



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020



Next Meeting: Monday 31st August

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

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

Speaker - Gareth Godfrey, the secret lives of international competition fly fishers.
Or what went on at the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Champs.

Cover - Ken Collier, Club Champ, Winter Trophy Winner, Orange Blaster Winner and pin up boy for aging gracefully. Photo Hardie.

AND COMING UP

September 22nd - Introduction to Fly Fishing Local Streams

October 16th & 17th - Spring Fling TALTAC

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



President's Comment – July 2020

Back to Level 2 but luckily for most this will not impact too greatly on local fishing activity (the Club Winter Trip on the Tongariro required a very quick re-shuffle of accommodation due to Taltac closing the doors again until Level 1 was re-instated).

The July meeting was again well attended with our guest speaker Andrew Burden providing valuable insight into his approach to fishing on the Taupo rivers, there were good questions from the members which he freely answered. A very complete range of state-of-the-art fly tying materials recently sourced from the UK was presented for viewing (now being stocked locally at Hunting and Fishing), well worth a look.

The Club AGM followed with most members staying on to participate, the current Committee members were re-elected and Gareth Godfrey was nominated and accepted into the vacant role of Vice President. I take this opportunity to thank all of the committee for their individual efforts in keeping things running smoothly over the past 14 months and look forward to introducing Gareth to the “behind the scenes” club/committee activities he will ultimately inherit when he steps into the President's role.

We finished off the evening with the presentation of Club Trophies and Awards for the 2019/2020 year, our Club Patron Sallie Spears was feeling spritely and assisted with presenting the winning Club members with their miniatures, see the recipients as listed with photo's within this newsletter.

We are in the process of co-ordinating an evening for all interested Club members at Hamills Te Awamutu on Wednesday 9th September for presentations by Hamill's staff and guest speakers on fresh water gear, local fishing spots and an update on salt water gear. Also attending will be local Te Awamutu fishing club folks, there will be refreshments made available, please advise your interest at our August Club night.

Our guest speaker for the August Club night on the 31st will be Gareth Godfrey, he will provide an insight into the fishing activities behind the NZ place-getting Team result in the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships held on local waters in Mid-March of this year, which should be very entertaining. As President of Sport Fly Fishing NZ at the time Gareth was very instrumental in the co-ordination and running of this event.

See you at the next meeting - Stay Safe out there.

Ray

“All in all, as A.K. always says, the fishing was good it was the catching that was poor. As with most things that someone always says, it was beginning to wear a little thin.”

John Gierach on a fishing trip that didn't go so well.

Club News

As Ray said we had a good turn out for the AGM with 40 members turning out. Andrew Burden from [fly tackle NZ](#) certainly had some great information. The Semperfli fly tying products had me reaching for my card; and it was only a visit to my overstuffed fly tying draws that prevented me from ordering yet more supplies! They do have some great products but I am trying to reduce the number of patterns I tie and materials required not increase them. Andrew's brought the selection of rods he uses in the Turangi area with him; they included:

- A 9 foot 7 weight with a sink 6 shooting head for river mouth fishing.
- A grunty 9 foot 6 weight for indicator nymphing on rivers, Andrew prefers a long leader and good drift over extra heavy bombs and can therefore get away with a 6 weight.
- An 11 foot 3 weight Euro nymphing rod; although he admits you have to be prepared to chase fish once hooked with this set up.
- A 11'6" 4 weight trout spey rod, (remember this is a spey rating and fishes something like a 7 weight single hand rod, confusing eh.) The trout spey is his current favourite. Smart man.

Gareth Godfrey won the raffle, a night for two at Kakahi Adventure Lodge. I'm sure Gareth will have plenty of friends offering to keep him company! We discovered that John Davidson has new ring tone on his phone, it's loud, it gabbles and apparently it's difficult to turn off. It rang and rang and continued to ring when Ray asked for nominations for the Orange Blaster; needless to say no further nominations were needed, John won. I think he set it up because he's in serious competition with Ken for the annual award. I have this theory John thinks it his of right.

