



HASTINGS ANGLERS CLUB

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A Whanganui brownie from the Ohakune club trip

Next Cub Meeting:
Wednesday 2nd July
7:00pm

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Club Meetings

All meetings continue to be held at Waimarama Surf Life Saving Club in the Splash Planet car park in Hastings

July 2nd Photo Evening

Tonight we will show members a few photos of the recent Club Trip to the Central Plateau.

We will also discuss some of the access points to the rivers fished so club members have an idea of where to go and how to fish this region.

The fire will be roaring and the drinks will be hot so come along and hear differing points of view about this very different fishing region.

July 16th Fly Tying

We encourage members to turn up so all of you can improve your fly tying skills.

All materials will be supplied and yes you take your creation home.

The pattern to be tied will be decided on the night.

August 6th Group session on winter fishing

A guest speaker will go over the finer points of winter fishing.

Because of the increased water flows we tend to fish a little differently over the winter months.

A little more weight is required to get down to where the fish are lying and we can also use wet lines without weed being a problem.

Hopefully we can also cover spinning and what lures to use.

We promise you will learn plenty so you can increase your catch rates.

August 20th AGM

A chance to have a say in the running affairs of your Club.

The AGM is usually held in September but because we are so organised we have brought it forward.

Supper will be provided.

Please note that if there is any change in regards to Club nights members will be notified by email

PLEASE REMEMBER MEETINGS START AT 7.00 PM

President's Report



Winter is here-

Most rivers are discoloured because of rain. These conditions will enable the spawning runs to run up all tributaries of our major rivers and hopefully 2008 should be a great spawning season.

The cooler wet weather has increased water flows, cleared waterways of weed and rubbish that generally appears over the warmer period of lower flows.

With the cooler weather fishing our Hawke's Bay rivers does become a little harder and more frustrating.

There are the smaller fish you can target and these fellows often provide the angler with a good fight.

Club trip-

Nine members used Ohakune as base to find out a little more the rivers on the Central Plateau had to offer.

Three rivers were fished – the Manganuioteao, Whanganui and Whakapapa.

Although river conditions were pretty well ideal it would be fair to say the fishing was not easy. Perhaps the best fishing was on day two on the Wkakatapa with Murray, Peter and Derek landing some good fish – rainbows and browns.

Thanks to Roger who was able to accommodate us at two houses he owns in Ohakune. Roger also cooked and organised meals.

Overall a very successful trip with the general feeling being that the Club will do this trip again but a little earlier in the year.

Thanks to those Club members who made the effort in turning out.

A mention should be made that Derek wet waded for the entire weekend – with water temperatures around the nine degree mark that is damn impressive we all said !!!!

This was the first time I had fished these waters so learnt a lot and I will be back a little wiser.

Patangata Hall-

This facility is a huge asset to the club and the best thing in its favour is that it is only 25 minutes away.

A new load of firewood has been stacked so there should be plenty of dry fuel to stoke the fire during winter.

New Working Bee – the date for this has not been set as yet but hopefully for a weekend in July.

We will be replacing the barge board on the southern wall as the timber has bad rot in a number of places.

At the same time we will do a quick tidy up of the section and a bit of pruning here and there. Hopefully there will be a fire to light for Marty !!!!!

We do have a number of builders within the Club so it would really be appreciated if members could donate some of their time over this weekend so this project can be completed within a day.

Those of you willing to help can you please contact me at phone 06 8799649 or see me at the next Club night.

There will be no fee for staying the night – just bring along something to eat and a sleeping bag. If there are enough enquiries I can book a meal at the Patangata Tavern next door – just let me know !!!!

The Lodge has been busy over the past season with mainly non members using the facility.

This is a fantastic facility so I would like to encourage members to use it for weekends with family or friends.

The rates are cheap , the fishing is good, accommodation is comfortable, the beach not far away, not far from home and of course the beer is always cool next door !!!!!

