



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020



Next Meeting: Monday 27th July

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

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

AGM

Cover; Frosty dawn on the Tongariro - Colin Tan

AND COMING UP

August 21st & 22nd - Winter Cup Turangi

October 16th & 17th - Spring Fling TALTAC

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President's Comment – June 2020

Well, Level 1 has definitely brought about a change in activity and put a smile back on the face of quite a few fishermen by all accounts as there have been a number of our members making forays into favourite fishing spots and enjoying some normality on the water, not all returning with fish but plenty of casting practice and enjoying the opportunity to be visiting mother nature.

The June meeting was well attended and there was quite a “buzz” in the hall as everyone shared lockdown experiences and fishing success with folks they had not seen for many weeks/months. Our guest speaker Barrie “I Love Fly Fishing” revealed a very detailed understanding of the access points and “best” fishing locations around the Taumarunui area, many known by members familiar with the area but still a few very valuable tips were noted. Gareth received his first 10lb badge and Ken was congratulated on having reached the grand age of 80 good years.

Preparations are now well underway for the Club AGM which is scheduled to be held during Club night on Monday 27th July, Club Awards and Trophies will be presented and our guest speaker will be Andrew Burden (Fly Tackle NZ) who will present developments with their product lines and background some of his recent guiding exploits.

While the Club Lodge at Lake Arapuni has had a good number of reliable users visit the facility in the last year we have recently had an incident with a window being broken and a number of items being stolen. John Spence is in the process of taking care of replacements and has, with professional help also completed replacement of some roofing iron and the pot-belly stove chimney flashings.

On the subject of the lodge pot belly stove and the repairs completed within the last two years, after investigation I am able to confirm the stove was refurbished back to its original installed state (with new components) by a fully qualified plumber (he was also a Building Inspector), who was assisted by a number of our industrious club members. I apologise for the lateness of this feed-back which was requested at our last AGM.

For those members yet to renew their memberships please visit the HAC website, the on-line renewal process works well (comment from a number of member's positive feedback at the June meeting).

Cheers

Ray

"It is not a fish until it is on the bank." -Irish Proverb

Club News

Ray seems to have done a great job of covering the last meeting in his Presidents Report so I'll just fill in the gaps.

We had a great turn out of over 40 for our meeting which is one of the biggest meetings we have had for some time. Whether it was the attraction of Barrie Barnes discussing his products at [I Love Flyfishing](#) , the promise of him revealing access spots on the Whanganui River or just the fact it was our first meeting since the Covid lockdown doesn't matter it was just great to see so many faces. Don't forget to visit Barrie's website to check out his range of 2500 products and spend your \$10 voucher.

A special mention and welcome must be made to Liam and Mark from the St Johns College Fly Fishing Club and new members Stuart Morgan, Rachael McNae, Robert Greenwood, Paul and Amanda Jenness and Gary Oliver. Fantastic to see some new faces and I hope you get what you are looking for from the club!

Beth Wagstaff and Brian Apps had a week at TALTAC fishing the Tongariro in June and caught some nice fish. Beth took out the fish of the month with her 7lb brown, being camera shy she edited out the photo of herself holding the fish pictured later in the newsletter. Brian has given me one of his killer flies they were using, unfortunately I can't find the right pheasant feather to tie a copy!

Rotorua is producing its usual hogs, I've seen a photo of our friend Harris Miann with a 9 pounder taken at Okataina and there was Dave McCaffery's 8 pounder taken at Rotoiti. Rotoiti and Okataina are definitely the go to lakes if you are looking for a winter trophy; you do have to be prepared to put in the long, cold dark hours though.

A reminder to those going to TALTAC to take their own sheets, pillow cases, pillows, towels and tea towels and be aware of the ongoing need to maintain good hygiene practices there.

As you will see later we have a full club calendar again with several trips coming up. I booked TALTAC for 10 for the nights of the 16th and 17th of October with plans for a low key contest on Saturday the 17th on the Tongariro and possibly other rivers. If you are interested email me , chasanne@gmail.com , or see me at the AGM.

Gavin, Derek and I will be running an introduction to fly fishing local waters course in September/October. This was meant to get going earlier in the year but, like many other things, was put on hold because of the Covid problem. We will have a couple of theory sessions that will cover tackle required, local stream types and entomology, (that's a flash would for bugs), and access. We will then have a day on the stream where each participant will be mentored by an experienced angler. Notice will be given prior to these sessions as I know several people have expressed interest.

We could possibly look at a session on lake and Waikato river fishing with our experts in that field if there was enough interest.

AGM Raffle Prize - We have a fantastic raffle prize for the AGM. Kakahi Adventure Lodge, (see their add later in this edition), have generously donated a nights accommodation for two which we will be raffling. If you took notes from Barrie last month or know the Kakahi area you will be aware of the fantastic angling opportunities on the Whanganui and Whakapapa rivers close to Kakahi.

