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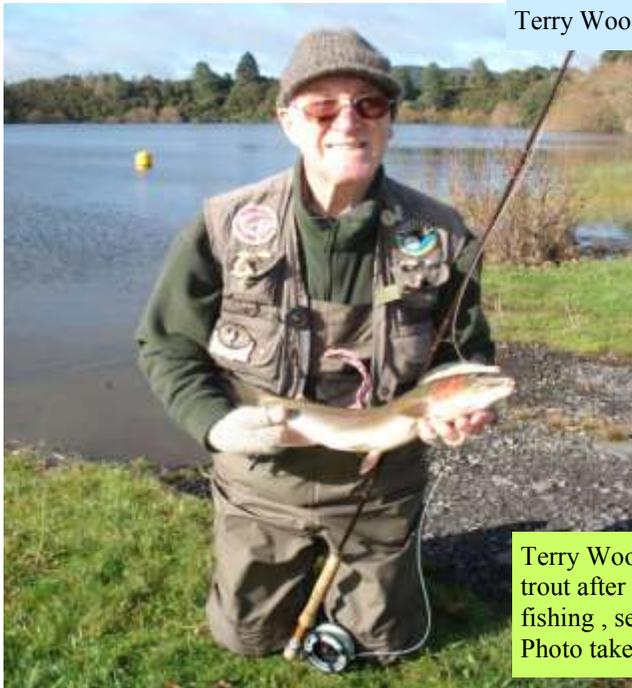


Sean, whose "Make a Wish" was to catch a trout.
Bevan and Manuel made this possible. Well done guys!

JULY 2011



Dave Hodge with a nice catch, can you guess where this is? Photo by Terry Wood



Terry Wood with his first trout after 3 mths non fishing , see his story inside. Photo taken by Dave Hodge

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The Club offers to its' members the following benefits:

- ◆ Friday night social evenings at the Clubrooms. Make fishing mates and plan trips! Organise flycasting tuition!
- ◆ Fortnightly Flytying nights. Tie your own flies!
- ◆ Monthly BBQ's, Potluck Dinners and Annual Prizegiving Dinner..
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EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE 2010/2011

These are the new office bearers and committee elected at the AGM for the coming year. Welcome to the newcomers and thanks to the incumbents for supporting the club once again. (Area code for Rotorua is 07)

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Please feel free to contact any of the above if you have any queries, comments or items you may like to discuss.

Visit our website on www.rotoruaanglers.org.nz

Remember, Roger Bowden is always grateful for any contributions to the magazine. (email rogbrit@slingshot.co.nz or post to **3 Rostrevor Place**)

Thank you for your contribution to our club and we hope you have a very successful season.

Wade Fleet **President**

Presidents Report

The Green Lake (Lake Rotokakahi) recently lived up to name unfortunately, with an algae bloom running its course through the Te Wairoa stream and into Lake Tarawera. According to a recent press article, Rob Pitkethley (EF&G) was quoted as estimating up to 70 % of fish in the Stream where killed. The good news was that since this incident, 150 fish were counted passing up through the trap. It is believe this was a natural event brought on by the dramatic changes in the weather patterns.

The Midyear Christmas pot luck was held in amongst wet and wild weather but was still well attended with twenty five coming in from the cold. The working bee, although also in wet weather the following day, saw some keen members contributing to the cleaning of the now sparkling building. Thanks to all attending.

To continue with our event evening, can I ask for photo contributions to what will become a rolling photograph show. If you have attended club trips or headed out on your own and have some photos of interest I am keen to collect these please. For more details please email me wade.fleet@itco.co.nz

Again a reminder that the clubs email address had also changed last month. The new address is rotoruaanglers@gmail.com

Neal Hawes has sent out an electronic survey aimed at the clubs activities, please do complete this as we are looking for ideas/feedback from our members. This is your chance to have a say, and anonymously if you choose. If you have not received the website link, please send us an email.

