



HASTINGS ANGLERS CLUB

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Peter Frizzell lands himself yet another front page & trout on the clubs May trip to Rotorua. Had he leant back just another couple of degrees, we might have got the ultimate 'falling in' shot.

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Club Meetings

Winter club meetings continue at two per month on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Waimarama Surf Life Saving Club in the Splash Planet car park in Hastings.

6th July – Dave Hern

Brent has organised Dave Hern to come and talk on general winter fishing tactics and lend some of his considerable knowledge on Hawke's Bay fishing to any questions from members

20th July – Fly Tying Evening

Pattern to be determined on the night, with all materials supplied by the club

3rd August – Speaker to be confirmed

17th August – Fly Tying Evening

Pattern to be determined on the night, with all materials supplied by the club

Thanks to Crafty's for putting up a stainless steel fish smoker for the winner of the most amusing category in the club photo competition.

See the club website for entries & details of how to enter yourself

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Presidents Report

What a great turn out for our pairs comp. This was a well organised and well run day with tons of humor and not too serious on the fishing. The evening meal was superb and a huge thank you needs to go to Maria, Paul and Murray for their efforts. I think a headache or two might have greeted some Sunday Morn.

Peter Frizzel showed his class by collecting a few prizes and the rest of us collected what remained and I think everyone scored something.

No browns were recorded and that could be the time of the year but some respectable rainbows were noted. Our sponsors for the day (Crafty's) deserve a thank you for prizes they put up and also to Gary Harlen for his support and generosity on the day. Again it was great to see the numbers for the day and it all bodes well for future events of this kind.

The Rotorua trip was another memorable trip which started a little wet with the Ngongataha stream being dirty, so the choice of Te Wairoa at Lake Tarawera was decided on and we all headed there. The first fish was landed by St John from Wellington which turned out to be a dead hen, which he managed to hook in the mouth??(Didn't fight much)

This should have been an omen as we noticed dead smelt and juvenile trout floating about and later found out that an algal bloom had been washed out of Lake Tikitapu down the Te Wairoa stream. After we had tried unsuccessfully to catch a live trout we left the lake to have a drink and chat with the Rotorua anglers at their club rooms and to get the good oil on the fishing in the area. We arranged for some of us to be chauffeured around Lake Tarawera on Saturday and pick up times were arranged. But we also had some night fishing to do and after we had a less than fulfilling feed at Burger King (sorry St John) we headed out to the Pipe on Rotoiti. We had waves crashing on the shore and weed and pumice all around and prospects looked good for the big fish to be about but alas, the only thing landed was a very dead and decomposing shag (there's that omen again) landed heroically by Colin.

So home again at about 12.30 to catch a few z's then off to Lake Tarawera where we spent the day casting and chasing trout all over the lake with very little success. Arrived back at camp a little despondent at the lack of fish to find Colin and Derek had struck gold at Okataina and Rotoma and had some lovely looking fish, then Pete and Barry turned up with a bin full from Tarawera (small amount of depression now setting in) so not to be out done we go night fishing again and you guessed it NO FISH.

Sunday dawned frosty but clear and advice from the locals was that the Ngongataha would be fishable and to get out early before the locals, so we did and yeah, finally fish we hooked and landed. Not the monsters we hoped for but they were respectable enough so the Trophies will have to wait till next time. But all and all it was a great trip with lot of laughs and great comradery and after all that's what fishing's all about.

See you at the next meeting,

Tight Lines Brent

Forthcoming Club Trips

After several Summer trips were largely lost to flooding, our fortunes changed, with no less than three trips and events to report in three consecutive months in the following pages.

At the moment, there are no 'away trips' confirmed for the winter months of July and August, but we will organise something for the Taupo/Tongariro region during that time and any members keen to come along should call Club Captains Steve (06 833 6465) or Paul (06 870 0961) to book a place.

Planned Trips & Events

9 th & 10 th July	Patangata Club Weekend
13 th & 14 th August	Patangata Club Weekend
5 th to 12 th November	Derek Gregory is organising another trip to the South Island. This will be the third consecutive year we have headed South for those challenging brownies in spectacular surroundings, and anyone keen to join him should call Derek on 06 870 9385.

Club Captain's Report

Paul Elstone

Hastings Anglers Club. Pairs Competition. Patangata, 11 June 2011.

I had been a bit concerned about the weather for this weekend, however even the overnight rain did little to change the river, just a wee colour.

Those that stayed Friday night enjoyed a leisurely breakfast while waiting for all to arrive. Duly the draw was held at 9.00am to draw 6 teams who then organized themselves and decided on fishing spots. By 9.30 only Mark Hyett and I were left so we wandered off across the bridge and down past the camping ground to have a fish.