Last Committee Meeting Excerpts, August 2020

- Reminder letters seeking sub renewal will be sent to all current members who have not as yet renewed their subs.
- Ken Collier has agreed to act as Club Statistician for caught fish records etc. reporting to the Committee as/when required.
- Roof and other planned maintenance on the Club Lodge have been completed.

- As always, Charles Friedlander, our Club Newsletter Editor is keen to receive contributions from members for the newsletter. Photos, stories, articles are keenly sought. Please contribute to our Club's vitality by sending anything of interest to Charlie. Give him your reports/photos/likes on any fishing trip you may go on. It will always be of interest to our members.
- Lake Maraetai and Lake Aniwhenua are both being considered as additions to our scheduled Club Trips.
- Gareth Godfrey will be our speaker for the August meeting. (This is as punishment for accepting the Vice President position on the Committee)
- The Committee is still actively evaluating a portable microphone system to assist speakers at our meetings to be effectively heard by all members.
- The Club facebook page is now actively monitored with interesting content being regularly added. Check it out!
- The Committee is looking at a battery powered security alarm system, that will text and video, for our Club Lodge.

Hardie

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Introduction to Fly Fishing

- Want to learn about our local streams? gear to use? where to go?
- Tuesday 22nd Sept 7:30pm Waikato Sportsfishing Club Committee room introduction to tackle and stream ecology
- Dry fly, nymph and wet fly tactics, evaluation of your gear
- 1-1 mentoring/practical day on a local stream in October
- If you are interested contact
- Charlie Friedlander - chasnanne@gmail.com
- Or text 0272688801



"Sorry. Casting when it's windy isn't one of my strong points."

Taupo Rod & Tackle

FLY SHOP

The logo for Taupo Rod & Tackle features a stylized silhouette of a fisherman in a hat and boots, holding a fishing rod and a net. The text 'Taupo Rod & Tackle' is written in a serif font, with 'Taupo' in green and 'Rod & Tackle' in brown. Below 'Taupo' is a green rectangular box containing the words 'FLY SHOP' in white capital letters.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Gammin Cup - best fish caught in Auckland-Waikato Fish and Game Region.



Winner Gavin Hall for this impressive 9lb 8oz Brown from a Waikato hydro lake

Dave Winchcombe Memorial Cup - best fish caught outside Auckland-Waikato F&G



Winner our new VP Gareth Godfrey with a Lake O crocodile; 11lb 8oz brown



Ken Collier; winner of nearly everything. Ken celebrated his 80th birthday in style by winning the **Winter Trophy** with a 4lb 9oz rainbow, the **Club Championship Shield** and of course the **Orange Blaster**. I bet Ken was first in the cue to his Taupo license this season! He wouldn't live down getting pinged for not having one two years in a row.

Summer Trophy - our resident still water expert Derek Burtenshaw was the deserving winner of a tough contest landing a 4lb 8oz rainbow under trying conditions.

Derek also won the **Literary Prize** for his excellent and informative articles that are published in the newsletter.



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The Photography Award was won by Colin Tan. He consistently sends in creatively composed, high quality images. This one was the winning image this year. Colin has recently taken over running our Facebook page; if you haven't already please take time to look at it.



The Junior Trophy was won by Cruz Godfrey. Here he is with a thumper of a perch he caught in the Waikato River.

The following trophies were not awarded as were either no entries or we didn't have contests for them. Covid interfered with the casting. The salt water division is wide open!

- Umpqua Fly Tying Trophy
- Salt Water Flyfishing Trophy
- HASAC Plate Casting Accuracy
- HASAC Cup Casting Distance

I was humbled when my fellow committee members nominated me for the club **Service Award** - editor.



Martin Cane took a trip down to the Tongariro earlier this year and scored this fish somewhere below the bridge.



October Trip: I have a trip planned to the Tongariro staying at TALTAC on the 16th and 17th of October. I have booked for 10 and have 1 spot left but if I get another 3 will book for 2 more to make 12.

