



HASTINGS ANGLERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER
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Stop Bloody Raining!!

The Ngaruroro at Chesterhope Bridge after yet another deluge keeps the bays rivers high, coloured & unfishable. Roll on spring.

Next Cub Meeting:
Wednesday 3rd September
7:00pm at Hamills, Hastings

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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, but please note that the next club meeting will be held at Hamills Hastings

3rd September – Evening @ Hamills Hawke's Bay 7.00pm

Once again Jeremy Hannary from Hamills Hawkes Bay is hosting a special evening for members only at his shop, 106 Nelson Street South, Hastings. This was a very popular event last year and has been schedule earlier this year so that members can stock up for the coming season. New season licences will be on sale as well. Jeremy has organised Rene Vaz to attend the evening, Rene is a past member of the NZ Fly Fishing Team and CD employee. Rene has recently started his own business called "Manic Tackle" and he will be speaking about Airflow flylines, a few other goodies and providing information on his new website. Jeremy has organised some good deals for the night and there will be a special prize draw for anyone who makes a purchase on the night.

17th September

Fly Tying Evening. Patterns to be decided on the night.

1st October

Come along & tell us all about your first day of the season!

Wednesday 15 October

John Wutz from Mountain Safety H.B will be providing us with a very informative talk on safety issues in the great outdoors. John will have with him the latest Personal Locator Beacon to view

Club Trips

The club is looking to organise trips from November to May 2009 with the aim of giving members plenty of notice to join in on trips to favourite waters and waters they have never got around to trying.

Patangata Hall will also be available to club members free of charge on the 3rd weekend of every month.

Call Club Captains Paul Elstone & Steve Evans for bookings or further information.

Planned Trips

13 th & 14 th September	Patangata Club Weekend
11 th & 12 th October	Patangata Club Weekend
8 th & 9 th November	Patangata Club Weekend
22 nd & 23 rd November	Erewhon Station, Rangataiki. Spaces disappearing fast!!
January 2009	Waiau and Lower Mohaka. Venue and date to be confirmed.
February 2009	Manawatu River inc raft Gorge if conditions Ok. Venue and date to be confirmed
March 2009	Ohakune & Central Plateau. Date to be confirmed.
April 2009	Lake Waikaremoana. Date to be confirmed.
May 2009	Ruakituri. Date to be confirmed.

This will make for a busy calendar so get in early. Dates & accommodation details will be published as they become available.

Outgoing President's Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2008

This is my seventh Annual Presidents report covering the period 1st July 2007 to 30th June 2008.

Weather conditions are proving quite frustrating for winter fishing with all Hawke's Bay Rivers being discoloured for several weeks now.

I did manage a few days on the Tongariro River but found the fishing reasonably hard. The few fish I did catch were on the small side and not in the best of condition. However, that is fishing!!!!!!



General

This year has been a particularly busy one for the Club. Although Subs are up substantially on the previous year in reality a large proportion of that was a one off payment of subs paid to the Club by way of the Commonwealth champs as all participants had to be a member of the Club.

Lodge fees were down on last year but still managed to bring in some \$5000 in revenue.

A small loss was incurred for the period ending 30th June 2008 mainly brought about by increased expenditure on Patangata Lodge. It is hoped that the 2009 year will see a big decrease in costs on the Lodge. Matters will be covered in more detail with the Financial Report.

Commonwealth Flyfishing Champs 2008

The Club was asked to host the 2008 Commonwealth Flyfishing Champs way back in 2006.

The competition was held in early April this year.

Teams from Wales, England, Scotland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand had entered the two day competition.

Officially the teams arrived on the 1st April and stayed at the Angus Hotel, Railway Road, Hastings.

Teams consisted of Five Anglers fishing five two hour beats over the two competition days.

This was a fantastic opportunity for Club Members to learn from the best the Commonwealth had to offer with many Club Members taking the chance to become a controller for the two day event .

Murray Boaler headed the Committee responsible for this event and he and his helpers did a fantastic job in overseeing the Championships.

Scotland Mens team took out the Team award as well as the individual award for the best Fisherman of the Competition.

Murray on behalf of the Club we would like to thank you for the incredible amount of work you put into making this event so friendly and very successful.

Tamatea Intermediate DARE Programme.

Once again the Club was involved in providing assistance and some guidance for some 13 kids who took to the water at Lake Tutira in June. I have got to take my hat off to these kids as they all wet waded in frigid conditions.

Only one fish was landed but the Lake had just come out of a serious algae bloom stage which had lasted for a couple of months.