We returned about 1.00pm to get the roast on and Mark mowed the lawns while I sawed firewood, or was that 40 winks. Anglers started arriving back about 3.00pm and all were in by 4.30.

A few drinks were had a and a few yarns told while our meal cooked and then all sat down to a great roast and trimmings. Many thanks to Murray Boaler for the side of lamb and to Maria for all the work she did preparing it.

All in all It was a bit of fun and I doubt anyone did not enjoy themselves.

Results.

Longest Brown trout. No entry so prize went to lucky draw.

Longest Rainbow trout. Martin Fergusson. 510mm.

Closest to average length. Andy Sanders. 274mm.

Pair with most fish. Brian Fennessy, Peter Frizzell. 8 fish.

Pair with least fish. Paul Elstone, Mark Hyett. 0 fish at all!

Least fish individual. Guess. Good thing I had two bags of chocolate fish.

Pair with longest total length. Brian Fennessy, Peter Frizzell. 2690 mm total.

Pair with least total length. Garrie Griffeths, Murray Boaler.670mm.

Hard Luck. Peter Frizzell, broken rod.(boy he's hard on rods)

Longest foul hooked fish. Peter Frizzell. 400mm.

There were a number of lucky draws including a very kind offer from Gary Harlen of a half days guiding which was won by Garrie Griffeths. Thanks very much Gary.

And of course thanks to Crafty for prizes.

As you may be able to tell by some of the categories it's not a particularly serious competition and fun was had by all. Next year we will run it a bit earlier in the season so please come and join in.

Look out for information in newsletters etc.

Cheers Paul Elstone.



Hastings Anglers Rotorua Trip 27th to 29th May 2011

Peter Frizzell

Six of our members travelled to Rotorua at the end of May for a weekend of lake fishing. Derek, Colin, Barry, St John, Brent and Peter.

The trip had been planned around a moonless weekend for optimum night fishing conditions and there were great expectations of some well weighted fish coming to the net.

We settled in to our accommodation at the Ngongataha Fish Hatchery at about midday on Friday and then took off to Lake Tarawera for some day time cast and retrieve at the Landing and the Te Wairoa Stream mouth. There was not a touch to be had at this site as unfortunately there had been a very recent algal bloom which had killed several hundred of fish. The only fish that was hooked was a dead one that had unbelievably been foul hooked in the mouth. However, the scenery was fantastic and the company great so along with all the casting practice for the anticipated night fishing it was a great afternoon.

Next stop was the Rotorua Anglers Clubhouse for an early evening happy hour or two - catching up with old friends and getting the best oil on where we should concentrate our night fishing efforts.

"The Pipe" was where the six of us ended up after what seemed to be hours of driving. With great expectation we rigged up by the light of our headlamps and stumbled and felt our way into the lakeside shallows. It was dark and cold and there were no touches and the wind was blowing in our faces so after two hours four of us gave up and returned to Ngongataha and left the others to it. They informed us in the morning that it was way past midnight when they left the water but they did say that they had had three touches - I suppose that is something, especially if they are about an hour apart - just enough to give a determined angler encouragement to carry on.

The next day (Saturday) four of us were guests of Rodger Bowden and another Rotorua club member on Lake Tarawera. Rodger really knows this lake and how to catch the fish in it. We came back at the end of the day with six fish, all between 5 and 6 lbs. Lovely fat fish with bright orange flesh which proved to be great eating. Derek and Colin ended up at Lake Okataina fishing from the shore and catching several good fish, the largest greater than 6lbs.

Night fishing on the Saturday evening was only for the two die hard enthusiasts of the night before. Again they remained out there till well after midnight getting that one touch per hour to keep them expectant but ultimately to come home empty handed.

We woke Sunday morning to a beautiful frost but were all enthusiastic to have a fish in the Ngongataha Stream which had cleared overnight. There were lots of fish to be seen with several sighted digging their redds. St John went further upstream and landed six fish with others of our party also getting fish. However there was nothing of any size landed.

It was, as always, a very enjoyable trip with lots of fun and camaraderie, even if the night fishing did not live up to expectations. The enthusiasts who stayed out till after midnight, Brent and Derek, are the real heroes - at least they gave it a go instead of just sitting at home in the warm thinking about it. All for those touches eh.

A few photo's from the Rotorua trip.



Manawatu/Pahiatua Trip 15th, 16th & 17th April 2011.

Brian Fennesey

Club members recently make a trip to the Manawatu.



Doug H's son-in-law's father is the owner of the Dudley Arms Tavern and we were offered a very good rate of \$55 per night, including dinner and a cooked breakfast so this was to be our base.

Most of us left on Friday morning, Peter F and the three team members that went with him left the earliest at 7am but Doug, George and I left at a more sensible time of 8am.