See me at the meeting on Monday or email chasnanne@gmail.com



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KEBARI

Kebari are flies utilised by anglers using Tenkara fishing gear. Tenkara originated in Japan and has become popular in the west in the last decade or so. The rods are long, up to 13 feet, telescopic and don't have a reel. That's right they don't have a reel, instead they cast a fixed length of line, either braided or coloured fluorocarbon. The rods are very fine and tippets of 4 and 5 X are used, (3 - 5lb breaking strain). The tackle required to fish with Tenkara gear is minimal, a spool of casting line, tippet, some Kebari and you're good to go. When I was in Europe a few years back I bought a Tenkara set as it was so easy to carry around and, as it turned out, a lot of fun catching little fish in England and Switzerland.

Under schedule 1 of the NZ Fish and Game regulations fixed line rods are prohibited, which makes sense as in a lot of situations you would be severely under gunned in many NZ fishing situations. Tenkara gear seems best suited to smaller waters and fish around 2lb and less. But wait; think about streams like the Rapurapu, Kaniwhaniwha, Waimakariri and others around here. They are perfectly suited to Tenkara. I made some enquiries and found that our friend from Fish and Game, Adam Daniels, could issue me a permit to fish my Tenkara rod here in the Waikato. I must admit I haven't used it much in the past few seasons but have had a resurgence of interest lately after checking out some web sites. Partially this is driven by the challenge of new flies to tie and fish. Kebari were traditionally tied in hand, (no vice), from found materials. I enjoy reading about innovative fly tiers and Jason Sparks is one his Kebari are unique and made from a few simple materials, check them out here. [Jason Sparks Kebari](#)

If you want to find out more about Tenkara check this site [Tenkara Angler.com](#)

Kebari



The Secret Lives of Fly Fisherman

Malcom Cowie has a secret life not many HAC members know about. I was fishing the remote headwaters of a well-known river on a very pleasant sunny spring afternoon. The birds were singing, the trout were sipping mayflies and like in the Bible, everything was good. I then heard a deathly screech like an Orc or maybe a Troll being tortured, lucky I was wearing my brown pants (Deadpool reference). Looking up river towards the soul piercing sound I could make out a figure in the distance, it looked human so I ventured forward. As I got closer the figure waved out and it was Malcolm Cowie. 'I didn't realize anyone else was about' he stated guiltily. 'Did you hear that awful noise?' I asked 'Yeah that was me' Malcolm boasted, 'did it scare you witless?' 'Yeah man what the hell?' 'I'm a vocalist for horror movies and professional scarer' Malcom explained, 'I specialise in scaring the wealthy, that's where the money is you know and I have also done work in a highly regarded New Zealand film trilogy. I get flown all around the world to scare the bejesus out of people and get paid for it. Do you remember when Dennis Rodman's (the basketball player) hair went white? that was because of me and more recently I helped Adele lose weight, when I was finished with her, she was scared of the fridge, wouldn't go near it'. 'Wow' I stammered out still shaken. 'Would you like hear my Werewolf?' 'Sure', I said taking a step back. Malcom put his hands on his hips, lent backwards a bit, opened his mouth and nothing came out. A few seconds later I heard crashing in the undergrowth on the opposite bank then a growling that sounded like the Wolfman himself was about to jump over the river and rip my guts out, I turned to run and Malcom started laughing. 'Was that you I managed to stutter out?' 'Yup' he said grinning from ear to ear, 'I can also throw my voice, you like it?' 'It's bloody fantastic' I said. The problem now is that I now know Malcolm's secret he gives me a bloody scare at every opportunity. He got me a goodie at TALTAC last year, I literally jumped out of my skin and had to go to the bathroom to get back in it, now it doesn't fit properly! So next time you hear of Malcom heading overseas it will be to go and scare the crap out of someone.

