

ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED



Kid's Fishout August 2011

September 2011



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2011, photo's taken by
Larry Ware, Eddie
Bowman & Roger Bowden



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Presidents Report

The recent snow flurries have certainly cooled down the days and nights, and although cold, didn't detract from the Kids fish out on the 14th August. We seem to have struck a note with our members, and the helper turnout was fantastic- thanks to all those AGAIN who give up their day or days as is the case for a few, to ensure a great event.

As I am writing this, the Lake Rerewhakaaitu trip is underway and the day although a little chilly is looking to be sunny and calm, I only hope the fishing is as good - the recent rains have brought the lake level up to what I would say, is that of old. Still plenty happening within the club and we are again ramping up for the AGM, prize giving and the organising of Friday night activities. **Geyserland Silver Oaks** was again chosen as the venue and tickets are available from a committee member or from the clubrooms on Fridays - \$30 per senior member, and \$15 for a junior member. The club provides some table wine and juice. The menu can be found on our website.

Friday the 9th September at the clubroom will be the showing of last years' "Best Film on Mountain sports" at the *Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival* see http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainfestival/worldtour/films/#eastern_rises the film will commence at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

There are a few vacancies in some key roles leading up to the AGM. I would encourage those of us that are willing to help organise a day trip or two to see a committee member. Many of the roles we have are not necessarily committee roles - this is an idea to try and get you to help out as much or as little as you feel you want to. Remember this is another way for you to run things as you would like to, and also for you to have a say on what we do.

A very warm welcome again to our recent A-Z course members, we look forward to seeing you come along to one or more of our many activities, there will be a few more activities coming up aimed at the lesser experienced anglers, to foster an interest in not just fishing, but also our club. Watch your emails and the notice board at the clubroom.

While on this topic, my son Michael and I recently headed into a sports shop with an aim of purchasing a multi-purpose rod and reel for both sea fishing and trout fishing. I was pleasantly surprised with what we were able to pick up for a very reasonable price. In fact without asking, we paid less than the tagged price. \$70 saw us walk out with a rod, reel (with line) and a few lures. My point here is you don't need to spend hundreds to get your kids, grandkids or any other interested party into the great world of fishing. We have many sport shops that sponsor our magazine so we can continue to offer activities to you, please do support them. There is also a discount if you present your club membership card.

The last Friday of the month are also an opportunity for you to bring along something fishing related you wish to sell, and also an opportunity to buy something pre-loved, another great way to pick something up for a bargain.

Well that's enough from me as I'm heading out fishing. See you all out and about.
Great fishing

Wade Fleet
President



LET'S GET ACTIVE in 2011 -2012

On Thursday 22nd September is the AGM and “V” night –voting night. It is that time of the year to select a new Executive and Operating Committee to take the club thru the next 12 months, a very important task, do not ignore it. Over the past 6 months there have been lots of discussions on Friday nights about the current running of the club and plenty of advice on how to make things better , most of these points have been taken into consideration and acted upon by the current committee (where possible). However with the transition to a new Committee and Executive some motivation will be lost in the change over. If you have strong views on “how the club should be run” then step up to the plate and either stand for office or elect a person who will present your views and action them where possible. The Executive and Committee Members should want to help and be enthusiastic about the club, not have to take the positions because no one else will . Do not sit at home demanding the club should do this and that for you , turn up on Friday nights and make yourself visible and known to those active members who are the “Spirit of the Club”- the Regulars, it will take a while to break into the little bands of friends that populate the Friday nights but stick at it, the Bar staff cannot run away so chat to them - they like the company. A-Z members join together and come in a group – you all know each other , that is how I started 20 years ago, I did the A-Z and we all went along on the Friday nights and supported each other until we were known and became regulars – it will not happen in one night. Family members if you do not turn up and tell us what you want we cannot be expected to read your minds , if we have junior members on the premises then we will have to look after them , the few ladies that make the effort to come along are always looking for more female company. We may appear to be ‘an old boys drinking club’ but that we definitely are not , if you do not show up and present yourself you can not expect members to chase you to find out what you want from the club –Tell Us and Participate – there are no ogres that I know of.

