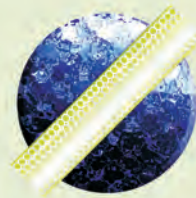


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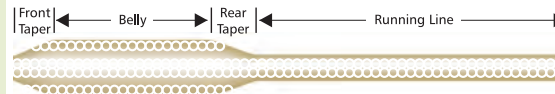


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that is 12 months since I wrote my very first Presidents report. As a result of elections at the recently held AGM, I am honoured to be in a position to commence a second term as Club President.

I look forward to your support and the continued support of our very dedicated committee and Club Secretary.

You will note in this issue a reminder to those who choose to smoke within the Club facilities. Please read it and "if the cap fits, wear it". Other members, please do not hesitate to remind your fellow members of the obvious dangers of the stupid practice of placing cigarette butts in the guttering should you see them offending.

With the passing last year of our dear Neil Cameron, Rick Bradley has offered to take on the collation of the weigh in information of fish being entered for the annual trophies. Please help make Ricks job easier by leaving the cards and the whiteboard updates to Rick.

You will shortly see new additions/replacement of our kitchen furniture. I am sure you will all join me in a very special thank you to Graeme and Marlene Shirley for their very kind generosity in donating new table and chairs. Graeme was presented with his Honorary Life Membership at our recent AGM in respect of the many great things he has done for our club and clearly continues to do. Marlene and Graeme, thank you so much.

You will also note that more of our club has been painted. Thank you Russell Bee. If ever you are helping Russell, do make sure the ladder is locked when getting off the roof. I almost fell off when the ladder folded when getting down. Lucky I had one foot on the ladder and most of me still on the roof. Result was a green backside.

Early February the club held a weekend retreat for Casting for Recovery, a weekend for women recovering from breast cancer. The weekend went extremely well. Some of our keen members attended as guides and along with the hard work of our catering team, we could not have asked for a better result. Robyn has penned an article which is published in this newsletter.

With the great lake fishing being reported, I for one am looking forward to the winter fishing ahead of us. Keep safe out there and see you at the club sometime.

Best Fishes

Marion Hall



A gathering for dinner at Lakeland House, Waihi of the helpers involved in the Casting for Recovery retreat.

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CLUB NEWS

As always I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to all of you who work with so much pride and effort to keep our club looking great.

A band of hard workers have re roofed the kitchen/lounge area, repainted the roof of the accommodation block, cleaned and painted the west wall of the club. They have trimmed trees that were hanging over onto the neighbor's property, cleaned up gardens, cleared the spouting, cleaned the chimney and while this was going on the work inside continued, cleaning, cooking, moving furniture etc. So many of you manage to work so tirelessly during your stays, and still go fishing, you are amazing. Thank you.

We had another very successful Annual General meeting in February, everything went very well. The week-end was enjoyed by all who attended; we had excellent company, great food and amazing weather. What more could we ask for.



Thank you to those who have remembered to pay their 2013 subscription.

The math always seems to be a problem:

Double/Family membership \$55.00, Senior Membership \$40.00, Junior membership \$5.50. Accommodation is \$17.00 per night per person, non members \$20.00 per night per person. Juniors half the adult rate.

"All" subscriptions are due on the 1st January. Thank you.

We have had some enquiries about the purchase of club vests; they are still available the contact details to purchase one is Don Bayliss Clothing Co, Te Puke telephone 07 573 7888.

You will need to contact the company direct. They will deliver.

We have a few things still not happening as per my requests. I try not to ask for too much but cleaning up after yourself, returning keys and generally showing pride in your club I believe is not too much to ask. This includes the cottage, if you stay in there you clean up. 'PLEASE'

I am sure many of you will have good fishing stories that really need to be shared with others. I would love to hear from you. This newsletter is here for us all to share.

SMOKING AROUND THE CLUB FACILITIES

At our recent AGM a concerned club member raised the fact that some of our members are standing on the veranda smoking and then placing their butts in the guttering.

This is a senseless and somewhat stupid thing to do. The guttering is often holding dried pine needles etc and regardless of the time of year, is a dangerous practice.

FORTHWITH this practice must cease.

The last thing our club wants to do is totally prohibit our members from smoking within the entire club facilities. However, if this foolish practice continues, in the interest of other club members and to protect our club, we will certainly consider a total ban on smoking.

If you must smoke, please take the time to dispose of your butts in a safe manner.

We will trial a method of safer practice which will mean a receptacle will need to be emptied from time to time. If you, as a smoker see that it needs emptying, please do so. Don't just think it is a job for someone else.

