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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I think most of knew this season would be so much better than last year. Given the great summer fishing earlier in the year, the trend continued through the year.

For those of you who have been fortunate enough to fish during August, September and October I am sure you will agree the fish have been in great condition. I have trout in my freezer the same colour as the salmon in my freezer. Bright Red. My feeling is the summer coming might fish as well as last summer.

With the year near completion and the AGM as usual in February, if you are interested in becoming a committee member, please let us know. It is always good for a club to have new blood to bring new ideas to committee.

The committee has approved in principal the building of a BBQ. The idea is to build one using local river stones to clad it. We appreciate the kitchen can be very busy at times and particularly when the weather is kind, the BBQ will offer additional cooking facilities in busy times. Of course it will also create a nice social gathering area during the summer evenings. We have been fortunate to receive a legacy from Aussie Bob and dedicating this area in memory of Bob seems appropriate to me. I would like to make a special thank you to Gordon Subritzky for the design work he has done to-date and the advice he has given us and to Charles Andrews for working with Gordon to bring the info together for committee consideration. I have spoken with a couple of members who might help with the construction, so if this is an area you might like to assist with, particularly the stone/concrete cladding, it would be great to hear from you. We are also considering building a riverstone wall on the corner outside room 13 where the TALTAC sign is. For your information, a copy of the minutes, from committee meetings is available in a folder in the lounge. Please feel free to read them.

Upgrade of the men's bathroom has been approved in Principal and we hope this might take place in the New Year. Discussions on an upgrade of the cottage are also on the table at present. So, plenty is happening behind the scenes. On my last visit to Turangi, I took a look at the lower part of the river at the end of Graces Road. What a mess. Environment Waikato, has, in my opinion, a lot to answer to. If you looked at Sporting Life web site recently you will have seen a map showing the changes to the river below Smallmans Reach. The small bypass they created recently is now full of even more rubbish and not fishable. The pools further down are now not fishable due to lack of water. I guess it will all change again with another decent flood.

Unlike the lower part of the river, your Club is in good shape.

I extend to Mary and the committee my sincere thanks for all the work they do to keep the Club running in order to make it the great place it is. I also thank those of you who go out of your way to contribute whether it be cleaning and tidying up around the club, gardening, painting or offering your time and skills on maintenance work. You know who you are. Thank You.

John Billing has kindly stepped up and will now become our Auditor and has very kindly found us an Accountant. Michael Cheyne, a club member has accepted the role of Accountant. Thank you Michael and welcome to the team. Thank you John for the great work you do for us.

I take the opportunity to wish you a happy Xmas, great fishing and safe times over the festive season.

Marion Hall

President

November 2013

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.

Now look out here comes dragon Lady: I try not to ask for too much but things like cleaning up after yourself, returning keys, emptying the rubbish bins (it is not Jim's job), recycling; don't just put your rubbish in the first bin you see, paying subscriptions without a reminder and showing pride and support for your club.

This includes the cottage, if you stay in there, you clean up. This is not a motel. 'Please'

The Annual General Meeting of TALTAC will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday 22nd February 2014. The meeting will commence at 5.30 p.m. followed by dinner and a social gathering. Bookings are heavy but please call for a reservation and have a great week-end.

Your subscription is due on the 1st January each year, regardless of when you joined. If you are unsure please contact me on 07 386 5573 or email taltac@xtra.co.nz

I wish thank those of you who responded in a very positive manner when I contacted you about your overdue subscriptions, to those of you who did not respond I can only assume you have resigned from the club.

I would like to thank all of those members who offered to assist in our search for an accountant/ auditor/reviewer. We left this enormous task to our very helpful long standing wonderful accountant John Billing and as you will have read in Marion's report we welcome Michael Cheyne on board. Thank you John. Thank you Michael.

If you are going to provide an application form or nominate someone – you follow it through or forget it!

