



# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2019



**Next Meeting: Monday 30th September**

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

**Guest Speaker: Panel presentation - Adam Daniels; Auckland Waikato Fish and Game**

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

Fly Tying 7pm Start

**Cover - the brutality and sacrifice that one has to endure on a fishing trip; Malcolm and Gavin prepare to demolish an immaculately prepared sticky date pudding; photo Craig, IceBorg, Fredericks.**

## **AND COMING UP .....**

**October 11,12..... Spring Clean Trip TALTAC**

**November 23,24..... Kereru Lodge Trip**

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**Net cam Tongariro - Colin Tan**

## President's Comment

There has been good progress with our website re-development project during the past month, the sub-committee met with Rob for an overview of the new layout, interactive structure and proposed content, all in all a good working session with confirmation of direction for Rob to be able to complete the task. We are on track for a final review later this month and hand-over to Rocket Spark for integration onto their hosting site – the official launch date will be confirmed once successful on-line trials are completed.

The Euro (Czech) Nymphing presentation at last month's Club night with Gavin, Craig, Gareth, and Tim contributing their own variant of this fishing technique was well received by all members present, thanks again to the guys for their individual and unique inputs.

A summary "fact sheet" of the details passed on is currently being compiled and will be made available in either hard copy or via. your individual e-mail address, please let me or one of the committee members know you are interested (these details will only be available to club members and will not be released on the website or be included in the newsletter).

This month's meeting guest speaker is Adam Daniel (F&G Auck/Waik.) who will provide an update on local waters and the outlook for the new fishing season which is just around the next bend, always a good session with Adam - see you all there.

Cheers

Ray

So many anglers these days go to the river with scales, tape measure and the mission to prove themselves – and 4G WIFI to instantly let the world know about their greatness and achievements – it seems to me we have lost the perspective of what fly fishing was meant to be : a mystical return to nature and quietude, not an ego boosting exercise in conquest and accounting.

Derek Grzelewski

## Club News

What a great meeting we had in August; we had some prospective new members turn up, welcome to Simon Brandon and Shigeru Yoshifuku and I apologise to those whose names I didn't get. There was a smoker for a raffle prize and I remarked to John D as I bought my tickets, I never win these things and subsequently did! Must stand next to John more often.

After a drought of decent Orange Blaster stories we had veritable flood following the August Winter Trophy Trip. So here goes, in no particular order.

- Gordon left his sleeping bag at home and had to buy one from the Hospice shop. He then took Peter G fishing on the upper river and lost him on the track, at least Peter found the river, apparently Gordon didn't.
- Prior to the competition Ken was fishing with John when they had their licenses checked by the ranger, it transpired that Ken had failed to renew his license and subsequently had his rod confiscated. John helpfully pointed out that Ken had his car parked close by with another rod in it and the ranger was welcome to take both, (he didn't)
- I forgot to pack undies and had to buy another pair from the \$2 shop.
- Russel lost a hat.
- Andy arrived with rod tubes but left his rods in the wardrobe in Cambridge necessitating a return trip to pick them up.

The popular vote went to Ken who is still waiting for a response to his plaintive letter to DOC pointing out he is an impoverished pensioner who is possibly in the early stages of Alzheimer's hence he forgot to renew his license. Mind you Ken's not too slow to catch the biggest fish of the month for the Dave Winchcombe award, a 4.6lb rainbow on the Tongariro.

We didn't have any entries for the Gamin Cup although I'm sure some of the fish that our competition anglers Tim and Gareth have been catching on our local streams and lakes lately would certainly be worthy. Tim won the recent national contest on the Waimakariri and Gareth did well. Tim said that Lake Maraetai has been fishing well with browns being available to the shore based angler in the golf course area of the lake. Both Tim and Gareth have a wealth of knowledge of our local fisheries and their contest

results speak of their skills as anglers. They have both represented NZ at Commonwealth and World level and continue to do so. We are fortunate to have such skilled anglers in our club.