See you next Friday night, and the Friday after that and the Friday after that, that is how you become an RAA Regular.

Larry Ware – Vice President 2010-2011-?? . 20 year member.

Sooner or later

by Roger Bowden

If you go fishing often enough, sooner or later a really good day will happen. As always, we had high hopes this day would be it. Everything looked good when we arrived at the Big O boat ramp. The water level was up to the posts, the day was sunny with a moderate breeze. It was early February so I opted to go with a floating foam cicada pattern fished from a drifting boat. I set Pete up with the same tackle. The drift was westerly so we started right away as the drift would take us right across the lake. I put the drogue out and showed Pete how to cast down wind, slap the cicada on the surface and watch the fly like a hawk. Within 5 minutes I saw his fly disappear and mentioned to him that he should strike, he did nothing, so I raised my voice to strike, he still did nothing, so I screamed '*strike!*' He then lifted his rod and thankfully the fish had taken positively and hooked itself. Pete was thrilled to have hooked his very first fish on a dry fly and proceeded to land a lovely rainbow after a lively fight, to be released gently. Shortly thereafter I had the same great pleasure of a rise to my fly and it was my turn to experience the magic of a Big O rainbow being tied to my line. By the time we had drifted to the other side of the lake, which took about a half an hour, we had several more strikes and some hookups. We repeated the process by motoring back to the other side and drifting different patterns across the lake all day, the wind stayed with us as a perfect breeze all day. If the wind gets too strong or dies completely this type of fishing is impossible. It is not often these perfect conditions are struck, which is all part of 'sooner or later'.

The details of each individual fish are a bit fuzzy as we hooked 18 and landed 14 on that magical day, but several highlights spring readily to mind. Some of the strikes were violent and could be likened to a toilet flushing, and other strikes were gentle slurps, with the fly disappearing like magic, leaving you wondering where your fly had disappeared to. While drifting in the shallower areas with the weed visible just feet below the boat I hooked a magnificent rainbow, that leaped many times, the sun gleaming off his bright silver flanks. Then the inevitable happened and he buried me deep in the weed. After trying quite a few tricks I ended up breaking the trace. This happened again shortly after, leading us to come up with a cunning plan. Next time it happened Pete threw out the anchor near where the fish was stuck, and we manoeuvred right above the fish. Pete then dug the oar deep into the weed where we could see the fish flashing, and freed the fish while I held the line tight. This worked a treat and enabled us to land weeded fish, previously a problem. Several times we had fish free rise within casting range as we were drifting, and one I cast to immediately responded to my cicada fly plonking into the still receding rings of the rise form. The take was a slow and deliberate head and tail rise and I found myself solidly hooked to a large and powerful brownie. We estimated him to be approx 9 lbs and in fantastic condition, with beautiful classic brown trout markings. After he posed for a photograph he was gently released, as with all our fish that day. Another highlight was when, at the very end of a drift and right against the far bank of the lake, we saw a good rise just off the weed bank.

Pete cast to it and immediately the water erupted as the fish monstered his offering. Unfortunately Pete missed the strike and some choice words were heard. Towards evening when the wind almost always dies, we motored back to the ramp and set up the gas cooker to heat some stew for tea. The car park, which had been nearly full all day was now deserted. For some reason not many people fish here after dark. I was to introduce Pete to this aspect tonight, like a game of two halves. But that is another story!



Pete with his first fish on a dry fly, check out the foam flies in the fishes mouth's.





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BACKGROUND ON INDIVIDUAL CLUB TROPHIES

HAMILLSPORTS LTD TROPHY 1989. **Heaviest rainbow trout.**

Bill Hamill was the main founder of the Rotorua fishing guide book in 1963.

JACK ENGLAND CUP 1955. **Heaviest Brown trout.** Jack started a business with Bill Hamill and John Wells to import raw materials for Hamills cane rods.

