



THE FLYFISHER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report from Dave this month, he is on a well-earned break.

FISHING REPORT

Auckland / Waikato

No report from local waters unfortunately.

Rotorua

Rotorua had been fishing well but by all accounts it 'turned off' late last week. Our own Ron Blair is down there at present with his boat and he was talking to a number of other anglers. They all had the same story, 'yesterday / last week was great but I can't get a bite

today'. That is the nature of fishing though and no doubt this forecast rain will stir things up a bit and hopefully encourage the Trout to feed hard again.

Taupo Region

The Lake is still incredibly low, as are the rivers. Normally at this time of year the Tongariro runs at 24 – 30 cumecs, but for most of the time it is running at 20 – 24 cumecs. What does this mean? Target the hard to access spots and find fish that haven't had a barrage of hundreds of flies thrown at them all day. Also, go down in size with your flies and the thickness of your leader, but go up in size with the length of your leaders.

All the river mouths are holding fish but if you are wading then please be careful as the drop offs often have very soft sand.

Saltwater

A recent quick fish with Russell off the East Coast Bays saw several snapper take the fly but all were undersized and a switch to bait was needed to get some keepers for dinner.

Fishy Tales

- If you do have a report, success story, or anecdote to share then just send it to iconpromote@gmail.com . Happy Fishing and Tight Lines – Freddy Da Fish.

NSFF SUBS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2020~21 YEAR

The annual subs for the year, 2020 ~ 21, for the North Shore Flyfishers Inc are now due. Please pay to:

North Shore Flyfishers Incorporated - A/c: 12-3209-0190179-00.

Please ensure your surname is in the Payment Details.

The subs are as below and discounted if paid by 31st July 2020.

Adult \$80.00 discounted to \$40.00 if paid by 31st July 2020

Family \$90.00 discounted to \$70.00 if paid by 31st July 2020

Junior \$30.00 discounted to \$20.00 of paid by 31st July 2020

REMEMBER

To get the discount the subs must be paid by the 31st July 2020



The Waimarino and Waiotaka River mouths, and a very low lake! Photo courtesy of Tongariro River Motel facebook page.



LAST CLUB NIGHT

Last month we our AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT – 16th JUNE 7.30 PM

This month we are once more having a physical Meeting at the Birkenhead RSA.

We have Bruce Stuart from Lost Arts NZ talking to us about knife making. Bruce has been making knives since he was a teenager and is still making them today at his workshop in Clevedon where he runs 1 day courses in how to make a knife from scratch.

Also there will be a Jumble Sale and Members are encouraged to bring items for sale. So if you have something that you are no longer using or you are looking for that special extra piece of kit then come along. As per normal, all sales will be cash unless otherwise accepted by the seller. There will be an option to donate proceeds to the Club if you are feeling particularly generous.

It is sure to be an interesting night and we look forward to seeing you there.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Flyfishing, which has a vaguely mystical aura, is a lot like work. I'm a frenetic flyfisherman. I wade up and down streams, looking for good spots, usually falling and breaking some piece of equipment. Or I stand still and work myself into a frenzy about what fly I should use. I love fishing, but it has never given me a moments peace.

James Gorman - Testing A Hypothesis On Time And River Fishing

CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

Committee members organising club trips and similar events are finding that the phone and email information that we hold for some members has become out of date. If you have changed your address, landline number, mobile number or email address in the last year or so and have not passed the new details on to NSFF, could you please advise Barrie Barnes by email, his email address is barrie@flyfishinginxs.kiwi .

FISHING BUDDIES SOUGHT

The intention is to display a list of names of Club Members that are keen on finding a 'buddy' to go fishing with, either on a regular basis or just for a day. In essence it's a fly-fishing dating service...

