Open Day**

5th September – cancelled - covid lockdown

### **Club Trip: 10 – 12 September - Tukituki**

**Fly Tying:** Monday 20 September

**On-Stream Day:** Sunday 19 September

**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

Welcome to Iain Mackay

Welcome back Jim Toseland

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Just when we had good fish numbers in the Taupo rivers we have another lock-down. I understand that last year some anglers staying at Turangi were able to get out on the river with a fishing rod for their daily exercise. No such luck this time around. Its probably just as well. Not because I believe their activities would create a risk of transmitting the virus or create a risk for emergency services (assuming responsible behaviour), but for the rest of us at home it adds insult to injury!

The level 4 lock-down has caused the Club Committee to also make the decision to cancel this month's Club Meeting. While it is possible that we will be at a reduced level by the time the meeting is scheduled, it is simply too difficult manage at short notice.

We will still accept entries for heaviest fish up to Monday 6 September.

While you are at home completing those little jobs that never seem to get done when you can be out fishing, consider putting aside anything you might put into the auction in November.

Something else you can do while at home is to purchase your fishing licence for the next season. My birthday is in October, and when I was at primary school my grandmother always paid for my fishing licence (in advance of my birthday of course). The local dairy always received the first licence book for the South Canterbury Acclimatisation Society, so I managed to get the #1 licence in the series for a number of years.

Licences for the under 12 year-olds are now free, but my first season licence cost me one dollar. In today's terms that equates to \$20.00. An adult's full season licence costs around the same as a full tank of petrol, so don't complain about the cost! Fish & Game have the 2021/22 licences available now.

Best of luck at getting out to a river soon.

Paul

# **BIGGEST FISH Junior**

**Largest trout  
registered for the  
August meeting.**

**Ollie Mears**

Weight: 2.75kg

Length: 62.5cm

Coondition Factor: 40.69



## **CLUB AUCTION**

### **November Meeting**

Get your spare fishing gear together to either donate to the club or auction it with 10% commission going to club funds

## **NEW SEASON FOR THE CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE**

The annual clean-up held in late July went very well and thanks must go to the eight club members who turned up.

Maintenance during the year ensured the pond was in good condition and there were no concerning issues arising from the clean-up.

What was surprising was that there was very little silt in the front pond and furthermore there were at least 300 fish which we transferred to the back pond ready for our next shipment from Ngongotaha.

This was originally due on the 11th August but due to ice on the Desert Road the fish did not arrive until the 12th. Once again the transfer of the fish from the truck went very well and we were looking forward to our Open Day on Sunday 5th September. We even had some bookings in the week before Open Day for some special groups.



Since then things have not progressed very well. Firstly our pump unit would not start and it would appear some water had leaked into the system when it was turned off for the clean-up. The pump was duly dispatched to the local pump specialist but unfortunately the covid lock down means any repairs have been put on hold.

All bookings up to and including the Open Day have been cancelled but we do have access to the pond for feeding and we have plenty of food in store.

We are taking a conservative approach to the effects of the covid lock down and hopefully we can get under way in the not too distant future, which will be essential to try and reduce our stocks.

Strato

# FLY OF THE MONTH

**Monday 20 September, 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.



<b>Hook</b>	TMC 5262,5263 10-18.
<b>Thread/Head</b>	Black, 6/0 8/0, Gold bead, counter drilled.
<b>Body</b>	Medium copper wire. An underbody of thread tapered.
<b>Tail</b>	Biots, Brown, Black Goose or Turkey.
<b>Legs</b>	Partridge
<b>Wing case</b>	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)

## REMINDER - SUBS ARE DUE.

The subs have remained at \$35.00 for the year.

Club bank account is 06-0582-0030903-00.

Please download a form from the website.

[https://wellingtonflyfishers.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/wffc\\_membership\\_form-2.pdf](https://wellingtonflyfishers.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/wffc_membership_form-2.pdf)

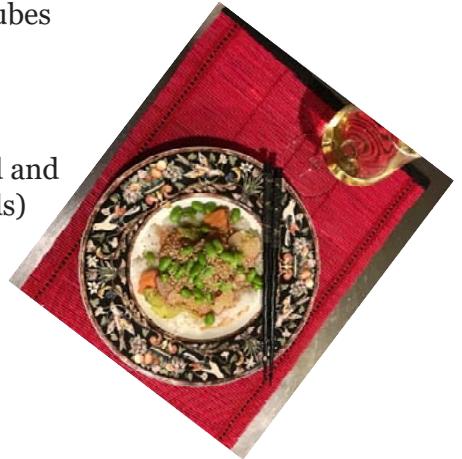
## Japanese Marinated Trout Rice Bowls

This is a Japanese-style recipe of raw fish for brunch or lunch, using the so-called sashimi grade. It can be prepared with different kinds of salt- or freshwater fish. We tried the dish with a Ruamahanga Rainbow trout and found it delicious.

Feeds two to three. Preparation time ca 35 minutes.

### Ingredients:

- 100 gr short-grain rice
- 200 gr trout fillets, cut into 2 cm cubes
- 1 cucumber, finely sliced
- 3 radishes, finely sliced
- 2 cm piece of ginger, finely grated
- 100 gr podded edamame, blanched and refreshed (kind of soy beans in pods)
- 2 tbsp sesame oil
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp mirin (Japanese rice wine)
- 2 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp toasted sesame seeds



### Preparation:

Boil the rice and set aside. Put the trout pieces into a bowl and combine with the cucumber and radish. In another small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, mirin, vinegar, sesame oil and grated ginger. Pour over the trout mixture and stir well to coat. Set aside to marinate for five minutes. Divide the cooled rice among bowls, then top with the trout mixture. Scatter over edamame and sesame seeds and serve.

Enjoy! Rolf & Brigitte

NB: Mirin and Edamame are available in Asian Shops

# CLUB TRIP CALENDAR

**10 – 12 September - Tukituki (staying at the Hastings Club House at Patangata)**



Month	Dates	Venue
October		
November		

## 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
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.



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**Club discount 10% available on  
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## **SALT FLY SCHOOL NORTH ISLAND TOUR 2021**

For King Tide Salt Fly School North Island tour dates and details  
please see the following link:

<https://kingtidesaltfly.com/2021/07/26/salt-fly-school-north-island-tour-2021/>

## **ON-STREAM DAY**

**Next onstream day** – Sunday 19 September

The September 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.

**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](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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