

# ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION



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A good catch at the first Kid's fishout

# AUGUST 2014



Hi Roger

As you know I don't often photograph fish, but thought this one good enough.  
Wild Jack caught at Transformer, L. Rotoiti. CF 65.78.

Use it in the NL if you wish J 2.56, 52, c/f -65.78. Transformer 23.06.14

Regards Neale



Mark Gibb with a big angry Jack

## *EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE 2013/2014*

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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**Visit our website** on [www.rotoruaanglers.org.nz](http://www.rotoruaanglers.org.nz)

**Remember**, Roger Bowden is always grateful for any contributions to the magazine.

(email [rogerbritta@orcon.net.nz](mailto:rogerbritta@orcon.net.nz) or post to **3 Rostrevor Place**)

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

Larry Ware     **President**

# Presidents Report

Presidents Report July 2014

It must be winter as we appear to have so many members off overseas seeking that elusive sunshine. We have had a couple of lovely winter days - clear and bright, but very cool. Rotorua has been lucky once again to miss the worst of the weather that hit the rest of the country.

It was great to see F&G nail those low life's poaching on a spawning/ feeder stream into Rotoiti .

The first Kid's Fish Out was a great success -we almost cracked the 200, the public appear to be accepting the booking system and again it was a relatively easy day for all concerned. We even had one family plan a 7th birthday party out there , they all caught fish , had a great time, and Mum shared the left over birthday cake with the KFO/RAA helpers , a great way to say thank you and it was well received , I hope we have more of these.

Last night a few brave souls ventured out to Tarawera , I hope they were successful and did better than the Chiefs !!!

Tickets for the prize giving dinner at the CT Club will be available from Friday 25th at the club rooms , the price is \$25.00 ea and as usual wine and juice will be on the tables and a beer will be available for the real hairy chested members.

Before the Prize Giving Dinner we have Phil Trautmans' fly tying clinic and the next KFO. Due to health problems Dave Parr is not able to organise the proposed Coromandel sea fishing trip so we will organise a local trip - probably to Rerewhakaaitu - unless someone wants to step forward and organise a trip to a different location.

September is the AGM so it is time to start looking for new Committee members and the Executive Positions -please this is your club and it needs your help to keep it going successfully so let everyone know you are available for election - no committee no club!!! or ask those who you believe will do a good job running the club on your behalf.

I look forward to seeing you at the club on the Friday nights.

cheers El Presidente (Larry)

# Committee Meeting Briefs

July Committee meeting ;

- ◆ To date 46 members have renewed their membership.
  - ◆ Welcome to two new members Gavin Corbett and Aaron Collier
  - ◆ Fish and Game had a lively meeting particularly concerning the proposal to allow spin fishing on part of the Ruakaturi. No decision has yet been made.
  - ◆ Fish and game are exploring releasing fish at the western end of Lake Rotoiti as currently all fish are released on the other side of the lake.
  - ◆ Open for discussion – Opening Day 1 October to be moved to a Saturday! Committee response is WHY?
  - ◆ The Rerewhakaaitu trip was once again very well supported – some went to Crater Bay some to the Domain.
  - ◆ Lake Tarawera 19 or 20 July. Dave Parr will convene this trip but is unavailable for at least the next few months so needs someone to step up and take control of the next few planned trips.
  - ◆ A-Z next course will start on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◆ The building needs a coat of paint and bargeboards may need replacing. Terry will set a date and ask for assistance.
  - ◆ Countdown are now supporting the Kids Fish Out with a \$50 grocery voucher which can be used for the bread etc. (Brumbies are no longer!)
  - ◆ Library has received 2 DVD on Master Class Fly Tying
- General Business:
- ◆ Terry & Daphne attended volunteer breakfast
  - ◆ Wayne, Tanya, Nigel & Charlotte attended Trustpower Community awards – and won. The \$500 cheque it was decided must be spent on something tangible. No decision has yet been made.
  - ◆ Discussion regarding co-ordination of calendar, website and magazine for effective communication with the membership. Suggestions received will be collated and presented at the AGM.

## ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

**Sunday 24 August**

Members are reminded that the annual prizegiving dinner will be held at the CT Club, Moncur Drive, on Sunday evening, 24 August.

Format and menu will be similar to last year (a great menu at a good price, enjoyed by all who attended). Wine, water and juice on the tables will be provided by the club, all other drinks to be purchased from the bar.