Tamatea Intermediate DARE Programme

The Wednesday after Queen's Birthday weekend was the Lake Tutira field trip for 12 Tamatea Int. pupils.

Just remember it is the middle of winter - but does that stop these hardy soles wading into the water up to their thighs – no way !!!! Damn impressive I say.

Fishing was hard but it was pleasing to see the lake in good condition especially after the problems with the algae bloom which had put the area off limits for some considerable time.

Anyway the day was brilliantly fine and one cracker rainbow was landed by one very excited teacher.

My thanks to Ken Hyett, Barry Daly and Gary Harlen for their time and help.

The school is very appreciative of the Club's efforts and every year I receive thankyou's from all the pupils who take part in this day trip.

Club Nights

My thanks to Murray Boaler for setting up and putting into action the Fly Tying evenings once again.

The simple step by step instructions are helping members tie some fabulous looking flies. Please come along to these evenings and you will find just how easy the art of fly tying can be – sometimes !!!!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

This years AGM will be held on 20th AUGUST AT 7.00 PM

As said in past newsletters I know these are a chore but it is so important that members have a say in the running of their Club. Hopefully we should have things done and dusted in an hour.

Please come along-you must have some concerns...or you might have something positive to say!

General-

Your Club has been instrumental in making a couple of changes to the 2008 – 2009 Fishing Licence.

Daily bag limits on the Tuki Tuki river have been increased and the summer fishing season has been extended.

It looks as though the cost of your new Licence will be going up but it is still good value for money - as long as you use it!!!!

Please remember the NEW STARTING TIME FOR CLUB MEETINGS IS NOW 7.00 PM.

During the winter months we return to the original format of two meetings a month – the first and third Wednesday.

Finally your President has become a Grand-father for the first time – a boy .

A fantastic experience seeing your kids go through what you did many years ago.

Lastly enjoy your winter fishing. I know I will – I am spending a week at Turangi from the fourth of July. Well somebody has got to do it so it may as well be me!!!!

Tight Lines

Mark

Saltwater Fly Fishing Clinic – Saturday 5th July

Clark Reid, who operates a salt water fly fishing charter out of Tauranga is running a saltwater flyfishing clinic this Saturday (5th July) at the Game Fishing Club in Ahuriri.

The day starts at 9am and will focus on tackle, methods & tips. Clark will be bringing an array of tackle to try out, including a wide range of Sage rods.

The price for the day is \$75 per person, with more information available from Les at Guns & Tackle, Napier, who are helping to sponsor the event.

Les can be reached on 835 9016

NZFishing.com

From Doug Stevens of NZFishing.com

If you have not come across it at this stage I would like to introduce you to the premier website about freshwater fishing in New Zealand, www.nzfishing.com and invite your club to be represented on it. For no charge we offer to either list your club and its contacts details, or to create and host a web page about the club.

nzfishing.com is an innovative site and is the complete guide to planning a trout fishing trip anywhere in New Zealand. It has everything an angler needs, and is everything a website should be: comprehensive, well-organised, easy-to-use and fast-loading. Please take a moment to have a look – you'll find details of many lakes and rivers, access and topographical maps, pictures of flies, regulations and much more. The website has two people working on it full time so it is being constantly updated and improved.

The site ranks highly in Google searches (e.g. 2nd for "New Zealand fishing", 1st for "Trout fishing New Zealand" and 1st for "New Zealand fly fishing" to name a few common search phrases). It is already attracting several thousand visitors per week, and is getting excellent feedback from the many users. We are building an up-to-date directory of all the freshwater fishing clubs in New Zealand as a service to anglers and prospective members, and so we can occasionally send you details of developments, relevant stories and news.

In addition, we offer to create and host a free web page for your club. If the club would like its own web address and email address, we can arrange this too, at a cost of \$44.95 per year payable to the Internet Service provider Actrix.

I am sending a short article for your newsletter in a separate email and hope that it will be worthy of publication. We would also appreciate receiving your newsletters on an ongoing basis as I am sure there is a lot happening in your area that we would like to know about.

