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The Upper Whanganui fished on the Club Trip to the Central Plateau in March

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Club Meetings

Meetings continue to be held at 7pm at the Waimarama Surf Life Saving Club in the Splash Planet car park in Hastings. Please note that club meetings switch from one per month in April to two per month from May.

1st April – Fishing Buddy Scheme

See page 9 in this newsletter

6th May – Fly Tying Materials Sale

The club has a surplus of tying materials and we need to shift some of it! Come along and take advantage of some real bargains in a wide variety of tying materials and hooks. Hamils have also offered some bargain start-up fly-tying kits, which could be of interest to newer members keen to start fly-tying. Brian Cottington will have some of these starter kits for members to take a look at and will be able to take orders from those interested in purchasing. Please note that the club has no credit card or eftpos facilities, so bring either cash or your cheque book.

20th May – Fly Tying Evening

Patterns to be decided on the night, but we'll keep it simple for newer members. Suitable for seasoned fly-tyers and novices alike and an opportunity to try out the stuff you bought at the previous meeting!

Presidents Report

The days have closed in, daylight saving has finished and now frosts are predicted, it must mean winter is just around the corner. Why does summer seem shorter every year? Are we trying to cram too much into our busy lives?

This summer has flown by for me with too many projects at home on the go. But with winter approaching it's my favourite time for fishing. Don't get me wrong, I

love fishing with the warm sun on my back, but winter has always meant fishing to me. Mainly, I guess, because when living in Wellington we always headed to Turangi/Taupo area for the winter runs and old habits die hard.

This year will be touched with a little sadness as late last year my fishing buddy of some twenty years passed away and some of our old haunts will not be the same again even though we had not fished together for a few years. The places we did frequent still hold lasting memories.

Our local rivers are still a little lean on the water side, but reports seem to suggest that the fishing is ok at the worst. I'm sure that rain is not too far away, which will return our rivers back to their former flows and allow the fish to start their spawning process.

The club meetings of late have been well supported with several new members coming along which is great to see. New blood brings along renewed enthusiasm and what we are here for, which is to share our knowledge and passion for Fly fishing. With the increase in new members Steve has come up with the buddy system, which will enable new members to contact other club members to go out fishing with. This removes that period of our fishing apprenticeship where we sometimes fish less productive water, (I think I might still be serving my time).

Welcome to Gregor who joined us at the last meeting. I hope he finds us a little warmer than his past experiences.

The club trips have been well supported and good fishing has been had and even better trips are being planned thanks to Paul and Steve. Get your names down as they are a great way to get to know other club members and new water.

Fly tying evenings will be starting again soon, so, for those who have forgotten how or want to learn how to tie flies that catch fish, come along. The club has a few spare vices and tools as well as all the materials required on the night.

A big thanks to Graham Jobey for his prompt installation of a new hot water boiler in the kitchen at Patangata. I'm sure it will be well used in the coming months.

That's all from me; hope to catch you all at the next meeting

Tight lines
Brent

Crafty's Joke Slot

Tommy Cooper Jokes

Two Aerials meet on a roof - fall in love - get married
The ceremony was rubbish but the Reception was Brilliant.

Man goes to the docs, with a strawberry growing out of his head.
Doc says, 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

'Doc, I can't stop singing the green green grass of home.'
'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome.'
'Is it common?'
'It's not unusual.'

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet.
'My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?'
'Well,' says the vet, 'let's have a look at him'
So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth.
Finally, he says, 'I'm going to have to put him down.'
'What? Because he's cross-eyed? '
'No, because he's really heavy'

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Forthcoming Club Trips

Having organised a trip every month for the first five months of 2009, we have another in the pipeline for June to take advantage of this years changes to Fish & Game regulations for the Hawke's Bay region, where we hope to have a cast at fish moving through the Central Hawke's Bay tributaries on their spawning runs.

The 1st April club meeting produced lively discussion on where club trips could be organised later in the year and we will be gauging support for both longer trips out of the region and maintaining trips within the region during the winter club meetings.

A July or August trip to the Turangi region should be on the cards soon.

Please note that the April trip to Rotorua and the May trip to the Ruakituri are both fully booked as places are limited by the accommodation available.

Patangata Lodge on the second weekend of each month continues to be available to members free of charge.

<i>Planned Trips</i>	
25 th & 26 th April	Rotorua Region. <i>Fully Booked.</i>
9 th & 10 th May	Patangata Club Weekend.
16 th & 17 th May	Ruakituri. <i>Fully Booked.</i>
13 th & 14 th June	Patangata Club Weekend – concentrating on tributaries in the region
11 th & 12 th July	Patangata Club Weekend.

