



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020



Next Meeting: Monday 26th October

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

Cup of Tea/Coffee and Socialise 7:15pm Meeting 8pm

Speaker - Gavin Hall, club Facebook site why's and wherefores; Charlie Friedlander, Trout Spey; Scandi, Skagit, grain weights, T Tips, Poly Leaders and other mysteries explained.

Cover - Peter Gault with a nice fish he caught when he and Ken took a “junior members” trip to Turangi recently.

AND COMING UP

October 30/31 - Aniwhenua Trip

November 13/14 - Tauranga Taupo Trip; Kereru Lodge

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Don't forget we have flies for sale at \$1 each



President's Comment – October 2020

Our September meeting was well attended with a couple of fresh faces present, our guest speaker was Adam Daniel (F&G Waikato/South AKL.) who gave an update on the “F&G Review” currently underway, plus an update on current fishing conditions and water conditions on local waters including Lake Arapuni which will be on the improve with Kinleith Mill having invested in an upgrade of their discharge processing equipment. F&G focus is on 1. Protecting Habitat, 2. Promoting Fishing, and 3. Improving Access, our members preference was in the order of 1,3,2.

A F&G survey is expected closer to year end to review member's needs and preferences, as licence holders ensure you have your say.

There has been some great club activity during the last month with the Lodge working-bee resulting in a “ready for painting” clean-down being completed by six keen member's, Charlie's “Election Colours” Tongariro trip going off well, and the second of the “Beginners Clinic's” being held in the Sports Fishing clubrooms with an evening of fly tying tuition by Charlie assisted by Gavin and Derek.

Our guest speakers for the October Club night on the 26th will be two of our faithful committee members, Charlie and Gavin.

Charlie will provide a valuable insight into the mysteries of Spey casting (for those who watched the latest edition of “Pure Fly” on TV you would have seen Rene Vaz and his mate using Spey rods on a South Island river), come and see the real thing close-up.

Gavin will provide an overview into the depth of the HAC Facebook page which is now a very “live” electronic document which can be a great source of fishing related info and content, come along and learn some tricks.

Looking forward, the next confirmed club trip is Craig's TT trip staying at Kere-ru Lodge, I can personally recommend this outing, there are a couple of spots free so get in touch with Craig quickly. Check the club email Craig sent out.

Looking forward to the next meeting –Stay Safe out there.

Ray

Warning:
The hooks are sharp,
The coffee's hot
The fish are slippery when wet,
Beware of Dogma.
Chris Stewart - Tenkara Bum

Club News

I enjoy reading Chris Stewart's blog because he is very open minded and I think we can get a bit dogmatic in our approach to our fishing. We may follow specific anglers on social media who promote a particular kind of fishing or we may return to our favourite rivers and streams and fish the same methods because it has brought us success in the past. I once read that it is a lot harder to try an untested fly when there is a hot bight on than it is when your go to flies aren't working. So, if you are getting a bit dogmatic in your fishing maybe it's time to try a new method or search out some different water; and watch out for those sharp hooks and slippery fish!

We had 30 odd members turn up at our last meeting to hear Dr Adam Daniels our local Fish and Game Fisheries Manager talk about the local fishery. We didn't have a raffle because Treasurer Richard, who is now retired, had forgotten about day light saving and subsequently arrived late with the petty cash float. For this error he earned the Orange Blaster, 2 months in a row now. I heard a rumour that Richard has had further struggles with his nemesis, the Arapuni Lodge boat ramp! Will he create as record and win the Orange Blaster 3 months in row? All will be revealed in the fullness of time.

The only big fish presented was a photo of canal monster caught by Adam on a family trip to the Ohau region recently. Adam gave an informative and wide ranging presentation on points of interest in the region which included

- The introduction of triploid, (sterile), rainbows into Lake Arapuni. These will obviously not cross breed with the wild strain and have the potential to grow to trophy + sizes. They will be tagged so if you catch one please record size, catch data, tag number and return to F&G
- There is a misprint in the 20-21 Fish and Game regulations which state that the Waimakariri will be closed over winter in future. This is not the case it will remain open throughout the year.
- The drought over last summer resulted in decreased river farm and forestry run off and a subsequent increase in water clarity in the Waikato river system. As a consequence there was an increase in trout size.

