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EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE

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. Our email address is rotoruaanglers@gmail.com

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 Piece

Season's greetings to you all and welcome to our last magazine of the year. From the committee and myself, we wish you a restful time once all the Christmas shopping has been completed- personally I am hoping Santa made a rod or two for me..

We still have a few events on the go before Christmas; an important event is the annual working bee at the clubrooms. This was to be a simple clean of the building but with the water line from road springing more leaks recently; it is time for it to be replaced. This will involve digging the trench to house the new water line so many hands will ensure this is a quick job – you will be rewarded with cool drinks and a BBQ lunch. Saturday December 3rd.

One last day trip that was scheduled for Lake Okataina has been moved due to high lake water levels, to Lake Tarawera's "orchard". This will be a family affair and there are activities planned for children and grandchildren, as well as a BBQ so get your names down so we have numbers for catering purposes. Note the date for this is Sunday the 11th December.

Manuel is arranging a sea fishing trip for entry level fisherpersons, a great way to come along and meet others in the same boat-so to speak- as you. The attending numbers will dictate what is arranged so please A-Z r's, new members, get your name recorded at the clubrooms or call Manuel.

Our Christmas BBQ is also not far off. Friday December 16th is the day, and the club provides the meat so come along for one of the last Fridays this year. These are always well attended and a really jovial time and a great atmosphere. The Christmas raffle will also be drawn.

The bar license has been renewed for yet another year and this time we have extended the days to now also include a Wednesday. This is to facilitate the increased activities we intend to run and will start off with a second screening of *Eastern Rises* on Wednesday 14th December. This is a film about four fishing mad men who travel to the back and beyond of Kamchatka, Russia - in search of huge fish. As always doors will open at 5pm and no matter how many attend screening will start at 5: 30pm. The film runs for 45 minutes. All welcome. If you have an activity you are keen to organise, let me know and we will advertise this night for you. A Guest speaker on water access and a filleting demonstration-n-eat are two that will kick off in the New Year, watch for more details at the clubrooms and magazine.

Have a great break and remember to take photos and should you decide to keep your fish, ensure you record vital details for the trophy master, as all entries at the end of next year are eligible to win you a seasons fishing license.

Take care over the holidays and wishing you enjoyable fishing.

Wade Fleet President

Committee Meeting



November

Membership report:

New Memberships / Renewals **A warm welcome and thanks to the following** ; Rikimata Massey (family), Robert McGee (adult), Tim Sharpe (family), Philipp Loest (family), Peter Wayne (family)

Activities: *Activities/Trips* – Report from Nigel Wilkinson (attached)
A-Z School - Schools planned for March and August. A new convener required for August course

Building - Working bee organized for 3rd December. Volunteers needed

Fish of the month: Jude Dawson. 3.6Kg brown 15/10

Photo of the month: "KFO pool" Larry Ware

General Business: Expressions of interest required from the membership for the social convener role.

Expenses approved for Xmas Tarawera family day.

Liquor license renewal in process. Some amendments forthcoming.

Insurance coverage changed to reflect increased valuation of the building.

Don negotiated with insurer to keep premiums the same.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Secretary Shaun Wyatt.

Forest Access

In late August a meeting was held with Timberlands regarding access to Kaingaroa Forest. The situation has not changed from last summer, in essence that is: As of the start of October, the fire season begins, and weekend-daylight hours only access, is permitted during periods of low fire danger.

No camping at Te Awa—Timberlands only permit this to be used as a picnic area, and over summer access permits will be issued on a weekly basis, depending on whether access will be permitted each weekend. The process is a decision which will be made each Monday as to whether the forest will be open for recreational access the following weekend, following an assessment of the fire risk indicators. Timberlands are again making funds available (\$2500) for Fish and Game to use on angler access projects around the Rangitaiki River System.

Club Captain / Trophy Master Report: November 2011.

Information for committee meeting & Club Newsletter:

Have put together a MS Excel file to record all entries & assign to the various trophies (includes automatic calculation of condition factors).