As usual, please call Club Captains Steve (06 833 6465) or Paul (06 870 0961) to book a place on forthcoming trips.

Club Captain's Report

Club fishing trips have provided a mixed bag of weather and frustration so far this year, but the consistent factor has been varied fishing in great company.

After a run of losing the 'second weekend of the month' trips to Patangata through long standing prior bookings, we now have a clear run at them and hope to see all well attended. The June trip in particular could provide some outstanding fishing in tributaries that have been out of bounds in previous years.

Away trips have probably provided the most challenges and frustrations. The February trip to the Ruakituri lasted approximately 2 hours before rains put the river into an unfishable spate and everyone went home!

March saw seven of us on the Central Plateau with mixed success. See the article on page 7 for more.

With both the April and May away trips fully booked, we would like to remind all members to contact either of us when new club trips of interest are organised to avoid disappointment.

As we head into the end of Autumn, most of us must be hoping for rain to lift river, and particularly stream levels. Recent visits to favourite small streams have all resulted in disappointment with desperately low flow and water height, and the normally clean gravel beds clogged with algae. A good flush of water in time for the spawning runs to start would be just the ticket.

On a personal note, my youngest daughter, Lottie, finally got her first trout at the end of March. A very obliging little rainbow, just the right size to give her a scrap but not break the line. The fish was thanked for showing up at the end of an otherwise uneventful morning on the Mohaka and released.



Tight Lines - Steve & Paul

Waiau & Mohaka Club Trip – January 2009

Paul Elstone

Our January trip to the Lower Mohaka and Waiau began for most on the Thursday morning as they made their way to the accommodation on the Putere Road. By Thursday evening 6 fishermen were there and ready to hit the Mohaka the following day.

Up early, well nearly, and the round trip was made to drop three anglers and their rafts at Willow Flat. The remaining three went in at Patuwahine to raft the lower section, this conveniently is where the Willow Flat team get out so the vehicle was left for them. This access requires a permit from Mohaka Forest [Pan Pac] and is behind a locked gate. The vehicle distribution procedure takes best part of an hour and in that time Brian C turned up and decided to head over to Otoi to fish the Waiau access at the bridge on the Waireka Road.

The Mohaka was very low and clear. Unfortunately it was full of floating weed, easily the worst I have ever seen it. To say it made the fishing difficult is not even close. It was futile. We persevered for a while on the bottom section but floated out to the vehicle and retired for a cold one. The Willow Flat crew fared little better but did get some reward for their efforts.

It was decided to give the Mohaka a miss and head over to the Waiau the next day. Arriving at our destination for the day included a bit of interesting off road driving. All adds to the fun of the day. At the river we split up and down and enjoyed a mixed bag. Most got into fish and enjoyed a bit of river that's not so easy to get at. It was a pretty warm day and I found myself in for a few lovely swims.

Back to the shearers for a good cook up and one or two cold ones. A bit of a lesson was delivered on the sky that night, as the view was pretty impressive. Next morning it was over the hill again and further up the Waiau. Another off road adventure found us beside the river and all ready for a good day. Some up and some down again but all successful in the catching department. Many of the newer members had very good days with a number of fish on the bank. George was particularly pleased to land a really nice brown and deservedly so. Brian managed to find a nice wee run with 6 fish in it but only managed to get 4 of them out. I think most people managed a half doz or so for the day. Not bad for 7 fishermen at one access.

Swimming was again included in the itinerary as it was pretty hot. Late afternoon saw us back at the vehicles and returning to the shearers again. Some headed home but a few of us stayed on to try a different stretch of the Waiau the next day. More food and cold ones saw us off to bed feeling pleasantly shattered.

Our next section of the river was downstream from where we had been. A few fish were landed but it was much harder fishing and jolly hot. We walked quite a way and did see some very good fish. The river was quite low and the water very warm.

We fished three different stretches of the river and all are quite different in character and the fish hold in different water. The new members enjoyed themselves. The older members did too. A few cold ones lubricated numerous stories that may or may not be entirely accurate, but what the hell we all had a good time. All looking forward to the next trip.

Central Plateau Club Trip 20th - 22nd March 2009

Steve Evans

A total of seven club members headed over to Ohakune towards the end of March for another go at the Central Plateau rivers. There was much weather watching in the days running up to the trip as several members of this party had being washed off the Ruakituri after just a couple of hours on club trip the previous month.

