

A full-page photograph of a fly fisherman standing in a river, casting a line. The water is bright with sunlight reflecting off the surface. The background shows a forested bank. Overlaid on the top half of the image is the title 'T.A.L.T.A.C. NEWS LETTER' in a stylized blue font with white outlines. The 'T.A.L.T.A.C.' is in a smaller font inside a blue oval with a fish illustration. Below it, 'NEWS LETTER' is in a large, bold, serif font. Underneath that, 'SINCE 1955' is written in a smaller, plain font.

T.A.L.T.A.C.

NEWS LETTER

SINCE 1955

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Christmas is less than 6 months away.

Is it part of the aging process that time seems to go quicker now? It can't of course.

Weekends at the Club have been very quite over the past month or so. Twice I have been there during a weekend and plenty of rooms have been available. Speaking with others who have travelled to Turangi for the weekend, they too have found the Club pretty much void of fishing folk. Does that mean some of us go to the club to go fishing and others go to catch fish? The reports have not been great but there is still plenty of time for the main runs. I spoke to two of our members who had stayed at the club recently, both at the same time. One said the fishing was "crap (his words) but the fish are in good condition." The other said "the fishing was pretty good" and also agreed the fish were in good condition. Thank goodness we all have a different perspective on life. Regardless of the fishing, isn't our club just a great place to spend the weekend?

Environment Waikato has advised of their intended dates for carrying out more work in the river. Graeme Shirley is keeping in touch with Environment Waikato on our behalf. There are some issues we would like addressed, such as cleaning up the mess they leave in the river. They do intend to spray the new growth of willows which they had cut, however, it appears they are not addressing at this stage, removing some of the debris that has fallen in the river down near the bend at the top of Delatours or at the tail of the new pool below the Swirl. If you feel strongly about their lack of interest in our fishing pools, don't hesitate to let them know or make contact with Graeme and ask that he convey your thoughts. The excuse of having run out of money does not fit well with me. Had they cleaned up at the time and removed the rubbish way back from the river, from day one, we might still have some good pools in the lower river.

Mary has a PDF regarding the work and proposed work from Environment Waikato. If you wish to read it, ask her to email it to you.

It is with sadness that we advise the recent passing of Kit Secker. I remember the first time I met Kit. That must be about 14 years ago. I was unloading my wagon, head in the boot, bum up. He walked past and made a complimentary comment about my backside. No need for further details but that was indicative of his fun nature. Dorothy and Kit and dog were regulars at the club and like so many of us Kit was passionate about the Tongariro.

Our next committee meeting is 3 August so please, if you have a topic you would like discussed, please do let someone on the committee know.

The "low life" is still active around Turangi with regards to having no respect for the property of others. I was in Turangi recently and having a coffee at the car prior to heading down the bank to fish Waddells and spoke to a chap walking toward Turangi with rod case and jacket over his shoulder. Sadly this chap had had his ute stolen from the Blue Pool and was walking back into town. There is a sadness to this story and my fishing buddy has taken the effort to write a wee story about it. Read the story in this issue.

Great to see the cost of the Taupo Licence has not increased. Don't forget to purchase yours. Until next time, tight lines.

Marion Hall
July 2013

CLUB NEWS



I wish to extend my personal thanks to all of those members who assist and support the club on a regular basis, 'thank you'. The chores that you carry out are many and varied and extremely important; everyone has their own way of making a difference, a contribution. Everything that you do is noticed and appreciated.

Please read the note in this issue of the newsletter regarding the weighting in of fish for the club competition, and in memory of the late Neil Cameron. "The Spirit of Trout Fishing in the Taupo Fishery" photo competition.

We are still looking for articles for the newsletter. Come on you must have some tales that deserve to be shared. We are happy to be the messenger.

We have at the club spray bottles that have been provided by the Department of Conservation with the sole purpose of cleaning your gear before changing waterways. You know the drill. But may I ask that you do not take a new bottle every time you are here please.

We have detergent available at the club that you can refill your bottle. Your co-operation on this one would be appreciated. Plus this is vital for the protection of your fishery

To those who pay via direct credit, excellent, thank you. Just one small reminder please include in your payment particulars such as who you are and what you are paying for e.g. accommodation/subscription. The system works well, so if it works for you let's do it.

A reminder to those who are introducing prospective members to the club please be prepared to have them stay with you as a guest to enable them to learn how the club operates. Thank you.

Don't forget to visit the amazing facilities and displays at the Tongariro National Trout Centre.

Always forgive your enemies- nothing annoys them so much.
Oscar Wilde.

Neil Cameron Photo Competition



1. The subject of this competition will be "The Spirit of Trout Fishing in the Taupo Fishery".
2. This competition is restricted to the Taupo Fishery.
3. A limit of 3 pictures per photographer per year, and will have a minimum of 3 megabyte jpeg file.
4. TALTAC have the right to publish in the club newsletter, all photos submitted.
5. Attach a short description of each photo ie. location etc.
6. Photographs will only be accepted by financial members.
7. The judging will be carried out by an independent person.
8. The competition will run from 1st January to 31st December each year.