We had what was, to me anyway, one of the best presentations of the last few years and it was from our own club members. Tim Anderson, Manager of the Silver Flies NZ competition fly fishing team, Gareth Godfrey, President of Sports Fly Fishing NZ, and Gavin Hall and Craig Fredericks two very talented anglers. Their subject was Euro nymphing, a style of short line nymphing that was adopted from tactics used by Polish anglers in the World Champs in Czechoslovakia in 1984. Since then a variety of different variations have evolved such as Spanish, French and Czech nymphing. What all forms of Euro nymphing seem to have in common is that they don't use a conventional fly line but utilise the weight of the nymph to cast on a long, (10 to 11 foot) 3 to 4 weight rod. It is a very tactile form of fishing relying on feel as much as sight. Interestingly each of the presenters had a different approach to Euro nymphing so it is clearly a versatile form of fishing. I won't go into too much detail as a fact sheet on the presentation is being prepared. However I will make a few observations. Craig said that Euro nymphing had reinvigorated his fishing. At our recent Taupo Rivers competition of the 32 fish landed 23 were landed by 3 anglers Euro nymphing. Tim is as hard core competition angler as you can get and he's still having fun Euro nymphing.

Below is a link to a You Tube video to tie a leader, you can tie this leader a bit longer and loop it onto the front of a conventional fly line, (outside of the Taupo region).

### [How to tie a Euro nymph leader](#)

I was so impressed by the presentation I went out and bought myself a 10 foot 3 weight Airflo Euro nymph rod and made up a leader with some 20lb Maxima Nigel Juby gave me.

### **TEA DUTY - next meeting**

Rick Bradley

Malcolm Cowie

Terry McLaughlin

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# Taupo Rod & Tackle

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## Taupo Open 2019

This important Tournament on the Hamilton Anglers calendar commenced on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 with low river conditions and an improving weather forecast.

Ken (Rafael) Collier was back to try and reprise his Club Winter Trophy win and try and get the grand slam of 2019. He of course went in as top seed but this year “The Open” attracted some other big names in Waikato fishing including other seeded players Terry (Agasi) Goupillot, Gavin (Djokovic) Hall and Malcolm (MacEnroe) Cowie. These, legends in their own lunchboxes, were paired with out of form players to create teams of seeded and unseeded players to take on everything the Taupo rivers could throw at them. Tournament organisers had managed to organise the trip on a Tongariro river release weekend, making for soggy conditions underfoot.

Tournament scoring format and rules were explained to participants on Friday night with the tantrum prone John (Kyrgios) Davidson showing admirable self control for a change. Some players arrived late after attempting to negotiate road closures to no avail, like Hardie (I did it my way!!) Teusse. Some easing of the rules this year after anglers last year complained of tight rules that didn't allow them to display their full range of shots. So this year anglers we're allowed to fish anywhere, but had to fish 2 different rivers on Tournament day. Numbers of fish caught by each angler in a team of 2 were multiplied together to get a team score. The unseeded team member had their fish score doubled, providing an incentive to get the unseeded (out of form) player into fish.

Tournament day dawned overcast but mild with teams spread out to the Hinemiaia, TT and Tongariro rivers. By the traditional lunchtime debrief it was clear that some teams were in good position to go on and take the tournament. Whilst some of the stars had plenty of work to do and were sadly out of form, among the in-form seeds were Gavin (Djokovic) Hall, although his partner Kyrgios was showing why he was unseeded this year after being a threat in previous years. Was this the year that time had finally caught up with John (Kyrgios) Davidson, or was there another comeback on the cards?

The afternoon session started in improving weather and teams again spread far and wide. At the post match debrief it turned out that there were some big movers with Terry (Agasi) Goupillot and Charlie (the Friedlander express) doing well on the lower Tongariro, after the recreational release raised the river

from 27 to 44 cumecs. Gavin (Djokovic) and John (Kyrgios) Davidson found a honey hole on the Waitotaka to catch a number of fish each. Kyrgios finally putting in some good casts. We all know what he is capable of when he controls his tantrums – although there were reports of some well-chosen expletives when he lost gear playing casts out of bounds (into trees). Many in the tournament this year were Euro nymphing and casting control is not always there with this method.

Prizegiving was held on Saturday night at the glitzy awards dinner, attended by all 9 players, at the swanky Bridge Motel restaurant. Adding to the atmosphere was a bunch of people at a birthday party. Clearly, they saw our stars and wanted autographs from “The Open” players but were too afraid to ask. Organisers finally announced the winners of this year’s tournament – Terry (Agasi) Goupillot and Charlie (the Friedlander express) with 99 points (the vagaries of fishing – like tennis - scoring). Gavin (Djokovic) and John (Kyrgios) Davidson came second with 55 points.