Name	Availability	Contact Details
Ron Blair	Anytime, has a 14.4 Marco with 60hp etc Evenrude for serious fishing Salt or Fresh	home 09 834 8841 mobile 0275 006 336 ron.blair@xtra.co.nz
Les Rose	Retired and is happy to take another person fishing during the week. Has a small 2 person boat.	home 09 4183634
Graham Carter	Lives in Hamilton, keen on weekday / mid-week trips.	021 026 00437 07 855 1833
Lloyd Altham	Has 12' Pontoon boat /15 HP Honda. Available most time, but prefer weekdays.	Mob. 021 0295 9167 Home 09 420 3120 email-lloyd@skysupply.co.nz
Matt Meikle	Available both week days and Weekends	09 908 1909 027 285 7521
John Gausden	Time limited - weekends / arrange trips only. 5m aussie barra boat / 70 yamaha / minn kota - serious fishing manly lake / saltwater but keen to learn more on the rivers	021704373 john@st-classic.com
John Rust	Anytime. Keen to give it a crack.	021 648 991 09 415 4919 joan10@live.com
Barry Schultz	Has a 551 MacLay with a 90hp merc used mostly for SW fishing. Also a 6.5 mtr motorhome that provides transport, accommodation & meals etc. whilst camped riverside or beach front, plus is currently being fitted out to carry a three person inflatable with a 4 hp motor. Prefer weekdays or multi day trips away in the motorhome.	09 4159692 e-mail bardot@xtra.co.nz
Gary Bolstad	Keen to get out Stream, Lake or even Saltwater fly-fishing. Has both Fish & Game and Taupo season licences so keen to go almost anywhere. Retired so free to go most of the time.	Mobile 022 379 3070 gd.bolstad@gmail.com

So, if you are keen to find someone to share the cost and the fun of a fishing expedition with, then send in your details and we will get it all started. Send details to iconpromote@gmail.com

022-379-3070, and my best email address is gd.bolstad@gmail.com.

CLUB TROPHIES

Brown Trout Trophy – This is awarded to The Heaviest Brown Trout caught by a Club Member during the year – May 1st to 30th April. Current holder is **Simon Hoole**.

Chain Snore Trophy – A fun award given immediately after any Club Trip to the person who has done the ‘funniest’ thing over the weekend. If nobody has had anything like this happen it may be awarded to the worst snorer.

Ian Hunt Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Trout caught fly-fishing by a Club Member during the Pupuke Challenge Competition. A competition run every year to promote the Lake Pupuke fishery. This was not held this year due to Covid lock down. Current holder is **Lucas Bathurst**.

I Love Flyfishing Trophy – Awarded to the Club Member who has caught the most species of Saltwater fish fly-fishing over the year – 1st May to 30th April. Current holder is **Russell Nelson**.

Rodd And Gunn Trophy – This is the Club Competition which takes place over two days. One Day on a Lake and one day on a River. Current holder is **Simon Hoole**.

The Lake part of the competition has its own Trophy, the **I Love Flyfishing Stillwater Trophy**. Current holder is **Simon Hoole**.

“BROWN TROUT TROPHY” COMPETITION RULES

Winning fish will be determined by weight.

Verification by partner where possible and/or by photograph.

Details to be provided to any committee member.

Competition period May 1st to April 30th. Prize awarded at AGM in May. Winner’s name and weight of fish to be published in June club newsletter.



Trevor Jones, and in the distance Mike Martindale swinging some prime looking Whanganui water. Photo courtesy of Barrie Barnes.

NORTH SHORE FLY FISHERS CLUB SALT WATER FLY FISHING COMPETITION RULES

The “essence” of the competition is to encourage club member participation and in the process, to award a winner’s trophy to the individual who catches the greatest number of salt water species. It will run from 1st May in one year to 31st April in the next year with the trophy awarded at the following AGM.

For the full rules please refer to the Club Website www.nsff.org.nz

WHY WE FISH

Moral: Humility and open-mindedness sometimes catch far more fish than all the wise guys.

Robert Traver

FLY TYING INSTRUCTION

This will be running again on the 1st Tuesday of next month. Stay tuned for more details on how to log in and what Fly will be tied via an email from Barrie.

We have had several sessions of Fly Tying instruction now and they are going well. As a watcher rather than a tyer I found them excellent. Easy to follow, easy to connect, and easy to hear. Reports from the Members receiving the interactive instruction were equally positive.

A big credit and thank you to Johan Kok, our instructor, and to Barrie Barnes for setting it all up.

If you would like to see the videos of the Flies being tied just click go to <http://www.nsff.org.nz/>.

CLUB TRIPS 2020

February –Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes

March – Whanganui River – Club Competition Trip 2020

March – Lake Otamangakau

May – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes JUNE 2020 – 19th 20th 21st

July – Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo JULY 2020

November – Lake based Club Competition Trip – NOV 2020

November – Tuition weekend (Held if enough ‘novice’ anglers are interested)

December – Lake Otamangakau – DEC 2020

The NSF committee arrange various Club Trips over the year to different parts of the country. If you would like to be involved, or have an idea for a trip please let one of your committee know.

