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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From your Proud President

As this is my first report to you all as President I thought I would bring you up to date with what the committee has been doing since we were elected to office in February.

Firstly we welcomed Pauline and Graeme McIntyre plus Dave Nicholls to the committee ranks and thanked those returning members for their commitment to the club.

At our first committee meeting we went for a "walkabout" around the site and discussed a number of issues that we felt needed addressing. We resolved to take action on them and I'm pleased to say we have completed virtually all the improvements we discussed.

Men's shower block: Installed shower domes over both showers to eliminate steam filling the room thus reducing condensation which we feel has resulted in an almost constantly damp floor. Greg Connor from Auckland is reducing the water flow through the showers as we are having to use and heat far too much water per shower at unnecessary cost.

We elected not to replace the extractor fan in the meantime to see if the shower domes have worked which means we will be able to purchase a smaller, less expensive model which will cost less to run. In addition we employed a commercial cleaner to give the place a thorough clean and what a difference that has made.

Ladies bathroom: We have installed a new shower door. We did not feel it necessary to install a shower dome as the shower doesn't get the heavy work load as the men's do and we didn't feel we should spend the money.

Cottage: We have replaced the old electric water heating system with a new gas system which provides a better flow in the shower, once again thanks to Greg. A new shower door has been installed and we have a new vanity ready to install and will be replacing the towel rail at the same time and installing an RCD plug.

The space left by the old hot water cylinder is to be converted into a pantry giving more space in the cupboards under the rear windows. We considered cutting down the cupboards but quickly came to the conclusion that we would have ended up with a big mess and for absolutely no benefit. Everyone has more room now for tucking their gear away especially if they are staying for several days or if they are a family.

The two single beds in the cottage lounge have also gone and been replaced by a double bed settee that we purchased at a bargain price. This has given us much more space and the plan is to buy or have donated a reclining chair for some of the old fellas.

All rooms throughout the lodge have been commercially cleaned as has the kitchen so we are looking spick and span for the upcoming fishing season.

My thanks go to Greg for his work on the cottage and men's showers, Graeme and Mac for their help installing the domes and shower doors and everyone else who has helped along the way.

My special thanks to Mary who keeps me informed and was the mastermind behind the cleaning exercise which has really made a difference.

We still have things to do to maintain the club as you would all like it but in the meantime if you have any issues or questions please don't hesitate to call or email me....so long as it's not about fishing...I don't get much time for that these days. We have another committee meeting next month and I will update you after that.

Ken Haines
President.

CLUB NEWS

We had yet another very successful Annual General meeting in February, everything went very well. We have Ken Haines in the Presidents chair, and three new committee members, welcome to you all and thank you for offering yourselves as representatives of TALTAC.
The week-end was enjoyed by all who attended; excellent company, great food and amazing weather. What more could we ask for.

Thank you to those who have remembered to pay their 2014 subscription. I appreciate those of you who responded to my request to update your subscription.
Double/Family membership $55.00,
Senior Membership $40.00,
Junior membership $5.50.
Accommodation is $20.00 per night per person, non members $25.00 per nigh per person.
Juniors half the adult rate.
"All" subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year. Thank you.

I am extremely disappointed at members who believe they can just walk out of their rooms following a stay at the club. Well this is not the case. YOU must vacuum your cabin; turn the heater "OFF", replace your key, remove your food etc from the fridge.
We do not ask much from you and believe these are not unrealistic requests.
All you do is spoil it for the next person.

You may be aware that the website is up and running thanks to a lot of hard work by Rob Martyn and Dean Merson. It is not indexed to Google or any other search engines but all you need to do is type www.taltac.org.nz into your browser input box. It is linked to related websites including Sporting Life and we will add our own Newsletters as they are produced plus other club information as we feel necessary.

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.

Have you remembered the 1st July – new licenses. Yes I knew you had!

Did you know that some mistakes are too much fun to only make once?

Don't forget the club two new fishing competitions. Details in this issue.

Neil Cameron's family have kindly donated several great books on angling to TALTAC. These have been marked with Neil's name and TALTAC, and placed in the club for your pleasure. We would appreciate you returning any books that you take thus enabling others to enjoy them. Thank you.

All junior members are eligible to participate in any club fishing competition. Any member entering a competition must be financial and hold a current fishing license.