Unfortunately, Ken (Rafael) Collier did not get the Grand Slam this year but we know what a fighter Rapha is, and he will be back for another crack at the Grand Slam again next year, after no doubt hours of practice in the meantime. The biggest fish was a 4lber by both Charlie (the Friedlander express) and Craig (IceBorg) Fredericks. A total of 32 fish were caught for a new tournament record.

Tournament organisers have already started planning for next year’s Tournament and have already got commitments from many of the same stars. John (Kyrgios) Davidson though is holding out for a big appearance fee and organisers are wondering if he’s worth the hassle.



Craig Fredericks AKA The IceBorg

One of the IceBorg’s fish taken on the Hinemaia with a Pheasant Tail, (Euro nymphing of course).



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## **A couple of recipes.**

One of the great things about the Taupo/Rotorua fishery is big smelt, fed fish. If you are judicious in your selection, they make great eating. On the Taupo tributaries the running fish quickly lose condition, particularly the hens as they put all their energy into their eggs and their flesh quickly deteriorates once they lose their silver sheen, whereas the jacks still maintain good condition when they are a little coloured.

Here are two of my current favourite recipes; one simple one more complex. The first was shown to a group of us on a Hamilton Anglers Club trip to Kereru Lodge by ex-club member Jean Christophe who has since moved to Dunedin. Jean is a French man who spent some years in New Caledonia where he learnt this recipe. It's a cerviche which is a marinated fish dish, usually in NZ this means marinating the fish in heaps of lemon juice, straining then adding onion, tomatoes and swamping the lot in coconut cream. This recipe is far simpler and delicious.

### **Trout cerviche**

2 fillets from a 3-4lb well-conditioned trout; skinned, bone and thinly sliced sashimi style.  
Juice of 1-2 lemons or equivalent amount of limes if you have them, (I don't, lemon is fine).  
Freshly ground salt and pepper.

Lay slices of trout neatly on the bottom of a flat bottom plate or dish. Drizzle lemon juice over the slices ensuring there is enough juice to cover the bottom of the plate but not to cover the fish. Grind salt over the fish to taste, again less is better than more. Cover and leave in the fridge for 2-3 hours. Before eating drain off lemon juice, grind black pepper over to taste garnish with parsley, lemon slices or whatever and impress dinner guests with this as an entrée.



### **Smoked Trout Chowder**

I have a Big Chief electric smoker, it will smoke up to 5 fish and takes around 8 hours to smoke them. While the smoker was on recently, I popped into Volare to get some bread and coffee and while waiting for my coffee was flicking through the free Nourish foody magazine where I found this recipe. Now seems I happened to be smoking trout at the time and there was a recipe for smoked fish chowder what could it possibly be but fate? Next day I



gathered together the ingredients, made the chowder and hands down it's the best chowder I have tried – sensational. Credit where credit's due this recipe comes from Hamilton's Cucina Café.

100g butter	2/3 cup of flour
½ an onion finely diced	½ large leek finely sliced
170g fennel bulb finely sliced	1 tsp crushed garlic
1 carrot finely diced	
500g kumara, diced into 1cm cubes	
500g potatoes, diced into 1cm cubes	
2 fillets from smoked trout, (around 500g of flesh)	
1 tsp dry dill tips	1 tbsp paprika
1 tbsp smoked paprika	1 tsp curry powder
1 tsp turmeric	1 tsp cayenne pepper, (according to taste)
200ml white wine	1 litre fish stock
Lemon juice to taste	200ml of cream

If you feel confident substitute ingredients where you see fit. I didn't have cayenne pepper so substituted chilly flakes, (how much is always personal taste, as is whether you use hot or mild curry powder). I also only had 500ml fish stock so made up the difference by using chicken stock cubes to make another 500mls of stock.

Heat the stock in a small pot. While it is heating melt the butter in a large pot and sauté the onion, leek, fennel and garlic.

Add the herbs and spices and cook for a few more minutes until fragrant. Stir in the flour and cook for a further minute or two before slowly stirring in the wine and fish stock. Continue to cook and stir until the soup thickens.


