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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



My first duty as your Club President is to acknowledge the great work carried out by the 2011 Committee along with our Secretary Mary. In particular I wish to acknowledge the hard work and commitment made by Graeme Shirley in having completed a number of major projects during his term as President.

The Club is in great shape and of course with the support of the committee and you as Club Members, I am sure it will continue to be the place we all love to visit.

If you are visiting in the near future you will note the lounge has been stripped of all wall hangings in preparation for refurbishment. Our contractor has not indicated at time of writing just when he will commence the job. However, that should not be too far away.

The mid- winter dinner will be celebrated on Saturday 14 July at the Club and I suggest that if you wish to participate that you make your bookings early. Contrary to popular belief the dinner is not attended by all of the committee and is not just for the committee. It would be great to see some new faces this year (and the old ones of course). The evening is fun and follows along the line of a pot luck dinner and BYO beverages.

We would like to see a newsletter produced on a more regular basis but it is very difficult at times to produce sufficient information to make it worthwhile. Please send to Mary or myself any contributions you may like to make. If you have fishing gear for sale and wish to advertise that in the newsletter, tell us. We hear all the great stories over a beer or a wine in the kitchen so don't hesitate to put pen to paper and email your fishy stories to us for inclusion in the newsletter.

We need your feedback. During your visit to the club should you see or know of any issues that require attention, or have an idea you would like to share regarding the club facilities, please pin a note on the notice board in the kitchen or email myself or Mary. The committee will be happy to consider your thoughts.

We welcome two new committee members in Mac McMullen (Major Mac) and Liam Burt, of the younger generation. We also say farewell from the committee to Adrian Rickards. Adrian has served a number of years on the committee and with the successful completion of the first edition of the History of the Club written and researched by Adrian, he has decided to retire from the committee but of course remains a loyal club member. The History of the Club is worth buying so if you would like a copy please let Mary know.

Lastly, I am looking forward to holding the position of President and believe it is an honour and a privilege to be able to do so. Those who know me will appreciate just how passionate I am about this Club. That passion, with your support and the support of the great team on your committee and the outstanding job Mary does on a day to day basis, will continue to see this Club remain the Club it is today.

Tight Lines

Marion Hall

CLUB NEWS

Welcome to another TALTAC newsletter, where is the year going.

Your committee once again hosted another very successful Annual General meeting at the end of February. Welcome to President Marion Hall and two new committee members Mac McMullen and Liam Burt. A very interesting fishing competition was held over the AGM week-end, many laughs were had, and with the abundance of food a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone involved.

A small reminder: Your annual subscription for a Double/ family is \$55.00, senior member \$40.00 and junior members \$5.50. Please remember to include your NZFFA levy if you do not pay it with another club.

If you are unsure of the status of your membership please email me for clarification.

Some members are paying incorrect amounts for accommodation. The night rate for members is \$17.00 and for non members \$20.00. Thank you.

Mid Winter Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday 14th July 2012.

This is always a great evening. Fine dining and of course fine company, what more can you ask for.

A reminder to those of you who enjoy a walk around the National Trout Centre. I have two free passes available. Just give me a call.

A small reminder to all members that you are totally responsible for the cleaning of your room before departing following your stay, also clear all food items from your locker and the fridge. Thank you

If there is anything you want for your club please let us know. And it would be really cool to get some of your tales to share with your fellow anglers. Put them into print and share them around, send them through.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

We can learn a lot from crayons...Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box. Think about it.

To you photographers out there if you have a photo (trout fishing) you think would be great on the cover of this magazine email to big.m@extra.co.nz

Kid's Fishing

The Tongariro National Trout Centre is a great place for kids.

Feed the trout in our Children's Fishing Pond, check them out in our underwater viewing chamber and learn about the Taupo fishery and the Tongariro River.

On special days of the year we open our pond for children's public 'fishouts'. These days always book out so contact us today to make your family booking

Our Children's dates for 2012

Jan. Wed 4th

Jan. Wed 25th

Apr. Wed 11th (after Easter during school holidays)

Jun. Sat 2nd (Queens Birthday Weekend)

Jul. Wed 11th

Oct. Wed 3rd

Oct. Sun 21st (Labour Weekend)

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Jan. Wed 9th

Jan. Wed 23rd

remainder of the year to be advised

Bookings are essential



Graham Whyman's Report



From the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee held 23rd April 2012.

It was please to have a full attendance of members for the April meeting including the new representative for the Advocates for the Tongariro River – Richard Kemp.

I was once again elected to the position of Chairman for the forthcoming 12 months and based on the quality of debate at this meeting it should be an interesting year.

