



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Monday 27th January

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

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

Fly Tying and Videos – bring along your vice and tools to tie flies for the sales board and Casting for Recovery

Cover - Fishing Lake Otamangakau is not for the faint hearted. John and Ken in deep meditation summoning up the psychic energy to give it another bash. Photo Ray P

AND COMING UP

- January 27th** **Club Meeting Fly Tying**
- February 24th** **Club Meeting Bring and Buy Sale**

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Point of release - Ray P



President's Comment

Our end-of-year November meeting was well attended and from the noise level all appeared to enjoy a social start to the evening with Richard putting in a sterling effort on the barbeque.

Rob Vaz gave an enlightening presentation on the features of our updated (re-vamped) HAC website, well worth a look if you have not already ventured there, he then followed with a very helpful session on the steps to follow to achieve fishing action shots we could all be proud of (and submit to Charlie for inclusion in our newsletter and add to our website gallery).

Charlie's kayak roused quite a bit of interest and his explanation of a few of the on-board features revealed enough to possibly convert a few more club members to the art of "stealth" fishing.

Our first meeting of 2020 will be on Monday January 27th, the evening will be devoted to fly-tying and an opportunity for all to make a contribution of hand-made flies to the "Reel Recovery" support supplies and to re-stock our club sales board for the new season. All materials will be provided by the club, please bring along your own fly-tying vice, tools, and light.

I would like to wish all club members and their families a happy and prosperous New Year and look forward to catching up at the next club meeting.

Safe travels and tight lines.

Ray

Club News

Firstly my apologies for not getting out a newsletter prior to Christmas it was simply a matter of too much on and me having run out of energy at the end of the year. So here we are with another great year of fishing to look forward to! With our last presentations by Tim Anderson on lake fishing and Rob Vas on photography I'm expecting many more photos and stories of members successes for the newsletter.

Over the last few meetings we had some old faces return, Brian and Beth back from their annual trip to Vancouver Island and it was great to see Harris managed to get away from his business in Auckland and make it to a meeting. Ewen Pilcher has recently retired and is once again becoming an active club member.

At our November meeting Derek ran a quiz where members had to identify various fly tying paraphernalia; Russell Jennings displayed his Mastermind capabilities and comfortably won. Colin Tan won the Orange Blaster in an act utilising old school and modern technologies. Colin has painstakingly restored a 1970's Toyota Landcruiser, it has a step below the cab doors. The only concession to modern technology is a Bluetooth stereo system. Colin drove off from the Plank car park listening to said system and was mystified when it suddenly stopped until he realised that his cell phone which was in Bluetooth connection to the stereo had been on the step of the Landcruiser. He did find the phone; it's bugged.

The 2 Lake O trips late last year were pretty tough going, see reports and photo's; however Derek has been having some success since then and could be considered, along with Ian Wilde, a bit of an authority on this lake. They have both put in quite a bit of time to gain their knowledge and skill. I was talking to Ray the other day and he was fishing with Derek on Lake O, Derek has landed 5 fish while Ray had had 1 touch. It's not that Ray's a poor angler it's just that Derek's a very good one.

Anne and I took a trip in our camper van over the New Year break. We stayed a night at mohakariverfarm.co.nz/. Although I didn't get time to have fish our neighbour in the campground did. He and his kids caught half a dozen fish with spinning rods below where we were camped. There are a variety of cabins, some self contained, available and a lot of fantastic water in stunning surroundings. It's an ideal site for a club trip. Any starters to organise a trip in March or April? I'm definitely keen to go back!

Don't forget our next meeting is fly tying for reel-recovery-new-zealand/ and our club board, more on this later. Visit the Reel Recovery site to find out about the great work that they do. More on our fly tying evening in Fly Tying Zone.