Anyway the kids all enjoyed themselves even though they were cold – I felt guilty getting into my waders !!!! Special thanks to those Members who helped out for the day.

Patangata Lodge

The Lodge is this Clubs largest asset. Patronage has been solid this year because of the rather settled weather conditions experienced over the January to May period and because the New Zealand Teams were using the Lodge as a base for there Commonwealth Champs preparations.

This year was another good year for the Lodge with around \$5000 taken in Hall hire fees. With the larger groups using the Lodge it is important that we keep upgrading the facilities on a yearly basis.

We have layed the new vinyl from the Lodge entrance and in the newly renovated toilet and bathroom areas.

New carpet has also been layed in the lounge area and in general the Lodge is now in a reasonable state of repair.

At the time of writing this report we have had a couple of very successful working bees. The first was a general tidy up and the second was to repair the barge – boards on the southern wall , check the fireplace and another tidy up inside and outside prior to spring .

There are a number of people I wish to thank for their help in getting this project to the stage it now is – Paul Elstone and Ross Morgan - you guys have been just fabulous and on behalf of the Club a huge thankyou. A special thanks to all Members who helped .

Many thanks to Brian Cottington who has done a fantastic job as Lodge Custodian.

Please remember that all Lodge bookings have to be co-ordinated through the Hall Custodian.

Patangata Shield Challenge.

For one reason or another this competition with our friends from the Manawatu didn't go ahead this year.

We will be under pressure to hold it over the next summer fishing season.

Club Newsletter.

A big thanks to Marty O'Grady and Steve Evans for their efforts in putting the newsletter together.

Last year saw the introduction of sending out the newsletters by e mail. What a fantastic success this has been. We now only post out some 12 newsletters every 2 months so as you can see the savings on postage are quite considerable and we are able to send out reminders to meetings with the press of a button.

The Club puts together a very professional newsletter. Special thanks to everybody who provides articles of interest to the newsletter on a regular basis.

My thanks to Barry Daly for his help in getting the newsletter labeled and posted – a good team effort I say

Club Web Site.

This was set up last year – and what a huge difference this has made to the Club.

We are getting hits from all over the world.

This is a fantastic tool that this Club can use to get our name out there in the World of Fresh water Fly Fishing and obviously came into its own with the Commonwealth Flyfishing Champs.

It is important that the site is kept up to date – so if any Member has a special photo or a great fishing story please e mail it to Marty so it can be put on the site.

Thanks Marty for your efforts in keeping the Web site up to date.

Club Nights.

We put a huge effort in bringing knowledgeable speakers to our Club Nights. I wish to thank members for making the effort in supporting these evenings. Angling should also be about the sharing of knowledge and skills and this of course is an important part of the Clubs goal and activities. A particular thankyou to Brian Cottington , Brent Simonsen and Murray Boaler who have again revitalised the Club fly tying nights. These are very popular and the simple step by step instructions makes things that much easier.

It is always difficult to find quest speakers so if any Club Member knows of somebody – please give me

a call and it is just a matter of either the first Wednesday night of the month or the third Wednesday.

This year for the first time we made a change to the Summer meeting times and schedules.

Club meetings from October through to April will now take place on the first Wednesday of every month.

We will still hold two meetings a month during May to September.

Meeting times are now 7.00pm and not 7.30pm.

A special thanks to Marty O'Grady for his help in organising speakers and sound and video equipment at various meetings.

Club Field Trips.

It would be fair to say that most of the Club trips are poorly attended. In this day and age we are all so busy and often don't have the time for a weekend away trip.

The last Club trip away was in June to the Central Plateau region staying at Roger Wilson's accommodation at Ohakune.

This trip was attended by nine members and was very successful.

We will book this trip a little earlier next year ,hopefully in March.

We are planning to do a twelve month calender of events so members have a better chance of attending these trips with several months notice.

I would like to thank the Committee for their help and support over the past year.

The Club is in great heart and that has been proven with the support you as members have given to the various working bees and Club programmes throughout the year.

This is my last report as President as I think I may have overstayed my welcome.

I have either been on the Committee, or Secretary or President for the last 24 years - I think I have done my dash as President for now.

The AGM is a chance for members to provide a fresh face to the Committee and put forward some new ideas - I ask you please think about it albeit rather quickly !!!

With that I would like you to adopt my Presidents Report for 2008.

Tight Lines.

Mark Hyett.

