



HASTINGS ANGLERS CLUB

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Mohaka above Pakatutu Bridge

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Club Nights November-December

All Meetings at 7.30 pm

Wednesday 7th November

Digital Photography with Stuart Kelly, Harvey Normans Photography Rep. Come along & find out how to get the best from your camera in time to capture the perfect snap of that 10-pound brownie before you release it!

Wednesday 21st November

Jim Tamlin, the Rotorua rep from Kilwell will be bringing along some of Kilwell's new rods for use to try out

Wednesday 5th December

No meeting – see club trips below for end of year BBQ at Patangata on 8/9th December

Wednesday 19th December

No meeting

Club Trips Nov / Dec

Nov 10/11. Patangata. There is some work to be done at the Lodge to tidy it up for the summer. We hope to get it done and have plenty of time for fishing. Hopefully the river will be in good order by then. We will put on a roast meal at the Lodge for those staying.

Nov 24/25. Lower Mohaka. This will be a raft fishing trip from below Willowflat. Paul Elstone has arranged access and accommodation. There are only 8 places available on this trip. For more information or to reserve a place contact Paul.

Dec 8/9. Patangata. A weekend trip to the Lodge. On Sunday at 1.00pm we will be having an end of year B.B.Q.
The Sunday B.B.Q. will replace the club meeting which would have been on the 5th Dec. C.H.B.Anglers have been invited to join with us for the B.B.Q.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I haven't been out fishing yet – so who's to blame !!!!!

Then it must be me. Most rivers have remained discoloured over the past couple of weeks because of rain and a couple of falls of snow. At least I don't feel too bad because the wind has been horrific over the past few weeks. So those of you who have made the effort – good on you - I'm just a little jealous that's all.

I have already heard that Murray and Brent had a fantastic opening weekend at the top end of the Mohaka. They said there were plenty of fish in every pool and they were taking anything – where have I heard this before !!!!! Anyway not one fish under 4 lbs and the biggest over 7 lbs. Gosh these guys can tell a good story !!!



Fishing on the Tuki Tuki has been a little difficult in general because of high flow rates and discoloured water conditions. The odd fish has been caught but I hear the going has been tough. Don't worry better conditions are just around the corner.

The cool and wet weather over the winter period has increased water flows, and in general all of our local rivers have changed greatly – old pools have been covered over with huge shingle flows and new channels have appeared. I guess one has to learn where all the new pools and runs are all over again. That is what you get with unstable river – beds.

Patangata Lodge



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

We have had several fantastic working bees over the past winter. The new lino is now down and has made a huge difference to the entrance way, dining and the ablution areas. You should also check out the carpet in the lounge !!!

I think these new renovations are fantastic and can only encourage more family groups to use this fantastic facility at a very affordable cost.

Any Member who wishes to use the Hall please get in touch with the Hall Custodian -

All bookings to Brian Cottington – 06 8768626 or e mail –briancott@clear.net.nz

PS – we will be holding an open weekend later on in November.

Club Nights

My thanks to Brian Cottington and Murray Boaler for setting up and putting into action our new Fly Tying evenings.

The simple step by step instructions by these two 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 !!!!!

At the end of every session every participant goes in the draw for a card of flies.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

This years AGM was held on the 4th September.

Firstly a warm welcome to Steve Evans who was elected on to the Committee. Steve comes from England and loves the wide open spaces here in New Zealand. Steve is also a very good fly fisherman and seems to get out far too often – what's your secret Steve??????

Steve will be doing the Club's newsletters from now on - so if any of you have an article please e mail Steve at – steve@peoplecentral.co.nz

On behalf of the Club I wish to thank Peter Brown who has stepped down from the position of Treasurer. Peter has been the Treasurer for 7 years – a fantastic effort. A big thanks also to Brian Cottingham who has stepped down from the position of Secretary. These are two important Club positions so I would like to thank Paul Elstone for taking over both of these rolls.

Commonwealth Fly Fishing Champs

As I reiterated in my Presidents report to the AGM, Murray Boaler has taken over the roll of Chairman of the organising committee.