As editor to the newsletter and committee member I am in the position to get reports from a variety of sources; looking back over my notes and emails from the past few months I continue to be impressed by the quality of fish folk are catching from the varied fisheries in the region whether it's the Rotorua Lakes, the Turangi region or the Wanganui - Whakapapa fishery. The only place I haven't heard much about lately is the local streams! With it being school holidays it seems that grand parents time is at a premium so I'm looking forward to school going back so I can get some fishing done that doesn't involve small boys and sprats! I'm also looking forward to fishing a few secret spots on the Rotorua Lakes this autumn. They involve spinning rods, that's right spinning rods, for a kind of shore based jigging that targets fish moving toward their spawning spots. Andy and I have been discussing rigs - watch this space. Locations will not be revealed.

Last Committee meeting excerpts

- Committee positions and task descriptions have been completed with the exception of our Key list/Club night opening procedure. This should help future new Committee members understand roles and outcomes.
- All visitors to Club meetings will receive a 'welcome' email from the Club. The purchase of a second hand tablet to record visitor details will be considered to overcome difficulties with hand writing interpretation.
- A check list to indicate new members level of fishing knowledge and what they hope to achieve in joining the Club, is being developed to help plan courses, clinics etc.
- Chimney and roof repairs are planned for the Club Lodge during the summer, together with a general clean and tidy.
- January Club meeting to be a Fly Tying Extravaganza for Reel Recovery and our sales board.
- The February Club meeting to be a Bring and Buy Event.
- The March casting event could become a separate weekend event.
- Committee member Gavin Hall is to be our Junior Fishing Coordinator.

Hardie

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TRIPS

We had a few trips toward the end of last year. There was the Otamangakau 1 and 2 which proved to be as tough as tough as ever and tested the metal of the participants and the ever popular Kereru Lodge trip to the Tauranga Taupo River.

Reports from the TT were that the fishing on Friday before the contest were good with most participants getting into fish somewhere on the river. On the day of the contest the river was low and clear and many struggled although the wily Gavin Hall found a hover, (that's a group of trout), of fish and landed 8. Chris Corbett landed the biggest fish, a 3.75lb rainbow. The day was capped off with a sumptuous bar b q.

2nd 'Summer Cup' trip to Lake Otamangakau

After the dismal results from the first trip to the Big 'O', it was very difficult to recruit members to return to the lake for a second 'bash'. Being fair though, 3 of the group were unable to go on John's trip, but all we could muster was Ewen to join us. So we ended up with 3 experienced anglers to the lake and Ewen who had fished there years ago, but without success. Rodney was first there, while Ewen and myself were up and fishing by 2pm. While a few fish were landed by other boats, the 'Hamilton' crew were fishless, not for the lack of trying I may add!! Saturday was looking good, weather forecast tolerable and again we had plenty of company on the lake, boats and float tubes a plenty - - OK who hadn't told us that the North Shore AC were going to be there, some even camping around the lake!

We were swapping boat partners at lunchtime, so it was an early start, lunches packed and a variety of gear put onboard as showers were forecast. Ewen and I concentrated on a small drop-off which showed fish on the sounder on the Friday. Carefully anchoring up in the right spot, Ewen was introduced to the art of an indicator, 'long' leaders and 'droppers'. Within an hour Ewen decided it was NOT his favourite way to beckon a trout to his new flies - having been tying up numerous patterns for a week beforehand.

Even more so when I was broken off by a good fish then landed a good one in successive casts! Having not seen another fish landed from a boat in close proximity, we gather it was going to be another 'difficult' day. At lunchtime we spotted the usual DOC guys about to check licences - conversation turned to the fishing and it had been a 'hard year' so far for anglers apparently and not many fish landed. Lack of damsel nymphs may have been one reason why activity was slow - any wind at all and this food source disappears. It wasn't long after lunch that Terry took this photo of Rodney landing a rainbow - - well almost, as half a second later the hook pulled out!!!! Not long after Terry landed this fish in the photo - a good conditioned rainbow of 3.5lbs. - - ah ha, the buzzer pupa patterns were working!



