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Aniwhenua Challenge, taken by Dave Hodge

May 2011



Some Photo's taken by Terry Wood at the Lake Aniwhenua,
Kiwis V The rest of the World Challenge.



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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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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

A recent excursion with the long line really challenged the phrase, “the worst day fishing is better than the best day working..”

With the last of long warm days coming to an end, I choose to take time off from work and spend it with the family, fishing and walking the beach at sunset. It was a few days since a heavy rain, and the sea was clearing of the muddy water flowing from the WaioekaRiver. A slight Westerly of around 10 knots and with a reasonably flat sea, Michael and I chose to run out the Kontiki. The day before, to get out of the house the family headed on down to Opotiki Bait and Tackle, where we almost passed the proprietor driving in the opposite direction. A glance in his direction had the effect I was hoping for and he stopped and parked in front of the shop.

Expressing my interest in bait and hooks, he proceeded to open up the store. (Oh the great community spirit is alive and well in Opotiki!!). Bait in hand and a well overdue refresh of the long line hooks, Michael and I baited hooks, loaded up the mule, dawned warm attire and set off for the beach. After much discussion with my five year old, we decided on our spot. Being the only two people on the beach is not unusual at the drifts’ but was an omen on this particular day.

Direction set on the rudder, considering tide, wind and current, the red torpedo was set in the direction of White Island. Following the inevitably controlled rush to attach all laterals and sinkers before too much line was stripped off the reel; our Kontiki was holding its course beautifully.

The next few hours and little fishing activity, made way for sand castle building, seagull chasing and when restricted to the cab by a heavy rain shower, explanations of what every button and control was for in the Mule. Finally with patience wearing short, Michael advised me it was time to pull the line in. Setting the speed, we became feeding in the line to the winch. It wasn’t long before our day took an ominous turn, the winch slowed and the line possessed the acoustic features of an E string on a guitar. A quick review of the situation, provide the only conclusion possible, we had hooked Aotearoa. Finding ourselves in unfamiliar territory, we soon sort assistance from nearby neighbours, whom had frequently seen and assisted in this predicament in the recent past. With seas becoming rough and wind picking up, we would wait out the weather for two hours. With seas calming enough to be safe, two neighbours, again for safety reasons, set out to free the line on a twin kayak. Reappearing from the swells 20 minutes later, they produced our Kontiki, and told of an unfortunate tail of the sea swallowing my new hooks and a substantial amount of the backbone line. Collecting up what was left and a fair amount of disappointment, we heading home, recollecting and imagining what we would have done differently. Not much.

Wishing you better luck than Michael and I.

Not too tight lines

Wade Fleet

Committee Meeting



April

(a) **Activities/Trips.** Bryan Taylor

Ohope and Aniwhenua trip very successful, Tuki Tuki trip is all go. Okataina night trip date from 28 May to be changed to 4 of June. \$30 worth of prizes donated from Neal as he won these at the Aniwhenua trip. Suggested guest speaker nights, filleting fish, coast guard, also suggested starter packs, passing on information, 1 Friday night a month, could also increase family membership with a Saturday day session or a decent buddy system.

6th of May will be Wade presenting fillet fish night on Friday night. Fish needed to be supplied by committee member. Wade to approach O'Keefe's to see if they will attend and display a basic kit.

(b) A-Z School. Roger Bowden, 12 participants just completed, very successful.

(c) Building. Terry Wood, Working bee needed to clean building and graffiti

(d) Flytying. Shaun Wyatt, Last 2 were well attended over 12 people each night, a few new people. Trade me auction going well, 3 auctions won

(e) Kids Fish-out. Terry Wood, 17 July first Kids Fish Out, club acknowledges Terry's illness and will ask for nominations for a deputy to help. Wade keen to assist.

(f) Social. David Hieatt, with assistance from Peter Finley, Manuel Saiz and Bill Piper BBQ this Friday night

David needs assistance with book sales view to take over next year. Neal is happy to take on this role, in the short term.