A review of the Taupo Sports Fishery has been released. This is great reading. Support those who are working in our fishery for you. They want and need your input. The full report is available on the Department of Conservation website, or check the review in this newsletter.

We have two new competitions both commencing on the 1st January 2014; one Neil Cameron Memorial Competition for photography and Kit Secker Memorial Cup – for Heaviest Rainbow for Super Gold Card holders. Details are enclosed in this issue of the newsletter.

Some of you are still enquiring about the club vests; they are 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.

"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or objects." Albert Einstein

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. May your New Year be filled with good health and happiness.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

As from the 1st January 2014 there will be an increase in the nightly rate for accommodation, this is due to ever increasing costs and a decrease in income. The last increase in accommodation was in 2008.

RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

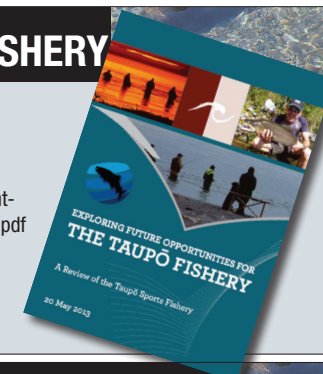
Member \$20.00 per person per night
Non members \$25.00 per person per night
Junior members half the adult night rate

I ask that you take note of this change please.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TAUPO FISHERY

**To find out what is planned for your fishery
visit the link below**

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/getting-involved/consultations/current-consultations/Tongariro%20Taupo/taupo-sports-fishery-review-may-2013.pdf>



Reel Recovery New Zealand

Fly Fishing Retreats for men with cancer

Reel Recovery was founded in the USA in 2003 by a group of avid fly-fishers, inspired by their fishing buddy's ongoing battle with brain cancer. Witnessing first-hand the beneficial impact fly-fishing provided their friend; they created Reel Recovery to provide the same opportunity for other men battling the disease.

Reel Recovery is now established in New Zealand.

Reel Recovery is a national not for profit organization that conducts free fly fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.

Men suffering from cancer do not have the same range of support programmes available as women and are generally unskilled at tapping into the support that is available. And men being men are often reluctant to ask. Retreats are offered at no cost to the participants and are led by expert fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of ten men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic. This enables a unique environment conducive to relaxed, open interactions.

Though only three days in duration, a Reel Recovery retreat can be a life-changing event for men battling cancer. The program blends outdoor activity with one-on-one fly fishing instruction, a practical guide to reading a river, rod and reel setup, knots and basic fly tying. The organisation provides men with all forms of cancer a unique opportunity to share their stories, learn a new skill, form lasting friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of cancer.

One participant in an American retreat said "one of the best parts of being at a Reel Recovery retreat is it reminds you of how fun and healing it is to just be one of the guys again—instead of being a guy with cancer."

The first Reel Recovery retreat in New Zealand will be held between the 14th and 16th of March 2014.

The venue is Castle Rock, approximately 20kms south of Te Awamutu. This ideal location is very near to the Punui River. The Punui holds many rainbow trout and the local landowners have made access easy for retreat participants. Each participant will be fully kitted out. This includes waders, boots, fishing vest, rod, reel, lines and flies.

The only cost to participants will be their own travel to and from the Castle Rock accommodation.

As Jeff Entringer eloquently wrote in his poem, "That Moment in Time,"

In our brief existence that is called life

It is not what happened yesterday that is important,

And we must remember that tomorrow may never come.

Today is the only day in which we can make a difference.