I landed another rainbow similar in size as the afternoon became harder, with all boats wondering around. The DOC guys came past and said one boat had two fish but on the rest it was 'very slow'. We did however see a number of trout landed from the shore, where the water was calm and obviously the anglers were 'stalking trout' they could see. A 'tuff day at the office' was an apt description, but better than 'mowing the lawns' that's for sure. The barbecue in the evening was a culinary delight as per usual with Terry there. Largest trout was the 2.06kgs (4.5lbs) landed in the morning by myself. Very few anglers at Taltac by the way – always seems to be room during the Summer. Some fished the rivers and said that the caddis hatches in the evening were special and one fish I saw was a beauty and destined for the smoker that's for sure. I will be back there again very soon in the New Year so will keep you posted. I'm not sure Ewen will as he ended up fishless and didn't get a take on his new fly creations! They don't call it the Big 'Zero' for nothing.
DEREK



Derek with a Lake O stonka caught recently



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Derek in a action on the TT trip - Ray

Euro nymphing TT trip - Ray



Ray and Derek looking for fish TT trip - Peter G



After a tough day on Ota Ken and John made a bee-line for their happy place to re-gain some mana



Russell bushed after giving it all on Ota; they say it's a lake that will make a grown man or woman weep!

Photo's Ray.



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Agenda for the January Meeting - - - Fly Tying

Hi Everyone,

As pointed out by Charlie and Ray, we have devoted the first meeting for the year by having a 'fly tying session' for everyone to help get some flies tied up for 'Reel Recovery' and the sales board which is looking a bit depleted. With flies now selling around \$3 in retail stores, the club fly stand has taken a 'hit' the past year selling flies for just \$1.

We will set up 5 tables with either 4 or 5 chairs around, and each table will be devoted to a particular style/pattern. On each table will be the hooks and materials to tie these patterns – DO NOT bring any materials from home please.

We would like you to bring along your vice, bobbin, thread and tools however as it's so much easier to tie up flies with your own tools. Club vices and tools will be available if required.

Lights/lamps would also be useful and we will have extension leads set up.

The tables will be set up for:

Rabbit type flies - - Long shank hooks, chenille type bodies, etc.

Smelt type flies - - long shank hooks, slim bodies, etc. (extra prizes for those at that table!)

Woolly Buzzer type flies - - long shank hooks, weighted bodies, brown/black/olive colours.

Nymph Patterns - - smaller hooks, generic style, etc.

Nymph patterns again - - but they could be glo bugs for instance, simple beetles, etc.

There will be enough room for about 20 fly tiers – you choose your table, sit down and set up your tools.

The suggestion is you concentrate on 1 or 2 patterns, maybe varying the colours. Try and see what everyone else is tying and do something slightly different so the club ends up with a variety.

There will be foam pads placed by each station where your tied flies can be presented. There will be prizes for most flies, best looking flies, most creative flies, etc. etc.

For the other members who can't/don't tie flies you are on tea/coffee duty and will be supplying the tiers with drinks and biscuits. Maybe some can be assistants, getting extra materials for the tiers, etc.

For those members who do nothing, the club is currently looking for committee members and your names will automatically be put down for nomination in May.

Any new members are encouraged to become involved.

The fly tying will begin as soon as you arrive so get seated first and set up your gear and begin tying flies.

The club meeting will end the evening for a change and small prizes will be awarded.

Fishing and fly tying banter is encouraged, converse with newer members, who has been fishing, fishing stories, etc., etc.

January is usually a 'casual meeting' anyhow, but this one will fulfil a purpose and be a fun evening.

A doctors 'sick note' will be required from those members not attending, or a letter signed by a 'JP' as to your excuse for not coming to the meeting. Please email them to Ray for ratification.



We may not be tying flies quite like
This cool little nymph of Gavin's



Environmental Happenings

Well, what a year of activity we have had on the freshwater statutory/regulatory side of things. If you are a bit lost with it all I am not surprised.

