



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019



Next Meeting: Monday 26th August

Waikato Sport Fishing clubrooms - Grantham St

Guest Speaker: Panel presentation - Everything you wanted to know about Euro nyming but were too afraid to ask.

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

Fly Tying 7pm Start

Cover - Russell Jennings, Tongariro - photo Ray Pryor

AND COMING UP

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

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

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Gyotaku
Colin Tan

President's Comment

The website revamp proposal of the sub-committee has been accepted by the full committee and Rob Vaz has since been commissioned to apply his expertise to the development of a modern format, user-friendly and inviting website with updated content to better represent the HAC on our "global" internet viewing window. The revamped website will be hosted by Rocket-spark, a local provider which will also improve our access for self-management of the content in the future. There will be progress reviews held with Rob during the development of the site with a planned completion date around the end of September.

The committee welcomes an initiative proposed by Kane Steward and Craig Fredericks to run a monthly "fly tying social evening" at Kane's place of work with good lighting and tables and a large TV screen. The evening will not be run as a "class" but to provide the chance to tie flies, share thoughts, ideas, queries, watch some fishing DVD's with like-minded club members (and have a tea or coffee).

All members will be welcome to come along, Kane will provide final details in the next couple of weeks.

The speaker(s) at this month's club night on the 26th will be four of our club members covering off all aspects of Euro-Nymphing, from the rod and reel needed, the rig and fly patterns, down to the technique to apply in different fishing environments. There has been a growing interest in this style of fishing with many of the "traditionalists" within the club having a "go" during the recent Winter Trophy trip, most having some success.

This is the opportunity to hear from our "competition fishers" who must follow very tight rules and two members who have developed their own variation on the technique with great success, the session will be run with "prompting" questions but please come armed with any questions you may have yourself. See you there.

Cheers

Ray

Downstreaming, wetfly/lure fishing, streamer fishing, or whatever name chosen to label this technique, is not everybody's cup of tea. One of my fishing mates does not like this technique at all. Flyfishing is about personal choices and everybody takes from it what they want. But, believe me, streamer fishing can be as stimulating as any way to fish for trout.

Peter Church.

Club News

Well here we are nearly the end of August and Spring is just around the corner, not that it feels like it today! What it means is that the Tongariro and other Taupo tributaries are slowly filling up with fish, fun times! We have three more trips to the region over the next few months and the Winter Trophy trip just concluded. I know several members, myself included, are planning individual trips as well. We are so lucky to have such a productive and unique fishery so close to home. Everyone has an individual approach to their fishing and as long as they stick to the rules we should have a great fishery in the future. However I do have concerns when anglers target fish that are on their spawning redds, particularly when they are wading in those areas. The same goes for our local waters that are open at this time of year. I have never really understood this catch as many fish in as short a time possible approach that leads to anglers trampling up and down the spawning redds; but that's just me I'm a bit more laid back and fish for relaxation.

Speaking of local fishing there is still good fishing to be had locally on water that's still open such as the Waimakariri and Waihou as long as the competition crew aren't scaring the bejesus out of every fish in sight.

The usual crew turned up for our July meeting, some of whom had been making the most of the fishing on offer while others had been a little tardy. No wonder we can't rattle up a decent Orange Blaster story if members don't go fishing!

It was my turn to do the fly tying at the meeting and I demonstrated the bead head Woolly Bugger. A fly that continues to be the main stay of my Tongariro fly box and proved its' worth again last weekend. Next week Derek B will demonstrate the Holy Grail, see Fly Tying Zone later in the newsletter. This is another fly I will always have in my fly box. It is incredibly versatile and trout love it.

We Need Tiers

Speaking of fly tying we will continue to run the fly tying lessons prior to meetings through to May. To do this we would appreciate others volunteering to demonstrate their favourite "killer pattern", possibly a Euro nymph or a terrestrial pattern, a simple but effective salt water fly? We are not looking for display type flies but practical fishing patterns. Contact Gavin Hall if you can help. gavinator_nz@hotmail.com ph

We had a great presentation from Guy and Carter Fearon of Fearous knives at the meeting. They have been making knives as a hobby business here in Hamilton since 2016 and their knives are true artisan works of art. Each knife starts its life as an individual CAD design and is then shaped from a single piece of metal, usually stainless steel. Once the knife blank is shaped it is sent to Auckland for tempering before sharpening and a unique handle is added. Fancy a one off filleting knife? Something for the kitchen? They aren't cheap; but then again quality isn't; a paring knife will set you back \$250 and a carving knife \$500. You can get a presentation box made as well.

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A couple of Fearous knives.