We are lucky to have a few spaces still available for the infamous “RAA A-Z course”. Roger has a few spots left and I do encourage those of you wishing to get a good understanding of many of the fundamentals of fly fishing to get in while seats are still available. Everything from entomology (Study of insects and their habitats) through to a group trip with “the experts” is covered. All of the guest speakers are very experienced in their fields and hold knowledge that you are unlikely to find in one course. Contact Roger Bowden or the club for more information.

Mark the kids fish outs in your diaries, first one 17th July. This program is one of the clubs community projects receiving such fantastic feedback. We are always looking for helpers to assist in many areas, not just fishing. Providing information or directing children and parents to the next activities are areas we need assistance with. Don't forget we do also provide a hot lunch. It is sure to be busy, so do please come along.

It was great to hear from a family having a break at the Ronald McDonald family retreat recently. Bevan Lash and Manuel Saiz were lucky enough to have a fun day fishing with a very excited and neat little man, on one of the best weather days we have had recently. The seven fish caught probably will also remember it. A special thanks guys, from his mum. Lake Aniwhenua is our next trip. One that's far enough away to make you feel like you are away from the daily grind. It's a trip for a weekend or a day and a social gathering or an intense fish. Although a bit cold this time of year, there is also camping for the keen- the solar showers will be all yours I am sure. If you are keen to make a day of it and wish to car pool, let me know and we may be able to car pool a few people to share costs and company.

Wishing you exciting fishing... and warm feet.

Wade Fleet

PHIL'S FLY TYING 101 COURSE REVIEW

There are 3 types of fly tiers.

The beginner, who is hungry to learn.

The plodder, who thinks he's ok.

Then there is the competent tier.

The Club has all three and one of the competent tiers offers to share his expertise with the members.

"Fly tying 101" with Phil Trautmann.

As a self taught plodder I have just completed this, so called beginner's course.

It is more than the title describes.

The detailed information caters for both the beginner and the plodder.

Now I am able to tie any type of fly which I use fishing, from a #2 to #20.

I am sure with more experience behind me, I will be one of the club's competent tiers.

Next time Phil is calling for participants, I suggest that you give some thought,

"Do you want to perfect your skills?"

You won't be disappointed by participating.

On behalf of the members in this group, I thank you Phil for freely giving your time, to teach us your skills, and while doing all this, making it an interesting and enjoyable time.

Thanks Phil.

Russell Champness

Working Bee Saturday June 18th

A small turn out attended this event although it was absolutely raining cats and dogs. Piet Otto gallantly with bucket and hard broom started to wash down the main exterior wall and door entrance. He was joined by junior member Connor Mcnamara Spackman and David Heatt, whilst Dave Field and myself did some general tidying to the interior.

It was good to see the club rooms getting rid of unwanted cardboard boxes and general rubbish. It was also noted there were lots of magazines that could be considered to be disposed of. A coffee was enjoyed at the end of a couple hours. It was decided to leave the outside walls etc., still to be done, until a new working Bee date is set, and better weather conditions prevail.

Thanks again for all the funny stories guys, and to Piet who broke my very best broom.

Cheers Woody.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due for renewal and payment by 30 June. Renewal notices are included with this issue. To avoid us having to spend precious club funds chasing you up (not to mention all the extra work for your hard-working secretary and treasurer!!), early payment would be appreciated. Don't forget to indicate if you want a colour calendar to enable us to order adequate numbers.

For those of you who prefer online payment, the club's bank account is:

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Bronwyn Douglas, Secretary

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Lake Aniwhenua Club Winter Fishing Weekend 8th to 10th July 2011

Lake Aniwhenua is approximately one hour's drive from Rotorua. The accommodation provided for two nights sleeps 11 persons at a cost of \$25 per night, per person, which includes the supply of bed linen (personal sleeping bags optional if you prefer), cooking facility (bring your own food and drink), together with a warm and comfortable lounge for relaxing after that enjoyable Winter's day fishing experience. The Lodge is situated overlooking the lake, with easy walking and access to the nearby boat ramp. A second boat ramp can be accessed downstream of Rabbit Bridge (small craft only). Weed encroachment access to fishing from the shoreline can sometimes be restrictive, hence fishing from a boat being more effective. Club Members shall have the opportunity to hire two boats with outboards available via Glen Ballinger (Lodge owner) on a donation basis to cover fuel costs and therefore being a very generous offer only available to R.A.A. Inc. Both boats are adequately equipped, having the capacity to provide comfortable fishing for 4 anglers. This offer may also suit the angler who prefers not to have the extra hassle of boat towing / preparation costs, etc.