Tickets will be available from the secretary or the bar on Friday nights.

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## Other Fish

These fish I thought were worth taking photos of to send to Fish and game for identification. The first of them I thought at first was a Catfish, found washed up on the shoreline of lake Okaraka recently while flyfishing there. This fish is a native of the Galaxias family Koaro and measured approximately 15 cm. The other two fish were given to me, caught on the fly by a local angler at Rangiuru Bay, Tarawera. They belong to the Carp family, being common goldfish. I have seen this fish species also washed up on Lake Rotoiti from time to time. Fish and Game request should you come across any unusual fish would you please report them to Fish and Game, and also try to collect such fish to pass on to Fish and Game for statistical purposes.

Woody



## SMOKING TROUT

There are many methods and recipes for smoking trout, and everyone has their favourites, but the following is the method I have developed over the years.

### The Preparation:

Firstly, select only your best trout for smoking. Many anglers will catch a poor-conditioned fish and say “it will be OK in the smoker” – WRONG! If it’s crap when you catch it, it will still be crap when it’s smoked – feed it to the cat, or better still release it to fatten up for someone else to catch.

You can smoke trout whole (split along backbone and folded out) with bones in, but I prefer to just smoke fillets (de-boned but leave skin on)

Next, the marinade. Many and varied are the recipes people use to marinate trout for smoking, and I have tried most. But I have come full circle, and now most of the time I just use salt and brown sugar. Honey, maple syrup, etc. can be used instead of brown sugar, but I don’t think they are any better. Additives such as whisky, rum, herbs, chillis, etc. just overpower the delicate flavours of the trout, in my opinion – use them if you wish, but don’t overdo it.

I just mix salt and brown sugar in equal quantities and sprinkle it liberally over the flesh side of the fillets, then refrigerate them in a large dish, covered with gladwrap, at least overnight, preferably longer. Wipe off any excess salt with a paper towel – DON’T wash it off. Then place fillets on sheets of tinfoil (for cleanliness) and put them in the smoker. (Just an aside here – when smoking salt water fish, reduce the salt and increase the sugar – eg 75% sugar, 25% salt for kahawai – otherwise they are too salty)

### The Smoker:

There are two kinds of smoking – hot or cold. Hot smoking cooks the fish, while cold smoking cures the fish without cooking it. Hot smoked trout will last in the fridge for just a few days, while cold smoked fish will last a couple of weeks (not in our house though!) Hot smoking can be done quickly in a Kilwell smoker or on the BBQ, or more slowly in a smoke house using heat as well as smoke. Cold smoking usually requires a smoking chamber remote from the smoke supply (usually a fire) so the smoke is cold when it reaches the fish. My smoker only requires a good supply of smouldering sawdust, which is placed in the bottom – the fish are at least 50cm above the sawdust and the smoke is cold by the time it reaches the fish.



I have made my smoker from an old cabinet-type clothes dryer (very hard to obtain these days) with the motor cut out of the bottom and racks placed in the top half. The fire-box in the bottom is lined with concrete blocks.

### The Smoking:

The sawdust used varies with the supply. If I can get good manuka sawdust, I prefer that. But I will use oak, matai, tawa, pohutukawa, or even rimu (the experts say it's got too much resin in it, but I've never had a problem). I obtain these from a local furniture joinery which uses mostly NZ native timbers, and what I get depends on what he is using that week. DON'T use sawdust from a joinery using particle board etc. – the glues etc are toxic! And DON'T use sawdust from chainsawn wood – the chain oil is toxic.

I use a liberal quantity of sawdust –my firebox is 30x30cm and I fill it about 10cm deep. This amount takes about 5 hours or so to smoulder away. On top of this, I put a layer of green manuka branches (I planted a bush many years ago for just this purpose) – the smoke then rises through the manuka, increasing the density of smoke as the manuka heats up and smoulders and giving the smoke a bit of extra pungency. I then pour a little methylated spirits (about 100ml) along the front of the sawdust pile and light it. The sawdust then catches and smoulders away till all gone. If it is windy the sawdust will continue to flare and smoulder, but on calm days I usually have to force it with a fan to keep it going.

The fish are placed on the racks above, leaving plenty of room around each one for the smoke to circulate. Once the smoking is finished I wrap each fillet in tinfoil and refrigerate it till needed.