Charlie Friedlander's partner Anne is a good friend of my sister. That one fact is actually true. My sister asked me to drop off something to the Friedlander's so I invited myself round. On arrival and a quick chat with Anne she told me Charlie was in the "Rod" room and pointed to a large shed at the back of their property. The door had some serious looking locks fitted and was ajar so I gingerly entered. What I saw amazed me. The room was like a bamboo thicket of fishing rods, thousands of rods of all different sizes and colours. Carefully pushing my way in I heard 'g'day Gav' and a tick tick of touching rods, there was Charlie swinging through this 'rod forest' like a scene out of the movie Crouching Tiger. He landed gracefully in front of me with a grin a mile wide. 'Welcome to my Jungle' he chuckled out, obviously wanting to use that line for some time. 'Let me show you a wee secret' he whispered. We made our way to a well-lit corner of the shed where there were pots on a bench full of this black substance and tools on a shadow board unlike anything I have ever seen. Some of the pots had what looked like sticks of various lengths poking out. 'I grow fishing rods' he giggled out secretly with his eyes flashing like Tinsel. I stared in disbelief wondering when the punchline was coming. 'Let me show you' He proceeded to take one of the filled pots and then graft a small piece of broken rod (a SAGE of course) into a piece of carbon rod and then burry it in this black substance. Then he weaved his magic (which for obvious reasons I cannot repeat) working what I would call a "god dam miracle", the whole process was fascinating to watch. Of course, I had a heap of questions. 'When do they start growing guides I asked?'. 'Don't be daft Gavin, you can't grow guides or eyelets, that would be ridiculous'. 'Oh' I meekly squeaked feeling well shot down, 'silly me'. I didn't ask another question just stood and watched Charlie in awe. So, if you ever wondered why Charlie has so many rods now you know.

The English are strange. My mum told me you should never drop in unannounced to an English person's house, always write or phone first. I don't know why, maybe it's so they can make sure there is tea available or that they have enough time to clean the skirting boards before your arrival. I dropped into Derek Burtenshaw's unannounced once. As I walked up the drive, I could see Derek faffing around with what looked like a length of carpet. Closer I got I realised that it was a very large unrolled fly roll. Derek looked up and I could see in his eyes that he had been caught with his metaphorical pants down. We started chatting and I told him his secret is safe with me. There must have been 10,000 flies! I asked about how the roll was organised as it didn't make any sense to me. 'The flies are arranged by the date they were developed' he told me. We walked to the beginning. 'These flies were found in Tutankhamun's tomb' he told me, 'very rare, there are inscriptions on his sarcophagus showing arms held high then hands on head which the Egyptologists say indicates a loss of a big fish and was the true Curse of the Pharaohs, Tut could never land a big fish and became a laughing stock, the reason why his tomb was so large was so he could practice casting in the afterlife' Derek explained with authority. We moved along the timeline. There were some wooden flies. 'Those were made by Jesus' Derek said. 'Jesus wasn't a particularly good fisherman but he didn't need waders and could get to all the good spots so the word spread of his amazing fishing ability ultimately leading to his crucifixion'. 'Ah there is a classic' I said and pointed at Sawyers Pheasant Tail. 'No' Derek explained, 'a common misconception, it's actually called Olives Nymph. The SPT was invented by Frank Sawyers partner at the time Olive, one of the great unknown fly tiers. Olive did most of the work on the estate where they worked and lived and Frank just got drunk and fell asleep on the river bank. Olive unfortunately drowned fetching Franks last nymph caught in snag while out fishing one day so Frank took all the credit'. "Wow Derek really knows his stuff" I thought to myself. We moved on and there was the most magnificently tied Klinkhammer I had ever seen. 'I wish I could tie these' I said. Derek looked at me sternly, 'I taught you that pattern on the 23rd of August 2016, don't you remember?' Derek has a memory like a Badger which has the best memory in the animal kingdom, another great fact I learnt from Derek. We moved on. I pointed at the olive woolly bugger. Derek's head dropped and then he came clean. Derek's deep dark secret is that it was he who actually invented the woolly bugger and the fame and reputation that came with it drove Derek to take up a job as a Locksmith and never ever fish one ever again. A blessing came one day when Derek by chance ran into Russell Blessing, a Pennsylvania fisherman on the banks of the Tongariro. Derek made a deal with Russell where Russell would receive the accolades and Derek would get the royalties and the rest my friends is history.