BEAMISH-WHITE TROPHY AND HONOURS BOARD. 1952 **Best C/F Rainbow trout.** Founder was Mrs Beamish-White who started the Anglers club in 1946/7 along with two men. 1st winner was a rainbow of 9.5lbs with c/f of 92.

DAVE ELLERY TROPHY 1986 **Best conditioned Brown trout.** Dave was a past president and long time member of club. Died 2006

CES TAYLOR CUP 1957. **C/F for bag of 4 trout.** Ces and wife were keen trollers. Long time members of club who lived up north with a house at L Tarawera.

O'KEEFES CUP 1989. **Heaviest trout caught on a club trip.** Donated by Pat O'Keefe, founder of O'Keefes Fishing Specialists and supporter of club through generous sponsorship.

WESTPAC TROPHY 1997 **Heaviest trout caught outside district.** By then Manager Roger Bowden when Westpac became Westpac Trust Bank. Long time editor of Magazine and Trophy master.

DOUG LYNCH MEMORIAL TROPHY 1986. **Best C/F trout caught by a lady.** Past President and schoolteacher, one of the founders of children fishout. Died 1986.

KILWELL PRIZE **Heaviest trout caught by a Junior.** Aluminium fly box engraved with winners name. Kilwell have made generous donations of rods, reels and gear for children's fish outs.

HONEY MCGREGOR TROPHY 1974. **Best C/F rainbow caught by a Junior.** Jack Honey had a store at Waihou bay and with Peter McGregor owned a leading sports shop in Rotorua. They were keen fishers at the Te Wairoa.

GERRY WATT MEMORIAL TROPHY 1987. **Best C/f brown trout caught by a Junior.** Member of committee and keen fisherman, died of cancer 1986.

STEPHEN HUTTON MEMORIAL TROPHY Donated 1981. **Most helpful Junior.** Presented to club by parents, Grace and Cyril Hutton, Stephen was drowned on L Rotorua in 1979. He was a keen junior member of the club and very helpful.

BAS JACKSON MEMORIAL TROPHY 1998. **Best newsletter article.** To commemorate Bas who was a regular contributor to the magazine over many years and long time member of club. Died 1998

KEN NAIRN MEMORIAL TROPHY 2003 **Heaviest trout caught on 1 kg line.** To commemorate Ken, past president and long time committee member. died 2002

RICHARD RANDALL MEMORIAL TROPHY 2008 **Heaviest trout caught by a lady.** to commemorate Richard who died in 2005, Past president and long time committee member who was passionate about teaching youngsters the art of flyfishing.

IDLE HOUR BOOKSHOP AWARD 2007. Donated by Neal and Ailsa Hawes, past president and secretary, for the closest to average c/f of all entries received.

The Rotorua Anglers Association 2011 prize giving will be held at the Silver Oaks Hotel Geysersland on Sunday 18th September.

The buffet menu will cost \$30 per person. \$15 for junior members.

The facilities will be available to us from 5pm. Dinner and formalities will lead into the prize giving.

A cash bar is available, however wine and Juice will provided by the club with dinner.

We do need to provide approximate numbers, so please advise by reply email or call Bronwyn with attending numbers on 343 9329 or Wade on 345 9913 Evenings.

Tickets will be available and can be purchased from the club each Friday until the event or by contacting a member of the committee.

Door sales can be arranged by prior arrangement with Wade.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible for a great night out.

Best regards

Wade Fleet RAA President

ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (Inc.)
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotorua Anglers Association (Inc.) will be held in the clubrooms, Pererika Street, on Thursday 22nd September, 2011, at 7pm.

AGENDA: Apologies
Minutes of 2010 AGM and matters arising
Presentation of Annual Reports
Election of Officers
General Business ;

Notices of motion (to be submitted to the Secretary P.O. Box 1083 Rotorua 3040, no later than Thursday 15 September 2011)

Your 2011 –12 membership must be paid if you wish to vote on any matter of business

Bronwyn Douglas Secretary

Schedule of Events – SEPTEMBER 2011

5th

Flytying 7pm. (Shaun Wyatt)

9th

DVD night 'Best film of the Year' (Wade Fleet)

11th

3rd Kids fishout day at Hatchery (Terry Wood)

12th

Full Moon

13th

Committee meeting 7 pm.

