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Crossing the Maruia on the November South Island Trip

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Club Meetings

Club meetings continue at one per month on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Waimarama Surf Life Saving Club in the Splash Planet car park in Hastings.

3rd February – Safe Rafting

Water safety has been as topical as ever this summer with needless drownings on our beaches, lakes and rivers. As a number of members use club rafts, a timely reminder of water safety from a qualified speaker will form the first club meeting of the year, followed by the weekend of practical advice at Glen Falls on the weekend of 6/7th February (see below for details)

3rd March – Fishing Photography

We welcome back Harvey Norman's photography speaker for an evening of advice and tips on taking great fishing photos and the cameras most likely to help you capture the moment.

Presidents Report

Happy New Year, I hope this finds you well and relaxed after the holiday season. Of course the rivers are dirty now the weekend is here (need to make time during the week to fish I think)?

Well here we go 2010, Club trips are under way and a few different things are coming up. We have the Regional Champs on Saturday the 30th which unfortunately, do not have any locals competing this year, but we will still have a good day regardless.

If you have not been involved with these before, get along and help out as they do show you different styles and techniques on how to fish. You can pick up all sorts of tips and tricks to catch more fish.

In Feb we have a rafting safety course at Glenn Falls which will be excellent as we all need advise on river safety. There is another course on the agenda for river safety and what to do when crossing rivers which is a must, I believe for every one of us. You just never know when the unthinkable might happen.

Central Plateau is happening again which has a few spaces left. I was fortunate to fish the W(h)anganui and Whakapapa in November and found them stunning and will be fishing them again.

There are more trips planned and if you haven't been on a Club trip don't hold back, pick a date or dates and go for it, you will not be disappointed. Not a lot else to report so when the rivers clear I hope to see you on the river somewhere.

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Safe Rafting – 6/7th February, Glen Falls Hut, Mohaka

This summer brought familiar annual tragic tales of needless drownings on our beaches, lakes and rivers. As many of our members use club rafts to access stretches of river, and after a couple of near misses and scares reported by members this summer, it is high time that we take a look at how we are rafting our rivers and make use of rafting expertise to sharpen up our game.

Paul Elstone has enlisted the help of Mohaka Rafting for a weekend of rafting and general river safety, where members can learn rescue techniques and general rafting safety. Many of you may already feel comfortable on the water, but we would nevertheless urge you to find the time to attend as most of us are fisherman first and rafters second and few have taken the time to gain the safety advice that may save your life, or at least another insurance claim for rods and gear lost.

The main event will be a full day with Mohaka Rafting on the Sunday (7th), but there will be advice and instruction on the Saturday evening, plus the opportunity to fish.

Accommodation will be at Glenfalls Hut on the Mohaka and the club will cover the accommodation costs.



The programme run by Mohaka Rafting costs \$98 per person and the club will contribute funds per member, giving you practical rescue and safety skills for just \$70

It may become necessary in the near future to only lend club rafts to members who have completed a recognised course, so if using rafts is something you either do now, or plan to do in the future, we would urge you to attend this event.

Please call Paul Elstone on 06 8700961 to book a place or find out more information.

Regional Trials – 30th January, Tuki at Patangata – Controllers & Support

The regional qualifier organised by Brian Cottington will take place on Saturday 30th January on the Tuki.

Brian is still looking for people to assist on the day as controllers and other support in making sure competitors are on the right beats at the right time and to record their catches for verification in the competition.

If you haven't been involved in these competitions before, you will find them a great source of free fishing advice from watching other anglers techniques, with most more than willing to share their knowledge and experiences.

If you can assist, please call Brian Cottington on 06 876 8626 asap.

Forthcoming Club Trips

There are some great trips on the agenda for the first half of 2010, with spaces available on all those listed below.

As usual, please call Club Captains Steve (06 833 6465) or Paul (06 870 0961) to book a place on forthcoming trips or find out more about the fishing at any of these places.

<i>Planned Trips</i>	
13 th & 14 th February	Patangata Club Weekend
20 th & 21 st February	Central Plateau Rivers. Based at Ohakune or Tauramanui and fishing the Whanganui, Whakapapa etc etc
13 th & 14 th March	Patangata Club Weekend
20 th & 21 st March	Lake Waikaremoana. Live Aboard Boats. Shore and Boat Fishing.
10 th & 11 th April	Patangata Club Weekend
24 th & 25 th April	Ngongataha Stream. Ngongataha Hatchery Accom.
8 th & 9 th May	Patangata Club Weekend
22 nd & 23 rd May	Ruakituri. Eco Lodge Accom.

