



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019



Next Meeting: Monday 24th June

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

Guest Speaker: Pat Swift - Fly Tying and Trout Jigging Legend

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

Cover - Soft Hackle; Colin Tan

AND COMING UP

August 16,17,18..... Winter Trophy Trip TALTAC

September 13,14,15... Taupo Rivers Trip

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Gyotaku
Colin Tan

Presidents Comment

Heraclitus posited "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man".

We can all relate to the changes in the river when we see flow rates on the Tongariro on Friday May 31st swing from 30 cusec's to 350 cusec's within 24 hours, from fishable clean water to a dangerous swirling brown torrent.

Each time we go back to a fishing spot we have also changed, if only a few days (or weeks) older, but we may also have completed researching a change to a fishing set-up, fly pattern, or fishing technique to be better prepared in the pursuit of success in landing a nice fish (and maybe featuring in the Annual Club competitions). One excellent source of inspiration for change is contained within the Club DVD library which seems to be overlooked by many, at \$2 a pop not to be ignored!

Thanks to Bert Robinson for assisting in the presentations of the Club Trophies and Awards, and congratulations to all successful recipients, you will note a few Trophies were not contested and as mentioned on the night we will tidy up our process of recording and submitting entries to resolve this – watch this space.

The Fly Tying Sub-committee will present a new format of free "instruction by demonstration" utilising Club materials and tying tools, get there early on the 24th to see what Gavin will reveal – see details in the "Fly Tying Zone" section of this newsletter.

Plenty of opportunity for change.

Cheers

Ray

"I am not against golf, since I suspect it keeps armies of the unworthy from discovering trout."

- Paul O'Neil

Club News

There's nothing like an AGM and the promise of a chocolate chippie to get a good turn out at a meeting as over half the membership were at the May meeting.

We reports of some good fishing with Sally and Bridgette Speers having a good day at Rotorua landing a dozen or so fish between them, Gareth Godfrey has been all over including the Tukituki, Tongariro and Rotorua tributaries landing fish every where as he does.

Andrew Vanner landed a nice 6lb fish at Tarawera, photo later in the edition, he also managed to win the Orange Blaster by breaking his rod tip in the car door and forgetting to leave his key at TALTAC. This necessitated a trip from Taupo back to Turangi when he discovered his mistake.

We launched our upgraded club brochure at the AGM and this will go out to sports shops in the region with goal of attracting new members. We also have wallet sized cards printed with contact and meeting details for the club that members can carry and hand out to any anglers they meet who may be interested in joining the club.

Our guest speaker and life member, Bert Robinson, assisted with the prize giving and gave a very interesting presentation on the Tiger Trout of Lake Rotoma and they can be caught, so here's the basics.

- ⇒ They are a brown/brook trout sterile hatchery bred hybrid.
- ⇒ They inhabit the shallows within 15 –20 meters of the shore
- ⇒ They eat smaller fish but will take quite large prey and are fond of the goldfish that inhabit Rotoma
- ⇒ They are ambush predators and are super wary, if they know you are there, your chances of catching them are slim.
- ⇒ The goldfish breed in the reed beds in spring, think big green black, orange black marabou flies.

Bert always mentioned that catfish have now established themselves in Lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti so if you are boating in those lakes ensure you thoroughly clean your boat between waterways to ensure you are not carrying unwanted hitch hikers. Catfish and their eggs are capable of surviving for extended periods out of water and once they establish themselves they are impossible to eradicate it seems.

Bert is always extremely generous with his time and knowledge and remains passionate

regarding fishing. He was one of the last to leave and while the rest of us were heading home to bed he was talking about heading off to a spot near Rotorua where he knew the browns would be congregating.

As mentioned by Ray we will be looking at rules around recording fish entered into trophies such as the Winchcombe and Gamin Cups this year. It's a difficult one with many practising catch and release and fishing on their own, so how we get fair recordings is open to debate currently. If I were to rely on my spring scales the situation is hopeless as they weigh at 1/4lb increments at best which is not good enough and, to be honest, I'm not sure whether we take entries in pounds or kilos!