Purchased whiteboard markers, eraser & cleaning fluid, folder & drawing pins for Club Noticeboard.

18 Trophy registrations received for October (21 in total from 1st September).

Of the 21 fish, 18 rainbows & 3 browns.

Request for members who have taken photographs of their trophies to indicate on their forms & submit image to Trophy Master. (Consider possible showing of relevant images at the annual prize giving).

Image may be sent to Trophy Master via email (nigel@ncwilkinsons.com). Likewise, if members have a scanner they can complete & scan their Registration Form & submit to Trophy Master in pdf format as an alternative to 'posting' the form on the Club Noticeboard.

Trophy Master notice placed on Club Noticeboard.

Met with Wayne Mackie at Hamills (with Bevan Lash) to introduce myself as the new Trophy Master. Received a request for 20 copies of the RAA Fishing Guide, which has been passed to David Hieatt.

Lake Rotoehu Trip – 16th October 2011, Convenor – Peter West.

Good day, weather held pretty clear – 8 anglers (including Dr. Anthony Hawes – new member from Tauranga). A number of good fish caught both fly fishing & jigging.

November Trip – Nov 27th (proceeding as per timetable), Lake Rotorua (Bevan Lash).

December Trip – 10th, venue changed from Lake Okataina to Lake Tarawera by convenor (Neal Hawes) as the lake level at Okataina is too high to negotiate & launch from the slipway. Neal has obtained the key for the gates to the Orchard Reserve at Tarawera for a BBQ in the afternoon.

Nigel Wilkinson

FISH OF THE MONTH FOR September was Jude Dawson with a 3.6 kg.

Brown from L Rotorua, Jude 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.

SPORT FLY FISHING NZ ROTORUA REGIONAL COMPETITION

Sport Fly Fishing NZ (www.sffnz.org.nz) is the body of competition anglers responsible for selecting and sending our National fly fishing teams to the World, Commonwealth, and Oceania championships. Regional competitions are held around the country, points being gained towards entry in the National competition in March/April each year, and subsequent selection of the teams for the International events. These regionals involve river fishing on allocated beats, or boat fishing (loch-style, two anglers to a boat), or both. The Nationals always involve both. The 2011 Rotorua regional competition was held on L. Aniwhenua 29-30 October, and involved boat fishing only. Nine hopefuls lined up including Belinda Thomas, one of the few women anglers involved in the SFFNZ group. Belinda is a relatively recent addition to the ranks of competition anglers and has quickly shown that she can mix it with the boys. This is her report.....

Lake Aniwhenua was formed by the damming of the Rangitaiki River in the late 70's, so understandably its history is a brief one. Its reputation has mainly been for the number of trophy trout that have been taken, after awesome fights, from its shallow weed beds and the clear patches between. It's a not so much mentioned, but very significant aspect of the lakes history, that it has been the venue for many Sports Fly Fishing regionals and nationals during that time and that the first pairs competition was held there as well. The lake performed so well over the weekend of the Rotorua regionals that this is history in the making and that as a venue for fly-fishing competitions it certainly deserves its place.

That's not to say that it was easy or that cricket scores of fish were caught. Most anglers had a few anxious moments, as this early in the season the lake was a little inconsistent. This of course favoured the anglers that worked hard and stayed focused. Added to this was the usual range of weather that a regional attracts, in this case heroic sunshine followed by rain and an icy blast straight off the Urewera's. The biggest issue that Mother Nature threw at us though was an almost total lack of wind. That mixed with a quite insignificant current along the lake made predicting drifts, or indeed achieving them at all, quite tricky in all but the 2nd session when most boats finally needed to use their drogues.

The first session saw all 5 boats initially head to the upper section of the lake. This paid huge dividends for Dan Comer who measured 8 fish, over Tim Rich and myself with 4 each, and took first place. That he might know these fish by name and that he might also have known their parents was less significant than the absolute belief he had in the flies that he was offering them and that they would be eaten.

The second session saw a couple of boats (mine included) start at the weed beds off the sand bank in the narrows at the middle of the lake as it had performed well at the end of the first session.