We have had a round of consultation on the Freshwater Fishery Management Reform Bill, and as a result proposed changes trimmed and the Conservation Act upgraded to improve Government's freshwater regulation-making ability and to offer protection to native fish in protected areas. Freshwater fishing groups seem relatively happy with the changes. They were far from happy to start with.

The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 are in line for a revamp. These deal with sports fishing licences, fish passage, and fish liberations among other things. Possible changes are being worked through with a public consultation process being considered for next year.

Whitebait management and the Whitebait Regulations are also set for an upgrade. Consultation, some almost tearful, has been held. Further direction is also awaited from the Minister

Ministry for the Environment (MFE) have continued the Healthy Waterways programme. Public meetings have been held, many of them heated in regard to land use setbacks from water margins and slope criteria for stock grazing. Submissions have closed. The outcome will be further revision of the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2014, a new National Environmental Standard for Freshwater Management; and revision of RMA s360 regulations for stock exclusion. Not good stuff to be dabbling in during election year.

Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 is through the hearings process and decisions underway. The proposed plan seeks among other things to reduce the amount of contaminants entering into the Waikato and Waipā catchments to achieve the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River. The Vision seeks to make the river swimmable and viable for food collection along its entire length. Although the plan was intended to be developed via a consensus rather than an adversarial process, (faint hope), the MfE national policy and standard writers seem to have quite liked this plan and have borrowed many of its ideas.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, water temperatures are rising and trout no doubt thinking of laying low or moving out of shallow heated water.

The bowhunters recently held their annual competition in the lower Waikato. 2267 fish were taken over two days. 6.18 kg the heaviest. One two-man team took/shot 454kg of carp in one day. My concern is that while the numbers of this pest fish grow exponentially its only the bowhunters and a few of the fishermen who are doing anything positive about it. Public agencies say a lot, as they play pass the parcel.

The Australians are looking at control of carp by introducing a virus. Research agencies here are showing interest. Keep a close eye on this one.

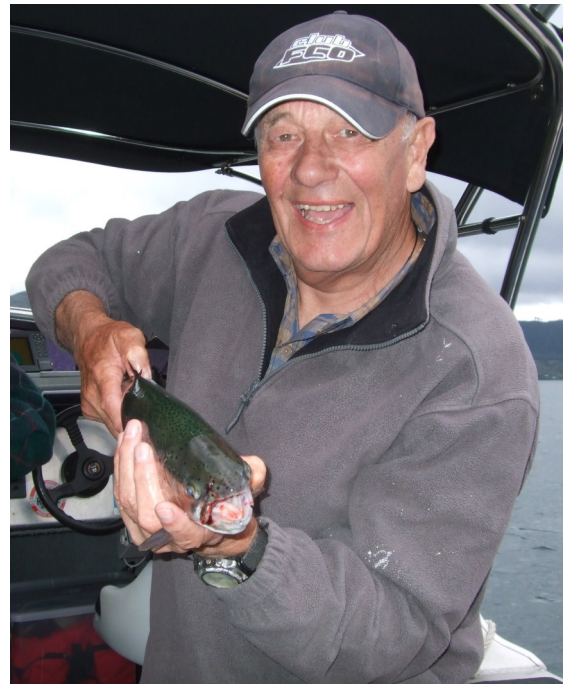
Best wishes.

Zeno (AKA Paul Hardy)

Geoff Mears spends some time jigging from his boat on Lake Rotoiti. He took a trip over before Christmas with Hardie Teusse and Brian Beamiss and had another trip recently. Below are some photos from these trips.



Brian and Geoff with fish caught before Christmas, Geoff's fish was tagged. Photos by Hardie.



Geoff with a Rotoiti 8lber caught recently.

I received the email below recently.