Congratulations to Tim Anderson who has been selected for the Silver Flies to compete at the Worlds in Tasmania this year and the Commonwealth Champs in NZ next year and Gareth Godfrey who has been selected for the Commonwealth Team to compete in NZ.

Welcome to new club members

Peter Fisher, Robert and Stacey Gordon, Tony and Alex Roxburgh, Brett Zanders, John Laue and welcome back Ewen Pilcher.

Raffle

This months raffle prize, pictured, is a brand new Sierra wading jacket size large. I know a few people who will be buying tickets for this one and I'm on a diet as I suspect it'll be a little tight on me.



Don't miss our **guest speaker** this month - Pat Swift who is the acknowledged expert on jigging the Rotorua Lakes as well as an amazingly innovative commercial fly tier.

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Annual Awards



Derek Burtenshaw won the Winter Trip Trophy with a 5.2lb rainbow but, more importantly, was awarded the Best Contribution to the Club Award. This was truly deserved as Derek is without doubt the backbone of our club.



The inaugural Dave Winchcombe Memorial Cup for the best fish outside the Auckland Waikato Fish and Game area went to Ian Wilde for a superb 8lb 12oz rainbow from the Tongariro. Dave's son and daughter were there to present the cup.



Our perennial winner Gareth Godfrey was joint winner of the Gamin Cup for the biggest fish in the Auckland Waikato Fish and Game Region. Gareth caught a 7lb rainbow and Glen Streeter, (who sent in his apologies), caught a 7lb brown. Gareth also won the HASAC Plate for casting accuracy.



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Brian Apps got himself on the winners' podium with great endeavour in the distance casting beating some stiff position. For his efforts he won the HASAC Cup.



President Ray took out the Summer Trip Trophy with a 4.35lb rainbow.



Craig Fredericks was not there to receive the Literary Award for his article Dear Fishing Diary.

Rick Bradley won the Orange Blaster for his mis-adventure with a shag that cost him a rod tip!

Thanks to our guest speaker and life member Bert Robinson for his assistance with awards.

Once again Damon kindly Mathfield judged our photography contest. All photos entered have been previously submitted to the newsletter. Here they are with Damon's comments.

1st Colin Tan



Great macro image and perspective of a trout's adipose (fat) fin. The fin is in focus and detail is well in focus. Although a shallower depth of field (lower f-stop) could have been used to throw the background (grass) out of focus- to emphasis the subject (the fin), the rich green grass adds to the contrast and gives the viewer a good sense of the environment. The sun glare or reflection off the water on the fish in this image adds great interest. It is great to see that the angler has got creative here and brought to us an unusual but pleasing perspective. Great shot, thoroughly deserved the win, well done!

2nd Kane Seward



I like this image. The angles created by the position of the net, rod and fish work well in this image creating a great 'still life' composition. The somewhat neutral background created by the stones and water add to the image by creating the necessary contrast for the viewer to focus on the subject. The shaft of the networks well in leading the viewer into the image to the subject. The photographer could have cropped a little off the top of the image, this would have made the image a little stronger by making the subject a bit more central. This is a very pleasing image that captures the fly fishing environment well!

3rd Nigel Juby



This is a great image of a satisfied angler posing with a salmon. The image is in focus and the angle of the fish in the angler's hands adds to the strength of the composition of the image. The blue, grey and silver colours of the fish, sky and angler's clothing all work well together creating a strong image. The snow on the mountains behind the angler provides good environmental context. The subject (angler) is framed well and captured from a good angle (i.e. the photographer was shooting up bringing the fish more into the image- dare I say making it appear bigger-, rather than shooting the angler and fish straight on). The image would have been a little stronger if the angler was looking straight on or at the photographer, rather than down. Definitely the best image of an angler posing with a fish, well done.

Gareth Godfrey has been at it again; 1 of 3 browns between 6 and 9lb from the Rotorua tributaries in May.