Lake Aniwhenua fishery has in former years earned the reputation for the production of trophy fish weighing over the 5 kg mark. Both Rainbow and Brown trout reside within the lake and are caught by fly fishing, spinning and trolling, maybe even jigging in the deeper parts of the lake. Brown trout tend to cruise around the lake perimeter, usually in shallow water in search of food, whereby the Rainbow will generally circulate in deeper water. All the aforementioned fishing methods do work throughout the year, giving the angler ample scope to successfully catch fish.

I will be available at the clubrooms on Friday 24th June and 1st July 2011 to promote the fishing trip and to give me an indication of numbers requiring accommodation. For Members wanting stay at the Lodge for either one or two nights shall pay a **non-refundable deposit of \$10:00** prior to their name being added to the guest list. Attending Members not requiring Lodge, accommodation have the availability of the nearby camp ground and toilet, shower-block, parking etc. Please note that only paid guests can utilise the Lodge facilities, and park boats and vehicles within the Lodge grounds.

We need the support of our seasoned Anglers with boats to provide an opportunity for non boat owners / anglers to succeed !!!!!. Due to currently inflated fuel costs why not buddy-up with a fellow member and share travel costs by making the trip more affordable.

First names, deposit paid, get one of the beds. Numbers exceeding 11 and I will look at acquiring additional camp beds or floor mattresses.

I shall advise if the trip has to be postponed due to bad weather etc.

Best wishes and I look forward to an enjoyable, winter fishing weekend with you.

Dave Hodge, Aniwhenua Convener
Tel: 07-345-9282 / Mobile: 021-165-3658

TRUE STORY by Bryan Taylor

Fishing at the Pipe on Lake Rotoitit the other day, conditions were good, off shore winds, heavy rain and a good flow out of the pipe. The only problem seemed to be no fish were around. I was fishing a Killwell No. 1 on a sink tip line for about an hour with absolutely no action. Three other guys fishing alongside me were using boobies or glo bugs. I did not notice a bit of action behind me, when all of a sudden whack!!! A good fish hit my fly.

The first thing I heard from the guy next to me was, “that was my fish, it broke me off then shot over and grabbed your fly.” I naturally thought, yeah right!

To cut a long story short, that’s exactly what had happened. When I landed the fish (3.15 kg’s)) his booby was in one side of the fish’s mouth and my Killwell No 1 in the other. He was happy to get his booby back, and I was happy to get the fish.

What really amazed me was that what the guy actually said turned out to be correct. I don’t know if he saw it happen or was just guessing.

Dear Editor

At a recent committee meeting of the Whakatane Trout Fishing Club it was unanimously agreed that we express our disgust at the \$50 fee now being charged by Timberlands for an access permit to the Kaingaroa Forest.

Access is only allowed at weekends and only over a period of 5 months with no overnight camping allowed at Te Awa camp in the heart of the forest.

Last year it is believed that between 6000 and 10,000 permits were issued and yet Timberlands claim that the charge is **not** a money-making exercise!

We are also very concerned at what has become known as “exclusive capture”. This is where a landowner is offered a large sum of money by a fishing guide or guiding company to allow exclusive access to a river or lake within their property for the guide and clients only.

Under New Zealand law it is illegal to charge anyone to fish – if this law isn’t being broken it is being severely bent!

To our knowledge only two members of Parliament are fighting this trend. The Hon. Peter Dunne of United Future Party and Todd McClay, National MP for Rotorua and Kawerau.

The forthcoming election is a great opportunity to have your say on these issues and I urge all lovers of the great outdoors to ascertain who else is prepared to combat this insidious trend before casting your vote.