For Sale. One pair of 7mm Magnum Camo Neoprene Body waders size 12 boots. They are in very good condition and will fit somebody over 6 feet tall. Any reasonable offer accepted. Please email Mary for more information

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.
9. Email all entries to **big.m@xtra.co.nz**

GRAHAM WHYMAN'S REPORT 28 July 2014

The bad weather that has been circulating around the North Island has circulated round the Taupo district and we have missed out on our share. Good news is the river/s have remained fishable throughout. Bad news - we need the fleshes to promote the runs.

River fishing has been fair to good and most anglers are happy with catches to date. Comments on size and conditions vary and in most cases are justified as I feel some of the fish caught are river fish and lack the condition the "lake food" gives them.

The brown runs, on the other hand, have been remarkable and long time anglers whom have never landed a brown in this fishery having multiple catches. The size is falling in the later catches (5 to 6lb) being a good fish but condition is still good. Earlier in the year

the double figure brown were almost "common" and the local taxidermist has been keep busy.

The latest reports from the boat anglers show a hint of what might be to come, with Delta fishing producing some good conditioned rainbows (white and olive bobby flies) and other mouths the same. The Waimarino yielding an 11.5 lb rainbow. Best rainbow in the Taupo fishery I've seen for many years. The trolling about Omori/ Kuratau is also pretty constant with one couple reporting over 80 fish hooked up in a 5 day stint. All trolling.

The Tongariro has, at this time, an abundance of Caddis lava and the fish are gorging themselves, so - Hare and copper, Flashback pheasant tail pattern are the big selling nymphs along with the standard Glo-bug. On the wet line Wooly bugger and Rabbit patterns popular.

The TT has had some runs but most fish are moving thru very quick to the upper pools. The Hine has had a lot of pressure thru the start of the month and the fish have continued to move in, this is usually the earliest river to have the runs.

The lake results would indicate to me that late August early Sept should see some good fishing with maybe the best condition fish of the season in the rivers. Unless of course we have some bigger fresh's.

In between times "tightlines"

Graham

Sporting Life

When your lemons line up

We have all experienced disasters of varying degrees in life and fishing expeditions are no different. The commonality most of these events share is that they rarely result in one catastrophic incident but rather a series of events and choices, each of which could be described as a lemon. Line up too many lemons and 'bang', disaster strikes.

It was a fine mild autumn morning in April when father and son, who will be referred to as Francis and Nigel, trekked off for a day's fishing on the Tauranga Taupo River. Francis, a sprightly middle aged man in his seventies and long serving TALTAC member, had made this trip many times.

A glance at the river indicated fishing might be hard being so low and clear, but this was no deterrent. As the two men wandered up the winding river Francis noted with a passing interest the giant cumulus clouds gathering over the Kaimai Ranges but dismissed them as benign. Lemon 1.

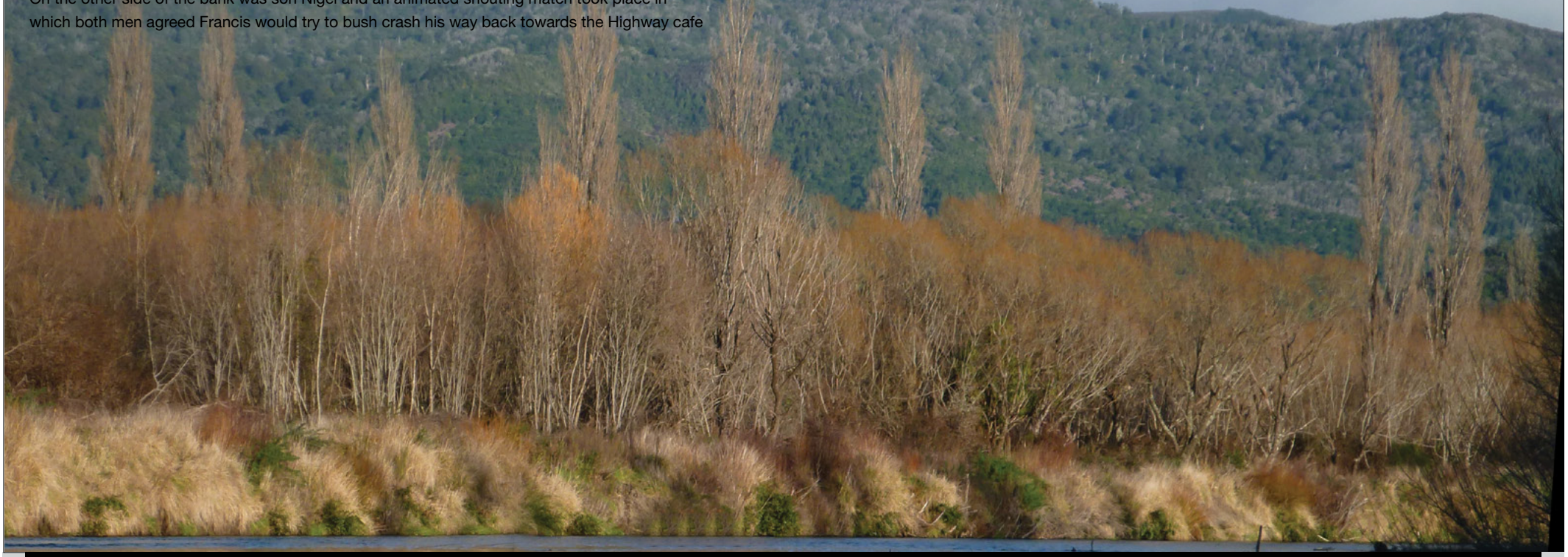
Both men soon parted ways and Francis fished his way down the river crossing several times. After the fifth crossing he noted a change in water colour and an increased presence of leaves, sticks and pumice. Lemon 2. By the time he finished changing his last fly he realised it might be a good idea to return to the homeward side of the riverbank. Alas by the time he got there large logs were rolling down the river which had risen a metre and a crossing was looking risky. 'Shall I cross?' Francis thought. Seeing that final lemon lining up he figured this was a bad idea and averted potential disaster.