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Have you ever fancied a cane rod? With all this Euronymphing stuff going on this is a step down an entirely different path. I have to say that one day I would really like to buy this kit; dry flies, wee wets anyone?

<https://swiftflyfishing.com/collections/fly-rod-building-kits/products/bamboo-fly-rod-kit>

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WINTER TROPHY TRIP 2019.

It was a weekend of forgotten things; forgotten rods, forgotten sleeping bags, forgotten fishing partners left lost on tracks, forgotten undies left in the draw at home and even a tale of a club member who forgot to renew his license and lost a rod as a consequence. But these tales will have to wait for next club meeting to be told. As someone remarked we have a drought of Orange Blaster stories and then when it breaks we get a flood!

But then we were there to fish and fish we did, some more successfully than others as you would expect. I must admit that I may need to consult a sports psychologist in relation to my questionable motivation. After spending a pleasant 5 or so hours in the company of Andy on a particular pool, landing three nice fish and losing a fourth, we returned to TAL-TAC for a late lunch and never made it back to the river. If we had maybe I would have caught the winning fish? That's what Ken Collier did after a tough morning on the upper river, he refuelled headed back to the river and caught a beautifully conditioned 4.6lb fish the ultimate winner of the Winter Trophy. A truly deserving champion, unfortunately the prize money probably won't cover the cost of a new rod.



This plump fresh run bow was typical of the fish we were catching.

Photo Ray

All up 7 anglers weighed 20 fish the top 3 being Ken's 4.6 pound, Kane came 2nd with 4.25 and Craig 3rd 4.0, (although my 3.99 on the TALTAC scales had to be close to a 4.0 on a weigh net, just saying). Most of the 5 anglers who blanked redeemed themselves on either the day before or after the contest. Somehow Gordon W managed to land a fish on Sunday despite being simultaneously coached by John D, Ken and Steve M.



Terry G showed advanced casting skills by managing to cast across a pool and hook this little mess 10 feet above the river. He somehow succeeded where others have failed and pulled it out of the tree and back across the river thereby depriving some bird of a potential nest come spring. Now there's an awful lot more nymphs in that little tangle than you'd think. He generously donated his catch to the angler who had not only blanked but had lost the most flies. Always thinking of others that Terry - photo Ray

The day was capped off when we all trooped off to the Turangi RSA for a slightly less than gourmet meal to watch a great All Blacks performance. While we were there 3 of us won \$40 each in complicated raffle they were running Our resident Australian, Russell, was compensated for his team losing by the attracting the attention of an inebriated local who was quite insistent that she wanted to buy him a drink. I never realised Russel was such a chick magnet.

As always John's trip was a lot of fun. There is always something to learn and the company is inevitably great. Craig and I had an interesting discussion on fly design for the Tongariro and discovered that we are both using materials such as glo bug yarn, uv shrimp pink dubbing and coloured beads in our flies, (among other things), to create hot spots that are great attractors. This is despite the fact he is tying Euro nymphs I am tying woolly buggers and mini intruders. The theory is the use of these materials has similar attraction to the fish as glo bugs.

Charlie



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A recent email from our hardworking Lodge Co-ordinator

Lake Arapuni fishing trip recently, myself and Glen staying at lodge. Myself with a 4 lb hen rainbow, which was cooked up on the pot belly that evening, yum yum, eat what you catch. Glen with a nice jack brown caught on Sunday morning. Both caught trolling lures.



John Spence

HAC - August 2019 - The 'Holy Grail' Fly

References :

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHwTg9jKN7s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctlez5CUFKw>



'Tie Up Plenty' – they are fairly fragile and 'suffer' with trout's teeth!!!

Things to remember when tying this fly!

Make sure the bead is in the correct position, maybe securing with the Mylar tinsel before dubbing. The dubbing should be tapered, with the thorax about the same size as the bead or slightly bigger to reinforce that hump.

Always take one turn of the dubbing material behind the Mylar tinsel rib - it prevents slippage.

Rotate the Mylar tinsel towards you and in the opposite direction to tying in the dubbing - means that the rib does not 'sink in' to the dubbing and disappear somewhat.

If you are going to 'spike up' the dubbing with a small Velcro brush, then do it before you wind the rib. Tie in the hackle carefully by the tip with the concave side going rearward. Stoke the fibres back while rotating with the hackle pliers. Don't worry if they appear a little long; it's far better than being short!

Variations.

Fly colours - Concentrate on natural, olive and black in sizes 12 & 14 – that also includes the beads.

Thread colour - The original uses 'red'; change it if you wish.

Beads - Use Tungsten for 'nymph' style, maybe suspended under a dry fly or indicator.