Unfortunately the trout there had wised up somewhat and that area was soon passed over again with all boats but mine heading up stream again. The lower end of the lake fished poorly for us although Sam Bourne and myself had some fun above the ski lane with heart stopping fights with the fish there. It wasn't however where most of the fish were caught and the top end of the lake produced the numbers and the larger fish. Brendan won this session with 6 fish from John Bell, Chris Young and Dan all with 3 fish and placing in that order.

Sunday was a gorgeous morning well suited to a long breakfast but the fish were there and more were measured than in the 2 previous sessions. Dan won this session with 5 fish from Brendan and myself with 4 each and placing in that order.

The tallied results saw Dan take first place from Brendan in second by a few centimetres. I placed third and after removing dummy angler scores Chris Young and Tim Rich placed fourth equal which they no doubt debated gently on the car trip home...

Fortunately our dummy angler is no dummy. Thank you to Neal Hawes for organising the competition and taking part in such terrific spirit. As a previous winner of SFFNZ competitions at Lake Aniwhenua and participant in the nationals it is terrific to have his continual support and commitment to sport fly-fishing in New Zealand. His knowledge of both SFFNZ and the Rotorua area contributed hugely to a successful and thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

Belinda Thomas.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – DECEMBER 2011

<u>10th</u>	Full Moon
<u>11th</u>	Christmas fishing/social event. (Neal Hawes/Larry Ware)
<u>13th</u>	Last Committee meeting for the year. 7pm.
<u>16th</u>	Christmas BBQ at Clubrooms All Welcome
<u>20th</u>	No Newsletter until February cut off January 20th.
<u>25th</u>	New Moon
<u>Friday Nights</u>	Club nights 5pm– 7pm. All welcome

CHRISTMAS FISHING/SOCIAL EVENT

NOTE: This is a FAMILY event – not just for fisher-folk

DATE: Sunday 11 December

VENUE: Orchard Reserve, Lake Tarawera (NOTE change of venue due to ramp difficulties at L. Okataina)

TIME: Fishing on lake from early morning – your choice

Weigh-in at Orchard reserve 1pm (prizes for heaviest fish – mens', ladies', kids' divisions)

Gather at Orchard reserve from midday (please don't drive into reserve - leave vehicles in landing carpark)

BBQ 1.30pm. Meat supplied by club, please bring along a salad of your choice

Please bring your own drinks and seating etc.

Don't forget hats and sunblock!!

Followed by lolly-scramble for the kids and other activities including casting competitions (mens', ladies', kids' divisions)

NAMES on the board at the club please, or phone Neal (027 2755012) or Larry (3494794 w)

Please include phone number in case of cancellation

Neal Hawes & Larry Ware, conveners



TV FOR SALE

The club has a 19 inch Panasonic TV that is now surplus to requirements. It is in new condition as it has been used only very occasionally. Comes complete with remote and rabbits ears. Would be ideal for the bedroom or Kids room.

Only \$50 to the first applicant

Ring Shaun Wyatt on 3496116 (evenings)

WORKING BEE

A working bee is set for **SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD 9.30 AM** . at the Clubrooms. Please bring cleaning gear, paint brushes, ladders, spades, and shovels, for us to have a crack at our usual club working bee, keeping a standard of well being to the premises. Cheers Woody, Please check the white board for further details.

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Xmas Barbeque

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas BBQ on

Friday 16th December For those of you who are too busy to prepare a plate or do not cook, or have forgotten on the night, a trip to one of our many supermarkets will provide you with lots of ideas for a quick plate to share with fellow members. The salad bar has endless types of salads, the fridges and freezers hold beautiful cheesecakes and other tempting desserts. Maybe just the fruit and veg area where a plate of fresh fruit can be put together in moments. Fresh veg such as carrots, celery even raw cauli make for a lovely snack accompanied with a dip from the fridge section. How about the sweet section, a bag of marshmallows mixed with a bag of pineapple lumps. Whatever takes your fancy will be fine on the night. You can also find in the self service section a selection of loose nibbles such as peanuts, cashew nuts, mixed fruit and nut and lots of other interesting snacks. We look forward to seeing you all there. Remember if you bring a visitor please add a little extra to your contribution to cover them as well.