One will be located near the kitchen and another down near the men's bathroom.

WEIGHING AND RECORDING YOUR FISH FOR THE ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITION

Please note that when you weigh your fish and complete the entry card, you are required to enter all the information requested.

Brown or Rainbow = to establish which trophy you are competing for

Length and weight = so condition factor may be calculated for the appropriate trophy

Pool where landed = to establish the appropriate trophy

Signed and Witnessed.

On no account are you to interfere with any of the other cards that have been completed and that may be sitting in the box in the weigh cabinet

ON NO ACCOUNT are you to enter the details on the white board in the kitchen.

The collation of the information on the completed cards and the writing up of the information on the white board will be managed by two designated members who have volunteered to take over this responsibility. As most of you will be aware this was a job done by Neil Cameron who sadly is no longer with us. Thank you Rick Bradley

ITEMS FOUND IN CABINS 4.

3x Compact Discs. Van Morrison, The Planets, John Williams and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

If these belong to you please contact Mary

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Tongariro River

The river has been running low and clear for the last three months due to the lack of rain. It appeared the browns were a little later this year possibly due to the lack of regular rainfall however they have been moving up the river over this time with plenty being seen and the odd few being caught. Most averaging around the 7-8lb mark. The earlier part of the summer (Jan / Feb) had anglers seeing a mass of young fry in on the edges of the river from last years spawning run and recently a multitude of juvenile rainbows around the 15-20cm that have been plaguing anglers. Plenty of left over fairly well mended rainbows have been caught in the river as well. Nymphing has been the most productive method of fishing in the last month or so with a lack of cicadas this year which we believe is due to the dry conditions. Earlier on towards the end of last year there were a bumper amount of Green Beetle. Also the caddis hatches for the evening rise were good but as the drier conditions have continued have tapered off. There appeared to be a distinct lack of Maflies this year and also a lack of Mosquitoes. The river appears to have held plenty of fish if you have done the right things to get them. Not a lot of activity reported dry fly wise from anglers passing through the shop.

Tauranga-Taupo River

Very low and clear for most of the summer holding a lot of juvenile fish with a few good sized left over rainbows from the spawning. If you managed to get in before anyone else, worth spotting fish and fishing to them, if not great fun watching them scatter as your line hits the water. The mouth has fished fairly well for the last three or four weeks with anglers getting out early in the morning to fish with booby flies.

Lake Taupo

This has fished stunningly well since Christmas and the New Year with plenty of fish reported caught. Very well conditioned rainbows, some up to 6 and 7lb reported. Just recently jigging has been reported as the most productive method, however over Christmas, trolling and harling were working well. Very orange coloured flesh has been reported from fish kept and this year it appears about 90% of anglers have caught something for a change. It appears the food to trout ratio has come right, also plenty of smelt reported this year in the shallows. With the look of fish coming out of the lake in fantastic shape then some anglers could be in for a treat in the rivers this year when it eventually rains and they start moving up the rivers.

Lake Otamangakau

This lake has been kept low over the summer period due to the lack of rainfall. A slight flow has just kept it ticking over. The water had been sucked off from the Upper Wanganui river, flowing through the inlet canal and back through the dam on the western side of the lake to go back into the Wanganui River again. This slow flow has just kept things ticking over. A distinct lack of browns reported caught by anglers this year, however the fishing has been fairly good from the anglers passing through the shop. Some well conditioned rainbows caught. Some of the anglers who have fished the lake for many years are starting to query the size of the fish in there and it appears that numbers of fish in that lake are having a similar impact on the size of the fish similar to the happenings of Lake Taupo. However some have reported some good numbers and appears there were some good damsel hatches at times and mid February to March fished well with bloodworms.

Lake Kuratau

An often overlooked lake, anglers have made the effort to fish this lake this year and have had a ball. Some good fish reported caught there with a couple up to 6lb, usually smaller fish but good strong fighters, some Lake "O" experts have been raving about the fishing in Lake Kuratau this summer. A mixture of bead headed woolly buggers and damsel nymphs have worked well just recently.

Lake Rotoaira

Not many reports in from this lake this year (possibly a hush, hush) syndrome here, however once again the reports from this lake have been some very well conditioned fish with red flesh colour. Had the odd few anglers heading that way to fish at times and those that have come back have generally reported some good fishing with some strong fish. A stunning lake to fish on a fine day which will give you some outstanding views of the steaming vent at Te Maari crater on the slopes of Mt Tongariro. Once again not much happening in terms of flows in or out of the lake due to the lack of rainfall but appears the fishing has been fairly good. Just recently smaller orange coloured flies have worked well. A little bit earlier on in the season it appeared anglers were doing quite well using tobys and cobras but the fish were chopping and changing their diet on a fairly regular basis with anglers chopping and changing the colours to keep up with the fish!