Tongariro River

The river has been running low and clear for several months due to the lack of rain resulting in plentiful algae harbouring a bounty of nymph life. Nymphing with small naturals has been successful but wetlining seems to have made a bit of a comeback. It appeared the browns ran a little later this year possibly due to the lack of regular rainfall however they have been seen and caught with patience. Most averaging around the 7-8lb mark. The schools of juveniles have disappeared for now and may hopefully provide plenty of fun in a few years time. Plenty of left over fairly well mended rainbows have been caught in the river as well. The river appears to have held plenty of fish if you have done the right things to get them. The condition of Rainbows caught over the last few months has shown an improvement with some stunning fish brought to hand and some even being to much of a handful!! Don't get caught out – grab your new season licences now!!

Tauranga-Taupo River

The TT has fished reasonably well at times usually coinciding with the sporadic rainfall. The mouth has fished fairly well with anglers getting out early in the morning to fish with booby flies. Night fishing with lumos and larger dark wetfls has been good at the river mouth. The solitude can be a welcome break from a busy river.

Lake Taupo

After a fantastic Summer period the lake has continued to fish well trolling and harling, jigging has slowed however. The Tongariro delta has provided good results with some stunning Rainbows landed. Ramp permits are now annual and not seasonal like before so those who got them last year around this time will be looking to get a new one. 24hr and fortnightly permits are still available also.

Lake Otamangakau

Currently closed for the season and will reopen on the 1st October.

Lake Kuratau

Currently closed for the season and will reopen on the 1st October.

Lake Rotoaira

Currently closed for the season and will reopen on the 1st September





“G, day mate” I said to the young man walking north along S.H.1.

We were about 5km’s south of Turangi and about to go fishing. I noticed he was carrying a homemade rod tube over his shoulder and a jacket hanging off the end of it swagman style. There was nothing flash about his appearance, camo top, grubby looking pants and gumboots. He returned a polite hello and kept walking. I called to him and asked if he had been fishing or was about to go fishing. He stopped momentarily and said he had been fishing but someone had stolen his car from the Blue Pool car park. “Bloody hell, that’s no good” I replied and after consultation with my fishing buddy, we offered him a lift back in to town. He declined the offer and kept walking. I was unsure if it was because we were a couple of people with all the fancy gear and a nice vehicle or if he didn’t want to inconvenience us.

We decided it was too far for him to walk and put our gear back in the car and did a u-turn. We pulled up behind him about 150 metres down the road and said “jump in”. He said we didn’t have to do this but he got in the back seat and thanked us most profusely for the lift.

During the course of the trip back to town, we engaged in conversation and we got to learn a little about our passenger. He had been working overseas and this was the first time he had been back home in Turangi for three years. We talked about his missing car which turned out to be a Toyota Hi-Lux, a vehicle he had always had a yearning to own, but for different reasons had not been able to buy one. Upon his return from overseas, he found the ideal one and purchased it two weeks prior. It had a ‘ZY’ number plate, so it obviously wasn’t a new one. Regardless of its age, it was his pride and joy and was most upset with its theft. We talked about the low life’s who do this sort of thing and speculated about their motives. I didn’t say it at the time but did later to my friend that his Ute would probably get taken for a joy ride and eventually get torched in some remote spot.

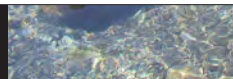
Our new friend said we could drop him off in town, but we told him it was no trouble to take him to his home. This we did and before departing we introduced ourselves, something we didn’t get around to doing earlier. When he got out of the car he told us if ever we needed accommodation we could have the use of his house and sleep out. We bade farewell thinking we would probably not see each other again.

The next morning while fishing in the area formerly known as The Braids, from across the river came a cheery “hello, I thought it was yous fullas”. Because it was bucketing down with rain, the owner of the voice had his camouflage rain jacket hood covering his head and face and it took a moment to register that it was our new friend. We inquired about the Hi-Lux and what he told us first delighted me then saddened me. The stolen Hi-Lux had been found and his dog was still sitting beside it.

He had not mentioned the dog the previous day. It transpired that when he had parked up he had tied his dog to the back. We asked about the condition of both his prized possession and his dog. The Ute had been burnt out and was ‘stuffed’ but he was happy to have his four legged mate back albeit with burnt pads on his feet. As I said before, ‘low life’s’.

What I didn’t mention, the reason Henry ‘J’ was working overseas was because he is a member of our armed forces and had been serving in Afghanistan.