See you there, Committee

XMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The very good prize is illustrated below, this has been generously donated by our members. It features a TCA. 9 foot # 8 weight 2 piece fly rod, complete with a fully lined rod tube. It is teamed up with a TCA. wide arbour, disc drag reel spooled with a Scientific anglers # 9 weight floating fly line and a neoprene reel bag. There is also a crafted wooden net to complete this classy outfit, which is ideal for the Rotorua area. 2nd and 3rd prizes are meat packs. The tickets will be available at the clubrooms on Friday nights. Also if you can help with selling books please contact organiser Roger Bowden on 348 7816.



Fish and Game Meeting Briefs

At yesterday's F&G meeting, I raised issues with the Wall. Reasons being that over the past two years anglers who fished in the Ohau channel are disappointed with the lack of numbers of fish being caught. I showed a letter which a club member passed onto me, mentioning that discussions were how long the structure would be in place [12 years]. Further could F & G supply a written notice, or have information that before the walls final resource consent given, that in the design, gaps apposed to the current would be placed. This allowing the seasonal run of smelt and trout to pass through thus making a more natural approach to enter L Rotorua, and no doubt better access for boats. Other matters I enquired with were the placing of nets with buoys. These cordoning areas around boat ramps to some of our lakes. Some with very bright navigation lights, their function of course weed control etcetera. We anglers do not receive this information or have given to our club or other competitors on any of these installations, when put in place. Therefore could we be a little more involved and share in the future proposals and offer input as to how new changes affect anglers, [ie navigation lights facing shoreline fisherman far too bright]. With general council discussion, our chairperson has taken all on board and certainly circulate and to update us with information as it comes to hand . for any other concerns and enquiries please talk to myself or N Hawes.

Woody

Harvey Clark tells me that there was a 17 lb Brown taken recently from the Bridge pool on the Ngongotaha.

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Last Friday night Grant Horne asked me about the history of the clubrooms, I told him that rather than try to remember I would find an article written by long time member Mike Harman in 1994 and reprint it. Hopefully other members may find it interesting as well!!

The Clubhouse by Mike Harman 1994

Where did it come from?

When we were donated this building, there were two parts to it. One being of high stud and built of solid rimu. The other was a lower stud and of pine framing etc. The building inspector, in his wisdom, condemned the rimu part, and the other part he let us move and alter to what you have now as a Club House.

The rimu section was carted away to be reviewed by people who knew a bit more about timber than the building inspector, and was put to good use. However, when we pulled the buildings apart, there was a shingle on the top which started a few of us wondering where the clubhouse started its life. The shingle ended up at my place and is now a door to my fly-tying shed, as is a fair bit of the rimu wall-panelling etc. in my shed.

Anyway, after much work on this shingle, we exposed the name. This we got a real surprise with – “Te Teko Post Office”, so instead of another old building surrendering to the Rotorua District Council completely, it has been put to good use.

As for the pine framing, well my guess is that it started life in the

Kaiangaroa Forest. Where it was assembled is anyone’s guess, but it certainly has been transformed over the last six months, with more

More History - Casting and Fly Fishing Classes

In 1956 an Angling school of instruction began, These were initially held at Kuirau Park on Saturday mornings and were well attended. The art of casting a fly and tying knots were the main themes for a start and continued over the years. As interest grew, evening classes were started on all aspects of fly fishing and later a separate evening was set aside for instruction and demonstration of fly tying. These carried on for many years during the closed seasons with varying successes until we now have the very successful A to Z Fly Fishing School. The enthusiasm and knowledge of fishing passed on to beginner fly fisherpersion by a host of members over a long period of time has to be acknowledged.



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HAMURANA DAY/NIGHT TRIP

This is advance notice of this trip, as there will be no newsletter in January.

I will send a further notice around by email closer to the date.