On the other side of the bank was son Nigel and an animated shouting match took place in which both men agreed Francis would try to bush crash his way back towards the Highway cafe some 5 kilometres away where Nigel would wait over a cup of coffee. If Francis hadn't appeared by then he would organise local help to start a search. Not deterred by the three metre blackberry bushes that faced him Francis began crashing his way through the bush using his rod to press down the thorny limbs. It was about fifteen metres into the brambles when Francis released he was lining up that next lemon. Fortunately he had his cell phone, unfortunately it was the kind of cell phone that required a two metre antenna to get any reception but although intermittent he finally managed to get a message to Nigel that he was in a spot of bother.

After several hours Francis managed to back track to the river where he decided to stay put and await rescue. Knowing that might involve a chopper, he took his white singlet off and made it into a flag. He then tied all his indicators to the tip of his rod to attract further attention. From two hundred metres in the air he would have looked more like a deranged Morris Dancer than a lost fisherman, but right now he didn't care.

Meanwhile back at base camp Nigel had called out the cavalry comprising the Turangi Police and local Iwi and later the Taupo Police Search and Rescue Team. A search party was launched which initially involved a vehicle attempting to smash through the brambles towards the river before getting stuck, followed by men with machetes hacking their way through.

Finally at 5.00pm seven long hours after the incident began did the rescuers break through to a very relieved and grateful fisherman who was none the worse for wear but a little wiser.



TALTAC AGM 2014

AGM in February and the Official opening of the new BBQ.

A Message by George Carlin

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints.
We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less.
We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.
We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.
We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little,
drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired,
read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.
We've added years to life not life to years.
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.
We conquered outer space but not inner space.
We've done larger things, but not better things.
We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.
We write more, but learn less.
We plan more, but accomplish less.
We've learned to rush, but not to wait.
We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.
These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.
These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.
These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.
It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.
A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can
choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...
Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.
Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because
that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.
Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.
Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it.
A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.
Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.
Give time to love, give time to speak!
And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.
AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:
Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.
George Carlin

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Expert fly anglers will appreciate key features of the SA SHARKWAVE Ultimate Trout Stealth flyline when fishing modern fast action rods with large flies, in wind, and hammering out distance casts.
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The Sharkskin front taper ranges from about 8 ft on the WF5 to about 11 ft on the WF8 line. This provides a nice water repellant tip that is the highest floating in the industry, in a place where it will not rough up your sensitive fingertips. Overall line length is 100ft. SHARKWAVE Ultimate Trout fly lines are perfect for all waters and conditions, they are the best blend of general performance features for trout fly anglers.
These triple textured lines are different, but more importantly, they deliver superior casting, line handling, and fishing performance.

Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests.

Didymo (Didymosphenia geminata) is an exotic alga that invades waterways.

To prevent the spread of freshwater pests such as didymo, always Check, Clean, Dry all footwear, bicycles, vehicles, fishing equipment and other items before entering, and when moving between, waterways.

