



# HASTINGS ANGLERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER  
November/December 2008

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*A whole summer of fishing ahead.....*

**Next Cub Meeting:  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7:00pm**

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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 drop back from twice-monthly to one per month on the first Wednesday of the month from November until June and that there will not be a club meeting in January.

### **5<sup>th</sup> November – Preparation for the Club Competition**

Brent Simonsen will take us through the organisation, rules & regulations of the forthcoming club competition being held out of Patangata on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November. See Presidents Report & Club Trips for more details

### **3<sup>rd</sup> December - Club Trips for 2009**

With a club trip booked every month for the first five months of 2009, this will be an opportunity to find out more about the rivers we intend to fish, get yourself signed up to join fellow members on new waters & of course bring along any suggestions for other places we ought to plan to fish during 2009

### **7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 - No Meeting**

## **Club Trips**

An away trip is planned every month for the first five months of 2009, with some proving popular enough to become fully booked well in advance. Take a look at the list on the next page & get in touch with Paul Elstone or Steve Evans to get yourself booked onto your preferred trips or with any needs for further information.

Patangata Hall will also continue be available to club members free of charge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of every month.

November's Patangata trip on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> will be one to get into your diaries. The club will be holding a competition for members, with the emphasis on fun, but also an opportunity to test your skills against other members. By pairing

seasoned anglers with less experienced rods, the weekend will provide fishing, learning & fun to all participants. If you needed any more incentives to come along, on Sunday Gary Harlan will be demonstrating some of the techniques he uses in achieving outstanding successes for his guided clients on the Tuki.

<b><i>Planned Trips</i></b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Patangata Club Weekend & Competition <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Erewhon Station, Rangataiki. <b><i>Fully Booked</i></b>
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Patangata Club Weekend. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Patangata Club Weekend. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Waiau and Lower Mohaka. Venue to be confirmed. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Patangata Club Weekend. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
February	Manawatu River inc. raft Gorge if conditions OK. Venue and date to be confirmed. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Patangata Club Weekend. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
March	Ohakune & Central Plateau. Date to be confirmed. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Patangata Club Weekend. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Rotorua Region. <b><i>Fully Booked.</i></b>
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Patangata Club Weekend. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>
May	Ruakituri. Date to be confirmed. <b><i>Spaces Available</i></b>

At the last club committee meeting, it was agreed that as all members attending club trips must abide by Fish & Game Regulations, members must not bring with them or use felt-soled waders or wading boots to any club trip. Whilst we appreciate the varied arguments on the effectiveness of the ban, would members planning to come to club trips please ensure they bring only legitimate footwear as turning up expecting to fish in felt soles will result in either fishing in bare feet or not at all.

## Presidents Report

Opening Day has now passed and I hope you all got out and managed to catch a few fish. Reports from around the area are all sounding good for the coming season.

Good numbers of fish are about in most of the rivers, the Tuki in particular seems to have fared well over winter and the fish are in great nick. My local, too, is recovering well after months of high water, with some well conditioned fish about.

The club, this month, was to hold the local Regional Fly Fishing Champs but unfortunately, a lack of entrants has meant that the event had to be cancelled. We have the Lodge booked for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November so we are going to run a fun event for the club and have it as 'club champs'.

I hope you can all turn out and have a go, as this is a fun day with prizes in all sorts of areas. So come along and stay the night, share in a few after match drinks and a laugh, it should be a weekend to remember. There will be a Polling Booth close by (I hope?) so we won't miss out on that, or we could all make a special vote. More will be announced at the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. This is a great chance to share some knowledge and tips and we might even catch a few fish, so don't let the word 'champs' put you off, it will not be a serious days fishing.

One thing I do have to mention is that if you turn up with felts (felt soled wadding boots) you may find yourself being camp b\*\*\*h for the weekend and unable to fish. As I'm sure you all are aware that they are now banned throughout the country and whether we agree or not, it has been passed and is written in our Regulations. Hopefully this will have the desired effect and assist in stopping the spread of this pest we call Didimo.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas ( sh\*t where did that year go) I will take this opportunity to wish you all a safe Christmas and prosperous New Year and hope Santa brings you lots of fishy things in your stockings.(GOD! it still sounds way too early for this)

Tight Lines - Brent.

## Club Captain's Report

With the season now underway, the mercury climbing and some good trips under our belts already, this last newsletter of 2008 can look back at an eventful & fun year, but perhaps more importantly, what we have planned for the rest of 2008 and the year ahead.

The Erewhon Station trip in November is fully booked. We will be calling members who have put their names down for this trip next week to confirm

attendance, so some spaces may become available through cancellations. If you want to get onto this trip and haven't put your name down, it would be worth calling either of us and we can put you onto a reserve list in case of cancellations.

Even the April 2009 away trip is full already, although there's nothing to stop more members joining us in the fishing and staying in other accommodation around Rotorua. There are however plenty of spaces left for trips to varied rivers through 2009, so now is the time to get your name down to join your club-mates next year.

Also, don't just leave it to us to locate & book the waters for other club trips. If you have fished waters you think we should organise a trip to, do let us know. We need to have club away trips elsewhere from June 2009 onwards, so bring your ideas to the next club evening or call either of the club captains.

The club competition on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November will also hopefully draw out members to use & appreciate the Patangata Club Hut, & maybe begin to come along to more of the free weekend trips there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of every month.

Finally, please keep any articles & photos from your fishing trips coming. This is the skinniest newsletter of the year & your contributions would be much appreciated. Stories, articles, observations, jokes & pictures can be emailed to Steve Evans at [steve@peoplecentral.co.nz](mailto:steve@peoplecentral.co.nz)

Tight Lines - Steve & Paul



**Opening day on the Waiau**



**Young Harry Evans with a fine Waiau brownie**

## Mountain Safety Contact Details

John Wuts of *Mountain Safety Hawke's Bay* gave an excellent talk to members in October.

Being able to hire the new epirb's for just \$5 per day makes sensible safety readily affordable to any of us heading out into the bush & John's admissions of coming unstuck himself certainly drove home the message that it can happen to anyone.

John can be contacted for bookings as follows:

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## Rotorua Trout Fishing Tournament

The club has been sent a number of leaflets promoting this event on 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008.

Any members wanting to participate can either register on-line at [www.trouttournament.co.nz](http://www.trouttournament.co.nz) or by calling 07 348 6769

Alternatively, we will bring some of the leaflets to the next club meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November

WANTED--Okuma Integrity fly reels, I 8/9 and I 7/8
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