This time, the weather held for the entire weekend, but there were different challenges in store.

Four of us stopped off at Springvale Bridge for a few hours on the Rangateiki on the way over the Taihape Rd. Dereck Gregory and I walked a good hour down the river with the intention of covering plenty of water en-route back to the car. Dereck snapped his rod on his 4th cast and made the return trip without a cast, while I worked my way back up the river and managed a couple of good rainbows in water that promised much more. Doug and George fished nearer to the bridge, where George lost a fish with Houdini qualities in escaping whilst on dry land.

Early evening and all seven of us met up in the roomy and very comfortable ski-club lodge organised for us by Peter Brown in Ohakune. Capable of sleeping near 30 people, we almost had a bunk room each and no snoring or noxious gas complaints were heard at breakfast. All anglers were out of the door bright, early and eager on Saturday morning, with George and Doug heading for the Manganui A Te Ao, Brian, Mark and Peter off to the Whakapapa and Dereck and I opting for the upper Whanganui. Despite the Oceania competition being held on several of the rivers on the same weekend, there was plenty of water to choose from, but success rates varied and the Whakapapa failed to live up to expectation. The upper Whanganui was heavy going, struggling upstream in a bush-clad steep valley, but the scenery was spectacular, blue ducks numerous and a few browns and rainbows showed up too.

All that vigorous exercise saw most of us hit the pub for a quick beer before tea, which descended into many more beers as we stayed on to see just how many

tries the Chiefs could put over the Blues, before retiring to a roaring fire at the ski-lodge, a nightcap and another comfortable nights sleep.

Sunday saw the three parties splitting up again and covering different stretches of the same rivers. The Whanganui at Kakahi provided a few fish for Dereck and me, with most reporting a better morning than the whole of Saturday and something to take home for the smoker.

Many thanks to Peter Brown for organising the extremely comfortable and roomy accommodation for this trip. Peter has kindly offered to do the same next summer and I would encourage members to sign up for it!



Fit hard fighting rainbows



and beautifully marked browns. Hard to tempt but well worth the effort on the Whanganui



Blue Ducks galore



Small, fast & bush-clad. The Upper Whanganui

Outstanding Opportunity on Lake Waikaremoana

"Wanted, someone handy with basic carpentry and painting skills to do a little work on our old boat Matariki moored at Waikaremoana, in exchange for use of the boat. She's a 1930 Mullety, and needs a little work on one side where there are a few spots of minor rot next to the upper window, needs a little bog and a paint up there, as well as a bit of paint on its hull, which is sound, and the ceiling inside. We would pay for all equipment obviously. She's nice and wide and comfortable, probably the slowest boat on the lake, but who cares! Just the thing for exploring some of the lovely bays at the back end of the lake, and the cruising browns in them.. A couple of days of work and we'd let you use her to your hearts content for a year (when we're not using her, which is most of the time)
Call Harry for more info at 8340619



Fishing Buddy Scheme

Steve Evans

Those members who came along to the 1st April meeting were first introduced to this idea to get both new and not so new club members out fishing together.

Before explaining how it works, let me first thank Rotorua Anglers Club who have this scheme in place already and from whom I shamelessly copied the idea (they don't appear to have it copyrighted!).

In short, club members who want to get out fishing with other club members have access to the contact details and basic information on where and when like minded club members like to fish.

Attached to the email that delivered this newsletter is a form for interested anglers to complete and email back to me. For those of you who still receive postal newsletters, a paper form is enclosed which you can either bring to the next club meeting or post to me at 8 Lighthouse Rd, Napier 4110.

I will then compile the list of all interested members and circulate it in each newsletter. For reasons of data protection and privacy, we will not publish the list on the club website.

So, if you want to get onto the water with other club members, try pieces of water you haven't fished before and share your knowledge and skills with less experienced anglers, do join in.

If you have any queries on the scheme, do give me a call on 06 833 6465.

Patangata Club Lodge Booking Arrangements – a friendly reminder.....

A few recent incidents have highlighted the need to bring the club Lodge booking arrangements to member's attention.

Please remember that all bookings are made through Lodge Custodian, Brian Cottington, who can be reached on 06 876 8626. Brian should be called in advance of your intended stay at the lodge.

Recent incidents of people collecting the key from the pub without prior booking have led to confusion, risk of double-booking and suspicion that some people, who may not even be club members, are using our lodge without paying.

As a club, we rely heavily on goodwill from members and those who hold keys for us and your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated by following appropriate booking procedures and advising Brian of any suspected breaches.

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