How to Check, Clean, Dry
View more information and specific cleaning guidelines (external site) on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) website. Clean, Check, Dry to help prevent the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests.

Check, Clean, Dry for trampers
When you are out tramping, avoid potentially spreading freshwater pests such as didymo along the way.

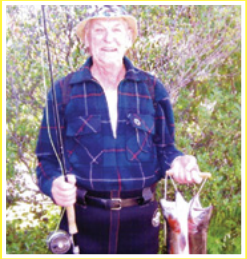
Follow the specific cleaning guidelines for trampers.

View information for trampers (PDF, 366K) (external site) on the MPI website.

Check, Clean, Dry for sporting event organisers
If you are organising a sporting event, you can help prevent didymo and other freshwater pests being spread by using the information developed especially for you.

View the Check, Clean, Dry information for sporting event organisers (external site) on the MPI website.

Report didymo finds
To report a suspected find of didymo, call the MPI exotic disease and pest emergency hotline: 0800 80 99 66.



The Kit Secker Memorial Cup.

This competition is for the Heaviest Rainbow caught in the Breakfast Pool by a Super Gold Card Holder.
The angler must show proof of holding both a current Taupo Fishery licence and NZ Government issued Gold Card.

MEMBERSHIP 2014

TALTAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2014

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).

	2014 Subscription	NZFFA* Levy	Amount
Life Member		$3.00	$ _____
Adult	$40.00	+ $3.00	$ _____
Couple/Family	$55.00	+ $6.00	$ _____
Junior	$ 5.50		$ _____
Subscription arrears, if any			$ _____
Donation to Club funds			$ _____
TOTAL - for which cheque enclosed herewith			$ _____

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Tel No.(pr.) _____ (bus.) _____

Occupation ** _____

Other Skills** _____

*The New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers - the voice for all concerned freshwater anglers!
** 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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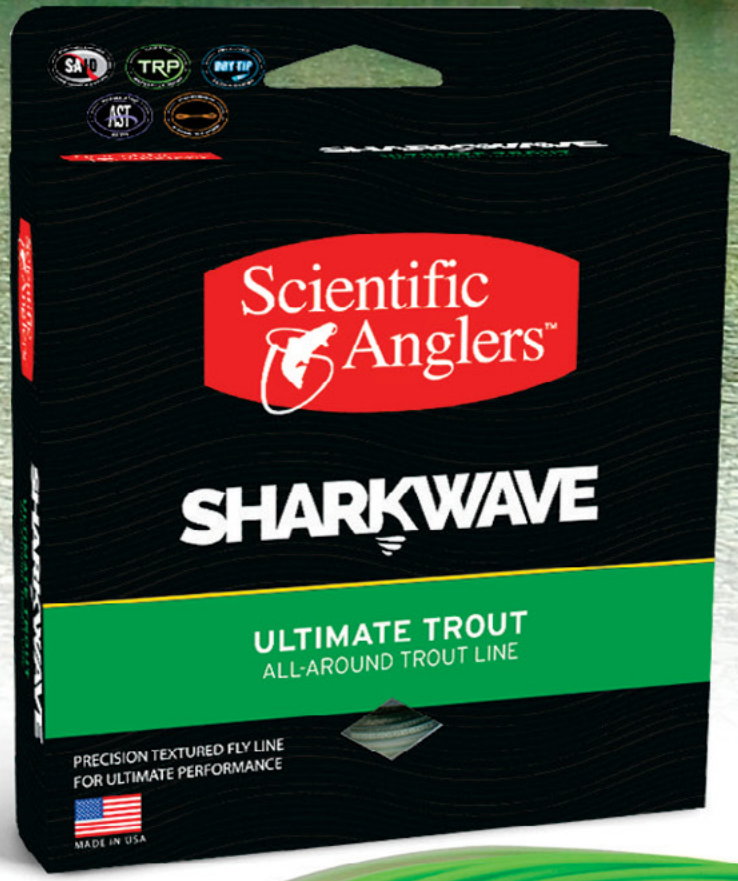
TALTAC's preferred method of communicating with the members is by email.

1. It saves the club money on newsletters and notices
2. It's quick and saves a lot of time for our hard working club manager
3. It's easy to communicate your ideas and comments on to the committee
4. We can send 'Short Cast' newsletters to keep you informed

Please help us by emailing your contact details to **taltac@xtra.co.nz** and don't forget to send us an update if you are changing email addresses.



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