Club Captain's Report

Steve Evans

The summer months to date have proved challenging to say the least with 'El Nino' bringing one wet Southerly after another keeping the rivers as high and coloured as any July or August. I spent two weeks in the South Island at the beginning of January and didn't get a day without rain, often 200mm at a time accompanied by thunder and lightning on the West coast and even fresh snow in Wanaka! Not much fishing done in the whole fortnight, although seeing the Buller in full flood is a sight that will stay with me for a while.

I hope the previous page has whetted your appetite for some of the forthcoming club trips to a mix of familiar favourites and new challenges.

Central Plateau always brings mixed results from previous trips, but with this years visit timed for high summer, we ought to get a different look at these rivers when the trout are hopefully looking upwards for cicadas and other terrestrials. Let's keep fingers crossed that the Southerlies take a break during these weekend trips, especially after the rains canned both the December Rangiteiki and January Mohaka trips.

This lack of fishing activity makes for a very brief Captains report.

Tight Lines - Steve & Paul

South Island Trip

Steve Evans

The first week of November saw eight of us crossing Cook Strait for a week of fishing in the Murchison/Reefton area of the South Island.

Club member Dereck Gregory did an outstanding job in bringing the idea to fruition in organising ferry crossings, accommodation and all the logistics that go with it, and at an incredible price that saw us paying about \$500 a head for the whole trip, including a slap up meal in the pub on the last night. Several anglers we bumped into paid more than that for a single day with a guide!

While the fishing was very tough, everyone got to try new water and new methods in stunning West coast scenery. Casting deer-hair mice patterns at big brownies in small streams was new to most of us; and some of those browns were absolutely huge!

With a base right on the Maruia River, we had fishing literally on our doorstep in a roomy timber lodge, all the comforts of home, combined with great company made for great evenings and breakfasts. The Maruia was particularly difficult, the Buller way too big for the fly, but the smaller rivers running into the Buller, and those in the Reefton region gave us all plenty of chances at sighted browns.

When we go back next year, all that exploratory reccy trip information will be stored away and the fishing ought to be as good as the rest of the trip, and when the trip gets announced I'd urge you to sign up!



Invitation from Napier Freshwater Anglers

Our committee would like to extend to your members the opportunity to join with us for our Monday 1st February 2010 meeting at 7pm. Guest speaker will be Bryce Johnson. Venue will be Napier Fire Station on Taradale Rd. Feel free to ring me to discuss this.

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	<p><i>Mohaka Accommodation</i></p> <p>Willow Flat Fishing Lodge Rob Smith 021 044 7749 robandsmi@hotmail.com</p> <p>\$10/night</p>
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Fishing Buddy Scheme

Steve Evans

For 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.

Fishing Buddy Scheme Members

Name & Contact No'	Looking for places to fish?	Can help others	Can fish on weekdays?	Can fish on weekends?	Other relevant Info
Michael Jones 0274-423444 Hastings	Yes – all over the region	No	Yes	Yes	got 4wd
Peter Hunt 06 8446150 021 1546451 Taradale	Yes	No	Yes-School Holidays	Yes	Novice looking for time on the water
Doug Hamilton 8778503 Havelock North	Yes	Yes Tukituki Mohaka	Yes	Yes	
Peter Frizzell 021 246 7400 06 876 6944 Hastings	Yes Tukituki Mohaka	Yes Tukituki Mohaka	Yes	Yes	Can take own vehicle
Bryce Seymour 8761002 Hastings	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Tom Brummer 877 5526 Havelock North	Yes	No	Yes Tue - Fri	Prefer not to	Prefer to share car costs with driver
Roy Frost 875 0128 Te Awanga	Yes Tukituki Mohaka Ngaruroro & Tributaries	Yes Tukituki Waipawa	Yes Mon, Tue & Thur	No	

Wild Rivers Update

Hi all,

On behalf of the Wild Rivers steering committee, please find our newsletter to the 10 Wild River NGOs. Please circulate to your committees, and memberships if appropriate.