CASTING FOR RECOVERY RETREAT



The weekend of the 8th 9th and 10th February 2013 saw the Casting for Recovery Retreat take place at TALTAC in Turangi.

Eleven participants enjoyed a wonderful weekend in beautiful surroundings and had the opportunity to learn to fly fish on the Tongario river with the help of our volunteer guides

Casting for Recovery (CFR) provides retreats at no cost to participants, which allow people whose lives have been profoundly

affected by breast cancer to gather in a beautiful, natural setting and learn to fly fish.

It offers participants an opportunity to experience the peace and solitude and the chance to be in the moment that fly fishing provides. The retreat also incorporates a range of other services to promote well-being. The 2.5 day retreat weekend is one of fun and support with the mission of trained volunteers being that of empowerment and achievement to what- ever level participants are capable of.

We would like to thank all of those who offered their support and kindly made donations of money and food, it was very much appreciated.

To the Guides, and the wonderful kitchen team who kept the food flowing, we could not have done it without you. This all contributed to making the weekend the success it was.

We hope we will be able to make this an annual event.

Visit www.castingforrecovery.org.nz for further information on this great cause

Robyn Gray and Marion Hall



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Graeme Shirley's Nomination for Life Membership



I can't remember just when I first met Graeme Shirley, though I do remember that I decided that my greetings from that moment on would be a friendly hello and to avoid that crushing handshake. Fingers being important for holding rods or playing fish.

I used to encounter Graeme from time to time about the river but we used to fish in different areas and seldom came to blows. Following the great flood that wiped out so many of our favourite upper pools, The Bend, The Boulder, The Breakaway, I began to encounter Graeme

amidst the willowed stretches of the lower river. I quickly discovered what a fine angler he was and that despite his gruff exterior he was a generous and caring man. In recent years we have often fished the same areas together, though I'm usually 2nd through the pool.

In distant days, the great discussion point at TALTAC was how to renovate the crowded old club kitchen. There were as many ideas as there were anglers and once the gin flowed the ideas would get more grandiose and less practical. I think we'd still be arguing those ideas today if Graeme hadn't decided that this was a project that suited his talents. In what seemed like moments he produced a carefully thought through plan, costed it, and made it happen.

While the rest of us were catching our breath (not from exertion I might add) Graeme decided that we should renovate the old cabins, build an extension with three single rooms, renovate the fish cleaning room and found time to serve a term or two as President.

I'm not sure whether he also worked at his Welcome Bay property during his visits back there but I wouldn't surprise me if he'd built Marlene a 60 metre cruising yacht in the back yard during the down time.

I've had the privilege to serve TALTAC as President and Graeme was the sort of vice-President that makes everything easier. He has served as President and his contribution to this great club is visible everywhere. He fully deserves his nomination for Life Membership and I regret that I am not there to personally read this aloud.

We must also pay tribute to Marlene whose unfailing support for Graeme has enabled him to achieve so much. This award is also recognition of her great contribution to our club. Please be standing, put your hands together, Thank you Graeme and Marlene.

Brian Bardsell



Congratulations to Mark Clasper for taking the individual gold medal in the Rodd and Gunn Oceania Championship.



The Ex-Wife:

Ken decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was tying some flies for an upcoming trip. His wife was standing there at the bench watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks....
 "Honey, I've been thinking....now that we are married, I think it's time you quit hunting, shooting and fishing. Maybe you should sell your guns, rods, boat and all that fly-tying stuff"
 Ken gets a horrified look on his face.
 She says, "Darling, what is wrong?"
 Ken says: There, for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife."
 "Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before?!!"
 Ken replies: "I wasn't....."

My inconclusive travel plans for 2013

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.
 I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there
 I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.
 I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.
 I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.
 I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
 Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.
 One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!
 I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing.
 Have a happy day.

TALTAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2013

I/we wish to retain membership of TALTAC and enclose subscription(s).
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	2013 Subscription	NZFFA* Levy	Amount
Life Member		\$3.00	\$ _____
Adult	\$40.00	+ \$3.00	\$ _____
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** The Club would like to have a database of skills/occupations which members are willing to offer should the necessity arise, i.e. painting, gardening, building, plumbing, electrical, accounts, handyperson, locksmith, you name it, we might be able to use it.

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