

ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION



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3rd Kid's Fishout on September 14th

October 2014

A snapshot of nature's food chain that I was lucky enough to witness I watched for ten minutes or so as the eel struggled to swallow trout. I imagine that the trout was all ready dead, or close to death, when the eel found it. There were several other large eels trying to lay claim to the prize, but for the time I watched, there was to be no sharing. The photo was taken, early evening, at Lake Rotoroa in the South Island. Gavin Corbett



Dinner Oz style, Mud Crab and King Prawns. makes your mouth water, Alf Hoyle-



EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE 2014/2015

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 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 from AGM 17/9/2014

Well I cannot believe another year has gone by and a new Executive and Committee have to start all over again.

I would like to thank the Committee and Executive for stepping up and running the club on behalf of the members, we did have a few hiccups but overall a great job completed. Thank you all.

Throughout the year other members have stepped forward and contributed - running the Fly Tying courses each month - Roger Bowden and his band of Helpers, Phil Trautman for his Fly Tying Class, Wade Fleet and Wayne Woodward and their merry band of helpers for the A-Z classes, Terry Wood and all the Club Members who helped at the KFO and Dave Parr and his Tradesmen for building work, without you stepping forward and offering your expertise and labour the club would just be a Friday night social gathering of the unemployable and wheelchair brigade.

Roger Bowden has of course had his finger in more than one pie - not only the fly tying classes but also the magazine, he has struggled at times to get members to contribute with local content, but has always got the magazine out at the end of the month. Eddie Bowman has suffered the same problem with the website - trying to do a lot with very little input from the club as a whole, hopefully these problems will be solved for the next year.

We have completed 3 of the 4 KFO to date and we have finally cracked the 200 kids barrier with 252 at the last one - fantastic to see kids numbers increasing, unfortunately helpers numbers are a bit static but the booking system has at least made the day flow so much better. The positive response from the Parents is great!!

Dave Parr (and his helpers) managed to get the back wall repaired/replaced but we still have plenty to do, unfortunately Dave will not be able to head up the rest of the projects so Woody has come out of retirement and we hope to have the back wall painted, the new bar and kitchen up and running, and a new BBQ veranda area built before next winter sets in - all those handy with tools please step forward and let Woody know you are available to help when the call up comes.

Our Patron Joe Fleet has done wonders with his stream project and not only is he a video star he is an honorary teacher at several education establishments, he always puts the RAAs' name out there so please back Joe on this amazing project of his.

We had a few problems with some club trips not happening, usually due to weather but unfortunately on a couple of occasions our trip convenors (through no fault of their own) were not able to get things organised. As a result of this the current committee will recommend that only 3 away trips are put on next seasons calendar - Lake Otamangakau, the Mohaka and Tukituki rivers and any other out of area trips be organised and advertised separately.

Apart from Otamangakau the local trips are the only ones well attended -for obvious reasons -close to home (a day trip) and not expensive.

Having survived another year as President I guess the best result overall was the club winning the Trustpower Community Award for sports clubs, the lies that Charlotte and Tanya told did the trick so you should all pat yourselves on the back for that one -well done.

Thank You all for Your Support and let's have a great 2014-2015 season in the best Angling club in the country.

El Presidente Larry

Came across this riddle which is appropriate and you may be able to use.

What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money, a bed but doesn't sleep, and waves but has no hands? (See back page for answer)

Regards Don Stotter



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**NEW ZEALAND'S GREATEST
OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS**

A Bit more of Pete's winter travels.

Croatia is probably the newly discovered Riviera of Europe. I met Polish campers in a camper van who had been coming for the last 10 years. It is a very high and rocky coastline on the Adriatic, where Jacques Costeau used to dive (from Italy side). The moment the sun comes out, the locals hit the beaches. The men play a crazy game in the shallows, where they hit a tennis ball by hand, and the technique is to dive for the ball and hit it while your body is in the air. The idea is to keep it from hitting the water. We saw many vineyards, which come right up to the roadside, there are no wire fences. They have wind farms, and many open and undeveloped areas more inland. The sea is blue, but few fish.

