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CLUB MEETING

Monday 2 May , 7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount
Victoria, Wellington

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker: Phil Teal of Fish & Game

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 13th/15th May - Manganui o te Ao

Fly Tying: Monday 16 May

On-Stream Day:

Saturday 21 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



WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonFlyfishersClub>

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As the summer draws to a close, some might reflect on the season's fishing; thinking about the highlights – new places fished, trout that escaped our net, time spent with friends and the many other experiences that make fly fishing such a fulfilling pastime. Also perhaps the missed opportunities, the times when it seemed we just should have gone fishing despite the lawns, the weather or other distractions that seemed so important at the time. Now is the time then to start formulating plans for next summer. The winter rainbows in the mainstream rivers and Taupo will, of course, distract us over winter, but do try to put some time aside for the smaller streams and lower summer flows in the larger rivers next summer.

Club trips will focus on Turangi in June, July and August but in May a trip is planned for the Maunganui o te Ao river, camping at Ruatiti Domain. That should be an interesting trip for hardy souls, and if you haven't been there before I recommend going in with others from the Club to learn the access points and fishing methods that work.

With the AGM in May we have the annual photographic competition. We have a hard core of accomplished photographers putting entries in each year and it would be good to see this expanded by some new entrants.

We recently held the Club fishing competition. There is a report in this magazine, but I must note that Jarek, who won this year, does not consider himself a 'competition fisherman'. He only joined the competition to even up the numbers so we would have two anglers together on each beat. The competition, as always, is run in a relaxed way and really provides a test of each angler's ability to fish within time pressures and be flexible in what water they fish, as you don't have the luxury of just moving through the beats to your next favourite pool! Strato, who just missed out to Jarek through dropping a fish in the afternoon session as he was netting it, showed his decision making skills in the morning session by switching to a wet line and landing two fish. But it is consistency that counts, and

Jarek landed a fish in both the morning and afternoon sessions. The competition was switched from the Ruamahanga River to the Wainuiomata River because the Ruamahanga was running too high for the competition due to rain on the Thursday.

As we approach the AGM, please consider joining the Club Committee. While I have every confidence in the willingness and contribution from the existing committee members, we really do need some new people with fresh ideas and additional perspectives.

See you there!

Paul

Reminder

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Bring your fly fishing related photos to the AGM.

- Up to two photos per member
- Must be photographs taken by yourself
- Limited to 2 photos per person
- Photos can be any size or orientation

To be displayed on a board and numbered randomly. The photos will be judged by club members at the AGM



CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE OPEN DAY

Sunday 1 May - 9am to 3.30pm.

If you can assist on the day or part of the day, please phone Strato and advise so we can make a roster.

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC - A.G.M.

Monday 2nd May 2022

Agenda

Welcome

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Apologies

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Minutes of the previous AGM 3rd May 2021

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Matters Arising

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President's Report

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Treasurer's Report

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General Business

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Election of Committee

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Judging of Photographic Competition

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Prize Giving

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Guest Speaker's Presentation

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021/2022 was a difficult year for many, for obvious reasons. While Wellington was fortunate enough to avoid the same extended lockdown that impacted Auckland, it was still difficult to confidently schedule club activities with the uncertainty created by Covid-19. While the committee clearly preferred to maintain its programme of activities, it also had to ensure it respected members' health and public guidelines.

Despite the challenges, we still managed five open days at the Capital Trout Centre plus accommodate 21 other groups. While we suffered a significant loss of fish at one stage, we still managed 547 trout landed. Much thanks must go to Strato, Carmen and supporters for the time and effort that they continue to put into keeping the pond activities going.

The club trips, fly tying sessions, and on-stream days still attract the regular participants, and provide new members with an excellent opportunity to both improve their fishing skills and meet other members.

Club meetings still attracted a good turnout to most meetings (public holidays always being cause for lower numbers). This is pleasing given we are asking people to give up their own time to prepare presentations at the meetings. It is of course always good to hear our own members talk about their fishing experiences.

It is also pleasing to note the success of the annual club auction, despite needing to defer it till March due to concerns over Covid-19 restrictions. The auction is always a good opportunity for members just getting into the sport to pick up some very reasonably priced fishing gear. Hopefully not too much of the equipment being sold is coming from anglers who are no longer able to get out and enjoy their sport!

In line with the Committee's concern with member's safety, the Club purchased a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) for use on club trips. Following this we were also pleased to have the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand make a presentation to members.

At the AGM we make a presentation of the Club's various trophies. While fly fishing is not regarded as a competitive activity by most

anglers, the trophies are there to encourage our members to share the details of their catches and participate in the Club's activities. I doubt anyone would regret increasing their fishing skills.

One trophy we present at the AGM is the President's Trophy. This is awarded entirely at the discretion of the Club President and as such has no specific criteria. This year the Trophy will be awarded to a member who has participated in a wide range of club activities through the year. Through their active involvement they have helped contribute to the character of the Club.

Once again, the Club Committee deserves thanks from members. They have made the role of President comparatively straight forward and have continued to each contribute in their own way to club activities. It is disappointing that we have not been able to recruit additional members to the Committee. With many years of fishing experience and club membership already on the Committee, it is probably new club members with little experience that would gain most and have the freshest ideas to bring to meetings. So do consider putting your name up.

FLY BOX & FLIES RAFFLE #1

Be in with a chance to win Fly Box #1 (172 flies and fly box) first prize and Fly Box # 1.2 (115 flies and fly box) second prize.