The Simi Seal Leech

Kids eye balls are closer to the ground than us adults most of the time and are great at spotting things adults normally miss. My young fulla found this fly some years ago on the banks of the Tongariro.



I hadn't seen anything like it and began my quest to find out what it is. About a year later by accident I found out it was a Simi Seal Leech. The Simi Seal product is the invention of John Rohmer of John Rohmer Materials at azflyfishing.net. Here's a bit more info.

[Experiences with simi seal](#)

The Leech can be tied a few different ways.

[Leech 1](#)


[Leech 2](#)

If you would like to have a go using this product, the next monthly meeting on the 24th of June will be the inaugural fly-tying "instruction by demonstration". The intention is to have fly tying between 7 and 8pm each month with the content varying depending on who is running it for the evening and the wants and needs of the club's members. Members can join in, watch or give constructive comments. Flies tied could go for sale on Derek's fly board or they may go to Reel Recovery or home with the tier.



At some stage we are going to have to rope the talented Colin Tan into doing some fly tying demos or lessons for the club. Like his photos and art work there is a degree skill in Colin's flies I could only dream of achieving. All these flies and images are by Colin.





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Reinvigorated

Some of you may know that I pulled my calf muscle quite badly around 8 weeks ago – at the gym of all places. So, I'm just starting to get some movement back again and being able to tolerate a bit of fishing. It's been so long!!

Mid-May I had an opportunity to fish – Tongariro seemed a good bet. I didn't know if I could last a whole day but went down early with a view to finishing around lunch. Then a cruisy trip back and a stop at Taupo Rod and Tackle. I had set myself the target of not fishing too far from the road end to keep walking to a minimum. First of all, I went down below the bridge and as I usually do - broke my pre-set rule fairly early - walked up far too far and caught nothing. Mind you there was no "catch no fish rule".

I saw Terry and Derek who were finishing up here, after fishing Otamangakau. After another good walk down-stream and I dropped in to Duff's pool. A good walk when you are walking wounded – all I got there was the loss of 2 sets of gear in the now very snaggy area. Bring on a flood to clear it out again because it does look good.

I was fishing indicator as today (another rule) I knew if I euro nymphed I'd be bound to go too deep with the gammy leg. I was disappointed that there was not even a touch downstream. The river was quite low, around 24 I think, and I was later told it had been no higher than 90 since Xmas. As usual there were lots of fish waiting at the mouth – yes, I've heard that plenty of times and rain is supposed to get them going

Upstream I checked out the Breakfast Pool which I have been a little interested in over the last few years. I can often get something to happen there with some hard fishing. And, this time was no exception except when landed it was foul hooked. A very nice fish though and if that is this year's crop, it will be a good year for the table. After that I drove up to the Hydro. Limping at this stage, the morning walk had not been good, but the Hydro was relatively close. I had a brief go down the bottom and then hit the top, when I was finding it hard to control my footing. I have enjoyed the top of that pool lately and spent some time there. Had and lost a fish quite a way out.

After that homeward bound and some more fly-tying stuff. In the week before I was tying flies including the new favourite bomb, which I will talk more about soon. The following morning, I tweaked the calf again – obviously overdid it the day before, but I was hooked on fishing again and wanted to get again to the Tongariro. During the week the weather changed the river went up to 340cumecs on Friday and by Sunday was down to 34 – it's an amazing river! Queen's birthday Sunday was of course the day I choose to fish again, I was going to do a ½ days fishing in the afternoon, stay at lodge, and then fish again in the morning. All this so leg didn't get more than 4 hours fishing at one time, and I could recover overnight. But, of course, you know already how good I am at sticking to my rules. My long suffering, wife knows if I say will be home at such and such a time it could be anything up to 2 hours later.

Saturday afternoon and I started indicator nymphing at Hydro pool – nothing. Following morning decided my leg was performing ok and I could give the Euro nymphing a go. Tied on my favourite bomb (on the point of course) – Perdigon nymph – These are so cool to tie – on the Jig hook – 4mm slit tungsten – wrap on lead and push into bead - I think the .010 or .015 lead about 10 wraps.