- Use Brass for slower sink rates, maybe on lakes or swinging down and across a river.

- Use Glass beads for even slower sink rates, on lakes or swinging down and across a river.

Wing case - Use other mottled material such a turkey feather, synthetics materials, etc.

Front hackle - Use other soft hackles such a grouse or speckled hen hackle.

Derek Burtenshaw



I caught this fish on the Tongariro recently, if you look closely you can see a red setter fly in it's mouth. I caught it on a woolly bugger, the fly in its mouth looked like it hadn't been there long. I caught one once that had a rainbow warrior nymph in its mouth, John D was there at the time, he said he had broken off a fish with a rainbow warrior 3 hours previously in the same spot; I gave him his fly back. - Charlie

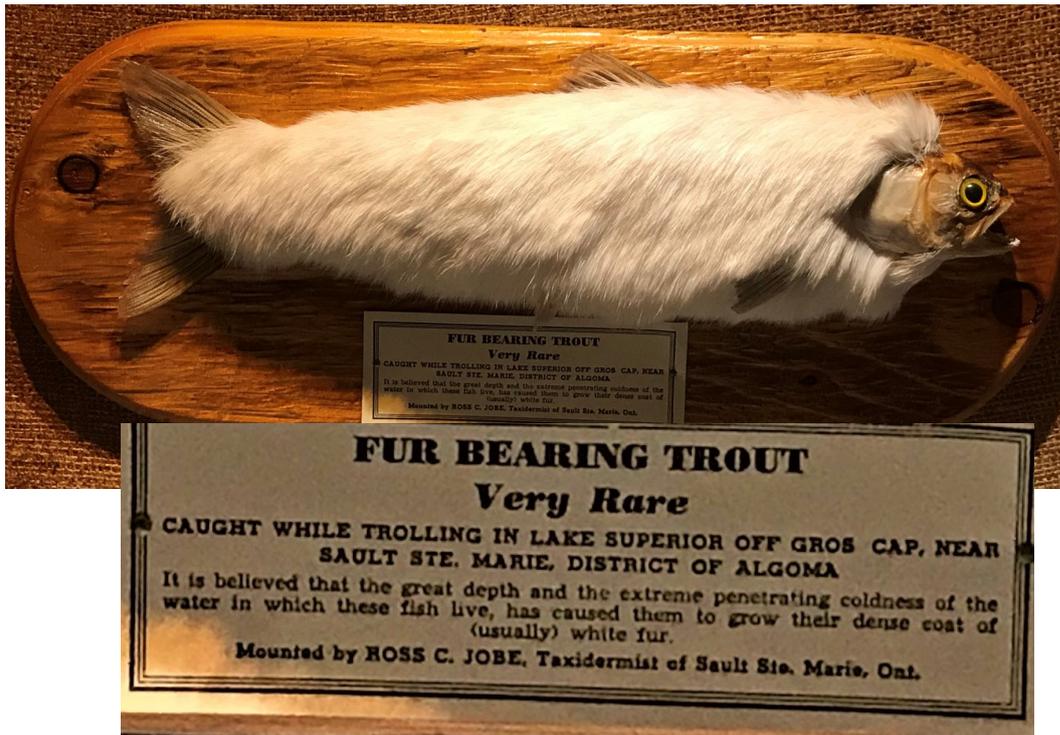
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More from Gavin's Strange but True File



The title of the one below is Trout Training



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



My friend Bill playing a fish on his Euro nymph rod, Tongariro. These light 4 weight rods play good size fish surprisingly well.

Gamin Cup

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

HAC Trip and Event Calendar

Monday 26th August	HAC Meeting - Euro Nymphing presentation	Ray Pryor - 021485692 (rayjpryor@kinect.co.nz)
Monday 2nd September	Committee Meeting -	Clubrooms
13/14 September	Taupo Rivers Trip' staying at Taltac - members will be fishing in 'pairs'	Craig Fredericks - 0211244113 (chfredericks@orcon.net.nz)
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 (chasnane@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)

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



Russell in the process of losing his Euro nymph virginity; photo Ray.

Orange Blaster

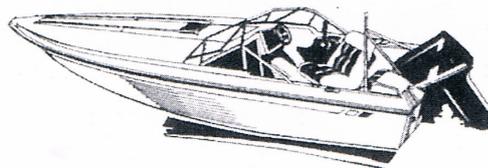
Month	Name	Problem
April	Russel Jennings	Shortening Terry Goupillot's fly line by running over it with his outboard motor.
May	Andy Vanner	Breaking his rod tip in the car door and getting as far as Taupo before realising he had his TALTAC room key on him.

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