- The new owners of Kinleith paper mill have done considerable work to reduce their nitrogen and phosphorous discharge by 50-70%. 90% of nitrogen in the Waikato system is now coming from pastoral farming.
- There are concerns regarding Lake Otamangakau heating up in summer. Once it reaches 19C there is a 20% mortality amongst released fish. DOC are setting a traffic light system and when the water reaches 19C the light will show red leaving anglers to decide whether to fish or not. Some believe the fishery should be closed at this point.
- Another problem arising with Otamangakau is that water cycled through the lake to cool it is released into the upper Whanganui. This warms the water in the river, promoting algae growth and releases large amounts of sediment into the river having a severe impact on a pristine wilderness fishery.
- Adam also identified some accommodation options available on local streams and rivers, they can be found in the October edition of Reel Life which all F&G license holders should have received.

Owing to the problems identified with the fish mortality in Lake O the venue for the 2021 Summer Trophy competition has been changed. It will now be held in Lake Kuratau. Although the fish there do not reach the size of the Lake O and it does not have the prestige among anglers; none the less it still has a good head of fish that will provide a challenge. The competition will be based at TALTAC.

Fund Raising - A club member has proposed we pursue a couple of fund raising ventures. These are

1. Purchase a run of Tassie Devil trolling with the club logo on it, possibly in Waikato colours, from Kilwell, (they do custom orders.)
2. Purchase a custom order of filleting knives.

The how's and why's of this proposal will be discussed at the next club meeting.

Salt water fly - we are not having a dedicated SWF contest. However members are welcome to record any fish they catch on SWF, witnessed preferably, photograph and record on the club catch card. The committee will award the trophy to the most meritorious catch, not necessarily the biggest.

Trips - Derek will extend his role of trip co-ordinator a little to ensure that all have equal access to trips in relation to making sure they are advertised in a timely manner. We have some proposals for new trips in the New Year. There is a small group of us who run the trips and we would like to expand that pool. So anyone who would like to help please seen Derek, Ray or me. It's not difficult and think about what you can do for the club and other members.

Taupo Rod & Tackle

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Introduction to Local Fishing - the enthusiasm of the participants in the 2 evenings we have run has been fantastic. It's great to see some new members keen to take advantage of our local and regional fishing.

The 3rd phase of the course is a practical stream based session and will occur on the Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st of November. We have some volunteers to assist on stream with participants and I have a feeling that Derek is looking forward to having us grubbing around under rocks looking for bugs to imitate.

Thanks to Bruce Willingale for the You Tube clips on the next page, there's enough to keep you going over a rainy Labour Weekend. I notice National never got themselves a holiday weekend - maybe that's where Crusher went wrong, she should have promised us more holidays!

Tea Duty - Peter Gault, Gavin Hall

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DamNation and Suchlike - Bruce Willingale

I first saw the tail end of DamNation on the National Geographic Channel Scrabbling to find out more I found out it was put together by Patagonia Clothing famous for its environmentalist stance.

And you could purchase a DVD of it on line at their environmental website but only deliverable in the States.

I let this drop for a while since I have no means of getting it back here without raising another mortgage. Till I got a copy on a thumb drive from a Patagonia rep.

Everyone who has seen it has fallen about in hysterics and that's just one good reason to get into it and you can, for the have now posted it on You Tube for all to see.

It not just a good laugh though, it illustrates how easy it is for our protection agencies to become complicit in National government policies and doctrine when you would like to hear their voice of reason and rational. It is a good illustration of where our stance of realising hatchery fish has come from and just when you think about being carried off in a hand cart there's a glimpse of how powerful Mother Nature is.

So here's my pick of 'You Tube' for a rainy day.

DamNation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laTlbNVDQN8>

Artifishal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdNJ0JAwT7I>

For those into big diggers and trucks.

Remove the dams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK5nUXkrz8o>

After the largest dam removal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VipVo8zPH0U>

Time lapse dam removal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LxMHmw3Z-U>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMyK0QDoREU>

Battling to eliminate Carp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvxJVvFiUGY&feature=youtu.be>

And lastly if you think this only happens to you in your dreams

Too Big Too Strong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAWGA9kwiTs>

And here's one more Bruce sent me!

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Spring Election Special

On election day 10 expectant anglers set out from TALTAC with high hopes of one of the 3 prizes on offer for the Spring Election Special.

- Best Fish on Nymph
- Best Fish on Wet Fly
- Best Fish on the fly in the colour of a political party.

Andy Vanner got up at stupid o'clock and pulled the best rainbow of the day, (4lb 6oz jack), out of the Reed, a whole bunch of rectangles, (spent fish) and a couple of fresh little ones.