If you, or someone you know would like to attend a Reel Recovery retreat please contact the organiser,

Craig Caldwell

183 Newman Road, Te Awamutu, RD 3

Phone: 07 872 2686 **Mobile:** 027 279 6766

Email: craig@reelrecovery.org.nz

Facebook: Reel Recovery New Zealand

Applications for the first retreat close 31 January 2014

Reel Recovery was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on the 18th of July 2013. The registration number is 2583862

Reel Recovery is a charitable entity and the registration number is CC49558

If you would like to support Reel Recovery with a donation please contact Craig Caldwell as above or use the Reel Recovery bank account: - 02 - 0440 - 0066863 - 66



Rivers

It has been an extremely good year in the rivers this year with about 80% of anglers catching something instead of the usual 10% of anglers catching 90% of the fish. This could have had something to do with the calm stable conditions of the rivers for the first 6/7 months with basically no rain OR fluctuating river levels which allowed angler to do the same thing over and over again.

The condition of fish this year has been reported as very good with nice fat, plump orange fleshed fish and happy anglers.

There was a "MASSIVE" amount of insect life in the Tongariro this year due to the lack of rain and lack of floods. Anglers complained of slimy rocks for wading but this "slime" held the abundant insect life. There was no substantial rain to scour this slime off the rocks however, anglers need to understand this slime is beneficial to the aquatic nymph life. This year anglers tended to ignore glo bugs and have finally caught on to "match the hatch" – even though the nymphs are not hatching they were matching their nymphs to the insect life with caddis being the standout nymph.

Things were shaping up to be DYNAMITE for the evening rise but the Spring yielded very stormy conditions with some big floods scouring the rocks and dislodging a massive amount of these nymphs, cold weather has also delayed the evening rise with this just starting to pick up now. It would have been really nice to see the stable weather continue into the Spring with the numbers of fish in the river it would have been an experience!

Lake Otamangakau

Unsettled Spring weather has put a dampener on some venturing up there. Some who have persevered have caught quite a few fish (at times due to the weather), others not having much luck. The few anglers spoken to are fairly happy at the higher lake levels to get the fish in closer to the shore cruising. Many of the larger fish that have been caught have not been through the trap and have not been fin clipped.

Lake Kuratau

Very few reports filtering through from here. Those that we have had have been ok with the spinning gear and the kids having a bit of fun, others blown inside out due to the wind!

Lake Rotoaira

Few reports filtered through here. The only reports coming in basically in the last two weeks.

Fly has been Olive or brown woolly buggers, red headed damselfly, and red setters.

Trolling / harling lures have been Spotty Gold and Traffic Light.

Lake Taupo

Lake Taupo has fished pretty consistently throughout the year with the Trollers and Harlers. There seems to have been smelt around most of the year and also this year there appears to have been quite a few brown trout caught by anglers out on the Lake, harling and trolling. If these browns have been feeding hard over the Winter then there should be some crackers this coming summer. Possibly the Lake may have fished well over the year due to the relatively stable weather for the first 6/7 months. We never seemed to get any bad weather. Due to the lack of rain the lake level became low and this was a bonus for the mouth fishermen at the Delta and Waimarino who intercepted some very nice fish. The Tauranga-Taupo mouth was also very good this year. Pink cobras have worked well for most of the year as well as a black and white cobra indicating smelt. Just recently the Spotty Gold is coming online.

The end of October saw the jigging starting to pick up however strong gusty winds dictate what the anglers can do. This wind appears to have settled now and is making way for thundery conditions.

"Summertime and fishing is easy"

I love summertime visits to Turangi, I remember last summer a few people staying at TALTAC and one or two had gone out on the big lake to try their luck out there. I awoke at about 7.00am and had a summer breakfast then strapped my 6wgt rod to the taltac mountain bike and off I rode up the river. Just in shorts as it was very warm I arrived at my favourite pool with no one around. With the low summer flow on the Tongariro you can not always see their trout but they are there! I didn't even have to wade to far into the water with no waders to get a good cast to the far bank where I thought trout might be hanging. Using my 6lb fluorocarbon I tried a small caddis imitation Nymph that had been in my box a wee while and bingo! The second cast I hooked into a nice rainbow silver bullet, good fun on a light rod. Over the next couple of hours I hooked into 6 trout all of which were in reasonable condition for summer. Then rode the bike back to TALTAC for lunch.