Could you also let your members know that over the next few weeks, to encourage individuals to register with us, we are offering some magnificent prizes courtesy of Composite Developments. On October 1st all those that have taken the opportunity to register with nzfishing.com will go into a draw to win one of three prizes; an CD XLS Rod (worth \$799), a Composite Developments fly vest (worth \$200) or a Taimer Performance TT7/8 reel (worth \$95). The results will be published in early October on www.nzfishing.com.

Regards,

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Register with www.nzfishing.com and go into the draw to win one of three valuable prizes courtesy of nzfishing.com and Composite Developments. All those who register by 1st of October, 2008 will go into a draw to win one of the following prizes:

First prize:

A CD XLS Rod of your choice valued at \$799.

Second prize:

A Composite Developments Fly Fishing Guide Vest valued at \$199.95

Third prize:

A Taimer Performance TT7/8 reel valued at \$90.00

Competition winners will be published on www.nzfishing.com in the first week of October.

The Politics of Our Sport

by *Doug Stevens*, www.nzfishing.com

Many years ago my wife and I arrived in Great Britain after two years travelling from New Zealand through Asia. This two-year period was the longest time in my life, either before or since, that I had not had one minutes fishing! On arriving in Britain, we bought a small car and set off to explore the countryside and it was during our first excursion that I learned some valuable lessons about angling deprivation.

As we were travelling down a small hill, I happened upon a solitary angler fishing a beautiful stretch of water. Like any addict who is suddenly re-exposed to the source of their addiction, I knew I had to go fishing again, and soon. Doing what any Kiwi would do, I climbed the gate and loped down to ask if I too could fish this stretch of river. I had every intention if the answer was in the affirmative of travelling to the next town, buying a licence, some tackle and then hot-footing it back to join him. The answer I received was not, however, what I expected.

Standing up from where he had been crouching and casting to a rising fish, with bristling moustache aquiver, my angler replied to my request with the immortal words, "I do not mind you fishing here if you do not mind being **shot!**". (Note: there was a very strong emphasis on the last word in this reply!)

It was then I learned one of the most important lessons of my angling life (and as I was to spend most of the next decade in the UK it was one that stood me in good stead). The lesson was, don't expect because you are a charming antipodean boy that you will be allowed to fish the river Test just because you asked nicely. For that was the river I had "discovered" on my first outing in my new car. There were two things that I am proud of from this incident however: the first was my instant recognition of the Test as a great river to fish; the second was the speed by which I managed my return to the safety of the car.

But there was another important lesson in this and one that we in New Zealand often forget. What we take as an inalienable right to access our forests and land is not the norm in other parts of the world.

Many if not most New Zealanders treasure the tradition that allows almost unfettered access to the great outdoors. This "right of access " has been retained over the years as the result of constant vigilance. There are many forces that would like to see access to vast tracts of our country become off-limits to the average Kiwi. There are those, for example, who would like to set up private hunting and fishing reserves where only well-heeled anglers and hunters would be able to access prime waters and hunting grounds. It is only through the work of those who constantly monitor and challenge those that wish to take away our rights in this area that we can continue to enjoy our sport with the freedom of access that is the envy of much of the world.

It is therefore very important, particularly in this election year, that each and every one of us who wants to see that our right to access fishing and hunting continue (and indeed ensure this right is available to our grandchildren) are aware of the policies of the political parties in these matters. What is the norm now can quickly be taken away through legislation if we allow it.

To help understand these policies, the website [nzfishing.com](http://www.nzfishing.com) has brought together links to the policies of the major, and the not so major parties, that touch upon this important issue. See <http://www.nzfishing.com/Other/Election2008PartyPolicy.htm>

Do take this opportunity to read what our political masters propose should we give them the opportunity. And be prepared to challenge, if necessary, proposals and policies that you do not agree with. Because at the end of the day, it is our choice as to who will set the policies and laws that can either enshrine our freedoms or deprive the average citizen from what we presently take as our birthright.

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