FISH OF THE MONTH—Wild 3kg Brown Hen caught fly fishing the Ngongotaha stream by Rod Ingram C.F. 46.60

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Further thoughts on trips being subsidised? Long distance trips are now more expensive with the increased petrol costs.

2. Freezer purchased

3. Larry happy to create brochure for the club, could go to fishing shops

4. Please sign in all non-members in book behind the bar. Put lectern and book by door. BD to send out email covering BBQ and non financial members to sign in.

6. Room to be cleaned before Friday night club nights, Bevan has agreed.

7. Wairua Hut data watch book back in action. Facility needs to be used other wise it will be taken away or taken over by DOC.

8. Fish & Game has requested assistance to plant Ngongotaha stream. Will send out details to club members.




KIDS FISH OUT's 2011

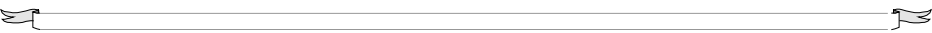
This programme starts the **second Sunday in July**. I would like to extend an invitation to all members to visit our club rooms on **Tuesday May 31st at 5.30 pm**. The meeting is for joint open discussion to foster new ideas and input, towards the on going success of this very enjoyable club activity.

I expect the meeting to last approximately one hour.

Cheers Woody



FLY TYING— Due to the Easter break the next fly tying is **Monday 2nd of May**. I'll send an email closer to the time detailing what the demo will be. Also, if you'd like to be added to my email contact list for fly tying activities and updates please send me an email at: shaun.wyatt@damarindustries.co.nz I'm hoping to start getting a bit more active in this area, and emailing some helpful tips and tricks, upcoming events, links to webpages for products etc. Hope to see you all there 2/5. Tight wraps. Shaun



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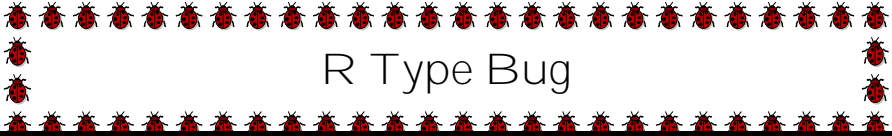
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R Type Bug

This is an article I wrote for the May 1999 magazine and reprinted several times since at this time of the year, but is still very applicable.

Sounds like a virus, - it is! This is the time of year it hits. Couch potatoes for most of the year muster their energy, to leave their cosy firesides and T.V. sets in the hope of catching a 4kg plus, R type rainbow trout, during the hours of darkness. (R type is the name given to ERF&G hatchery bred rainbows.)

The tackle one requires for this is obviously a fly rod in the weight range of 6 to 9, with basically two fly lines; A weight forward floating and a weight forward sinking. I mention weight forward lines as it is easier to cast them a long distance. I also use a shooting basket which also aids casting a long line, but most important keeps your line from the abrasive sand found in the area. This can drastically shorten the life of your fly line—I am not clever enough to knit the line into my hand, but never bothered trying to learn after the Vice President of Cortland lines advised me that this practice also shortens the life of your line, by stressing it with many tight bends. One of the secrets to success is to keep the fly line clear of the water until the final shoot. Use of the shooting basket and the double haul make it easy to cast 30 to 40 yards of line with only two false casts and a final shoot. It is also possible to fish longer before casting fatigue and / or tennis elbow sets in.

I believe only two flies/lures are required for night fishing: the Doll fly (I prefer the chartreuse colour) and a big black bushy Marabou. I tie the Marabou on first with a trace of about 6ft of 10lb nylon (usually Maxima) then another 4ft to the doll fly. The reason for this is to swim the doll fly as it is only a bit of plastic on a hook. If you use a doll fly on its own it is better to retrieve it very, very slowly so it just crawls over the bottom. I once had a fish take a stationary doll fly off the bottom, when I put my rod down at the back of the boat to net a friend's fish. He pointed out that the loose line in the bottom of the boat was disappearing through the guides fast, I picked up the rod and landed a 6 lb trout which had almost swallowed the fly.