DATE: Saturday 21 January

VENUE: Hamurana stream mouth

TIME: Fish all day and up to midnight if you wish. The aim of this trip is to introduce the venue to those of you who do not regularly fish there.

Some of the best fishing is after dark, so this will be the main focus, but we should have experienced anglers there at various times of the day and evening to give the inexperienced anglers some pointers.

BRING: your fishing gear (floating line and smelt, woolly bugger type flies for day, black or lumo flies for night), sunblock, hat etc and plenty of drink (gets hot out there)

Waders – neoprene best as the water coming from the stream is very cold.

BBQ at 6.30pm. This will give you all time to get ready for the change of light, which should be around 8.45 or so. Meat will be supplied by the club, please bring your own salads, drinks, etc.

NAMES on the board please – we need to know numbers for catering.

Please include phone numbers in case of cancellation.

Contact me for details

Neal Hawes, convener

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Terence Wood
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07 245 5587
10 -11- 2011

Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of the above club, to draw to your departments attention, pest plants that are now taken a strong hold around Lake Okaro. Namely these plants are wind blown willow seeds that have established themselves around the shoreline, and are very productive in their growth.

We are frequent users to the lake, recreational and the art of fly fishing, plus general angling techniques. Should delays of control and stopping this unwanted plant life, I must emphasize that our back casting with rod and reel will become an on going annoyance, and more, so if continuance of growth.

Could spraying be recommended whilst in the early stages of growth? As this is a good time, to nip it in the bud, before a much more and greater expense is likely to occur to effectively control, the shoreline, and in-keeping the tranquility and serenity of this lake .

I am sure that our club could support any potential labour that maybe required.

Yours Sincerely
T Wood

As a result of Woody's letter the council have sprayed the offending growth, Thumbs up to Woody and the RDC.



Last Kids Fishout November 2012

At the start of the 9am session there was only eight volunteers to take the brunt of approximately a long queue of already waiting parents and children who patiently stood as far back as the wooden bridge . I am thinking “omg” we really, really need more help. there were only two, to man the BBQ, and two to sell the licences. I found a willing parent to help direct the children to the only four anglers at the pool . Four to push through with casting skills, hoping more help would turn up. Two licence sellers for a short while and then to ask to leave only one , whilst the parent who spent over an hour directing the children pool side needed to go home with her brood. This station to operate ,checking licences and sending the kids to the pool and tutors is a very important part of controlling and keeping the steady flow of patrons. So the morning went on and by towards late am. I counted we had 15 volunteers , and that's how it stayed with everyone held to the tasks without any breaks, which ended 5 past one o'clock although they did have coffees brought to them. The pm. session started late and help started to improve as again families were already lining up to buy licences, and 4 with casting and 9 anglers manning the pool . Whew! my word it takes, as you may well know, an effort to work through without any breaks . Big ticks to everyone for volunteering your time and contributions.

I am saddened by the lack of missing help, and just left like (she'll be right, they'll manage.) The club has over 120 members and we need positive commitment , we only do this four times a year . It is on your calendars , I put myself forward to be there on these KFO dates, along with other dedicated members. Perhaps if you can't be there, try pushing your club mates by saying try and get to the KFO” they will miss you”!! . Doing this and with numbers, helpers can have decent breaks and make this neat children's activity smoother running. It is a large money earner and keeps our membership, bar, and BBQ's subsidised, plus some outings, Please think about this and look forward to 2012 new K F O programme, with no less than 25 to 30 of us being there . Thank you

Cheers Woody

(see photo's inside back cover.)

KFO Volunteers

Where have many of our members gone, long time passing,
Where have many of our members gone, long time ago,
Where have many of our members gone, gone to somewhere we don't know,
When will they return,
When will they ever return!!

Woody

Okataina Level

This photo was taken at Okataina beach recently. Sorry about the quality - taken on my phone camera. The lake has risen at least 50cm since the winter shoreline fishing in June.

You can just see the jetty about 60-80cm under water! I don't know how any boat larger than a dinghy can be launched without a tractor or substantial 4WD. The only consolation is that it just might keep the jiggers off the lake over the next few months and let us have more fish on the beach and log pool in the autumn!! Let's hope so.