18th

Prizegiving Dinner at Silver Oaks Hotel

19th

Flytying 7 pm. (Shaun Wyatt)

20th

Newsletter cut off.

22nd

A.G.M. at Clubrooms 7 pm.

25th

Start of Daylight saving

30th

Bring and Buy (Neville Robinson ph 3456683)

Friday Nights

Club nights 5pm– 7pm. All welcome

Third Kids Fishout Sunday September 11th

Doesn't time fly, it's the third children's fish out programme already 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.



DVD night Friday the 9th September at the clubrooms

will be the showing of last years'

"Best Film on Mountain sports" at the *Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival*
see http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainfestival/worldtour/films/#eastern_rises
the film will commence at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Wade Fleet., President.

NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE

Your newsletter editor (Roger Bowden) and website master (Eddie Bowman) have been working to put the Club's Newsletter in PDF format and an example of this is currently on the club's website www.rotoruaanglers.org.nz . If you wish to receive your future copies by email please indicate to the club's email address at rotoruaanglers@gmail.com This would result in considerable savings to the Club enabling us to pass on benefits to members, not to mention saving trees/planet.



O'Keefes Anglers Depot and Manic tackle
with Airflo and Lamson Reels,
will present a Flycasting day 19th October
5.00pm at RAA Clubrooms.

-Flyrods and Reels to try.

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Check out the website for Fish of the month competition



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Network of Ponds to be developed in the Nelson area to provide fishing for kids.

(Our Nelson member, Terry Kelso, thought this may be of interest to members.)

Plans have been hatched to dig a series of ponds on public land close to the Waimea River at Appleby and stock them with trout and salmon ready to catch next year. But any thoughts of Fish & Game licence holders nipping out to haul in Sunday lunch will have to be set aside - the fish will be strictly for youngsters to catch. The Sports Fishing for Youth Charitable Trust has been working on the idea for two years and is ready to go. The Tasman District Council is providing the land and has approved the formation of the ponds. Sales of the gravel will cover the cost. Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology aquaculture students are growing the fish, and an application to release them has been made to the Department of Conservation. If there are no hitches, "kids' fishing days" will begin next April.

Trust chairman George Wilkinson said the idea was born out of the growing difficulty of catching trout in the region's rivers.

Once plentiful, they were now much harder to find, and it was no longer possible to take a young person out with the guarantee of success, he said. A typical day with an experienced fisher might leave a beginner thinking it was about as exciting "as watching paint dry", he said.

So, he and others he talked to began working towards creating the ponds, mirroring what has already been developed in the Taupo, Wellington and Christchurch areas.

A range of sponsors had also agreed to help, but the key was an arrangement with NMIT for the supply of fish grown at the Glenhaven Aquaculture Centre.

NMIT aquaculture programme co-ordinator Mark Burdass said students were required to grow trout and salmon from eggs as part of their programme, and would now see them used for a good purpose.

"Students will feed the fish and grow them to about 600 grams (1.5 pounds) and then manage their release into the newly formed ponds," he said.

Richmond-based trout fishing guide Tony Entwistle, a trustee, said the ponds would provide the opportunity for all children, including those with disabilities or sickness, to experience the thrill of catching a "nice fish".

"Catching trout is not easy for kids, particularly the brown trout of the local rivers. This will be an opportunity for the kids to fish in a safe environment with some expert assistance from experienced anglers.

"We also hope to build a fishing platform that will be wheelchair-friendly and will have access paths that will accommodate kids with disabilities," he said.

Dr Wilkinson said the pond construction required low summer flows for gravel extraction.

"All going well, we hope the ponds will be built late this year and fish will be introduced in March or so next year."

ANOTHER NEW DVD FOR THE LIBRARY

Extreme fishing with Robson Green, series three.