### The Eating:

The fish can now be used in a number of ways. Uncooked, it can be sliced thinly and used on crackers, in salads, or any way you would use cold-smoked salmon as it is obtained from the supermarket. One of our favourites is on crackers (snax or rice crackers) with a layer of Ailsa's legendary secret smoked trout paté (divulging the recipe would risk divorce proceedings!) then a thin slice of trout, topped with a dab of Phil's trout caviar and a dash of pepper - delicious.

To cook the trout, leave it in the tinfoil and just pop it into a hot oven (180°C) for 15 – 25 mins depending on the thickness of the fillet. Once cooked, you can eat it hot straight out of the oven, or cold later. Other uses include pies, patés, fishcakes etc. One of our favourite pies is: line pie dish with pastry, fill with cooked, flaked smoked trout in thick white cheese sauce, top with mashed potato/kumera, and bake.

### **Neal Hawes**

He cast his line, sending it lit by Autumn air, almost gliding through the air, like the silvery strand from a spiders web caught on a breeze .....*Scott Waldie*

## KIDS FISH OUT Sunday 10th August

Yes its that time again for the KIDS FISH OUT . And the next one is for Sunday August 10th. Only 50 children per hour with bookings taken to catch their fish and weigh in . That's 5 kids per angler if ten of us were at the pool. Look forward to seeing everyone there and hopefully blue skies.



My contact is 345 5587 H 027 7488639 M

Further info and up dates will be advised . Cheers Woody K F O convener.



In its 9th year, RISE is on a mission to celebrate the diverse world of fly fishing, to connect anglers through shared experience, and to create public awareness of fly fishing's new dynamic emergence. The festival allows the fishing community to share their passion for the sport by attending film screenings across the two countries. It's the biggest kick-off to the fishing season there is! In essence the event lasts 2 hours, in which multiple international and national movies are being screened. This year's feature movie 'Backcountry North Island' will be awesome to watch on the big screen! There are also door price giveaways and lots of different fishing DVDs can be purchased before and after the show.

<http://www.gin-clear.com/filmfest/>

**ROTORUA SHOW BASEMENT CINEMA Date : 6-8pm 28-Aug-2014**

### Fly tying

The next fly tying night will be on **Monday night 4th August at 7 pm.**

The fly will be the **Hare and Copper Nymph** which is probably the most popular and effective fly used for Trout world wide.

All materials will be supplied and vices etc. are available if you don't have your own yet.



## Schedule of Events August 2014

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- 4th -Fly tying– Hare and Copper nymph
- 6th–Committee Meeting
- 10th–Second Kids Fishout day at F&G Hatchery
- 10th -Full Moon
- 15/16/17th -Coromandel Sea fishing Trip
- 20th -Magazine cut off
- 24th–Prizegiving Dinner at Club
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- Friday nights–club nights 5-7pm.

**A BIG Thumbs up to those members who have responded to the call for articles for our Magazine!!!!**



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## VOLUNTEERS BREAKFAST

Daphne and myself had the pleasure of attending a Sport Bay Plenty volunteers breakfast, on behalf of R A A. The RSA dining room was full of volunteers of all ages from numerous sporting organisations.

The Breakfast was excellent, with spot prizes and great fellowship, joviality and some informal speeches.

The point repeatedly made was that Volunteers are the backbone of Sport in the Bay of Plenty, whether you are helping fry the sausage sizzle, coaching, tutoring, being the chairperson, balancing the books or having a working bee etcetera. Volunteers do make an activity happen. Therefore numbers of people are relied upon, and are required for these events. When we are contributing to ongoing and fruitful activities with our voluntary labours, it can act as a draw card to others. This is backed up by participation in events, meetings and social gatherings.

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Sporting clubs and other community establishments draw different persons who offer their services, perhaps even to more than one particular club. They help out in many different ways. Donation of their time and energy is a meaningful experience plus benefiting their organisation. Volunteers can raise vital funds, they can offer valuable feedback to keep their preferred sport alive and well.

In conclusion volunteers can lessen the load by supporting others : the byword seems to be “ the more the merrier”

Cheers Woody.



## KIDS FISH OUT JULY 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

The day turned out to be rather cold as we kicked off with our first K F O for this year.. I am pleased to say our members and voluntary help worked well with good attendance for the morning session, and again filling the slots for the afternoon. A big thank you to all, and also thank you to the folk who came along providing biscuits cakes, lollies etc. It makes the day go well, especially now we have the time to have a break and enjoy a catch up and chat. The B B Q was a well manned station, and although not too busy, Bevans team gave the public the usual sizzle presentation .