Incoming Presidents Report

As I sit here writing my first report as President rain is continuing to fall. All rivers are high and dirty with little or no chance of fishing in the next couple of weeks in the greater Hawkes Bay area anyway (at least the ground has stopped shaking). My thoughts are turning to October 1st, opening day, the start of a new season.

Several years ago I decided that on each opening day I would fish a different area and so far this has worked well with trips to the Central Plateau, head water fisheries and many local locations. Each and every time it reminds me of how lucky we are. We, as anglers, take way too much for granted, that our rivers remain clean and pest free year after year. Sadly with each year that passes, the threats become more of a reality. We as a Club must try to do our utmost to help groups like Fish and Game protect our waterways and if we feel they are not doing the job, to let them know. We have an outstanding group of people within our club who are willing to let them know just that. So I urge you to speak up if you see something that is not right while you're out fishing this season.

With the AGM now over and a new committee elected we can start to plan the season ahead. The lodge has had its face lift and is ready for the onslaught. Several new ideas have already been initialized such as the free weekends at Patangata every 2nd weekend of the month, so make sure your subs are paid up so you can take advantage of this offer. They will be due on the 1st of October.

People planning trips across to Taupo to try and find a bit of clean water to fish are advised to check a few of the web sites before leaving as river levels have been up and down a lot lately. A recent trip I went on had the Waitahanui and Hinemaiaia high and coloured with the TT and Tongariro high but fishable. A mixed bag and the fishing we found quite hard. The fish that were caught were some of the poorest condition fish I have ever seen, even worse than after Ruapehu puffed up. Hopefully this is just a temporary thing and the better fish are still to come. If anyone has any tales to tell from Taupo, or any other fishery, drop a line to the club news letter or pass it on to a committee member.

That's probably enough rambling from me and I hope to see you all at the next club meeting

Good Health and Tight Lines
Brent

Club Captain's Report

The list of planned trips at the beginning of the newsletter should say it all. We are intending to run varied trips from November to May next year & would urge all of you to try & make it to as many as you can.

Places on the first away trip to Erewhon Station are disappearing fast, so give us a call to get yourself onto what promises to be an excellent trip.

The additional point worth noting is that the club lodge at Patangata is to be available free of charge to members on the second weekend of every month. The dates for September, October & November are on the Club Trips page, but put a circle around the dates for the coming season to get together with club members & make the most of the hut & of course the Tuki.

Having invested a substantial chunk of club funds into the place, it would be mad not to use it.

I (Steve) am also planning on getting more saltwater flyfishing trips out in the bay from November to March, with the biggest concentration of trips from the end of January to the middle of March when the tuna numbers are at their peak. Setting aside specific dates for this is often futile as changes in weather determine whether we can get out at all or whether the fishing is

likely to favour flyfishing, but if this is something that you would like to give a go, give me a call & we can put you on the list of anglers to call when the conditions look good



12lb Albacore on the fly off Cape Kidnappers, Feb 2008

Tight Lines
Steve & Paul

BONEFISH FISHING May 2008

Neil Hollebhone

In May I spent half a day with Butch Leone a young 55 year old American with a good attitude, guiding me around the lagoon at Aitutaki in the Cook Islands. We met at 9.00am and setoff to one of the islands in his 12 foot catamaran. A Hoby cat with no mast and a 40hp engine. Hold on!!

I had brought with me my 10ft 6in 7/9wt Diawa with an 8wt floating line on an Okuma wide arbor reel. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and the rod was too big and slow to load up and cast quickly which had the bonefish too close and were spooked when the line landed. I also should have put on my 6ft fast sinking tip which would have put the fly flat on the bottom not being pulled up by the line on retrieve. Wear rough shorts and strong sand shoes, remember the hat and sun screen.

I walked along the water's edge with Butch up the beach so as to spot the bonefish, the angle of the sun is all important so as to get a good view of the fish.

Our first fish was for trevally and this was on a drop off close to the beach ,you cast the line out let it settle for a moment ,and then retrieved it at speed the fly being a white feathery thing on a no.2 hook. The rod was pointed straight out when you felt a take you kept on retrieving until you felt the full take and only then were you to lift the rod. I got a couple of takes, but fancy telling a trout fisherman not to strike with the rod, I struck with the rod and there was nothing except Butch saying a few words of encouragement!

We then walked the beaches and when the light got right you could see these 8lb juggernauts coming towards you. It was then you threw the line out across it's path and slowly brought it in giving it a twitch at the right moment ,the bonefish sees the wiggle in the sand and picks up the lure, and you do not strike with the rod but pull the line in quickly-- if only. I caught nothing except a 4inch rock cod.