ALAN COLLINS
WHAKATANE TROUT FISHING CLUB
ACTION COMMITTEE

Schedule of Events – July 2011

<u>1st</u>	New Moon
<u>8/9/10th</u>	Aniwhenua trip (Dave Hodge)
<u>11th</u>	Flytying 7pm. (Shaun Wyatt)
<u>12th</u>	Committee meeting 7 pm.
<u>15th</u>	Full Moon
<u>17th</u>	1st Kids fishout day at Hatchery (Terry Wood)
<u>20th</u>	Newsletter cut off.
<u>25th</u>	Flytying 7pm. (Shaun Wyatt)
<u>29th</u>	Bring and Buy (Neville Robinson ph 3456683)
<u>Friday Nights</u>	Club nights 5pm– 7pm. All welcome

First Kids Fishout Sunday July 17th

Yes it's the time for our club once again to host the children's fish out programme and, as usual, it is out at the Fish and Game hatchery, situated at Paradise Valley, Ngongotaha.. We are calling for all volunteers to help out with this very worthwhile and satisfying club activity.

We request helpers turn up around 8.30 am. This children's pursuit is a very popular event, and our own community, along with visitors to Rotorua, enjoy this fly fishing experience. If you can spare the time to be there for the two sessions, or just either the morning or afternoon session, we would be very pleased to see you.

The programme involves teaching children the art of casting and fly fishing to catch their very own trout. The club needs up to 30 helpers with a variety of jobs to do. Key stations to cover are ; helping with the B B Q, selling children's licences, guides to officiate and give directions to the children through the various stations, and of course, helping the children catch their trout. We also need volunteers to help with the weighing, plus folk to help in the kitchen. Do come along even if you are not sure what to do. Everyone will be made thoroughly welcome.

Lunch will be served between noon and 1.pm. Soup and bread etc.

Thanks to our sponsors and Fish and Game who kindly support the club with on going generosity.

If anyone would like further information , please give me a call on
07 345 5587
cheers,

Woody, Club convenor.



PROPOSED A-Z SCHOOL FOR AUGUST

If we can get at least 10 participants who are keen to learn about the many aspects of fly fishing we will run a course during August. The course is aimed at the beginner or novice fly fisher, ie, persons with little or no experience. It consists of five Thursday night sessions which run for two hours from 7 –9 pm. These will take you on a journey through the various mysteries of fly fishing such as ; the history of the sport, what tackle you should have, what sir Trout eats, how to imitate what sir Trout eats, how to tie your own flies, how to fish these flies, where to go in the Rotorua region and how to catch those elusive trout.

There will also be two Saturday morning sessions, one to learn fly casting and the other at the end of the course to fish a local lake as a practical session to tie it all together. All materials, including fly tying equipment and rods are supplied. All this for just \$160, discounted to \$120 for club members. (ie. membership fee is included)

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Meeting Trout Fishing in New Zealand (With apologies to Richard Brautigan*)

By Mike Smith

I first met Trout Fishing in New Zealand when I was a little kid. My grandfather Harry first introduced me to him when I was about six years old.

We were living in the Auckland suburb of Point England at the time, which, if you don't know it, was part of a sprawling state housing area, but the size of a small city like Rotorua.

Harry grew up in Dunedin back in the old days. His father "Marmalade" Bill Smith had his own interesting story but that's for some other time.

The Great Depression, war and urbanisation brought my family to Auckland but Harry also brought with him the split cane rod he used to fish in the Otago rivers. Later, the rod was put to use by Harry and my dad in the Hutt River, when the family moved to Wellington. One of our family stories relates to dad shoving a fish he'd caught hurriedly into his school bag to avoid being caught in those pre-social welfare days.

Trout Fishing in New Zealand was a bushman who was related to us and the day he visited for lunch I recall being a bit scared by this swarthy, very hairy and stout man. Granddad must have been pleased to talk to somebody about trout fishing and I was surprised to see how the two men who appeared to be so taciturn came alive when showing us casting methods with the rod on the back lawn.