Tēnā koe

Last year we asked the New Zealand public for their feedback on whitebait management, specifically how we could improve our current whitebait management processes in New Zealand.

This engagement included speaking with our Treaty partners, a number of drop-in sessions around New Zealand, an on-line survey, and the establishment of a whitebait management working group. As a result of this engagement we published a report outlining the issues and options for management that the public had identified. After considering the feedback outlined in the report, the Minister of Conservation decided to progress to public consultation on whitebait management.

We will begin consultation on improving whitebait management mid-January 2020 (online, followed by discussion sessions in late January/early February), running through to March 2020.

The Minister will make a formal public announcement in mid-January that consultation is opening. Please do not forward this email or discuss the issue outside of DOC until the Minister has the opportunity to make the announcement in the New Year.

Further information on this consultation, including a link to the discussion document, will be uploaded on our website from mid-January. You will receive an email when the consultation page is live.

As part of the consultation we will be holding 20 discussion sessions around New Zealand – more detailed information on these will also appear on our website from mid-January. We would like to thank all our staff who will be helping out with these sessions. We expect that there will be quite a bit of public interest in these, and it is great that we will have a great range of expertise at all the sessions. If you are not already helping out with the sessions and would like to, please contact Gabi Tankersley for more information.

If you receive queries about the consultation from your stakeholders after next year's formal announcement, please direct them to the our website or they can send questions through to whitebait@doc.govt.nz.

If they wish to submit feedback, this can be done in three ways

through an on-line form on our website,

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or they can submit a written submission via the post, addressed to:

Whitebait Management Consultation

Department of Conservation

P. O. Box 10420

Wellington 6143

Dave Winchcombe Cup

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where caught
April	Gavin Hall	8lb 8oz	Brown	Tongariro
May	Andy Vanner	6lb	Rainbow	Tarawera
June	Kane Steward	5lb 8oz	Rainbow	Tongariro
July	Andy Vanner	9.01lb	Rainbow	Tarawera
August	Ken Collier	4.95lb	Rainbow	Tongariro
September	Rick Bradley	4.6lb	Rainbow	Tongariro
November	Ian Wilde	8.4lb	Rainbow	Otamangakau

Gamin Cup

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where Caught
April	Gavin Hall	5lb 8oz	Rainbow	Waihou
June	Gavin Hall	4lb 8oz	Rainbow	Ngakoahia
November	John Spence	3lb 8oz	Rainbow	Arapuni

HAC Trip and Event Calender

Monday 27th January	HAC Meeting - Club 'Fly Tying' Marathon - details to follow.	Ray Pryor - (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)
Monday 3rd February	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
Monday 24th February	Hac Meeting - 'Bring and Buy' Sale (Public will be invited to this one)	Ray Pryor - (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)

Please Note - The 'Rise Festival' is not coming to NZ in 2019 - - - - but will be resuming it's tour in 2020.

Gavin Hall sent me these photos from a trip he and Chris Corbett made to the Whakapa-pa recently. Chris' brown weighed 51/4lb and I'm not sure who caught the nicely conditioned rainbow.



Orange Blaster

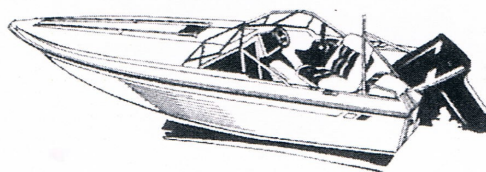
Month	Name	Problem
April	Russel Jennings	Shortening Terry Goupillot's fly line by running over it with his outboard motor.
May	Andy Vanner	Breaking his rod tip in the car door and getting as far as Taupo before realising he had his TALTAC room key on him.
August	Ken Collier	Forgetting to renew his license , getting pinged by the DOC ranger on the Tongariro and having his rod confiscated.
October	Ken Collier	Sitting down while wading a little deep Euro nymphing
November	Colin Tan	Leaving his cell phone on his running board only realising this when blue tooth failed.

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