Don't forget that Andrew Burden will be our guest speaker. He is a rep for Fly Tackle NZ who are importers and sell, via their website, products from Sage, Redington and Rio along with a range of fly tying products. If you haven't already check out their web site. <https://flytacklenz.com/>

Andrew is also an experienced guide in the Turangi area and may dispense some helpful tips.

Tea Duty - Russell Jennings and John Spence for tea duty at the AGM. We will be calling for volunteers for the next 12 months as well.

Last Committee Meeting Excerpts, July 2020

- Our sub renewal can now be completed on line on our website, although payment will be by the usual means of internet banking or cheque/cash by post or at our meetings. Those who have not renewed at our AGM, will receive a reminder letter in August.
- Possible/proposed Club trips in the near future include Mohaka, Turangi, TT plus a potential Club visit to a regional fishing retailer.
- The Committee is investigating/testing the feasibility of a sound system to assist speakers at our meetings.
- The HAC facebook page has had an upgrade and is being continually maintained now. This can be used by any of our members to report on trips past or future, ideas, advice etc. Chats are being promoted.
- A new member Beginners Clinic is being developed; one clinic on the Theory of Fishing and another as a Practical Introduction, for all those interested.

Hardie

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Taupo Rod & Tackle

FLY SHOP



Investigations are underway after a member of the public reported seeing koi carp pest fish in Lake Whakamaru.

Date: 23 June 2020

The lake is one of the largest hydroelectric dam reservoirs on the Waikato River, and sits adjacent to Mercury's Whakamaru power station. Until now, koi carp have never been reported in this lake, although koi carp were confirmed last year in Lake Karapiro.

Koi carp suck up sediment and spit it out while removing insects, worms and snails, dislodging native water plants and making the water murky.

DOC advised local iwi Raukawa of the possible sighting and the subsequent investigation. Staff from DOC, Waikato Regional Council, Mercury and Fish & Game were involved in a two-phase response to information supplied by an experienced koi carp fisherman.

"First we are ascertaining whether koi carp are in the lake. Then, as a proactive measure, we need to ensure the pest fish are not transported either deliberately or inadvertently into other high-value conservation waterways," says Kerry Bodmin, DOC Freshwater Biosecurity Co-ordinator and leader of the Lake Whakamaru investigation.

"We are alarmed about this possible sighting of a very invasive pest species," Kerry Bodmin says of the potential incursion. "The concern is koi carp could be spread to Lake Taupo and other waterways of high conservation value."

Net fishing and two experimental techniques were implemented as part of the investigation – the use of a drone to spot potential koi carp, and environmental DNA (eDNA) testing where water samples are taken to detect any koi carp DNA.

Kerry Bodmin says the use of the drone is still in a development phase, but it looks to be highly effective with positive results to date.

Waikato Regional Council led the eDNA sampling. Nineteen water samples were collected around the lake and sent to a lab for testing. Results are anticipated in 10 to 14 days.

A team led by DOC, in a boat supplied and skippered by Mercury and supported by Matt Osborne from Fish & Game, set nets near Dunham's Reserve, the location of the sighting. Nets were set away from a colony of resident shags to avoid the potential for birds to get caught in the nets.

No koi carp were captured in the nets over two days.

"This possible incursion highlights how important it is for lake users to always carefully wash boats, gear, footwear and clothing once out of the water, to remove any weed and fish eggs, and to always check your boat before launching, especially the trailer and propeller," Kerry Bodmin says.

Matt Osborne from Fish & Game says: "It's of great importance to investigate reports of invasive species and especially destructive pest fish such as koi carp. It's terrific the agen-

-cies involved came together collaboratively at short notice to carry out an investigation.” Mercury’s Catchment Sustainability Manager Gavin Williamson agrees: “We were very happy to support DOC, Waikato Regional Council and Fish & Game to respond to this potential sighting of koi carp in Lake Whakamaru. The hydro dams and their lakes are a great community asset and we need to do all we can to protect them from pest fish like koi.”

This pest fish investigation, and other freshwater biosecurity work, is possible through Bio18 funding DOC received from Treasury.

DOC asks people to report any sightings of what they believe is koi carp to pest-fish@doc.govt.nz. As koi carp superficially resemble goldfish, it is helpful if reports

Paul Hardy

Editors note - all investigations including DNA analysis of the water in Lake Whakamaru failed to find any evidence of Koi carp in the lake, however it is important to remain vigilant it would be a disaster if Koi found their way into Taupo. The person who reported the carp may have mistaken Rudd, which are present in the lake, for carp.



Koi Carp

Rudd



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Taupo Gallery

The Taupo season has got off to a great start with some members getting amongst it. The fish are in superb condition with reports of 5 and 6 pounders being taken. So if you are heading down make sure you renew your tippet, check your knots and keep your hooks sharp. If you don't have a hook file buy one; those Tongariro rocks are murder on hook points.