Tail calls for “Coq De Leon” but I use grizzle which I am pretty sure a fish would struggle to tell the difference. Having said that I was recently listening to a podcast from the Orvis Fly Fishing podcasts and they talked about Coq De Leon. It is now the tail of choice for dry fly tails because, as well as good looking, its indestructible. And this is why it would be a good choice for Czech Nymphs like the Perdigon – which was invented in Spain where the “Coq De Leon” comes from.

Here’s the tie I use <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-tuKpwbrX0>

My dropper fly was a bit of a mongrel – I’d watched a YouTube vid on euro nymphing and they talked about a red tail fly. I then remembered a fly I bought at Creel one time that looked like this.



I wanted to do a “me” version of this, so I tied it with an orange tail from “McFly Foam” a peacock hurl body and a UV pink ice dub collar (I will experiment with those colours, but so much easier than stuffing around tying in hackle). This is my result – on a F and M 35065 - barbless hook (yes, another compromise from me - I change my mind more than Donald Trump, but they are such good-looking hooks – in fact they are amazing, the best ever, fabulous, incredible ... Yes Donald!).



I fished the Boulder reach first and – caught one mid-way up – a brown but not a big one – 2 ½ lb. Then hit the Blue Pool – as again it required not much walking. This pool looked fantastic – there is the lower part by the rock, which has a nice seam now, and the upper part which looks in my view a bit better than last year. Two other anglers were ahead of me, so I started moving and wanted them to move which they never did, so I just fished my area near the entry point for the top area. After a few casts I hooked a real nice fish – which took my “Glo bug tail Nymph”. Always good to get confidence in something new and I was able to land the 3 ½ lb rainbow in good condition. It came in reasonably quickly because of course with Euro Nymphing you are in touch with minimal excess line out, so got it in almost before it knew what was happening.

Kept that fish and then fished that top bypass – there’s always a fish there – and sure enough it willingly took my pink bead Perdigon nymph. So that finished a good trip to the top of the river.

Next, a fish in a spot handy to the Tongariro Lodge but nothing – there were a few fish there though. Even after the rain and cold I’m sure the bulk of the fish at the mouth were still there. Obviously coming through in small numbers but I think the cold and rain just doesn’t always do it. I’m sure they will increase in numbers in the river soon but June / July to me have, in recent years, been skinny months (which is why the Taupo Open trip will be September this year). Not July as I have done in the past.

All up a very interesting few days with fish size quality looking amazing this year – which I think it was 3 years ago too (maiden fish runs in 3rd year). The fish I kept was made into my smoked trout pate and got the usual accolades from the crew a work.

Spring onions

Smoked fish - of course

150-200 grams of cream cheese

2 or so tablespoons of mayonnaise (eta)

Lemon juice

Ground pepper.

All mixed up in a kitchen whizz – adjust the mayonnaise and lemon juice to get a pleasing tangy taste.

After that my thirst for Tongariro fishing was still not quenched. My wife was doing a first aid course the following Saturday, and the weather was again playing up during the week. What's a guy supposed to do – fish of course - so I woke up early and fired off again to Tongariro. I was going to Euro nymph all day (yes my leg was match fit again).

First I fished lower down but it was useless, the light line was getting blown and sensing was awkward. The wind on the rod, and casting, of course, even more difficult than normal – I guess the Euro nymph experts would have a way but I'm far from expert. So I gave up below bridge and again headed upstream – bypassed the Boulder reach and hit the big bend – I struggled to fish the top of the pool which is where I like it there – would have been better with indicator nymphing I think and I would have been better lower down the pool but I know that's fairly awkward when wading and my leg would have struggled.