Andy's big fish

First timer Rob Gordon appeared a little confused, he seemed to think he was on a trout diving expedition and wore his SCUBA wetsuit pants and booties. Needless to say the chill set in after a while. We set him up with an indicator, a couple of bombs and nymphs, showed him how to tie it all together and took him down to Judges. Instructions; cast out there and watch the indicator and what do you know Rob's into a fish.

Rob's first fish



Russel, Ray, Ken and John headed up river and Russel found a bit nice looking water above the Blue Pool. He was rewarded with fish of the day, a 5lb brown.

Russel said I needed to zoom in to find his good side in this photo. I zoomed in, couldn't find the good side!



Ray took the whole election special thing very seriously and caught a nice 3lb rainbow on a green nymph. Funny that, I never had Ray picked for a Green Party kind of a guy you just can't tell can you.

The fish doesn't seem that impressed with Ray's fly choice!



Of course no trip would be complete without an arty shot from Colin Tan. He got up at stupid o'clock as well and managed 8 fish to 31/2 lbs from Judges.





Hardie headed for the sticks somewhere in the braids and Russell went bush.

All up 36 fish were caught with Andy getting 9, Colin 8 and John 7.

Russel best fish on nymph, 5lb brown, Andy best on wet fly 4lb 6oz rainbow and Ray best on a party colour 3lb rainbow on a green nymph.



What better way to finish a hard days fishing than a jolly good bar b q with lashings of food.

The guys really pulled out the stops with the salads. Then it was time to check in on the election results. It seems some of us were happier than others!



Photos: Ray, Colin, John, Andy



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I found this [Foam Beetle](#) pattern on YouTube . The basic pattern is really easy to tie. I added a few tweaks to turn it into a more generic hopper/ beetle pattern and intend to fish in a hopper drop-per combination.

Are you tired of faffing around with fiddly dubbing? I've been experimenting with wool and just discovered Semperfli quick dub. I've been using it in the soft hackle nymphs I like to fish and the trout seem to like it too.



Possum merino blends make a nice body, but the best wools are meant to be [Jamieson's Spindrift](#), which is made in the Shetland Islands. Might have to import some. Trouble is 1 ball of wool ties a bucket load of flies!

I have also been using the Semperfli Micro glint as a rib over the wool bodies. It has a great effect but is a little delicate and I have had a few break from trout teeth.

The hooks I'm using on the nymphs are Fulling Mill FM5115 Heavyweight Grub in 12 and 14. Matt has them at Taupo Rod and Tackle in packs of 50. They're barbless.



I use partridge and hen cape hackles on the nymphs,



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A Fishy Story from the Awkward Auckland Piscatorial Club

Shaun, who lived in Auckland decided to go fishing in Taupo with his buddy, Shamus. They loaded up Shaun's minivan and headed South. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible snow blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' Shaun said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn and if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way.

They enjoyed a great week of fishing and returned to Auckland.

But about nine months later, Shaun got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the fishing trip.

He dropped in on his friend Shamus and asked, "Shamus, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our fishing trip down to Taupo about 9 months ago?"

'Yes, I do,' said Shamus.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!' Shamus said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Shamus's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy I'm afraid I did.'

Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you?...

You know you smiled... -now keep that smile for the rest of the day!!!)

From Derek

The working bee at Arapuni Lodge went well by all counts. However, new club member Nathan had to mow a path through the long grass before they could even find the place!



Here is a photo that belongs in an OSH how not to do it manual. 3 old blokes on a roof with a water blaster and, yes, an electric cable. Maybe we do need that liability insurance after all Hardie!



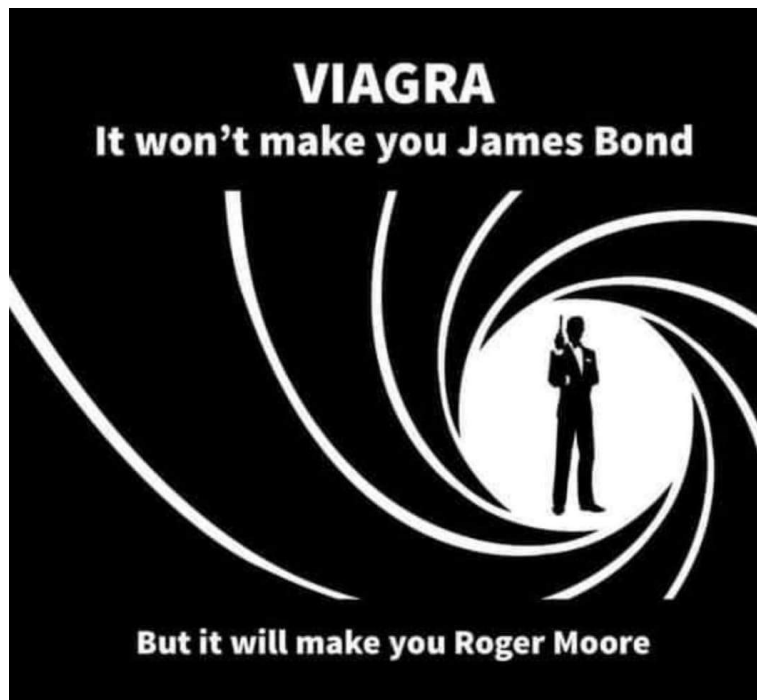
The next working bee at the lodge is on the 14th and 15th of November. Please bring paint brushes,