RECREATIONAL RELEASE DATES 2013



Saturday 14th September, Poutu Intake 9am - 3pm

Sunday 15th September, Rangipo Dam 8am - 4pm

Note:

1. The Saturday releases from the Poutu Intake will only affect the Lower Tongariro
2. The Sunday releases from Rangipo Dam will only affect the section of the river between the Rangipo Dam and Poutu Intake

1.1 The Saturday release generally provides excellent fishing as the river flows increase. Most anglers then find the river gets too dirty as the extra flush of water disturbs clarity. The flow rates can be dependent on how much rain we have been having at the time. General reports are that the river level is good and then it takes about 1-2 hrs for the dam water to reach town.

If the water is released at 9:00am usually around 10-10:30am the higher dirtier water then starts to take effect. Same at the other end of the day if the water is turned off at 3:00pm then the river drops around 4-5:00pm.

The false flow give the fish a bit of an urge to move and the dirtier water helps aide the angler if the river has been low and clear for some time. The extra flows also have the effect of moving the fish in closer to the banks out of range of the faster currents mid stream.



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Attn: Madam President Marion Hall and Club Committee

Dear Madam President Marion Hall and Club Committee

Re: CFR Retreat March 2013

On behalf of the CFR trustees and team members I am writing to thank you so much for allowing us to hire and take over your wonderful facilities for a whole weekend and also for providing much of the volunteer help at the same time. The participant feedback from the weekend was excellent. The catering team deserve a special mention and also Russell who brought all the seafood along, it was a real treat and incredible to see so much crayfish at one sitting.

We also acknowledge the work that Marion Hall and Robyn Gray did to make this weekend possible and the trustees again thank you for this.

Finally, we would also like to highlight that both Allan Roy and David Kennedy have been to a retreat each operational year and David has even been to two in one season.

We have been using the footage from the TV3 newsreel to promote the programme and trust you have been doing the same for your club. Again if not for Marion's organisation this would not have occurred, it brought us many points of contact and enquiry and through it CFR will now be starting in Australia.

Kindest regards

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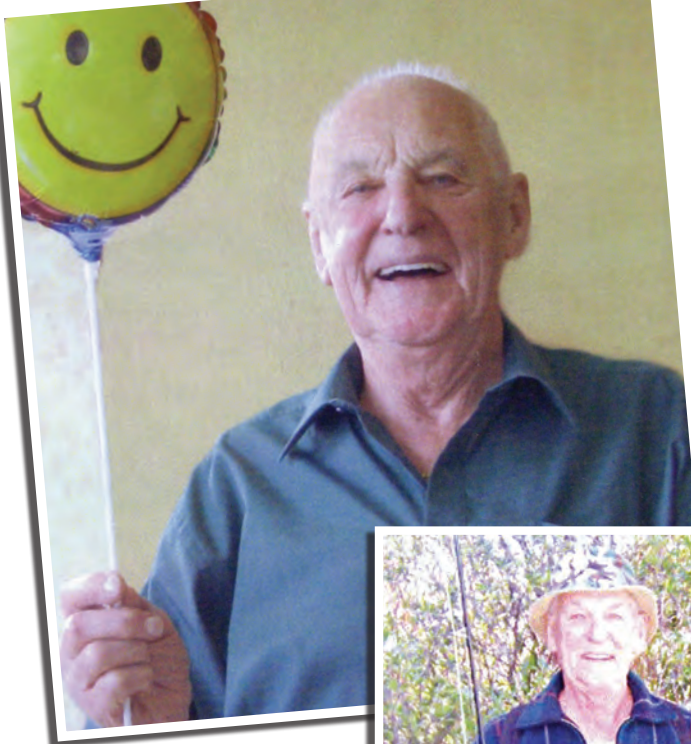
Sherrie Feickert
National Programme Coordinator - Volunteer

DIDYMO

The invasive freshwater algae didymo has been confirmed in Fiordland's Large Burn valley, the first time it has been found in a river west of the main divide, a stark reminder how vigilant we need to be here in Taupo.



Obituary: Richard (Kit) Seeker 19 Me



8.6.13

To all our friends at TALTAC.

Thank you so very much for the gorgeous flowers which arrived yesterday. The colours are so bright and cheerful and certainly cheer up gloomy and grey days.

TALTAC and his fishing mates were a huge part of Kit's life and how he used to look forward to his trips down there each winter. Granted, I wasn't quite so enthusiastic, but the warmth of the people more than made up for the chill outside as I was concerned. Hard to believe we won't be packing up the ute for the trip down any more.

Thank you all once again.

Dorothy



MEMBERSHIP 2013



TALTAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2013

I/we wish to retain membership of TALTAC and enclose subscription(s).

I/we wish to resign membership of TALTAC (please return your security key, should you have one, and your deposit will be refunded).

	2012 Subscription	NZFFA* Levy	Amount
Life Member		\$3.00	\$ _____
Adult	\$40.00	+ \$3.00	\$ _____
Couple/Family	\$55.00	+ \$6.00	\$ _____
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