3 of 6 stunning fish that Andy Vanner took fishing the rips

Beth's 7lb brown



Derek B with a nice brown, can you pick the pool?





Colin Tan has been getting amongst it, he is pretty stoked with his new Primal rod.

I scored this one using the new Commando intermediate Groove line and a tube fly.



President Ray took this great shot of one of the classic upper river pools.





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Tungsten Beads.

I know this has been spoken about before, but still questions arise about 'what size bead do I need for a certain size hook' whatever.

Answer: there is no straight answer?!?!?

There are so many anomalies so I thought I would put a few into perspective for you.

Firstly the beads – for most river fishing, especially here in the North Island, tungsten beads remain the best choice. Brass beads and plastic beads are great for the lakes (tungsten for 'plonking') but not used in the rivers very much. There are again different shaped tungsten bead variations, but basically the main two are 'countersunk' and 'slotted'.

The sizes can be marked in Metric and English, it depends on what country packages them. More confusion!! Plus there is the armada of colours!!! – anodised are better than the painted ones.

Then to top it all off we have the different shaped hooks, hook wire thicknesses, barbless or barbed.

This is why it's exceedingly difficult to say what size hook suits what size tungsten bead!

I'm sure if we asked members the most common sort/size of tungsten bead they use the most then it could be narrowed down. The main thing is what flies are you going to use the beads for?

My guess it would be for small nymph patterns to try and get these small morsels down quickly in the water column into the view of the hungry trout.

Enclosed is a 'rough' guide as to what size of bead suits which size hook. (Taken from a website)

Bead-Head Hook Chart	Bead Size	Hook Size	Sink Rate
Round countersunk head beads	1.5mm	18 - 24	
"	2.00/2.2mm - 5/64"	16 - 18	13.45IPS
"	2.5/2.8mm - 3/32"	14 - 16	14.88IPS
"	3.00/3.20mm - 1/8"	10 - 14	15.79IPS
"	3.5/3.80mm - 5/32"	6 - 10	18.29IPS
"	4.00/4.80mm - 3/16"	4 - 8	21.07IPS
"	5.00/5.50mm - 7/32"	2 - 4	22.50IPS

Slotted beads are used exclusively on 'jig' hooks because of the way they sit and swim with the point upwards. Naturally they can be used on standard hooks and go over barbed hooks reasonably well.

They seem to be the most popular these days, especially in the smaller sizes.

Countersunk tungsten beads are usually purchased to go onto larger hooks and for wet flies as well.

The most useful sizes (for nymphs) are as follows:

2.5mm or 3/32" for size 14 and 16 (polished brass, silver, copper and black)

3.0mm or 1/8" for size 12 and 14 (polished brass, silver, copper and black)

3.5mm or 5/32" for size 10 and 12 (polished brass, copper and black)

That's a lot I hear you say; "what about the cost".

Suggestion is you split the packet with some mates as it's SO much cheaper that way.

The sink rate is correct on the chart if the water isn't moving – but rivers have current and often the best places to fish are the riffles and faster moving water.

Then it also depends on your cast, mending the flyline, size of tippet, etc.

Hence the sink rate is a completely wrong, but to me it does highlight how there is very little difference between the smaller sizes. The slimmer the fly pattern, the faster they sink.

It really does come down to personal preference. The type of hook /size of bead/ colour of bead.

I asked a competition angler last year what was their choice and the answer was "it varies"!!!

So this is just another 'variation' that makes trout fishing so intriguing and techniques complex for the beginner and even anglers with years of experience. As Craig would say, just have some split shot handy and this eliminates many of the questions above.

DEREK



Veniards Micro Glint.

I'm sure during the lockdown everyone has had plenty of time on their hands, and this has resulted in a little bit of fly tying. As the years creep up on us, I have been more inclined to find materials that tie on quickly and use methods that produce a durable and desirable result.

Consequently I'm tying up smaller, thinner flies with UV glue often used, especially on those smaller nymph patterns - - - the ones you use and lose the most in sizes 12 to 16!!

Matt in Taupo stocks 'Veniards Micro Glint' (you can buy a Chinese substitute from AliExpress but it's not as good). This is a very versatile material and can easily be held in a conventional bobbin and is used instead of thread. The 12 colours are amazing and with 35metres on a spool it will last a while! Hends has a similar product called 'Body Quills' which is about the same size but it's a flat thread and is also ideal for small nymphs and dry flies. You can also get 'sparkle braid' on a spool or 'diamond braid' on cards and similar products from various craft and embroidery shops, but these seem better for larger sizes, say size 8 to 12 flies.

However, for me the Veniards product suits just fine.