I went fishing on Lake O with Ray Pryor once. Probably going to be the last time too. We had finished up for the day and were packing up in the car park. I asked Ray why he had his car spare wheel stored on his boat trailer. He didn't answer. I asked where the tie downs were and he pointed and said 'under there'. Not knowing I started lifting up the spare wheel well cover and I hear a 'nnnoooooooooo!' In the spare wheel well were shoes, lots and lots of shoes, real nice shoes. Ray looked embarrassed. We finished packing up in silence. On the drive home Rays silence broke. 'I need to wear different shoes for everything I do' he admitted with the relief of a drug addict. 'Like what' I asked? 'Well, I have a pair to go to breakfast, a pair for dinner, a pair to brush my teeth, a pair to go out and check the boat at night, a pair to filet fish, a pair to go and get a pair should I go on?' 'What about wading boots how do you get on there?' 'I have 17 pairs so I can only go fishing 17 times a year, they are all the same as to not raise any suspicions'. 'Well you have hidden it well for all these years' I said reassuringly. Again, lying between my teeth, I stressed that his secret was safe with me. So next time you see Ray check out his shoes and let him know that "it's ok". **Gavin**

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Kane, Terry, Craig and John D, spent a few days at Kakahi Adventure Lodge a couple of months ago. It sounds like they had a great time although Kane caught most of the fish, he sent the photos as well.



The Story of 'ABU'

When Forlongs shut down in Frankton a number of years ago now, Russell and I saw some Abu Ambassador small multiplier reels, left hand wind, at half price. A bargain that's for sure.

Having used a number of Abu reels over the years for saltwater fishing performing perfectly and never letting me down, it was a 'no brainer' not to purchase one for jigging on the lakes.

These reels are made in Sweden and very popular all over Europe; but what about the name!?

It wasn't until I began cleaning out a few things (as you do when you get older and not wanting to leave 'stuff' for the kids to sort out) when I began reading through the first 'Kilwell Annual', a publication that superseded 'Good Fishing' in 1963. It's a very concise fishing catalogue, sort of like the Hunting and Fishing sales magazine that comes out now. It was full of all the latest sports gear, blurb on each product and fishing stories interspersed throughout the pages.

A classic read to get you excited and want to spend money!

During the 1920's in a village in Southern Sweden lived Carl A. Borgstrom who was a gifted mechanical engineer. He trained with a small group of craftsmen in the watch and clock making trade, and decided to start a business called A.B. Urfabriken (ABU) which means Clock or Watch factory. The factory was set on the banks of the Morrum River, famous for its salmon and sea trout fishing. Carl died in 1934 and his son Gote took over the business where they developed and manufactured intricate Taxi Meters and Telephone Timing Clocks. The Second World War broke out and the factory at Svangsta faced a major crisis. Something else needed to be manufactured, but what? It is said that most of the factory employees were keen anglers, including Gote Borgstrom and it was then that they decided to make fishing tackle, producing their first fishing reels in 1939. The Swedish market had for a long time been dominated by imports of overseas manufactured tackle, particularly from America. It was a tough job convincing Swedish fishing tackle wholesalers and dealers about the quality of this unknown local product, but once established products began to sell. 20 years later Gote's son Lennart took over the business. He had just finished his engineering degrees in Europe, and with his energy, skills and application, the business thrived even more. Early sixties and we see ABU manufacturing 75% of all fishing tackle sold in Sweden and exports in increasing numbers to the American and World market. The Ambassador casting reels sell annually over 50,000 reels to the USA alone. The factory at Svangsta now employs over 750 staff (this was in 1963) and has a ground floor area of over 125,000 square feet and stands four stories high.