Neal Hawes



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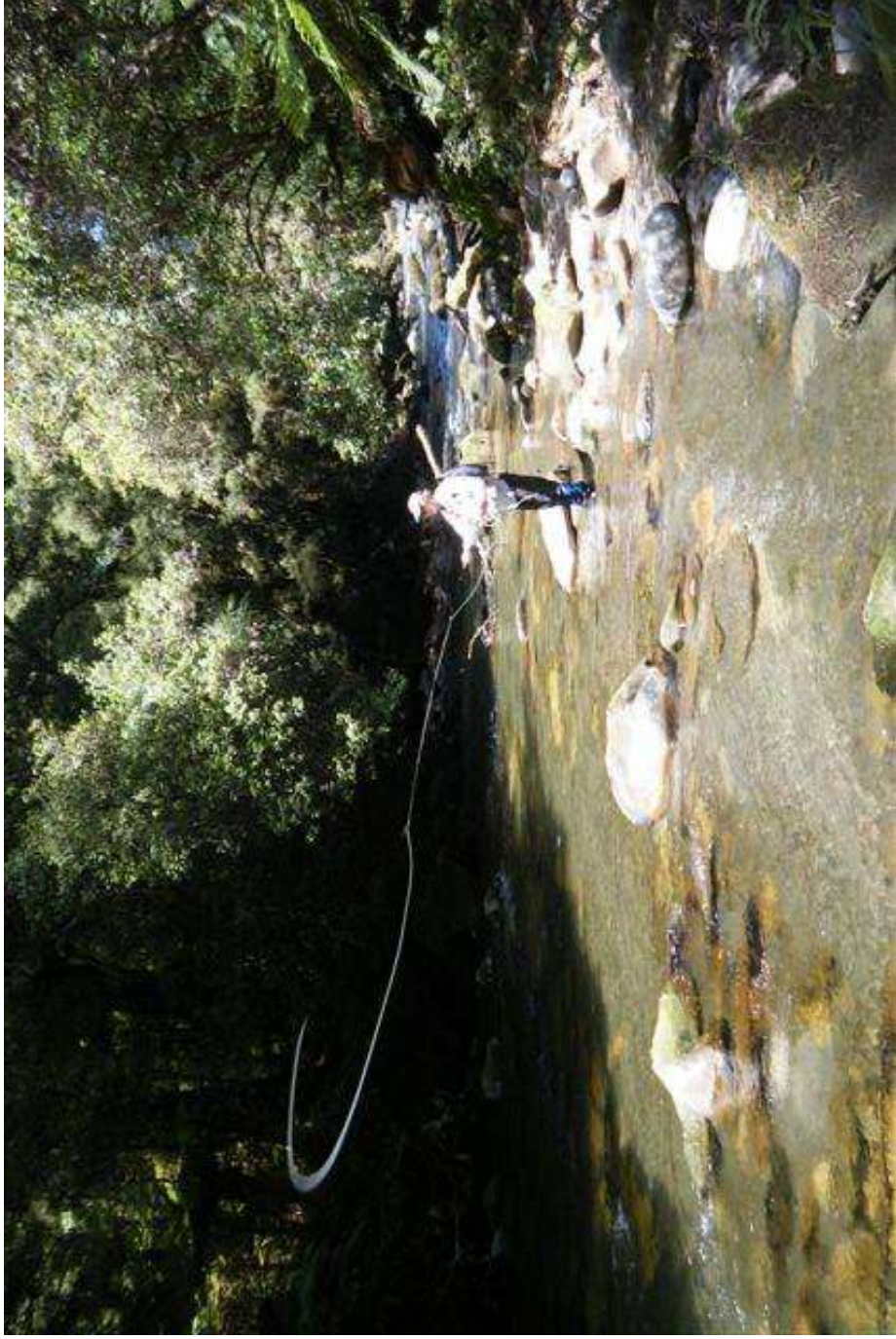
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Some photo's from the final Kid's Fishout for the year.





Whirinaki River, taken by John McCarron