Here's a nice 1.6kg brown that Bruce Willingale caught on the Motueka prior to the Level4 lockdown, doesn't that seem like a long time ago.



Dave Winchcombe Cup

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where caught
June	Beth Wagstaff	7lb	Brown	Tongariro
August	Kane Seward	4lb 8oz	Rainbow	Tongariro



From Russell's slightly dodgy file.

Gamin Cup

Heaviest trout caught in Auckland Waikato F&G Region

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where Caught
August	Gavin Hall	5lb 12oz	Rainbow	Waihou

HAC Trip and Event Calendar

October/ November	Casting Clinics begin again (more to follow)	Instructor required
Monday 26th October	HAC Meeting - Various Speakers from the Club - details in the magazine/on website	(Labour Day) Ray Pryor
30/31st Octo- ber	Trip to Lake Aniwhenua, staying at a local house by the ramp, boat fishing.	Derek Burtenshaw (booked for 8 - 4 boats and anglers)
Monday 2nd November	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
7/8th Novem- ber	SFFNZ National Pairs Championship, Lake Rerewhakaaitu	SFFNZ
13/14th No- vember	Trip to the Tauranga Taupo River staying at Kereru Lodge, Motuoapa	Craig Fredericks (has booked 3 cabins for 12 anglers)
14/15th No- vember	Lake Arapuni Working Bee - The cleaning is done; now time for the painting!	John Spence (if wet it will be deferred to the following weekend)
28/29th No- vember	SSFNZ Lake Aniwhenua Competition	SFFNZ
Monday 30th November	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker is Mike Davis of H & F Rotorua + casting + barbecue	Begins early at 6.30pm - Ray Pryor
7th December	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
December	Day/Evening trips to Lake Rotorua Stream-mouths (more to follow by email)	Derek Burtenshaw
22/23rd Janu- ary	HAC Summer Cup - Kuratau Lake staying at Taltac - Trip 1 (note new venue)	John Davidson (booked for 10 - boat fishing)
Monday 25th January	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker is Rob Warne: local fishing waters and opportunities.	Ray Pryor
Monday 1st February	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
5/6th February	HAC Summer Cup - Kuratau Lake staying at Taltac - Trip 2 (note new venue)	Derek Burtenshaw (booked for 10 - boat fishing)
20/21st Febru- ary	Lake Arapuni Competition - Boat fishing	Te Awamutu Fish and Game
Monday 22nd February	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker	Ray Pryor
Monday 1st March	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
Monday 29th March	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker	Ray Pryor
Monday 5th April	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
Monday 26th April	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker	Ray Pryor
Monday 3rd May	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms

For all enquiries regarding the trips/
events and bookings please
call Derek on 0212897070 or email at :
djburt@xtra.co.nz

Proposed Trips :

Lake Arapuni staying at the Lodge - 'Triploid Trout' Competition

Mohaka River Trip - probably late March/April

Lake Rotoiti 'jigging trip' - late March/early April

Lake Rotoma 'tiger trout trip' - late May

Orange Blaster

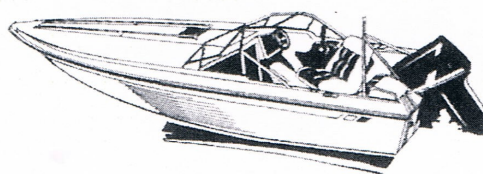
Month	Name	Problem
July	John Davidson	Having his phone not only ring but chatter uncontrollably during the meeting.
August	Harris Mian Richard Wagstaff	Crashing into rocks, excited commentaries, use of profanities and having far too much fun in the filming of Lake Karapiro Fishing Trip
September	Richard Wagstaff	Forgetting to change his watch for daylight saving and turning up late for the meeting with the petty cash.

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