Places to fish are:

Lake Tarawera, any stream mouth such as Waitangi, The Orchard, Landing, Te Wairoa and with boat access, Twin Streams, the Outlet and The Wairua. Other great spots are the release points, such as Rangiuru Bay, and the beach or jetties at the Landing. I use sinking lines at all those places where there is a deep drop off, except the plateau at Rangiuru Bay and the Outlet where floating lines are more suitable.

Lake Rotoiti, any stream mouth such as Hauparu Bay, Ruato Bay, Waieti , The Transformer or the Pipe and almost anywhere along the roadside on the south eastern shore line, with favourite places being the Dump and Ruato Bay. A floating line is good anywhere here and a slow retrieve works well.

Lake Okataina, The main beach is the only place accessible to shore anglers and can be exciting when the wind is right (from the Northerly quarter). If you are fortunate enough to have boat access then the Log Pool or Rayners 1 & 2 are great spots fished from an anchored boat. Floating lines are best from the beach and sinking lines for the drop-offs at other places mentioned.

The best fly fishing times are on those nights when the cosy fireside seems a much saner option and it is raining cats and dogs. You can always find a place amongst all those mentioned where it is sheltered from the wind or it will assist your casting. I always consult my Rotorua Trout Fishing Guide for the map/ compass points for wind suitability. A good pointer is that the mornings are less populated, so an early rise can be most productive and very pleasant, with much less competition.

The phases of the moon are crucial to choices of locality. Generally the fishing is hard in shallow water (such as Ruato Bay). When the moon is full, deep water should be sought, with the exception of Lake Okataina which appears to fish well during the bright moon phases. I once netted a 5.2kg rainbow jack during the zenith of the full moon in April for a friend (unfortunately). It was caught on a large, non glowing black Marabou. This fly was fresh from catching a 4.00kg fish a few minutes earlier.

Hey all you fisherpersons - get out there over the next couple of months and catch some trophies. The fish are in great condition lately and with the colder temperatures the spawning runs will start happening very soon, if not already, by the time you read this.

Soft casts, tight Lines and Stretched Scales.

ROGER BOWDEN.



Woolly Bugger



Doll Fly



Black Marabou

Schedule of Events – May 2011

- 2nd Flytying 7pm. (Shaun Wyatt)
2nd First day of School term 2
10th Committee meeting 7 pm.
16th Flytying 7pm. (Shaun Wyatt)
17th Full Moon
20th Potluck dinner at Clubrooms, all welcome.
20th Newsletter cut off.
27th Bring and Buy (Neville Robinson ph 3456683)
30th Flytying 7pm. (Shaun Wyatt)
31st Meeting at Clubrooms re Kids Fishouts 5.30pm (Woody)
4th June Okataina Beach night trip (Neal Hawes)
Friday Nights Club nights 5pm– 7pm. All welcome

Members should be aware that there was a break in on a car parked at the Clubrooms on a Friday night. Don't leave any valuables in your car.

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OKATAINA BEACH NIGHT TRIP

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NIGHT TRIP TO OKATAINA BEACH, SET DOWN FOR SATURDAY 28 MAY, HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT SATURDAY, 4 JUNE.

This trip has been organized to introduce inexperienced members to the joys of night fishing the winter shoreline trophy fishery. The intention is for some of the more experienced among us to fish alongside and guide the less experienced.

Intended format:

Meet at the carpark around 3.30pm for briefing and BBQ before getting ready to fish the change of light at around 5.30. Fish till midnight if you wish. More details will be emailed or phoned to those registering with me, closer to the date.

Note that if weather conditions are not suitable for Okataina (eg Southerly wind) we will change the venue to Ruato or Hinehopu at the last minute, so be prepared.