Add the remaining vegetables and continue to cook on low until the vegetables are tender. (I felt the potato and kumara took too long to cook in the thick soup first time so par boiled next time for a better result). Finally add the smoked trout and cream. Adjust the seasoning to taste with a squeeze of lemon, salt and pepper. Of course, this must be accompanied by crusty bread and your favourite white.


Charlie



## Taupo Open Results


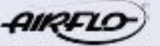
Seeds	Team number	Sat Am	Sat Pm	Biggest fish (lb)	No fish (am)	No Fish (pm)	Team score	TEAM No
Ken Collier	A	Tongariro	TT	-	0	0	3	Ken / Hardie
Malcolm Cowie	B	Tongariro			1	0	2	Malcolm / David
Terry Guipillot	C	Hine	Tongariro	3.5	2	6	99	Terry / Charlie
Gavin Hall	D	TT	Waiotaka	3.5	4	5	50	Gavin / John
Craig Fredericks	E	Tongariro	Hine	4	3	3	9	Craig
John Davidson	D			3.75	0	2		
Charlie	C			4	1	4		
David McCaffery	B			-	0	0		
HardieTuesse	A			3.5	1	0		
					Total fish	32		





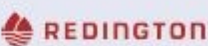
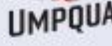


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This is Soldarini's Special Nymph, Gavin will be demonstrating how to tie it before the meeting this week. Given Gavin's prowess at Euro nymphing I'm looking forward to the demo of what must be a killer fly.

I had a discussion with Derek about getting members to send in photos of their fly boxes and get them to describe the contents. Derek sent in this photo of his fly boxes; I counted 14! I don't we have room in the newsletter for him to describe the contents!



## 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

Another great shot from Collin Tan's net cam.



## Gamin Cup

Month	Name	Weight	Rainbow or Brown	Where Caught
April	Gavin Hall	5lb 8oz	Rainbow	Waihou
June	Gavin Hall	4lb 8oz	Rainbow	Ngakoaohia

# HAC Trip and Event Calendar

Monday 30th September	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker - Adam Daniels, AWF&G - Season Opening	Ray Pryor - 021485692 (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)
Tuesday 1st October	New F & G Licence Required - Season Opens	
Monday 7th October	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
11/12 October	Trip to Tongariro River 'Spring Clean' staying at Taltac - Fun Competition.	Charlie Friedlander - 0272463137 (chasanne@gmail.com)
Monday 28th October	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker to be announced	Ray Pryor - 021485692 (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)
1/2 November	Club 'Summer Trophy' Trip (1) to Lake Otamangakau staying at Taltac	John Davidson - 021909928 (jaejdav@gmail.com)
Monday 4th November	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
Monday 25th November	HAC Meeting - Guest Speaker to be announced	Ray Pryor - 021485692 (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)
Monday 2nd December	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms
6/7 December	Club 'Summer Trophy' Trip (2) to Lake Otamangakau staying at Taltac	Derek Burtenshaw - 0212897070 (djbert@xtra.co.nz)
Monday 27th January	HAC Meeting - Club Fly Tying evening	Ray Pryor - 021485692 (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)
Monday 3rd February	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms
Monday 24th February	Bring and Buy Sale - Public will be invited	Ray Pryor - 021485692 (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)



After being inspired by our panel on Euro nymphing at the last meeting I bought myself an Airflo Euronymphing rod, made nymphing a leader, tied up a dozen odd nymphs from some materials I had at home and headed to the Waihou when I had some time one afternoon. My expectations weren't too high and I was hoping to land 1 fish; I was stoked to get 5 around the size of the one below in a few hours. I don't think I'll be packing up my double handers on the Tongariro but this is certainly another string to my bow on our local waters, Charlie



# 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.

Show a man your favourite fishing spot and he'll send you photos like this while you're at work and tell you he just caught two fish—Colin Tan relaxing.

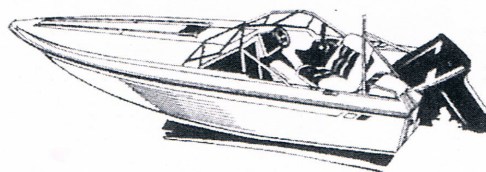


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