You have probably seen this guy on TV, he is probably the worst fisherman in the world. He puts in untold hours and usually loses most of the fish he hooks, and boy does he lose his rag when that happens. On the other hand when he catches a fish you would think he just won lotto, even if it is only a few inches long.

The DVD is called "World Tour" and takes us on a journey through Africa, China, Sri Lanka and Brazil.

Robson Green is a British celebrity (actor) and makes an entertaining show that covers different and unusual ways to catch fish, not just for sport/recreation, but also for subsistence. From perching on a pole in Sri Lanka for 6 hours and catching nothing, to groveling in the mud in China catching tiny octopus, this is good entertainment for both fisher and non fisher people.

Report KFO Sun Aug 14th Sunny weather and cool temperatures saw a total of 224 children taking home a rainbow trout. Thank you to all members and volunteers that gave a hand with this event. Also thanks to the Outdoorsman Headquarters for fishing gear supplied and Advocate Print for printing the Club flyers which were created by Larry Ware. As always we can't be successful without your input. It was with some relief that this being the second K F O, parents and children attendance was approximately only half as many as the first K F O. Next fish out date is for Sunday September the 11th and hopefully we should see better weather conditions by then.

Looking forward to seeing you all there again , cheers, Woody

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caught your
fish at Lake
Okataina?
Photo's by
Larry Ware
Who warns
never believe
what your
eyes see!



TROPHY MASTERS REPORT

FISH OF THE MONTH FOR July 2011 was Piet Otto with a 3.16 kg rainbow from Lake Okataina, caught on the fly, c/f 44.45.

Piet 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.

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Report [highlights to anglers] on Fish & Game council meeting held Wed Aug 17th 2011 1 by Councilor Terry Wood

1. Where have all the ducks gone.
2. Water quality & quantity . BOPRC hope to have plans finalised within 12-18 months, expecting to see actions started on cleaning water quality issues in the lakes.
3. Angler and access, Kaingaroa Forest, Rob Pithketly to negotiate to looking at possible overnight stays, in selected areas adjacent to Rangitaiki river. Walking Access Commission looking at options for increasing public access to the river.
4. Investigating spawning streams surveys , on fish traps and general overall calculations as to increases or decreases to winter fish spawns.
- 5 .Tripliod Trout programme, discussion on what possible risks that may occur. Aim is to have a potential return of a lot larger Trout to anglers. Council need to consider the potential benefits, and the likely successes. Costs and risks of implementing a trial liberation, and to alternative ways to meet this objective. should be considered.
6. Lapsed anglers licenses. Participant survey why previous license holders did not continue to purchase. Fish & Game staff compiling summary and interim results.

WARNING! GRAPHIC BOATING INCIDENT.
THIS IS A PICTURE OF A MAN WITH JUST
SECONDS LEFT TO LIVE
(FRIGHTENING!)



**"Did you name it after me,
like you said you would?"**

Committee Meeting



August

FISH OF THE MONTH

Piet Otto, July, with an Okataina Rainbow Jack of 3.16kg caught on the fly.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Roger Bowden fighting a (GT) Giant Trevally, taken by Eddie Bowman

GENERAL BUSINESS

Prize giving preparations - Motion carried to go with Geysersland Hotel. Wade to go back to other venues and say no thanks.

AGM preparations, to send out notices and nomination forms. All members to send in notice of motions for AGM or any other agenda items asap.

Bevan resigning from Trophy Master prior to the AGM, he intends to remain as a member of the association.

Shaun has made 60 flies and donated to Kids fish out, Carol from Outdoorsman donated 750 black magic hooks.

Nigel suggested we need a noticeboard that is visible and easy to get to, a process needs to be organized, Nigel to organize.

Wade going to look at pricing for a presentation TV.

Survey responses reviewed – people preferred local venues, and increased sea trips, training programs, need to look at looking after junior members, many suggestions for speakers on Friday nights, suggested distribution manager for editor as new role. An email reply to go out to all members with high level results and changes we are going to make.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT A warm welcome to the following new members

: David Keay, Minh vu Danh, Michael Bester, Stefan Bennett, Berry Hogg, Haydon Cram, Peter Hopewell, Kevin & Sam Mickleison, Stephen Parker
Email to encourage all members to renew was sent out – minimal response back.