Be prepared for any weather conditions – Okataina beach often fishes best in dirty weather, so don't let that put you off, and be prepared with adequate waders and warm wet weather gear.

Names on the board at the clubrooms please, or phone me for further details and registration.

Neal Hawes

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WAIRUA HUT – DATAWATCH PROGRAMME 2011

Once again the Wairua stream mouth will be monitored by Fish & Game from 1 April to 30 June. This involves volunteers from various angling clubs (mainly RAA) fishing the stream mouth and recording catches for the datawatch programme. This will usually involve overnight stays of one or more nights, the Wairua Hut situated in the bush behind the stream mouth being used for accommodation. Fishing can be during the day, after dark, or early morning – your choice. The only stipulation is that all fishing sessions must be recorded in the datawatch book – this also includes fishless sessions – hours spent, fish caught, fish kept, fish released, length and weight of fish. This is a very worthwhile exercise, as the data received is important to the ongoing health of our fishery.

Fish & Game release about 500 fingerlings at the stream mouth annually, and these fish return to their release point for spawning at maturity. As well, the Wairua is traditionally an important spawning stream for Tarawera's wild fishery.

Fishing the stream mouth can be electric when conditions are right (ideally S to SW wind and no moon). It is ideally suited to two or three anglers, but a couple more can usually find fishing space especially if the rip splits into two.

I encourage members to make use of this facility – not only will you have a unique fishing experience but you will be doing your bit for the fishery.

We need to use it or lose it!

The hut will sleep six, but your party should ideally be no bigger than four so you all get a fair go at the stream mouth. A gas cooker and gas light are supplied, as are crockery and utensils. All you need is sleeping bag, food etc, and fishing gear. It can be cold, so make sure you take your thermals!

The club has a gas heater in the hut and I will leave the gas bottle there for your use – if the gas is low, please bring it back and return it to me for refilling.

Bookings are taken at the hatchery (ph. 3575501) from where you must pick up keys and gas bottles (for cooking and lighting). Hut charges are \$25 per night (regardless of the number in your party) but I am at present negotiating with F&G to have this reduced for our members.

Phone me (027 2755012) for further details.

Neal Hawes

The Recent Police Tournament—

held on the 4 largest Rotorua Lakes attracted 163 entries. There were 259 trout weighed in over the 2 1/2 days with the biggest weighing 4.1 Kg., it was caught jigging by John McCarron on Lake Rotoiti.

EASTERN REGION FISH & GAME – ANNUAL ANGLERS’ NOTICE DELIBERATIONS

Eastern Region Fish & Game is currently discussing the annual Anglers’ Notice (ie the Regulations for the coming season). This involves receiving submissions from licenced anglers, discussion of same, and finally formulation of the Regulations for the next season. The Anglers’ Notice will be finalised at the next Council meeting on 15 June.

To date, a couple of submissions have been received, but only minor changes are contemplated at this stage.

If you have any concerns about the Regulations and how they affect your angling experience, you should make a submission expressing those concerns and suggesting solutions. I am happy to discuss your concerns in person, but your submission must be in writing so that the whole Council can consider it prior to the 15 June meeting. Submissions should be received by Eastern Region Fish & Game, Private Bag 3010, Rotorua, no later than 31 May.

Neal Hawes
Councillor, ERF&G



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INTER-FISHING COMPETITION

LAKE ANIWHENUA 19MARCH 2011

Previous monthly club trips being cancelled due to either inclement weather / or lack of members interest was an initial concern of mine to achieving a successful fishing club weekend. From a conveners viewpoint the weekend was an enormous success. The weather conditions, although quite hot for March were ideal for all our competitors to comfortably fish from a boat and successfully catch trout. Being an any method trout fishing competition, as stipulated within the rules, most anglers opted for either spin or fly fishing suiting the lake conditions. Twenty anglers competed, representing their country on a point-score, basis (just like a World / National competition scenario), but most importantly just for fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

Our official weigh-master, Neal Hawes (Thank you) did a fantastic job explaining the competition rules (lowest points wins) on the Friday evening, correlating all the fish data and awarding the appropriate scoring on the leader-board for each team as follows:

For the NZ team, 1st -N Hawes, 2nd -M Saiz,

For the ROW team 1st- B Taylor, 2nd- N Wilkinson,

Overall the ROW team won with 244 points, NZ 311 points.