I didn't get into trout fishing at that time - there weren't so many fish in the creek dividing Point England and Glen Innes. But a few years after marrying Sue Wilkie, we came to Rotorua in 1981 and I rounded up some second hand gear and had a crack for a couple of seasons. My sole reward was a rainbow trout I caught in the Ngongotaha River on opening day. Not long after, family came along and work intervened. As well, the mediocre return seemed to outweigh the cost of a licence at that time.

The kids are doing their thing now and last year I was out in a boat with Trout Fishing in Rotorua, Lynmore, a distant cousin of Trout Fishing in New Zealand. I was telling him how I really like fishing in rivers and streams but wasn't that good at fly fishing. He told me that the Rotorua Anglers Club ran an A-Z Trout Fishing School and it was worthwhile going to.

First step was to join the club where I quickly learned there was much to learn about fly fishing. I still struggled along with my casting but experienced members were only too happy to help me with my technique. It's true what people say - fishing folk are patient people.

When the March dates for the upcoming A-Z Trout Fishing Course were announced, I was one of the first to sign up. I fully expected the five weeks of the course to be spent out the front of the club rooms learning how to cast. But it was much, much more than that.

Head tutor Roger Bowden and his team of other club members opened the book on trout fishing, starting with a history, all about rods, reels and tackle. We learned how to cast, including a DVD from the US expert. Theory was followed by a practical exercise where previously wildly ~~flailing~~ flailing arms, rods and lines were transformed into various degrees of smoothly unfurling and whip cracking models of casting.

A fingers and thumbs type, I came through the night of the fly tying lesson with sufficient confidence to have a crack on my own. Incorporating knowledge from the lesson on knots helped. My own attempts still look a bit like backward flying moths but results are encouraging.

A highlight for me, was the lesson with club member Eddie Bowman, who works with NIWA in our lakes. Eddie gave an insight to the life of a trout and the other creatures in its surroundings, why what we are fishing with looks like it does, and how to present what and when.

Roger and his team gave us the low-down on the lakes in our district during our final lesson, giving me an appreciation of how Rotorua really is the "best trout fishing city in the world".

We didn't catch any fish during our practical session at tiny Lake Okaro but that may have been due to the family of bare-foot skiers enjoying the calm of a light drizzly Sunday morning. However, I felt empowered when I entered the water, more able to target trout when I saw occasional giveaway ripples.

Some experienced anglers expressed the viewpoint that the school should be mostly, if not solely, devoted to teaching students how to cast a fly. It is true that I still have a lot to learn about that particular art but my late father-in-law, Rod Hill, much of whose gear I am now using, used to say you never stop learning how to cast.

The scope of the school has given me the tools I need to more fully realise my dream of trout fishing in Rotorua. Granddad Harry would, I hope, be proud and when I next meet Trout Fishing in New Zealand, we will be able to share some good stories.

* Richard Brautigan was an American novelist, poet and short story writer, whose book "Trout Fishing in America" explored his life in the Pacific North West and his relation to the act of trout fishing.

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FISHING FOR LIFE

After almost 9 weeks of absenteeism from fishing due to having serious surgery, it is nice to be back again. There I was on the shore line dressed up in chest waders, boots, hat, and with my favourite rod in my hand, plus nice calm weather. It wasn't too long before I felt a pluck on my intermediate line, then a much more definite take, then a tight line in progress. A few spins off the reel and winding back etc, saw a very nice jack rainbow landed. It felt so good to be able again, to do just simple things our human bodies are designed for. I must say thanks to my doctor who made it all happen. She truly pulled out all the stops to get my life restored ; contacting the appropriate surgeons ,arranging hospital admittance and so forth. I had asked her if she had ever tasted smoked trout, her answer was no. "Then I will catch you one and gladly smoke it for you as soon as I am fit again to do so." I promised. The reason for this was because my G P made it all happen by putting an understanding through to me that healing takes time and proper resting before recovery. My promise to her was fulfilled, and I am told through an email the fish was thoroughly enjoyed. It was good to have such awesome support from all my friends, and especially Daphne, my wife. I would like to say thank you to club members , and say take care of your health . Should you discover any abnormality, my message to you is don't ignore it .Get it looked at a s a p. If you are not happy with medical opinion, PAY for a second one at the very least. I believe i am so lucky to be writing this article, because I was able to receive the proper professional help in time ,and I am now fishing again with my mates with a fly rod in my hand.