JUNE CLUB TRIP TO NGONGOTAHA AND ROTORUA AREA

This year’s May Club Trip to Rotorua / Ngongotaha will be on **the weekend of Thursday 18th, Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday the 21st of June**. We will again be staying at the Paradise Valley Lodge. Costs will be \$90.00 each, which will cover 2 nights’ accommodation in the lodge.

If you want to come down on the Thursday, as many of us do, then simply add \$45 to make it \$135.00.

This is always a fun Trip and even if the weather turns to absolute rubbish there is a plethora of Lakes to fish and you can always find somewhere out of the wind.

If you are keen just let me know which nights you can make ASAP and then pay your money to the Club in any of the normal ways.

- internet banking to the Club's bank account: North Shore Flyfishers Incorporated ASB A/c #: 12-3209-0190179-00 (please include your name and the word Ngonga as a reference);
- by cheque made out to North Shore Flyfishers Inc and posted to the Club's mailing address (PO Box 31387 Milford, Auckland 0741); or

Duncan – 021 648 956 – iconpromote@gmail.com

JULY CLUB TRIP TO TURANGI

This year's Turangi Club Trip is again being organized by Maurice Parlane and will take place on Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and return on Sunday 26th July. The Club has booked out several units at Tongariro River Motel and costs will be \$105 per person. This will include 2 nights accommodation on a shared unit basis and a slap up BBQ dinner on the Saturday night. There are fish cleaning facilities, an electric overnight smoker, multiple BBQ's and a quick hot smoker.

Also, a number of people choose to come down on the Thursday night as well. If you do this just add \$45 to the cost.

If you are interested in going on this please contact Maurice ASAP as this is always a popular Trip. Maurice's contact details are as follows: mobile 021 650 692, or e-mail to: maurice.p@newwayz.co.nz

Turangi in July means two things, good fishing and COLD frosty mornings. Blue pool access on the Tongariro on a sun zero dawn.



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Week ago, my Mother-in-law began reading, "The Exorcist". She said it was the most evil book she ever read. So evil in fact, she couldn't finish it, took it over to the beach and threw it into the ocean off a fishing pier. I went and bought another copy, ran the faucet over it and left it in the night table drawer by her bed.

I'm going to Hell

GOVERNMENT'S FRAUDULENT WATER REFORMS FAIL PUBLIC PASS MARK

Posted on www.nzffa.com - 8/06/20

The Government's long anticipated action plan for healthy waterways, released on 28 May 2020, failed to deal with the deteriorated state the public's rivers and streams and general water resource says the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers.

Federation president Dr Peter Trolove said the inadequacies were so glaring that some would see them as fraudulent and a shameful example of dishonesty and deceit in terms of a broken election promise.

He referred back to documents posted on the Ministry for Environment’s website under “Message from the Ministers”, in which Agriculture Minister Damien O’Connor and Environment Minister David Parker acknowledged that the state of New Zealand’s freshwater was unacceptable.

“At the 2017 election the Government promised action acknowledging at the last election they were given a mandate to address this situation,” said Peter Trolove.

Both ministers undertook not to “kick the can down the road and leave the hard issues for future generations” and promised to ensure a proposed action plan would be “science-based, predictable, understood by the public, and underpinned by effective regulation and enforcement”.

Plan Fails

However the document delivered just days ago was not science-based and not underpinned by effective regulation and enforcement he said.

“It is an action plan that fails to implement any meaningful measures to halt ongoing water pollution while taking care to cause minimal inconvenience to the polluters”.

Peter Trolove identified only two finite actions in the plan to be taken in this term;

1. A cap of 190kg N fertilizer/ha/year
2. To eliminate dairy cattle and pigs from waterways more than a metre wide

“The balance of the action plan was kicked down the road for the next Government and/or for future generations,” he added.

Given less than 20 percent of dairy farmers were reported to use more than 190 kg/N/ha/year and no other farming system would come close, the proposed action would at best protect some dairy cattle from the risk of acute or chronic nitrate poisoning while improving the bottom line for the farmer concerned. The timing of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser application is more critical than amount applied.

The Dairy Accord between Fonterra, Ministries for the Environment , Primary Industries, and regional councils, had been taking credit for eliminating dairy stock from waterways for almost a decade.

It is accepted by the majority of those involved in developing farm environment plans, that plans based on the OVERSEER model were not suitable for effective regulation and enforcement.