There will be a quick report by Murray in this newsletter.

It looks as though there will be 11 teams attending.

LOOKING FORWARD – In another week it will be November – gosh how this year has simply flown by.

I know it's a little early but I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season. This will be the last newsletter for 2007 so all I can say is roll on 2008 !!!!!

Tight Lines

Mark Hyett

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT.

It's amazing how fast two months goes around these days. The rivers locally have been up and down since opening of the new season on 1 October. License fees up this season, some say its still cheap others think its to expensive. I guess it comes down to how much you fish and how you value the time spent fishing. I get my monies worth from my license, it allows me to explore



the country and fish anywhere except the Taupo region. There is some truly fantastic fishing out there to be had. While staying in a bush hut earlier in the month some hunters asked Brent and I where the best fishing was we had experienced. That's a tough question to answer, isn't all fishing great? Every region I have ever been to claims to have a world class trout river and I am sure they have reasons to back there claim. There are some very good rivers out there and I hope to fish most of them. Each river has something a little different to offer, some have great fish, others have a special intrinsic value. What is better than watching a trout feed in the current. I don't have to catch every fish I see. Some you know are just not worth the frustration, others you just have to have a go at even though you know they will be impossible to land and you will most likely lose some gear. So where is the best fishing we have had? Brent replied that possibly



the Ruakaturi River, for me the Whakapapa River takes some beating. There are many to explore yet, so where was the best place to go hunting? Their reply was much the same as ours. Isn't all hunting great?

So we are sitting at the Oamaru hut

looking over the river having had a fantastic days fishing. Is the Whakapapa really better, probably not just different. Lots of things go into making a good trip, good companions for a start. Reasonable weather also helps as does a river in good order, clear water, plenty of fish and little wind.

In the coming months there is plenty of great fishing to look forward to. The Tuki Tuki will settle soon and offer some great fishing as will the Tutaekuri and the Ngaruroro. It has been a good whitebait season so I am sure there will be plenty of trout in good condition about in the lower reaches, its amazing how quickly they put on condition at this time of year.

With the Commonwealth Fly fishing champs coming up next April it is time to think about what club members want to get out of being hosts. Do you want to have some involvement or just sit back and let it happen. Many people have already put their hands up and for that I thank you. There is much to be done. Pat Hegarty and his helpers will be surveying the rivers soon to see that we can accommodate the required number or beats. At this stage it looks as though there will be 13 teams coming, each consisting of 5 anglers. I imagine the next 5 months will go quickly with much to be done.

Paul Elstone has been out exploring the lower reaches of the Mohaka River. I hope members will be keen to put there names down for the up coming raft fishing weekend. This trip will cover a lot of water that people don't fish much or can not get access to. Vehicle security can be an issue in this area but Paul has got that covered so that cars don't need to be left on the river. There is only accommodation for 8 people so let Paul know if you are interested in going.

Also we are having an end of year BBQ at Patangata in Dec. It should be a good week end for those that can stay Saturday night. It would be nice to smoke a couple of fish for the BBQ on Sunday. Central HB Anglers have been invited to join with us, it will be a good opportunity for some .inter club liaison. I hope to see a good club turnout.

Murray Boaler.

Fish and Game Report

As many of you will have seen advertised in the paper or on the F&G web page Hawkes Bay Region is advertising for a new Manager. Steve Smith, the Eastern Region manager who also managed our region has moved on and taken up opportunities' elsewhere. I would like to wish him all the best for his future.

Unfortunately there are now four regions requiring a new Manager. It is my understanding that this year the council will endeavour to lift its public profile and no doubt people will notice some changes about the Game Farm with new signage to go up this year. The Education trust which was leasing the game farm has run its course and has now been wound up. I would imagine that the council will now have to look at the future of the game farm.

Should license holders have views on the future of the Game Farm then they should make them known to the council.

As our next meeting is not until next week, I don't really have much F&G news to report.

Cheers
Murray.

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