We were in a campground chalet in Cavetat, when we noticed a fort over on an island. We took a ferry across, and it happened to be Marco Polo's birthplace Korcula. The history books dispute this, saying he was born in Venice in 1254. At 17 he went overland with family to serve Kublai Kahn in present day Beijing. The Kahn was very interested in European law, government, music, arts and the Catholic religion. He was not keen to let Marco go, so he served the Kahn for 24 years. When he returned to Venice, nobody recognised him or believed his stories. There was a war on, and he was jailed for 4 years, where he wrote his stories. He subsequently became a wealthy merchant, trading in jewels.

Dubrovnik is where parts of Game of Thrones was filmed at the word famous coastal fort. Split and Korcula forts are the same. It is basically a very compact town inside, with buildings about 3 stories high. Split has a church steeple about 10 stories high, and it makes your hair curl going up there (like bungy jumping!) Side streets don't allow cars, as the transport in those days was probably by donkey, and there are many steps. Marble of course, and this becomes pretty slippery when wet. You see ring abutments beside windows higher up, where goods would have been hauled up over poles. Most beaches are all stones, and everyone wears and swims with ??? CROCKS of course!

In a small coastal town we met the local SCUBA diver (he has a restaurant of course) who puts out trap cages, and keeps his crayfish, lobsters and crabs in a big cage in the harbour. We snorkelled out to have a look. His rock fish catch was something we would never even bring ashore. I actually ordered sardines at a restaurant, and when they came I suddenly remembered why we use them as bait. You eat down small alleys, a bit off the usual tourist spots, and it is great. We ate black calamari and rice (ink in). Your whole mouth becomes black, it tastes OK but you never order it again. Restaurants have lobsters in tanks, and tie their pinchers to lessen damage. And yes, we went past a nudist beach, but sorry folks, they were just a bunch of wrinklies.

Small things of interest: The cup sits off centre on the saucer, and you put a cookie, sugar and spoon on the wider side. Why did the Chinese, Dutch and British never think of this?

And the strange one: many toilets have the water drop in the front. I am not sure if the locals are designed back to front, or do they sit facing the cistern??? I noted one shop owner was not doing a roaring trade, as they often sit waiting outside their shop. I asked how business was doing, and he confirmed it was quiet. I suggested he diversify with lollies and ice cream just to get feet into his shop. Who knows.

There are islands for Africa, and even more ferries for cars and people. The last town before we left was Cavetat, and it was funny seeing their water polo team training in the sea pool – just enclosed with bouys. They have won many Olympics, and in Split harbour, they honour the team members by putting their names into the harbour paving (like the Ozzies). The yacht basins in the main harbours just say Money, Money, Money. Split has a fuel station right on the harbour, and one launch was still refuelling when we came back after an hour.

My daughters Louise and Karin arranged this as a nice surprise for dad, and let's see, maybe "I WILL BE BACK" (for those who remember Arnold)



There's an App for that. By Gavin Corbett

I am a self confessed Luddite.

Barely literate, when it comes to the on line world of desktops, laptops, notebooks, tablets, smart phones and Apps.

Fishing for the wild brown trout of the Mokinuhi river , a visiting Australian angler taught me his version of the Apple marketing term ,”there’ s an App for that.”

App. [noun] a self contained program or piece of software designed to fulfil a particular purpose, an application as downloaded by a service provider to a mobile device...

There are literally millions of apps available .Apple and Google have over a million apps each and Micro Soft is playing catch up with a mere three hundred thousand . More are being developed and offered to consumers every hour of the day.

This very week, a frustrated mum released an App that she had designed to guarantee her children would answer her calls to their smart phone.

Down loaded to the child’s phone, the App gave only two options. Answer the call, or have the device shut down until mum released it again it by using a password known only to her...

They can’t ignore Mums call any longer. They either take the call, or the phone shuts down. Fiendishly clever, I thought.

Available apps cover the whole spectrum from clever and useful, to down right stupid.

How about an app that generates the sound of an electric razor? You can pretend your shaving with your cell phone.

If you’re bored , you could download an image of bubble wrap that makes a popping sound every time you touch the screen.

You could drive yourself crazy with the ninety nine bottles sitting on a wall song ,or you could practice your kissing technique by kissing the screen of your smart phone. This app instructs you how to kiss the screen, and your phone computes your score based on lip and tongue action.

If your feeling agitated, you could gaze at the image of a flickering candle until tranquility was restored

If you’re desperate you could dial up a whole raft of pick up lines, and if you ever did get to “pop the question” you could do it with an App.

Your phone screen would ask ‘Will you marry me’ and all your intended has to do is tap the screen, yes or no.