We saw about 10 fish cruising along the shore line no more than 5 metres from the edge.

The fish at Aitutaki are a good size and Butch reckons he has caught a 16lber which would be a world record.



In the Cook Islands the bonefish is not given any privileges as in the Caymans and Bahamas where to kill a bonefish gets a \$1000 fine and prison and the industry is a million \$ one. Bonefish is netted in the lagoon so only the large ones seem to be caught on the fly.

To stay in Aitutaki need not be expensive there is good reasonable accommodation and good restaurants. Leone's fee was \$300 a day and if you wanted to go I am sure he could arrange the accommodation .Email flyfish@aitutaki.net.ck

Not sure if Neil is taking a pee or spotting bonefish here, but it does look a fantastic place



Recently a member from the Nelson Trout Fishing Club was in HB and Doug Hamilton kindly offered to show him around. The following article appeared in the latest Nelson Trout Fishing Clubs newsletter. Good on you Doug, being hospitable to members from other clubs is what it's all about.

Contact a local Club

I had to drive my wife to a Cat Show in Hastings the other weekend and through their clubs website I made contact with their webmaster to see if I could get someone to extrude me from having to spend the day at this exciting event.



Well he organised Doug Hamilton a local veteran who took me up the Mohaka River and introduced me to several access points. Unfortunately the river was in high flood but we had a great day out. Thumbs up to the Hastings Anglers Club. Incidentally Doug is going to Pohara at Christmas and will be fishing the Takaka and Aorere rivers.

Graham Carter
Nelson Trout Fishing Club

Fly Fishing Festival – Havelock North

Hi Gentlemen

Following the great show last year in Havelock North we are once again bringing the Fly Fishing Film Festival to Hawkes Bay/Hastings with a new set of fantastic films.

Wednesday, September 24th, 2008

Showtime: 7.30pm

Cinema Gold Havelock

Address: 11 Joll Road, Havelock North

It would be great if you could pass the news onto the members.

Regards Nick Reygaert

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Special Announcement from Fish & Game NZ: Felt-soled wading boots ban



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

28 July 2008

FELT SOLED WADING BOOTS TO BE BANNED FROM 1 OCTOBER

The Minister of Conservation agreed in principle last week with a Fish & Game New Zealand submission to ban the use of felt soled wading boots for freshwater fishing. The ban, yet to be approved and included in the proposed 2008/09 Anglers Notice for Fish and Game Regions, will be effective from 1 October 2008, and applies to freshwater sports fishing anglers in all New Zealand waterways, except those within the Taupo Fishery.

The Lake Taupo fishery is administered by the Department of Conservation. The Department has advised that if a ban were introduced for the rest of the country it would recommend that the Minister approve a ban applying in Taupo.

The ban applies to the use of felt-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a sole of felted, matted or woven fibrous material when sports fishing.

Felt-soled boots are considered a high risk vector or carrier of microscopic aquatic organisms like didymo. Preventing the spread of didymo is an important aspect of ban, but it is increasingly understood that felt soles are an effective vector for other microscopic pest organisms. While there are procedures for decontaminating felt soled waders, it is acknowledged that these are not practical in many situations. The proposed ban supports three of the objectives of the didymo long term management plan; to slow the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests throughout New Zealand, to protect valued sites and at-risk species, and to maintain the North Island free of didymo for as long as possible.

Earlier this year Fish & Game New Zealand consulted widely with agencies and stakeholders on the proposed ban. Formal submissions from MAF Biosecurity, the Ministry of Tourism and Environment Southland all supported the proposed ban. Of the 43 submissions made through the Fish & Game website, 20 supported the ban, 17 opposed it and six supported the ban with various conditions.

Some opposing the ban cited the safety provided by felt soled boots. Felt, or fibrous, soles provide a good grip on slippery boulders, and, for this reason, have become popular with anglers. However, other boots and sole types are available that offer alternative ways of maintaining grip on slippery surfaces.

The use of felt soled waders was strongly discouraged during the 07/08 season, and the ban should come as no surprise to most anglers.

Fish & Game New Zealand believes that banning the use of felt soles will immediately remove a high risk cause of spreading unwanted organisms like didymo among New Zealand's waterways. Anglers must still "Check, Clean and Dry" all equipment that has been in contact with the water wet before moving to a new waterway.

Bryce Johnson
Chief Executive Fish & Game New Zealand

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