Kilwell and Abu formed a partnership after John Wells senior and junior visited Sweden in 1960. They discussed the problems of decentralisation of manufacture due to competition in other countries and import restrictions. They investigated the possibilities of cooperation in the manufacture of ABU products in New Zealand for the Australasian and South Seas markets. In 1963 the Kilwell-ABU partnership was established. The Swedish fishing tackle annual 'Tight Lines' was produced by ABU and distributed throughout the World in six different languages. The Kelly Group produced the 'Kilwell Annual' for the New Zealand anglers, covering every type of fresh and salt water sport fishing tackle, both imported and locally produced.

It was a classic in its time and if you ever see a copy, flick through and reminisce.

Dave Winchcombe Cup

Heaviest trout caught outside Auckland Waikato F&G region

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where caught
June	Beth Wagstaff	7lb	Brown	Tongariro

Craig Fredericks had a birthday, there was a desert. What happened next I will leave to your imagination - as my mother was fond of saying “to the pure all is pure”. I can't be very pure because this looks dodgy. Thanks for the photo Terry.



Gamin Cup

Heaviest trout caught in Auckland Waikato F&G Region

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where Caught

HAC Trip and Event Calendar

21/22nd August	Club 'Winter Trip' staying in Turangi.	John Davidson
Monday 31st August	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker is Gareth Godfrey : Commonwealth Champs review	Ray Pryor
Monday 7th September	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
Weds 9th September	Evening at Hamill's in Te Awamutu - speakers, prizes, etc. (emails to follow)	Hamill's, Te Awamutu
Tues evening, 22nd Sept	HAC 'Beginners Only Clinics' begin - Theory and Practical (more to follow by email)	Charlie and Gavin and Derek
26/27th September	SSFNZ Waihou River Competition	SSFNZ
Monday 28th September	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker is Adam Daniel of A/W F&G - latest local fishing	Ray Pryor
1st October	New Fishing Licence required to fish all NZ waters - apart from Taupo Region	Don't Forget
Monday 5th October	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club, upstairs
7th October - Evening	Basic Fly Fishing Course at Hunting and Fishing: Manic Tackle presentation	Stephen Martin
16/17th October	Taupo River Trip (more to follow) staying at Taltac	Charles Friedlander (will book for 10)
October/November	Casting Clinics begin again (more to follow)	Charles Friedlander
24/25th October	SSFNZ Wanganui River Competition	SSFNZ
Monday 26th October	HAC Meeting - Various Speakers from the Club - details in the magazine/ website	(Labour Day) Ray Pryor
30/31st October	Trip to Lake Aniwhenua, staying at a local house by the ramp, boat fishing.	Gareth Godfrey (will book for 8)
Monday 2nd November	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms
7/8th November	SSFNZ National Pairs Competition, Lake Rotoaira	SSFNZ
13/14th November	Trip to the Tauranga Taupo River staying at Keruru Lodge, Motuoapa	Craig Fredericks (has booked 3 cabins for 12)
28/29th November	SSFNZ Lake Aniwhenua Competition	SSFNZ
Monday 30th November	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker is Mike Davis of H & F Rotorua + casting + barbecue	Ray Pryor
7th December	Committee Meeting - 7.30pm at Sport Fishing Club	Sport Fishing Clubrooms

We don't see Steve Martin on trips often but he usually get's among the fish. Winter Trophy trip, photo Peter Gault.



Orange Blaster

Month	Name	Problem
August	John Davidson	Having his phone not only ring but chatter uncontrollably during the meeting.

Steve with a fish caught up river during the Winter Trophy Trip. A full report on the trip next issue.

Photo Peter Gault.

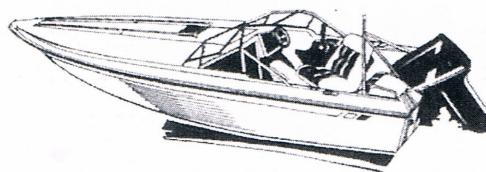


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