None of the above are particularly useful to the trout fisherman but there are plenty that are.

On line calendars and organisers enable you to plan ahead for future fishing trips There are apps available that help you plan the best route and calculate drive times.

If you plan on staying a day or two, an app will locate the best rates for accommodation

Localised weather forecasts help even the odds, and most of the hydro river management teams have cumec flow charts available via an app.

Even our staid government departments are embracing the world of apps. An example is the Ministry for Primary Industries which has developed a fishing app. Downloaded to your smart phone, it can help you identify recreational fish species, and displays useful information such as minimum legal size and area bag limits.

And then there's the priest.

The priest is an application that Davis an Australian angler, from Bendigo introduced me to.

Davis and his twelve year old son Flynn met with me at the Mokinuhi River for a bit of one on one tuition.

My task was to teach Flynn how to drift a nymph down the feed line.

The perfect classroom for this lesson is just down river from the Seddonville road bridge.

Two forks of the river channel into one pool that stretches into a fifty metre run of perfect water travelling at a constant speed. The trout love it.

They line up from the top of the pool all the way down the run, feeding on the constant larder of food being carried down stream.

If you can get the nymph deep enough and bumping along the bottom at the same speed as the rest of the food chain, you are in with a chance.

Flynn started at the bottom of the run and began the anglers shuffle Cast forty five degrees upstream, mend the line, focus on the indicator as it drifted downstream, retrieve and cast again.

Shuffle upstream ten paces, and repeat the exercise.

In this fashion, we progressed up stream, edging closer and closer to the tail of the pool.

If Flynn failed to strike a fish in the next few metres, disappointment beckoned.

A slight adjustment to the rig had the nymph running deeper,. Another cast, a perfect drift, and a definite dip of the indicator.

Strike! Was my un needed call.

Flynn's rod was already loaded with that satisfying curve that only a good fish brings.

With a studied calmness that belied his youth, Flynn played the fish like an experienced angler.

Allowing the fish to rocket down stream, and then retrieving line as it turned.

Each run getting shorter, every retrieve bringing it closer to the waiting net.

Within minutes, a well conditioned brown of about three, pounds, slid almost gratefully into the net.

Davis was justifiably proud of his sons' first trout on a nymph and shared in his sons' excitement.

He used his I phone to take the obligatory photos which were immediately uploaded to his face book site and then to my astonishment, used the phone as a priest and dispatched the fish with a couple of raps on the head.

'New App for an I Phone' he said with a grin. Some how, I don't think Apple would approve.

KIDS FISH OUT Sunday 5th October 2014

Yes its that time again for the KIDS FISH OUT . And the next one is for Sunday 5th October. 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.



Jim's Fishing Gear Sale A big Thanks to those who turned up and participated in my sale Friday night, 19/9. With your help, President Larry's introduction and Woody's irrepresible auctioneering my objectives were achieved, we got rid all the accumulated years of fishing stuff. I was impressed with the members who stayed to the death of the sale. Sad moments too, some of those items brought back memories of unforgettable adventures of over 60 years of trout fishing the lakes and rivers all over NZ. Some of you got real bargains, use them well and enjoy your fishing. I Think Neal got the best deal and will make a killing on the Tongariro with it. Others helped me get rid of the accumulated bits and pieces that I hope fill a niche in your gear and serve you well.

Jim Spiers



**WANTED— A GOOD QUALITY FUNNY PHOTO FOR OUR
CAPTION COMPETITION**

Fly tying

The next fly tying night will be on **Monday night 6th October at 7 pm.**

The theme will be **SMELT FLIES** which are the main food source of the fish in our Lakes during the early months of the season. All materials will be supplied and vices etc. available if you don't have your own yet.



Jack's Sprat

Tied by John McCarron

Schedule of Events October

- 1st -Committee meeting
- 5th -**Kid's fishout at Hatchery**
- 6th -Fly tying— **Jack's Sprat**
- 17/18/19th -Aniwhenua weekend trip
- 19th -Full Moon
- 20th -Magazine cut off
- 23rd—New Moon
- 27th -Labour day holiday
- 31st—Potluck Dinner
- Wanganui River trip, date to be decided
- 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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**Check out the website for details of the Fish of the month competition !
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Lake Aniwhenua Club Spring Fishing Weekend 17th, 18th& 19th October 2014

Many members will know this lake & its history well, but our newer members may not. The lake is about an hour's drive from Rotorua along SH 5 towards Taupo, turning left at Rainbow Mountain to Murupara & then left again from there (see the sign at the entrance to the town).