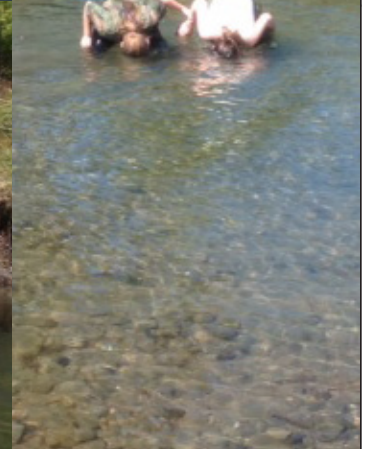
There are so many options for the fisherman in the summertime, the evening rise can be good fun on the Tongariro as long as you take plenty of repellent! It's a good time to explore the river and find where the trout are lying so when I comes to a cold dark morning in the middle of winter they will probably be in the same place. I also enjoy getting up to Lake Otamangakau there are so many options up there for trying to hook a great fighting fish. Even just grabbing some fish and chips and dangling a wet line in the Tailrace and watching the sun go down is summertime fishing for me.

TALTAC is open 365 days a year and is a special unique place for all to enjoy anytime of the year.



A few hours on the Waiootaka

Robyn and I took the grandies to Turangi recently. We chose the Waiootaka so that the kids could cast to where fish might be rather than the Tongariro where we would need to cast for them. It was 25 degrees and we were in neoprene. With picnic lunch packed we headed up stream. Spotted a few and spooked a few. Christie hooked and landed a small one and learn't how to release it. Sylvie spent time with her Grandma and has improved her casting and confidence. They are both so very keen. It was so hot the kids had a dip, or at least their faces did. They can't wait for the next trip.



Welcome to our New Members for 2013

David Gribben, Waiuku
Mike Murray, Masterton
David Sanders, South Africa
Neil Blizzard, Auckland
Bruce Thom, Northland
Tony Hawes, Auckland
Cherry de Negri, Havelock North
Jan & David Aikin, Auckland
Malcolm Cowie, Hamilton
Patrick Morgan, Melbourne
Richard Gallen, Auckland
David Watson, New Plymouth
Roger Elton, Queensland
Di Kimber, Te Awanga
Annette Buxton, Te Awanga
Kris Noiseux, Waikanae
Amy Cassidy, Waikanae
Marianne & Tony Moyes Manukau City

We wish you all many happy memories and tight lines.

Annual Fishing Competition

1. All details on the weigh card are to be completed, and must be accurate; the only exemption is the condition factor, we will do that. Any omissions will deem the card void.
2. Measurement points are as per the Taupo Fishery Regulations; from the nose of the fish to the V in the tail.
3. This competition is only open to financial members of TALTAC, who must hold a current fishing license.
4. The Birches is the pool at the Major Jones Swing Bridge.
5. Any condition factors worked out from the sheet inside the weigh cabinet is a guide only. This may alter when true calculations are done.

Purchase the 2014 Art of Fly Fishing calendar through your club and save 40%.

The 2014 Art of Fly Fishing is the 12th calendar produced that features the stunning art work of watercolour artist Michael Scheele. Members of our club are being offered the calendar for only \$15 instead of the usual \$25 - a 40% discount when ordered through the club.

Featuring fishing scenes on twelve of New Zealand's rivers and lakes plus a range of flies painted in incredible detail, this calendar is the ideal gift for any angler. Produced to the highest standard it will be treasured over the year and with many anglers become a collector's piece.

The twelve featured waters include six from the South Island and six from the North Island and cover a range of waters from the popular Whanganui River to the remote and beautiful Dobson Stream in the Southern Alps.

To see more visit

www.nzfishing.com/Other/Calendar/Calendar2014/Calendar2014.htm

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.

MEMBERSHIP 2013

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).

	2012 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			\$ _____

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

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, handyman, locksmith, you name it, we might be able to use it.

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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.