So, up to Blue pool where I swapped over to indicator nymphing – the wind was just too awkward - only 2 cars up there. I had the whole Blue to myself. Hooked three fish – first broke me off because of my laziness – hadn't used my 8 weight for ages but just tied a fly on and paid the price. The next one I lost close in and the third I landed – took a Simons Ugly which was my point fly – I even had a dropper - so again Czech nymphing is influencing me in fly placement. I've always been a total convert to "truck and trailer" but that was mainly because of tangles. Keeping dropper about 50mm max. is the secret, I just don't get tangles with that!

I decided to do the big walk and checked some of the other top pools – Sand, Fence with no luck, but the Sand especially looked damned good – wished I had my Euro nymph gear. Then I dropped down to Boulder reach. The wind had died by now and I wanted to get back to Euro nymphing. I fished through the bottom – nothing - then through again – still nothing – finally onto a nice 4lber midway up – again played it easily on the tight line. Then landed another smaller one.

Once again Euro nymphing had done the bizzo and yet another good size fish – this season is looking so promising – This year, Kane, will be the one! Just like this year will be the one for Jimmy Neesham and the 'Canes Ngane Laumape in their relative world cups – you heard it here first!!

Craig Fredericks

For Sale

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Terry Goupillot

For Sale

I have two trout spey rods for sale, both ideal for the Tongariro, Whanganui etc.

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Orvis Clearwater 12' 5 weight, 1 season old; \$300

Line weights on spey rods are not equivalent to single hand rods, the 4 weight sits around about a 7 weight single and the 5 an 8 weight single; although there are differences. Ring or txt me on 0272688800 if you're interested. I can arrange a test drive.

Charlie Friedlander

Dave Winchcombe Cup

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where caught
April	Gavin Hall	8lb 8oz	Brown	Tongariro
May	Andy Vanner	6lb	Rainbow	Tarawera

Andy has put the time in at Tarawera over the years and has had some good days. On this particular day it was a case of perseverance and he was rewarded with this nice 6lb jack.



Gamin Cup

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where Caught
April	Gavin Hall	5lb 8oz	Rainbow	Waihou

HAC Trip and Event Calendar

June	HAC Subscriptions must be paid before or at the June meeting.	Richard
Monday 24th June	HAC Meeting - Pat Swift; Best Methods for fishing the Rotorua Lakes	Ray
Monday 1st July	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
July	HAC Subscriptions must be paid or you are no longer a HAC member.	Richard
Monday 29th July	HAC Meeting - Guy Fearon; Handmade Knives, how the business started!	Ray
Monday 5th August	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
16/17/18th August	Club 'Winter Trophy' trip to the Tongariro River staying at Taltac	John
Monday 26th August	HAC Meeting - Euro Nymphing	Ray
Monday 2nd September	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
13/14/15th September	Taupo Rivers Trip' staying at Taltac	Craig
Monday 30th September	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker - Adam Daniels, AWF&G - Season Opening	Ray
Tuesday 1st October	New F & G Licence Required - Season Opens	
Monday 7th October	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
Early October	Trip to Taltac - Fun Competition Day to be organised.	Charlie
Monday 28th October	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker to be announced	Ray
Monday 4th November	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
21,22,23,24th November	Trip To Lake Rotoma (to catch a tiger trout) and Lake Rotoehu for one day.	Derek
Monday 25th November	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker to be announced	Ray
Monday 2nd December	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
December	1st Lake Otamangakau Trip - HAC Summer Trophy	
January	2nd Lake Otamangakau Trip - HAC Summer Trophy	

Tarawera is as pretty a lake as any in the region as this shot by Andy shows. However he and I have suffered through wind, rain, frost and sleet here and have not been impressed by the view at those times - but when the fishing's on



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.

Fish on Judge's Pool - photo Colin Tan using netcam

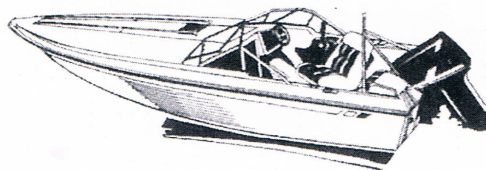


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