Agenda items were:

- The Taupo Fishery Review – which has been delayed by the Department of Conservation restructuring and is now schedule to reach committee stage mid May.
- Restoration of the Early Runs – has been the subject of a feasibility study and Massey University has been producing a “risk analysis report” due to be completed this month (April). Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee and Department of Conservation wish to ensure that one release is just that and is a vehicle for research – not the start of a restocking program.
- Fishing License Review – is a regular item on the agenda and discussions are ongoing re the methods of purchase e.g.: online sales. The good news for most anglers is that the price has been recommended to be held at the current level.
- Fishing Monitoring Report – indicated an improvement in all aspects of the fishery with condition and numbers of trout up on last year and apparent return of smelt numbers – accostice trials will be carried out via lake transit in May. Even the ‘launchmans association representative Richard Staines of White Striker fame reported improved smelting numbers at the Taupo end of the lake.
- Lake Kuratau – an infestation of the weed lagarosiphon has upset the “Kuratau Warrior” – Didymo Dave – who has worked hard to make all water users aware of the ease of transport of these “weeds” and the simple method to reduce the risk – Check, Clean, Dry. Kuratau has been prized as a lake with only native plants however the appearance of lagarosiphon in the boat ramp area could only have one source – a boat angler maybe.
- Cawthorn Institute latest on Didymo – has produced a report that shows Didymo will grow in North Island waters and the only reasons for its absence has been the “Check, Clean, Dry” programs or sheer good luck – whatever the vigilance must be kept up not only for Didymo but the many other nasties that are being transported into and around New Zealand appearing in waterways. This lead into the next agenda item.
- Discussion on document – “Protecting New Zealand Waters” the document can be viewed on www.doc.govt.nz/protectingnewzealandrivers worth a read, and has resulted in the written support of the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee.

In general discussions the subject of “the Next Trout Farming Battle” was flagged and the committee is writing to the Minister for clarification and confirmation in regards a rumour that some aquaculture operations in the sound are to be converted to cages to hold a ‘trout’.

This could be the thin edge of the wedge with the next step to be a freshwater land operation.

Till next time – Check, Clean, Dry and tight lines

BROWN TROUT IN THE TONGARIRO



I read with great interest the article in the latest Target Taupo about restoring the early run of rainbows and the part that brown trout could be playing in the lack of numbers of the early spawning rainbows.

I have targeted browns for 50 years but it is only in the last 3 years that I have caught a large number of them most of which I have returned to the river but after reading the article I will kill them all.

In past years I have had to search for browns but now they are throughout the Tongariro from the Fence pool to the delta and even though I do not get to Turangi very often and only fish for 2 hours each night in the summer, I now expect to hook a couple of browns each night.

The article makes the point that a 3kg brown if eating only small rainbows would need to eat between 12 to 36 per day. I believe that they are eating large quantities of rainbows as the flesh of the fish that I have killed in the last 3 years has mostly been an orange colour rather than the deep red of fish feeding on koura however they are still delicious to eat.

If what they are doing, by releasing young rainbows, doesn't work then they would consider as a last resort culling the browns. To me this would be a great shame and below are some alternatives for TALTAC members to consider.

Promote the Tongariro from December to the 1st of May as a trophy brown trout fishery.

Have no bag limit on brown trout.

Do not kill rainbows caught in the river before May.

Boat fishermen from December to April to release rainbows over 88cm (22 inches) as these are likely to be early spawners.





I realize that the last 2 ideas could only be voluntary but some people may accept the proposal. There has always been the idea that Taupo browns are difficult to catch and by comparison to rainbows that is true but if you find them and then think about how to catch them it is not difficult, especially at night. However where browns are concerned you must be flexible and if you are not hooking them you are doing something wrong and must try different flies, lines and methods.

For example last summer (2011) when the river was very low I could get takes in the dark but not hook the fish. I finally put on a number 10 Mrs. Simpson and instantly started hooking browns. When fishing for browns at night you should use a very slow sinking line. They are hunting – looking for food – and something above them is easy prey.

Vary the speed of your retrieve – one night they may only take a fly that is moving very slowly and another night only one that is moving quickly.

On bright moonlight nights (very difficult fishing) try fishing a large dry fly downstream. You cast across then bring it skittering across the surface as if it is a sedge – the Central Otago method – but remember to count 2 then strike on 3 after you feel the take. Alternatively a mouse fly fished along the edges can be fun but with both methods use Fullers earth on the nylon so that it sinks as they will not take if the nylon is on the surface.

When the river is going brown or when in full flood browns will still take if you know where they are. Stand on the bank, fishing a short slow sinking line – 5 to 10 metres – and swing a Burglar fly into the bank. If you cover the fish it will take.