Cheers Woody PS. that was the only fish I hooked that day, and further more I must have had luck with me, because I discovered there were 5 wind knots in my leader .

The 20% Rule.

I make it a rule never to weigh or measure a fish I've caught, but simply to estimate its dimensions as accurately as possible, and then, when telling about it, to improve these figures by roughly a fifth, or twenty percent. I do this mainly because most people believe all fishermen exaggerate by at least twenty percent, and so I allow for the discounting my audience is almost certain to apply.



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TROPHY MASTERS REPORT

FISH OF THE MONTH FOR May 2011 was Peter Finlay with a 4.0 kg rainbow from Lake Okataina, his personal biggest to date.

Peter wins a \$10 voucher from Hamills.

Don't forget to weigh in your fish!

Weighmasters are listed on page 3. or you can weigh your fish on registered scales with a witness.

Scales can be checked and registered at the Clubrooms on Friday nights.

You can even weigh and release your fish.

Trophymaster Bevan Lash

A Real Rum Fishing Story

BUNDY RUM (Bundaberg Rum)...Queensland's famous product! Forget Jamaica or any other rubbish!

Now, a King Brown is one of the deadliest snakes on earth. Out of the world's top 10 deadly snakes, Australia has 9. I finally got around to going fishing this particular morning, but after a while I ran out of worms. Then I saw a King Brown with a frog in his mouth and frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth, I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was, how to release the snake, without getting bitten. I grabbed my bottle of Bundaberg rum and poured a little rum in its mouth.

His eyes rolled back, he went limp, I released him into the lake without incident, and carried on my fishing with the frog.

A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot.

There was that same snake and do you know, it had two frogs in his mouth!

Two new DVD's for the club library

There are still places to be found... Tapam, a flyfishing journey
Two guys venture far off the beaten track in their quest for large tarpon. Armed with fly rods and float tubes their journey takes the viewer into some of the most beautiful and remote parts of Central America - a place where giant tarpon prowl, and the locals fish and hunt from dugout canoes. The adventure unfolds as the catch of a lifetime is documented with incredible footage of exhilarating close-up fights with giant tarpon, breathtaking scenery and wildlife as well as interaction with the locals.



The Manic Guide to fly casting.

Rene Vaz is an internationally recognized casting instructor and one of New Zealand's leading fly anglers. In this DVD Rene introduces the five essentials of fly casting in an easy to understand step by step manner. This instructional DVD is the perfect starter for any person wanting to get started in the sport of fly fishing and will be equally appreciated by more advanced anglers wishing to brush up on their own casting skills.

Newsflash ;

Rene Vaz will be at our clubrooms on Wednesday October 19th starting at 5 pm. To show us some casting methods, rods and gear from the Manic Tackle Project. Mark this date on you Calendar and we will remind you closer to the day.



OKATAINA CLUB TRIP 4.06.11 – REPORT

Eighteen intrepid anglers turned up at the Lake Okataina carpark at 3.30pm, where Chris, Millsy and I had set the BBQ up in the public shelter above the carpark. The weather was atrocious – persistent rain, blustery and swirly northerly winds – conditions considered ideal (apart from the swirly wind) by those who fish this spot regularly at this time of year.

BBQ finished by 4.30, everyone dispersed to get gear ready and find a spot on the beach and catch the magical “change-of-light”. By the time I got the BBQ and other gear tied down on my trailer it was almost change-of-light and I could only find a spot in the middle of the right-hand beach. Conditions were deteriorating, with heavy rain and very blustery wind, making fishing very difficult – getting the line out was not that difficult (between gusts) but then the wind blew the line in all directions so it was almost impossible to keep in contact with the fly, consequently any takes were either missed altogether or did not hook up properly. But I managed to fluke a couple of very average fish before we decided it was time for coffee at 8pm. On arrival at the carpark we found that most of the team had given up and gone home – I can’t blame them, given the conditions.