Raffle will be drawn when all tickets have been sold.

Tickets \$5 each.

Get your tickets at the club meeting.



SOUTH ISLAND EXCURSION

Having fished all round the world, there was always a gap in my fishing experience in that I had done very little fishing in the lower South Island.



Last month I therefore took the opportunity in hiring a guide and we spent three days fishing the Te Anau area.

They'd had no rain for four weeks and the rivers were low and clear but it gave us the opportunity on the first day, of fishing a gorge on the Mararoa which previously would have been too high to wade through. As we were one of the few people who had fished the area, the fishing was exceptional with both browns

and rainbows actively accepting either the dry fly or the nymphs down below.

The second day, on a river which is usually one of the guide's favourite, it was the lowest he had ever seen it and we fished it the whole day without any success.

The Waiau on the third day however was again very productive although the extensive cover of didymo made it lose some of its aesthetic appeal.



Overall, the three rivers we fished in a small corner of the country just emphasised how truly lucky we are to have fishing of such quality readily available to us.

Strato

FLY OF THE MONTH

Monday 16 May, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
(Access through side door on north side of building)



Craig's Night-Time

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 flybox.

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 or imitation
Hackle	Black hen hackle
Topping	Jungle cock (optional)

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

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rain in the week prior to the scheduled club champs meant a last minute change in venue from the Ruamahanga to the Wainuiomata.

A brisk southerly greeted the anglers, which was not a good sign as the Wainui traditionally does not fish very well when the southerly is blowing.

Beats were drawn and it soon became apparent that the fish certainly were not in a cooperative mood and after the first three hour session,

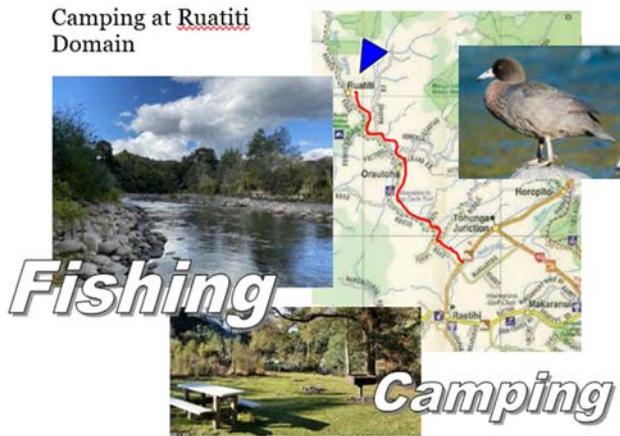
Strato (two) and Yarek (one) were the only ones to fill out their score sheets.

The afternoon proved just as much of a challenge with Paul and Yarek landing one fish each and Strato having the misfortune of losing one at the net.

Over all, Yarek's fish in each session gave him a well-deserved win, while the Wainuiomata proved once again that it is a river of many moods and challenges.

UPCOMING CLUB TRIPS

Manganui o te Ao - May 13th-15th



June 24th/26th	Turangi
July 29th/31st	Turangi
August 26th/28 th	Turangi

To book your place please contact Strato (04) 386 3740

MID-WEEK TRIP – Calendar

Month	Trip details
June	<p>Monday 13 June to Friday 17 June</p> <p>4 nights 3 days fishing</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nl7kCTvLLPO</p> <p>4 nights Tukituki River and Waipawa River and Lake Tutira staying at Hastings Anglers Club accommodation, Patangata,</p> <p>\$25 each x4 nights = \$100 2x bunk rooms. Recently renovated. Sleeping bags and pillows needed. Required by 12 May 2022.</p>
July	<p>about Sunday 24 July to Friday 29 July</p> <p><i>5 nights 4 days fishing</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HesX-eAFgVo</p> <p><i>River mouth fishing – Waimarino and Tauranga Taupo River mouths.</i></p> <p>Staying at Tokannu Motor Lodge Gold card members discount is 50% = \$350 per chalet. \$70 per chalet per night two bedrooms. Separate bedrooms. Say \$35 each x 5 nights = \$175.00; even number required, as two persons per chalet. Required by 24 June 2022</p>

August	<p>Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKPjd15qGJU</p> <p>4 nights, 3 days fishing</p> <p>Tukituki River and Waipawa River and Lake Tutira staying at Hastings Anglers Club accommodation, Patangata , \$25 each x4.nights = \$100 2x bunk rooms. Recently renovated. Sleeping bags and pillows needed. Required by 4pm 22 July 2022.</p>
September	<p><u>Mid week trips Sunday 18 September to Friday 23 September</u></p> <p>Sun to Friday 5 nights 4 days Tongariro River and Tokannau Motor Lodge (special rate min 5 nights) (Yet to organise). Gold card members discount is 50%= \$350 per chalet. \$70 per chalet per night, two bedrooms. Separate bedrooms. Say \$35 each x 5 nights = \$175.00; even number required, as two persons per chalet. Required by 18 August 2022</p>

Contact Maurice Broome, senior member, Wellington Fly Fishers Club maurice.fishing@xtra.co.nz or tel Prm 04-2989663 (not after 8:00pm, thanks).

Keep well keep Safe Keep fishing



Winter is coming...

Time to stock up on your favourite winter flies for the central North Island fishing and those rivers that are open during the winter season.

A large range of clothing to **cope with the cold on those very chilly mornings** on what the experts are predicting will be excellent winter fishing.

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

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 21 May

The March 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

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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