Overall results were ; 1st -B Taylor, 2nd -N Wilkinson, 3rd -M Abbott,

4th -N Hawes, 5th -M Saiz, **Hard luck,** Louise Cole, **shortest NZ-** M Saiz,

shortest ROW -T Turner, **longest NZ-** N Hawes, **longest ROW -**N Wilkinson.

On the Saturday evening the Club hosted the monthly B.B.Q. by providing free steak and sausages at the Ballinger Lodge, Lake Aniwhenua. At prizegiving a selection of prizes was awarded to both team-individuals and the overall runner-up and winner. The B.B.Q. was well attended and supported with a wonderful selection of salad's and desserts from club attendees. Most people stayed at the Ballinger Lodge or camped in the adjacent camp-ground, with some members choosing to commute back to town later that evening, being easily within commuting distance. The air was filled with laughter and banter (even though the Kiwi team had lost 1:0) that was fantastic to see. It had been a brilliant day for all. On the Sunday morning the B.B.Q. was re-lit, cooking egg, bacon, sausages, beans and black pudding. Ummmmmmmm, that lovely aroma!!!!!!.....wafting all over the campsite saw 20 or so members enjoying a typical, "English", breakfast. Lovely, "pass the H.P. sauce mate"...

By summarising. The weekend was a huge success. How was it successful?. Ask our attending members. They made it happen !!!!. It was lovely to see new club members, especially, Teenager, Connor Mc Namara-Spackman all chancing their arm at fly and spin fishing. Thank you, and also for our members who travelled from further afield, e.g. Napier

. From a logistic perspective, the arranging extra boats, motors, equipment etc took enormous preparation time behind the scenes. I would like to thank all these people, in particular Glen Ballinger for all his enthusiastic help, support and providing wonderful accommodation (cheers mate). I would also like to say a big thank you to all R.A.A. Committee Members for their commitment and support, e.g, the cooking of the Saturday B.B.Q (Peter Finlay), greatly appreciated.
Hoping to see you attending the Aniwhenua, July 2011, winter weekend.

Best wishes and on-going, blissful “tight lines” to you all.
Dave Hodge: Aniwhenua Convener



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TROPHY MASTERS REPORT

**FISH OF THE MONTH FOR March 2011 was Rod Ingram with a 3 kg.
Brown from the Ngongotaha Stream.
Rod 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

Here's another of our reprinted articles from May 1998 which is timely advice.

Winter Fly Fishing by Terry Kelso

The cold winter nights and mornings are nearly here again. Those who have the will power to get up at 4am in pitch dark (1 or 2 degrees celsius) and catch a couple of beauties deserve them.

I believe that 2 hours in the morning are worth 4 hours after dark and 8 hours of daylight fishing.

Here then are a few "Do's and Dont's" to help those less experienced to catch more fish night and morning. Those who disagree on the following are most welcome to do so.

DON'T : Forget your licence.

- ◆ Create bow waves when you enter the water, go slowly.
- ◆ Stumble over boulders or kick rocks in the dark, sound and vibrations are magnified under water.
- ◆ Try for maximum casting distance, be satisfied with 75% and put your line down lightly.
- ◆ Enter the water if others are fishing from the beach.
- ◆ Underestimate the power of a big fish when it comes into shallow water, they are quite comfortable in shallow water after dark.
- ◆ Put more pressure on a fish that has taken you out to the backing, ease off, take your time, you probably have heaps of backing.
- ◆ Use reel drag, let your fingers do **the** work on the rim of the reel (lightly).
- ◆ Cast across the person next to you, unless you are much bigger than him/her.
- ◆ Net a fish if you can beach it. There is less risk beaching it and you don't need a light.
- ◆ Drag a fish onto the sand if you intend to release it.
- ◆ Use camera flashes to glow your fly, they are a pain in the eyes of everybody else.