Once revived by the coffee, Chris, Millsy and I went back down to the left beach to find that the fish had come on – in the next hour I landed two and Millsy and Chris got takes which they missed. By 9.30 we were wet enough and pulled out.

I understand that Manuel landed a fish and missed a few others, and several other members had missed takes, but no other fish were landed.

All in all it was an enjoyable club trip – pity about the weather and the resulting difficult fishing. Thanks to the 17 members who joined me despite the weather and made the trip worthwhile. With the interest shown in this trip, as well as the Hamurana and Rotoehu trips, it is quite apparent that we should continue to schedule these one-day outings rather than too many away weekend trips – a good mix of both should be considered for next year.

Neal Hawes
Convener

OUT FISHIN'

A feller's glad to be a friend, Out fishin'. A helpin' hand he'll always lend, Out fishin'
The brotherhood of rod and line An' sky an' stream is always fine; Men come real
close to God's design, Out fishin'. A feller isn't plotting schemes, Out fishin'. He's
only busy with his dreams, Out fishin' His livery is a coat of tan; His creed, to do the
best he can; A feller's always mostly man, Out fishin'.

Committee briefs from meeting 10th May

- ◆ Welcome to 3 new members ; Rosiland Vance, Tony Fenton and Tran Lawrence
- ◆ Okataina trip was a success despite the weather.
- ◆ Ballarat club had a wonderful time.
- ◆ Survey to go out to members to get their views on club trips and online magazine.
- ◆ A-Z School needs numbers to go for August.
- ◆ KFO dates for next year decided.
- ◆ 2 new DVD's for library.
- ◆ Fish of the month ; Peter Finlay 4 kg.
- ◆ Photo of the month ; Roger Bowden Lake Okataina early morning.
- ◆ Special interest night (fish filleting) a huge success "best ever" suggestions to continue including : photo evenings, Smoked fish evening to be the next special, Rene Vaz to give a casting demonstration and display of new products in

October

- ◆ Alarm key pad renumbered due to worn out numbers.
- ◆ Report from Bevan, regarding Ronald McDonald house. Bevan and Manuel took Sean fishing as his wish was to catch a trout.
- ◆ Bar duty, last person out on Friday night check that door is locked.(Oh Oh!)



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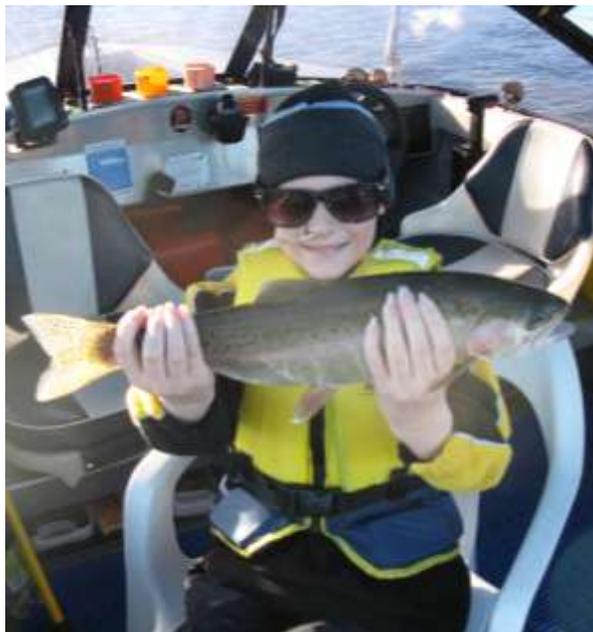
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Some more photo's of Sean, who Bevan and Manuel helped make his wish of catching a trout come true. It was done through Ronald McDonald House.





Recent Kingfish trip out of Tauranga, photo's taken by Manuel Saiz and camera.

