



RODD & GUNN TROPHY: 2017

As in previous years, this not-too-serious competition for members will consist of a one-day stillwater section and a river section. The former will be held on **Saturday, 28 October 2017** followed by the river section in early 2018.

The stillwater venue will again be the **Kai Iwi Lakes** which are 200 km and approximately 3 hours north of Auckland. This destination has been chosen because the two lakes can be fished without the use of a boat, the greater part of the foreshore is wadeable and their size means that participants will not be disadvantaged by the presence of other anglers.

Last year this section was held at Lake Okareka, but we return to Kai Iwi as trout releases in these lakes may be phased out and they might not be a fishing destination for much longer.

The winner of the stillwater section will be the angler with the greatest aggregate fish length: 1 point per centimetre length of all fish 18cm or longer. He/she will receive a \$50 gift voucher from I Love Flyfishing, in addition to a new trophy donated by Barrie Barnes.

A second prize, a \$30 gift voucher from Hunting & Fishing North Shore, will go to the angler who catches the longest individual fish. The first prize winner is not eligible to win the second prize.

The points obtained by each angler in this stillwater section will be added to the points later obtained during the river section of the contest, to determine the winner of the Rodd & Gunn trophy.

The event is again being organised by Dennis Smith (de.smith@xtra.co.nz / 3763375 / 027 4122811). Registrations **by e-mail** can be made now. The competition rules - unchanged from previous events - will be emailed to members taking part.

If you need to know more about the fishery, go to <http://northland.fishandgame.org.nz/sites/default/files/kaiwi.pdf> and also look at the area on Google Earth.

If you do not plan to camp at the lake, Taharoa Cottage, a comfortable 4-bedroom house in pleasant rural surroundings, part of Kai Iwi Cottages, has been **provisionally booked** for Friday and Saturday nights: places are available on a first come first served basis. The cost per night per person depends on how many people stay there: for 4 people it will be \$50, for 6 people \$40. **We need to confirm the booking by 15 September.** Taharoa Cottage is the accommodation we used in 2014 and 2015.

If you want to take up this option let Dennis know when you register.

Day trip option: it is also possible, if you are an early riser, to treat the excursion as a day trip. Duncan plans to do this.