I checked out YouTube – as you do; and Davy McPhail put a clip up years ago about three patterns he tied regularly at the time; all using micro glint. So simple and easy to tie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOfPSdfS3QU>

I would be interested if any members have tied these up and tried these patterns or any 'special' variant??

They are a great way to get a two tone body effect; especially for those really small patterns.

And so onto the favourite fly for many members, the Perdigon Nymph. Use your imagination for these patterns with 'Soooo' so many choices – how about a member writes about their favourite?



Claret; Purple, Multicolour, segmented!!!!!!

As stated in many Flyshop catalogues as Veniards Micro Glint Threads - - -

It's a fine multi-strand iridescent thread, which can be used for tying complete buzzers or ribbing small nymphs and dry flies. Fine enough to use as a tying thread.



Have a go with this material – It's destined to become a favorite of yours as well.

DEREK



I have been tying up a few flies lately, this is a micro intruder for using with ultra light Skagit gear. The stinger hook is Tiemco articulated size 10 attached with 30lb Fireline braid,

These are my all time favourite soft hackle flies, the Holy Grail, a pattern Derek taught us some years ago and an adaptation of the Partridge and Orange that has a partridge tail and sparse rusty brown possum dubbed body. They are both absolute killers on our local streams and else where. I fish the Holy Grail on the point and P&O on the dropper.



This is a larger, (size 10), variation of the partridge fly using a more orange blend of possum, gold rib and red Pearsalls silk. I used red because Pearsalls are no longer making silk thread and I'm hoarding the 2 spools of orange I have so if anyone has any they don't use - we can do a deal!

If you're interested in swinging flies this YouTube video from Rio's Simon Gawsworth is very informative in regard to how to get the best swing.

[How to maximise the swing](#)

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Dave McCaffery demonstrating the rewards of perseverance. Dave and his mates Jeff Bones and Tony Challis fished for a week for 3 fish between them. Dave got this 8lb fish at Rotoiti and another 5lb fish.





2020



Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October



Early Bird tickets available from:
Northland Fish & Game
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All anglers will need a valid NZ sports fishing licence
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I have a couple of friends who live in Whangarei who fish the Kai Iwi lakes regularly and they tell me there are some great fish up to the 5lb plus coming out of the lakes currently. The great majority of fish in these lakes are stocked as there is minimal opportunities for natural spawning.

Boat and kayak fishing is popular but there are plenty of shore based spots for both fly and spin fishing. Float tubes and similar water craft would also be a good option.

Glo bugs and boobies are popular but the number 1 secret “lure” is prawns, bait fishing is legal.

So if you want to have a different trout fishing experience why not head north to the Kai Iwi lakes?

Dave Winchcombe Cup

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

Derek has restocked the fly board, so all you folks who need to restock your fly box can do so for a dollar a fly. Where else can you get such a bargain?



Gamin Cup

Heaviest trout caught in Auckland Waikato F&G Region

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where Caught

HAC Trip and Event Calendar

1st July	New Fishing Licence required to fish Taupo Region waters	Don't Forget
Monday 27th July	HAC Meeting - AGM and Prize Giving + Andrew Burden from Fly Tackle NZ	Ray Pryor
Monday 3rd August	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
21/22nd August	Club 'Winter Trip' to the Tongariro River, staying at Taltac	John Davidson (has booked for 12)
Monday 31st August	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker to be announced	Ray Pryor
Monday 7th September	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
September	Evening at Hamill's in Te Awamutu - speakers, prizes, etc. (more to follow)	Hamill's, Te Awamutu
September/October	HAC 'Beginners Only Clinics' begin - Theory and Practical (more to follow)	Charlie and Gavin and Derek
26/27th September	SSFNZ Waihou River Competition	SSFNZ
Monday 28th September	Guest Speaker is Adam Daniel of A/W F&G - latest local fishing reports	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 -	Clubrooms
October	Taupo River Trip (more to follow) staying at Taltac	Charles Friedlander (will book for 10)
October	Casting Clinics begin again (more to follow)	Charles Friedlander
Late October	Trip to Lake Aniwhenua, staying at a local house by the ramp	Gareth Godfrey (will book for 8)
24/25 October	SSFNZ Wanganui River Competition	SSFNZ
Monday 26th October	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker to be announced	(Labour Day)
Monday 2nd November	Committee Meeting -	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 to be announced	Ray Pryor
Monday 7th December	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms

Orange Blaster

Month	Name	Problem

This looks to me like one of Colin Tan's favourite pools on the Hinemaiaia, although he didn't identify it!

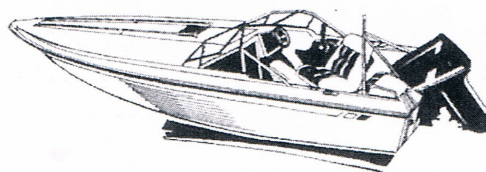


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