The day saw a total number of 197 kids go through to catch their Trout, Mums and Dads as well as the kids showing big smiles, and taking photos, before heading back with their certificates to their vehicles. The booking system works quite well, Lyn from the F&G reception desk, records the times parents and their children wish to attend, and is there up to 4.30 on the Friday afternoon. Therefore it is in the after hours that I will take weekend bookings from my email address or cell phone .

Finally just a word about our sponsors, as well as those who supply our soup, FAT DOG, and bread from Countdown, if you can please visit them in support, or if you have a spare fish, they indeed, would be pleased. Looking forward to seeing as many as you can for the next time K F O. is scheduled which is for Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> Cheers for now.

Woody K F O convener.

Here is someone with a **different point of view**, this letter to the Editor was printed in the Daily Post in response to the Fish and Games recent crackdown on the Poachers who devastate our fishery by wiping out spawning fish and trampling redds.

### Trout pest

I see in the paper some guys got caught poaching trout, they can get a fine of up to \$100,000 or two years in jail. You would probably get less for stealing a car.

Trout, an introduced pest species that eats our native fishes and invertebrates, are no different to rabbits, possums, rats, cats, deer, goats and hedgehogs — they all are introduced and compete with our native species.

I'm a trout fisher person but I do it for food and it gets rid of them out of our rivers and lakes, of course I have to pay for this, I feel that Fish and Game have too much power, and their time could be better spent getting rid of the other pests we have.

CHRISS TAYLOR Rotorua

*(Important note ; This is not Chris Taylor, club member)*

## High Country Fishing by Gavin Corbett

The trout hung motionless in the clear mountain water.

The iridescent pink of its flanks clearly identifying it as a rainbow.

One of the thousands that have been released into the Canterbury high country waters by fish and game ,NZ.

I watched anxiously, willing the fish to recover.

The only movement, a panicky fluttering of its gills as it struggled to regain strength.

Gently, I pushed the fish forward and was relieved to see the flutter replaced by a steady pulse, the bright red of the gills clearly visible as they opened and closed to the rhythm of life.

A faint flick of the tail signaled its willingness to swim off, as I released the tenuous hold I had maintained .

A slight pause, as if to check all systems were working, and the fish swam casually toward the depths of the lake .

Only minutes before , its morning routine had been rudely interrupted.

Patrolling its beat, the trout had easily seen the sedge moth ,floating on the lake surface.

The moths were prolific at this time of the year, and the trout had been feeding on them for the last few days.

It rose languidly from the depths. No hurry, the moth wasn't going anywhere, and it was a simple exercise to suck it in ,and then turn and swim to the bottom and continue the beat.

Not this time.

Some thing was very different.

Unable to reach the bottom of the lake, the fish swam frantically up and down the shore line.

Now and then it would breach the surface with a loud splash, or engage in some spectacular tail walking.

Any thing to break the invisible restrictions that threatened its very existence .

Weary now, the fish slid into the net.

Still submerged in the lake water, the sedge moth that was different, was removed from its mouth.

The confines of the net were removed ,and there was only a gentle hold to keep the fish upright.





Kid's Fishout taken from Larry's drone

**FISH OF THE MONTH FOR** June was Kevin Bullin with a 3.7 kg. Rainbow from Lake Okataina (recently joined member from Taihape)  
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Trophymaster Neal Hawes



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## THE LORD GIVETH AND SHE THEN TAKES IT AWAY !

There we were, Tanya and I at Tanya's first Hamilton Field Day at Mystery Creek. It only took a mere 2 hours 45 minutes to get there from home we finally arrived at the venue having battled Saturday's Show traffic (the first fine day of the show) but there we were. Right, what are the "must sees", well having endured a fly tying frenzy in recent times I desperately needed some foam tubing for Booby eyes and maybe new rain jacket would be nice if the price was right.

First stop of interest was the "Ridge Line" tent. Yep, all the good ones were in tents. Racks and racks and racks of people hid the displays of assorted Clothing on offer, the Boxes of Boots and the mandatory Thermals. Yippee, this will do nicely ! Tanya decided to wait outside for fear of becoming either collateral Road Kill or a Hobbit sized Speed Hump for the bargain hunting back country purists with BMI's in excess of 50 (aka fat people). Anyway, with reckless disregard for my personal safety I ventured in alone and full of expectation and yes, there were bloody great buys in exactly the type of Rain Jacket I was seeking. I found the style that I wanted and became initially disillusioned at the lack of the size range that I needed to accommodate my obviously svelte anatomy. OK I thought, we'd check out the other displays and see what else was available. On we went, through cooking displays, dog displays, display displays and the other wet weather clothing vendors.