Julian Proctor





Recommended River Flies

Dry Flies

The ODD fish reported rising. Black gnat, elk hair caddis for the evening rise, keep your eyes peeled for the odd Mayfly Hatch in the sunnier conditions then use Parachute Adams or Dad's Favourite, Passion Vine Hopper. There have been quite a few crickets chirping as well so a small black cricket may be worth a try. With the weather on the change we are starting to move more into the winter fishing now ie nymphing and wetlining.

Nymphs

Gold Bead Pheasant Tail, Gold Bead Hare and Copper, black bead hare and copper, flashback pheasant tail, mercer's little brown bug, smaller glo bug, green caddis, horn caddis

Wetflies

Gold Bead Olive Woolly bugger, Olive Woolly Bugger, Brown Woolly Bugger. Green or Yellow Rabbits. Night time try Black Woolly Bugger, Black Marabou, Black Fuzzy Wuzzy, Black Rabbit

Lake Taupo (Levels)

Most boaties have reported some quite good fishing with most not really struggling to catch anything. Still getting favourable reports from boaties who have reported good conditioned fish, still appears to be plenty of smelt around the southern end of the Lake. Might pay to have a look at the Tokaanu Hole and the Delta. Most fishermen are quite impressed with the nice orange quality of the fish flesh. Also a few are picking up juvenile rainbows in places but report they are having a lot of fun. The young ones are the silly ones that are usually the feeders and are usually easier to catch than the bigger ones. This is the same scenario in the river over the summer. The smaller ones usually go for anything that moves.

Report from Easter

Hi Team. Easters don't come better than that one. Looks as though the Tongariro and Delta were fishing well for most. I also heard of some very big numbers from Rotoaira over the weekend. Our bay was a little sluggish but not unusual for this time of year, with very little smelt showing on the finder. Maybe the Easterlies blew them out of the bay? Grandson Jack from Feilding with 5 of 7 we landed off Te Rangiita in 80 feet of water on Monday. The skinny one is for the dog! Lures we used were yellow and white and grey and white cobras. Saturday produced only a couple from 7 in the Bay on Baby Brown Cobra. Interestingly still a reasonable number of Kelts returning from the rivers ending up in the Bay. Still great fun in paradise. Kind Regards Mark and Marie Laing

Recommended Lake Taupo Flies / Lures

Mouth Fishing

Day - Silicon Smelts, Grey Ghost, Silver Rabbits, Olive or Brown Woolly Bugger, Pink Booby, Glo Bug Boobie, White Boobie

Night - Scotch Poacher, Black Woolly Bugger, Black Marabou, Lumo Woolly Bugger, Lumo Silicon Smelt, Lumo Doll Fly

Harling

Grey Ghost, Green Orbit, Ginger Mick

Trolling

Black and White Toby, Yellow and White Toby, Grey and White Cobra, Green and Yellow Cobra, Spotty Gold, Silver Turbo Flash, Pink Cobra

Jigging



Small Jack Spratt, Ginger Mick, Small Grey Ghost, Silicon Smelt, Small Green Orbit

Lake Otamangakau (Levels)

Not many reports filtering through for Lake Otamangakau at present. The odd rising fish which have been feeding on mice. Use a good sized dry fly !

Check out the video on the home page for some tips on fishing OTA, compiled by Dave Conley of DOC

Recommended Lake O Flies

Dry Flies

Mouse, Rubber Leg Cicadas, Deer Hair Cicada, Parachute Adams, Elk Hair or Sporting Caddis for evenings

Nymphs

Snail, All Purpose Black Nymph, Olive / Brown Damsel, Bloodworm , red pheasant tail, pheasant tail

Wet Flies

If the water is dirty black marabou, woolly bugger or black rabbit. Clearer water try small olive or brown woolly buggers

Spinners

Black and Gold Toby, Copper and Black Toby



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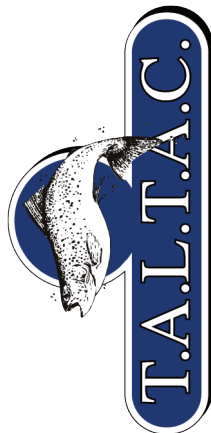
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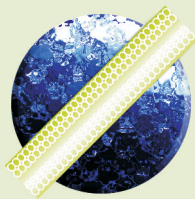
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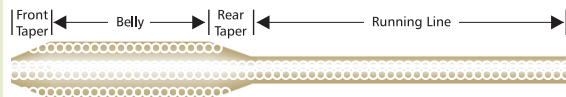


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