Best wishes for the summer season – enjoy those rivers.

Debs Martin

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SUMMER GREETINGS TO ALL OUR WILD RIVER PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

As you are the contact person, please circulate this newsletter update to your organisation's executive committee's and memberships.

Wild Rivers

What a great first year this has been – our partnership on the Wild Rivers campaign has grown to 10 national NGOs. They are:

- Whitewater NZ (formerly NZ Recreational Canoeing Assn),
- Forest & Bird,
- Fish & Game,
- NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers,
- Federated Mountain Clubs,
- Council of Outdoor Recreation Assns of NZ,
- ECO – Environment & Conservation Orgs of NZ,
- NZ Rafting Assn,
- Mountain Bike NZ,
- NZ Alpine Club.

Since April we have developed our fabulous website, thanks mainly to Glenn Murdoch, Whitewater NZ ... www.wildrivers.org.nz

In October we launched our Wild Rivers campaign, and set our intention by holding a series of 10 fabulous Day on a Wild River events around the country. If you haven't already seen what happened ... check out the details on our website.

We've just sent a Season's Greeting card to all 120 of our government MPs with photos from the day and calling them to join us on the rivers for some fun this summer.

Photo Competition

Supported by Forest & Bird (WR partner), our Wild Rivers photo competition is up and running. With Craig Potton judging, great prizes, and two categories – what could be more fun than getting out and taking a few good wild river pics over the summer. More details can be found at:

<http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/saving-our-environment/freshwater-/wild-rivers-/wild-rivers-photo-competition>

Out & About filming our rivers

An awesome crew of kayakers are out filming Lifeblood of our Nation – journeying to some remote places of New Zealand and tackling whitewater in ways not often seen. Thanks to these great bunch of people who, with support, are putting our Wild Rivers right up there! For more, follow the adventures on:

<http://passion4adventure.blogspot.com/2009/12/southland-times-interview-lifeblood-of.html>

Another series of eight documentaries on rivers is coming up in the New Year – and Wild River partners are involved – more to come on that in our next newsletter.

Coming Up

24 January – Frank Kits Park, Wellington. Picnic for the Planet (Annual environmental political gathering organised by the Greens)

11am – 2pm

Wild River parties have been asked to participate with a stall at this event – please contact Debs on d.martin@forestandbird.org.nz if you are in Wellington that weekend, and can assist – even in some small way. Wild Rivers material from all groups are welcome – including latest magazines, etc.

BullerFest – 5 – 7 March, 2010, Murchison

The annual big-bash for whitewater enthusiasts. Wild Rivers parties have been asked to attend and provide input/stall, etc. Last year we launched the ‘sign a kayak’ at this event – and there’s plenty of fun to be had. Contact d.martin@forestandbird.org.nz if you’re wanting to be a part of it all. Would be great to have a few kayaking reps organising this event.

Late March/April 2010, Wellington

Time for us all to gather, continue to plan our campaign, strategise, and plan the campaign for the year ahead. Contact Quentin.duthie@gmail.com or rcullinane@fishandgame.org.nz if you have any ideas for this gathering. It is planned to be held over a weekend.

Autumn/Winter Roadshow

To celebrate the winners of the photo competition and to take our campaign out near to the Wild Rivers of New Zealand – and the wider public, we are planning a road show over the autumn/winter. The idea is to have a combination of images, short film clips, information, talks and displays travelling the country. We will need lots of support across the country to get the word out. Planning for this will be underway in earnest in the New Year. If you wish to help with this, contact d.martin@forestandbird.org.nz

Poster

In the New Year FMC will be supporting the production of an attractive Wild Rivers poster.

Mokihinui Decision

The latest on the Mokihinui decision is that it is now due out in February. We urge all Wild Rivers parties who have been involved in this resource consent process to prepare a media response. We will also have a small Wild Rivers release that will go out – hopefully congratulating the Commissioner's on a brilliant decision! With the Stockton Hydro scheme just gaining resource consent – the imperatives for the Mokihinui scheme to proceed are even smaller than before.

On that note, the Steering Committee thank you for your help and support in this past year.

Enjoy your wild summer on the wild rivers of New Zealand – from us all!

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