Tanya met Geoff Thomas (Outdoors with Geoff), Josh Elliott (My Kitchen Rules judge) and the lady who sells Peck n lay Chook food (Can't remember her name but she's the lady who sells Peck n Lay Chook Food and hasn't ever appeared on TV).

Having seen most of what we were interested in and not being inclined to purchase a John Deere Tractor or a Quad Bike we decided to head back and have another look at the Ridge Line tent in the hope that all the walking around had reduced my personal BMI by at least 3 points and that the crowds may have abated. In I went. Tanya again waited outside having just had a near death experience with a \$9 NZD Gluten Free Hamburger. Well, they had obviously opened new stock boxes and they had a size of rain jacket that if I breathed in and held my breath could be done up and when I exhaled had enough strength in the zips to resist splitting. The Ridge Line sales lady being so impressed with the strength of their own product even threw in a free camo neck gator listed as being \$10 in its bin (that's a half sized balaclava used for cold night fishing for you lot wot don't know wot a neck gator is). Tanya was so impressed at my ability to smooze a great deal out of the lady selling the gators that she insisted that she too should have a rain jacket and a camo neck gator. She could wear it (both the jacket and the gator) in her office during the day coz I won't let her turn her heater on. So the lord gaveth !

As we were leaving the show I looked down on the ground and in amongst the discarded various fast food wrappers, drinking straws, used nasal tissues and ankle deep mud from the previous two days rain was a genuine windfall !!! A small plastic bank bag full of approximately 50 yes 50 white, Booby Eyes. You bloody beauty. What a freebee. We all deserve an occasional freebee don't we? Some of us definitely deserve them more than others. So, with the sound of the last few bars of the prelude from Neil Diamond's Hot August Night ringing in my ears, I grabbed the plastic bag and discretely placed same in my pocket. An instant feeling of satisfaction invaded my being. No longer did the 2 hour plus drive to get there bug me. No longer did the subsequent 3 hour drive home bug me. I had a freebee. I promised myself that I would go to church next Sunday to give thanks.

The next day (that's Sunday for those of you not acquainted with the normal order of things) I sat at my Fly Tying vice and unpacked the prize. Sh\_t ! Bugger ! Damn ! There I sat totally disillusioned at my desk. Tears invading my cheeks and an almost imperceptible sob was evident. A sad sight indeed. God had given me a DUD freebee. Bloody roll your own Cigarette Filters don't float, swell when wet and fall to bits in water. Bloody smokers should be knocked on the head at birth !

The lord had tooketh away !  
Woody 2



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**Rotorua Anglers Club has again been recognised in the Trustpower Community Awards as a regional winner in the Sport and Leisure category - one of the activities is the Kids Fish Outs**

(See photo's on the front and back page of the kid's fishout on 6th July.)

The Winner of this category is a group enlightening and educating some of this regions youth, the

Rotorua Anglers Association

There are 40 volunteers behind this organisation and they aim to promote fishing as an inclusive recreational activity.

One of the activities they organise , that is very popular in the eyes **of the children is the "Kids Fish Out" which is held 4 times a year.**

The volunteers work hard to make sure this family focused event is a success and prior to each event they get stuck into the preparation including tying the flies, setting up the rods and purchasing the necessities for the BBQ.

Volunteers are then on hand throughout the day to greet the children, parents and grandchildren and issue each child with a licence for the day. They introduce each child to casting a line and let them loose in the ponds. As well as certificates being issues, every fish is weighed and they are taught how to clean and fillet the fish as well as good ways to cook it!

Although these volunteers are giving young children a buzz with a trout on the end of their line, and bringing them face to face with other species, often for the first time, the most important and valuable key they are instilling is education young minds about the deep importance of clean freshwater in the future.

As well as this, they also run activities for the aged and those with an acquired disability, they are assisting another group who are removing blackberry and the forestation of Kuaka Stream just south of Rotorua and they are working closer with local primary schools with an interest in local stream ecology. Overall they are **more than living up to their motto "Our people, doing our bit for our lakes."**

John and Eddie in Vanuatu





First Kid's fishout July 2014