DO Turn your back on the water when you use your torch. Keep the light downward.

- ◆ Vary your retrieve between slow and very darned slow.
- ◆ Use 2 flies if you are prepared for the inevitable tangle.
- ◆ Remember it is harder to cast 2 than 1.
- ◆ Remember that fish hear and feel flies landing on the water.
- ◆ Remember that a fish will follow a fly all the way in to your feet before either turning away, giving it a tug, or taking it.
- ◆ Use a short tailed fly if the fish are tugging it.

- ◆ Remember that Koura pulling on the fly usually means there are few fish around. They are also very hard on expensive fly line.
- ◆ Expect a "take" when your glow fly is sinking.
- ◆ Believe that there are fish in front of you.
- ◆ Take care with your knots.
- ◆ Ensure your flies are swimming straight and upright.
- ◆ Give your fellow angler room.
- ◆ Keep your chatter to a minimum - we don't care about your religion, politics or liquor capacity.
- ◆ Use at least 9 feet of leader.
- ◆ Keep your hooks sharp.
- ◆ Use forceps scissors for releasing fish.
- ◆ Vary your casting distance, you may be dropping the fly beyond the fish
- ◆ Fish 9 o'clock to your left, then 10 o'clock then 11 o'clock etc, then move 5 yards and start again. This is not recommended at Ruato on a busy night!!!
- ◆ Drop floating line on the water as you retrieve, there is less chance of a jam when a fish hits and you don't put a series of S bends on the line.
- ◆ Keep the rod tip down on the water and pointed directly at the fly

If you are fishing at night in a cross wind, there will be a huge curve in your floating line and takes are harder to detect, follow the direction of the line curve with your rod tip and be doubly alert to pressure on the fly.

Neopol furniture polish or Armourall will make your line shoot thru the rings beautifully

Don't EVER put your reel down on the sand without first throwing your hat down to put it on. Likewise when you land a fish.

Wash your hands before you tie on a fly. Fish have an acute sense of smell and do follow flies very closely.

Don't false cast onto the water and then pick it off again. This is pure laziness. Only put the line on the water on the last cast.

If you want to increase your distance learn the "single haul" then progress to the "double haul." You will be amazed at the extra line you can throw.

Having said that, distance is often not a factor but careful presentation is.

Tight lines!!

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2011 Recreational Forest Access Permits

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Everyone over the age of 15 yrs. Must register annually with ISCL to be eligible to be issued a permit as above. This includes hunting, fishing and game bird access.

Registration forms can be collected from the ISCL office or can be emailed, faxed or posted if requested.

Registration forms must be completed and delivered to ISCL with copies of relevant licences, ie; driver's, fishing, firearms and game bird licences.

Registrations must be returned to ISCL by the **15th April** to be guaranteed a permit for the 1st May 2011 opening weekend.

Registrations are valid from 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012 (12 mths) and cover permit issues during the hunting season and any weekends that may be opened in low fire danger during the Fire season.

Hunting and Fishing will begin 1st May 2011 to 25th September 2011 (last wkend in Sept.) Game bird season will begin 1st May to 28th August 2011. Timberlands Ltd may allow access in the Fire season dependent on the fire danger level. Their website www.tll.co.nz will have up to date access info.

Registration costs **\$50 per person incl GST**. (15 yrs and over)

Only the Driver/vehicle owner requires a permit for fishing access. Passengers do not need to be registered, but their names are to be included on the permits.

Therefore no registration fee applies to passengers for fishing access.

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A couple of average Okataina fish this season. You too can catch winter fish like this, if you read the two articles this month on Winter fishing