Mark H had to work so he followed up later and arrived about 6pm.

The first place we fished was the Manawatu at Oringi where we caught up with Peter and his crew.

This was quite successful with all of us catching fish although some were very small.

After lunch we moved on following the Manawatu fishing various locations, eventually getting to Mangatainoka just on "Beer o'clock".

The hosts there, Dave and Vicky, made us very welcome and since we were the first to arrive we got the pick of the rooms.



As the others arrived we tasted the local beer and swapped lies about the 7kg brownie that got away until dinnertime.

We had breakfast at 7am and then made our way to our chosen spots, most of us wanted to have a look at the Mangatainoka River. We agreed to meet back at the pub at 12 noon to "freshen up" before we went to check out the Tui Brewery, have lunch and take the tour.

All of us were surprised at the clarity of the Mangatainoka especially above the Fonterra factory, but for my part, there was very few fish where we were fishing. This day was the day of the big "Truck Stop" at the Brewery, there was over 130 trucks on display, very interesting.

The Tui Girls were all there and some of us were brave enough to have photos



taken with them. The Brewery tour was worth the effort and very interesting.

Back to the Dudley Arms and the more enthusiastic of the team again ventured out to fish, the weather, by this time had really closed in and the more sensible of us elected to stay back and reserve our seats at the bar to watch the rugby match.

It's true to say, I think, that the festivities that night were a

little more constrained.

Next morning, same as Saturday 7am start, great cooked breakfast from Dave and off home.

We returned to a spot where we had had some luck the previous day, it's marked as 18 in the Fish & Game brochure on the Upper Manawatu.

We also fished the Tukituki at Walker Road on the way through but disappointing.



How was the weekend? “Great”, was the overall impression, a lot of Browns caught in the Manawatu.

The accommodation was spot on, full marks to Dave and Vicky and to Doug for arranging it.

I think tat this should become one of our regular yearly trips and I’m sure that all who went would agree.

I have put together a video record of the mischief that we got up to, you can see by following the link on our website.

Save Our Rods!

Neil Hollebhone

I am sure it has happened to most of us whilst preparing the rod by the car before we leave for the river.

Shut the rod in the door. Had the rod fall down whilst leaning it against the car and someone has trodden on it. In both cases the rod is not as good as it was!!!

Buy a packet of Selleys self adhesive super clip and attach it to the car at the back as per the photo and the same on the other side.

According to the instructions to get the clip off slide a razor or craft knife through the adhesive and peel the rest off with fingers.

I can hear you say oh no I am not putting it on my car or it is the company vehicle and it might ruin it. Fair enough then put it on the back light case and there can be no problems.



Advocates for the Tongariro River

Eric Wilson, Editor & Secretary

June 23, 2011

River Management

The Waikato Regional Council (WRC and previously Environment Waikato is working to clear the Hirangi Arm. This is the water that breaks from the main stream in the area of the Swirl Pool and flows under normal conditions as a small stream before re-entering the main stream of the river on the true left at the top of the Reed Pool. The Hirangi Arm is not to be confused with the Hirangi Stream which is a stream in its own right before it reaches the Tongariro River between the tail of the Reed Pool and the head of the Jones Pool, again on the true left. The Hirangi stream starts from a spring within the town.



Two large diggers are at work. The first is piling the willows as they are being cut in preparation for burning. The second is adding willows to the burning pile.



Concern has been expressed that the stumps of the cut willows will simply resprout and that is happening to the willows cut earlier this year. I have checked with WRC who inform me that either the stumps will be removed or the regrowth poisoned later this year.

Blue Duck (Whio)

Despite the work taking place here 1 blue duck has taken up residence at the head of the Bain Pool. This duck seems completely at peace with the work of machines and the passage of anglers.



The native birds are a feature of the river and it is a privilege to share the river with such a rare species. There are only 4 species of torrent duck in the world and the Whio is the rarest. This is the first year that I have seen Blue Duck downstream of the Main Road Bridge. The pointed white beak easily distinguishes them from other ducks.

Fishing Report

Harry Hamilton checked my license on Tuesday around 2.00pm. In our conversation he said that he had covered most of the river that day and measured just 6 fish. The best was a 7lb Brown trout caught in the Nridge Pool. At a guess Harry would have seen probably a quarter of the fish caught that day. There are fish around but you are lucky to get one or two a day.

Sand and Silt in the river.

I have reported that there is a lot of sand and silt in the river in all sections of the river. I understand that the gates were opened at both Rangipo and Poutu structures during recent floods which has resulted in the increased levels of silt and sand in the river. As fish do not lie on silt or sand, (they prefer gravel stream bottoms), perhaps the fish are passing quickly through the fishing stretch of the river resulting in a low catch rate and disappointed anglers.

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	

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