The accommodation for two nights is a house owned by Glen Ballinger, a long standing member of the club and is situated right alongside the lake at Black Road. The cost per person, per night is \$25 for up to 9 people which includes bed linen (use your own sleeping bags if you prefer), kitchen cooking facilities (bring your own food and drink). The house is very near to the boat slipway at the dam end of the lake making launch and recovery very convenient and has plenty of room for parking. Glen has again generously offered to make his boat available for members to use for a donation to cover fuel.

The lake holds both Rainbow and Brown trout which can be caught by fly fishing, spinning and trolling. In former years the lake had a reputation for producing trophy fish in excess of 5 kg. Those days appear to be over, however good quality fish are still caught there.

Accommodation is not confined to the house. Right alongside there is a camp ground with toilet and shower block for members who may wish to camp or bring motorhomes or caravans. Please note that only paid guests can use the house facilities, park boats and vehicles in the house grounds.

For members who wish to stay in the house for one or two nights please let me have your names as soon as possible. Places in the house will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

As per usual I shall advise if the trip has to be postponed due to bad weather etc. If anyone would like further information please feel free to make contact with me.

Regards to all.

Nigel Wilkinson, Aniwhenua Convenor.

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Kid's Fishout News

Club volunteers helped out, serving a total of **251 children** with this month's Kids Fish Out programme.

Many thanks to everyone who braved the inclement weather conditions.

Big tick to the team who ran the B B Q, due to Bevan Lash's absence, Well done .

The noted willingness I see, of how our members unanimously take on board the different jobs that are required, with discussion amongst themselves, of who will share these jobs. Thanks to the team who take care of the fly tying and rigging the traces, ready for when there are breakages etc. To folk who run the kitchen serving coffees etc, and to those folk who present and supply baking, Well done.

A special thank you to the Mad Butcher who donated all the sausages ,The Fat Dog with their yummy soup ,Countdown with their \$50.00 dollar gift voucher , The Outdoorsman for their contribution of terminal tackle, plus of course all our other sponsors. the list of thank's goes on, and I am sure the club is grateful .

Don't forget if you have spare trout, please drop the odd one into these business houses who help us out.

Look forward to seeing you all there on the last FISH OUT Sunday Oct 5th.

Cheers Woody K F O convener.

Irish Logic at its best!

THE EXPLANATION

The mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law Paddy in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase.

"What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously.

"What happened!! I'll tell you what happened. I sent an email to my wife (your daughter) telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home... and guess what I found? Yes, your daughter, my wife Jean, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed! This is unforgivable, the end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever!"

"Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!" says his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. My daughter would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened."

Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile.

"Paddy. I told you there must be a simple explanation

She never got your E-mail

Thanks to Ken Tebbs for this gem!

TROPHY REGISTRATION

Now that the new season has started, give some thought to supporting the Club's Trophy competition. There are many categories that cater for all (see page 16 for details) and a \$10 monthly voucher from Hamills is on offer for the "Trout of the Month" which isn't necessarily the heaviest, the Trophy-master will decide this award on it's merits.

Trophy registration forms are available from the folder under the noticeboard at the clubrooms, or can be downloaded from the club's website.

Please leave completed forms in the yellow folder at the club, post to Trophy-master, RAA, P.O. Box 1083, Rotorua 3040, or scan and email to me at nahawes@xtra.co.nz

If possible, take a photo of your fish and email a copy to me for inclusion in the magazine if your fish is selected as Fish of the Month.

You can also take your fish to one of the official weighmasters listed below, or weigh and measure it on your own scales (which must be registered annually at the club) and get it witnessed. You can even weigh and measure your fish and release it (once again, get it witnessed)

Weight and length are required (no "guesstimates" please!), along with species, sex, method used, tippet strength, and any fin-clips etc.

Remember that all fish registered during the year go in the draw for a free adult fishing licence.

Weighmasters: Please phone beforehand
O'Keefe's Fishing Depot. 1113 Eruera Street. 3460178
Outdoorsman HQ. Tarawera Road. 3459333
Neal Hawes. 35 Icarus Place. 0272755012
Roger Bowden. 3 Rostrevor Place. 3487816
John McCarron. 53 Rimuvale Street. 3461967
Terry Wood. 6a Holden Ave. 3455587
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Neal Hawes, Trophy-master

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Club Trophies 2014 - 15:

Hamills Sports Trophy– Heaviest Rainbow trout – caught by Male Senior member.