Flytying. About 13 fly tiers is average for attendance. Shaun wants to organize a full day on a Saturday in October, will do a plan and costing.

Kids Fish-out. Mark from EF&G is concerned about numbers coming through if they were to continue in the 500's. Email to go out for volunteers for Sunday. Need to allow all children to hold the rod and experience the strike and catch, this to be reiterated on the day to ALL helpers.

Library. (New DVD'S) Robson Green DVD, TV series 3, Eastern Rises DVD, Wade has suggested this is purchased by the club for the library, committee agreed.

REPORT ON EASTERN REGION FISH & GAME ACTIVITIES JULY 2011

Not much to report this month as the bi-monthly Council meeting is not scheduled till next week, in Gisborne.

Angler Access:

Unfortunately progress with obtaining summer angler access to the Kaingaroa Forest fishery (FlaxyLakes, Wheao Canal, Rangitaiki River) has been slow, with no foreseeable improvement. Discussions and dialogue continue with Timberlands and CNI Iwi Collective, but it looks likely that access this coming summer will still be weekend only and only during low fire risk periods.

Anglers Notice:

In an attempt to reduce the confusion in the Regulations, F&G staff have prepared a number of draft regulation guide maps for the key lakes and hope to have these available for the new season.

Boat Ramp Weed Cordons:

The latest lake in line for a weed cordon is L. Okareka. Due to Ratepayer and F&G consultation this will likely be placed further from the ramp than other cordons, enabling better recreational and fishing access. After lobbying from F&G and RAA, the Regional Council appears conducive to trying to lessen the adverse effect of the L. Okataina cordon navigation lights on anglers. It now appears that, contrary to previous advice, the lights can be turned down to lower brightness settings – if this does not solve the problem the Regional Council will look at replacing the lights with smaller ones or look at shrouding options. *(I have had a look at these recently and it looks to me that the brightness has indeed been toned down, though they are still an annoyance!)*

Compliance:

The upper reaches of the Utuhina stream have seen some poaching problems over the last two months, with several people apprehended for a variety of offences. As a result this area has seen considerable ranging activity lately. Other areas have received less than usual poaching activity, possibly due to the higher than usual rainfall and relatively fewer fish congregating to spawn. For the 2010-11 year to date, 53 offenders have been apprehended for 102 offences (most common offences – fish without licence 48, fish closed waters 20, fish with illegal tackle 21)

Hatchery operations:

Final autumn liberations to the Rotorua lakes were completed in early June. A steady run of fish went through the Te Wairoa trap and this enabled staff to take ample brood fish for the selective breeding programme. 54 crosses were completed for the period, producing 268,000 green ova. The fish on average have been slightly shorter but in better condition than last year. No fish over 10lb, compared to 3 last year.

Neal Hawes
F&G Councillor

Don't take a Pom Whitebaiting

I am a kiwi hunting guide
Shooting and fishing too
I've guided lot's of blokes around
From way across the blue
I even take them whitebaiting
Cos that's my line of work
But I've just met a champion
A champion 'Pommy Berk'
With receding chin and monocle
He s a funny looking bird
He says "By jove"
and 'What ho there'
I'm Elworthy the third
I wish to catch some whitebait"
I ask "yer gotta net?"
He says "no, I've only tried the rod
But I haven't caught one yet"

Well you know you gotta meet one
So I sort him out some gear
And take him to a possie
And say "You're sure to get em here"
I show him what to look for
He say's "By jove, top hole, old chap.
There's clearly nothing to it"
Well! he nets near twenty pounds
And I help him lift it in
I show him how to slip the knot
And tip em in the bin
Elworthy just looks at 'em
And as true as my names Jack
He says "Good Grief they're all too
Small"
And chucks the buggers back!

Author unknown,.,



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