Richard Randall Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Rainbow trout - caught by a Lady member.

Jack Bell Memorial Trophy – Best c/f Rainbow trout – caught by Male Senior member.

Doug Lynch Memorial trophy – Best c/f Rainbow trout - caught by a Lady member.

Jack England Cup – Heaviest Brown trout – caught by Male Senior member.

Maureen Doherty Memorial Cup – Heaviest Brown trout – caught by Lady member.

Dave Ellery Trophy – Best c/f Brown Trout - caught by Male Senior member.

Wyn Johnson Memorial Trophy – Best c/f Brown trout – caught by Lady member.

Kilwell Prize – Heaviest trout (Brown or Rainbow) - caught by a Junior member

Honey McGregor Trophy – Best c/f Rainbow trout - caught by a Junior member.

Gerry Watt Memorial Trophy – Best c/f Brown trout caught by a Junior member.

Presidents Cup – Heaviest trout caught overall

Beamish White Trophy & Honours Board – Best c/f trout overall

Ces Taylor Cup – Highest aggregate c/f for bag of 4 trout caught on 1 day (inc.catch& release)

O’Keefes Cup – Heaviest trout caught on a club trip

Westpac Trophy – Heaviest trout caught out of the district & not on a club trip.

Ken Nairn Memorial Trophy - Heaviest trout caught on lightest line (any member).

Bas Jackson Memorial Trophy – Best Newsletter Article

Stephen Hutton Memorial Trophy – Most sporting Junior angler of the year

Art City Photo Award – Photo of the year

Trophymaster Neal Hawes.

Thanks

I thank your members and the community of Rotorua for fostering a legendary fishing hole for me and my family. My pappy's special spot was the meadow and forest streams of the California Sierra Nevada Mountains that make up the head waters of the Feather River before it enters it's famous canyon. We caught big trout and lots of them in the mid 1950s. That fun was just stories and memories till I stumbled over Harvey Clark , Waiteti Trout Stream Holiday Park and you guys on the Internet while trying to find a good place to start fishing NZ. That was the best dumb luck of my fishing life. I will praise your hospitality and resources for the rest of my days. Alas the reason for my safari to the Southern Hemisphere, my daughter, has moved her multinational family back to the ranch here in Oregon. My New Zealand adventures are at an end but the memories and friendships will continue until I can no longer tell true stories. I respect the can do mentality of the people and culture of NZ and the genuine warmth of their friendship. Best of luck for the future and don't change your tack. You're on a better course than most of the nations of the first world.

Respectfully, Mike Williams Oregon, USA

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We have, in this beloved country, some of the best fly tying materials in the world—possums and wallabies, for instance, pheasants, peacocks, ducks for instance—just lying about on our roadsides, waiting only to be treated with tender loving care so it can yield its exceptional fur and gorgeous feathers for your killer flies, your nymphs— anything your fancy dictates. And of course if you have a friend who shoots game—!

Tender Loving Care means only two things: freshly deceased, promptly skinned and scraped clean of fat and blood—and borax. BORAX—that old time cleaner and deodoriser powder that Gran used for nearly everything. Biodegradable, one of the safest materials one can use these days. Hard to find now, but good old Bunnings has it.

Method: Sprinkle a generous amount into the bottom of a plastic tub or such. Lay the skin on that, flesh side down. Work some borax into the fur or feathers as well, then cover over the whole thing with more borax. Place it in a cool place. Wait four days. Pick it up, shake it out, you can even vacuum it (medium suction only!). Place in a plastic zip-lock bag. You now have a well-preserved skin, stiff as a board, ready for you to pull off or snip fur or feathers when needed.

Say! Did you see that car bowl over that Hedgehog? Wonder if I could tie anything with it? Here, let's just pull over and put it in a plastic bag for road-kill "takeaway".
—Phil Trautmann

Noosa River, they were fishing for Luderick, which in our languageblack schnapper or Parore, Highly prized in Oz. I used to catch hundreds in my flounder net up North and give them to the Taipa Pa. If cooked the same day, they were nice but left in the fridge overnight and they were like cotton. Alf Hoyle





A great day on the
Wanganui River