Peter Trolove said the proposed \$700 million dollar fund for fencing and tree planting would achieve little with the 3 metre setback and “grandfathering” of existing fence lines having no scientific basis and therefore would be seen as simply “as a pragmatic political appeasement to the farming lobby.”

Public’s Water

Freshwater was a public resource, a common owned and valued by all New Zealanders.

“It is not simply a commodity for self-entitled landowners and self-interested politicians seeking re-election in the general election later this year,” he said. “The Government’s disgraceful action plan for freshwater is proof the present Government has no interest in protecting New Zealanders from water-borne disease, or increased risks of colorectal and other cancers from nitrate pollution.”

The action plan demonstrated the current Government, despite promises three years ago, was not prepared to step up to protect aquatic ecosystems or slow the loss of the endangered aquatic species that inhabit them.

“It seems the politicians are apprehensive about the forthcoming election and are ignoring public’s expectations about cleaning up waterways while preoccupied with short-term farm profits and serving the idol of GDP. There is no ‘well-being’ for the public’s waterways in government’s proposals,” said Peter Trolove.

Contact: Peter Trolove 03 324 2779 or 029 779 0295

FISH AND GAME REVIEW DETAILS ANNOUNCED

www.nzffa.com 11/06/2020

Fish & Game New Zealand has welcomed the review announced by the Conservation Minister Eugnie Sage, says New Zealand Fish and Game Council Chair Paul Shortis.

“The Minister of Conservation has announced an independent review of Fish and Game, and we look forward to working with the panel on the review,” he said.

“Fish & Game was established in 1990 and continues a proud tradition of managing sports fish and game birds on behalf of all New Zealanders. This review offers the chance to

reflect on thirty years of Fish and Game’s work and to ensure we are best placed to maximise the opportunities for game bird hunters and freshwater anglers in the coming years.”

Further information on the review can be found: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/fish-and-game-governance-be-reviewed>

Two independent experts, former Law Commission member and former Secretary for Justice Belinda Clark and former Environment Court commissioner John Mills have been appointed to undertake the review.

Belinda Clark of Wellington has recently retired from the Law Commission. She has been a CEO of several entities and has extensive expertise in organisational management, public administration and law.

John Mills of Wellington is a former Environment Court commissioner, sheep and beef farmer and former regional councilor for Environment Southland. He has significant experience in decision making around the environment and natural resources and knowledge of rural New Zealand.

“The review is limited to a health check of the governance of Fish and Game. It is not a review of Fish and Game’s statutory roles or functions. Interested parties, including licence holders, will be able to provide their views to the review panel,” said Eugenie Sage.

She said she was pleased with the support of Fish and Game’s leadership for a review and their help in progressing it.

The review panel is being supported and funded by the Department of Conservation (DOC). The panel is responsible to, and will report to, the Minister of Conservation rather than the department.

It is anticipated that the review panel will produce a report by the end of 2020.

SPIKE IN ILLEGAL EARTHWORKS CALLS FOR GREATER CARE

Environment Waikato – 10/06/2020

Waikato Regional Council is being inundated with calls from across the region reporting illegal earthworks, many of them directly impacting on streams and rivers.

With 47 individual incidents reported since 1 March this year, the council is calling for greater diligence from those undertaking any scale of earthmoving.

“Over the same period last year there were 16 incidents, so this is a very high number and reflects a lot of damage being done to the environment,” said Waikato Regional Council compliance manager, Patrick Lynch.

He said that despite many of these calls being received from members of the public during the lockdown period, the council’s environmental incident response team was an essential service and responded to many of these.

“Though we may be looking to hold people accountable and change behaviour, unfortunately the environmental harm is already done in many instances,” Mr Lynch said. “The incidents have been reported from literally all corners of the region. Often the purpose of the earthworks has been to increase or enhance pastoral land, but it comes at the expense of our natural wetlands and streams.

“All landowners and earthworks contractors need to stop and think before they commence any such work and ensure it is being done lawfully and without the risk of adverse environmental effect,” he said.

“It is likely the more serious incidents that have been reported to us will end up in prosecution, which is unfortunate and, in all cases, completely avoidable.”

Mr Lynch urged landowners and earthworks contractors to contact Waikato Regional Council prior to doing any works in or about natural waterways and wetlands. Members of the public could also report environmental incidents to the council seven days a week on 0800 800 401.

Illegal earthworks destroying what was previously a freshwater tributary.



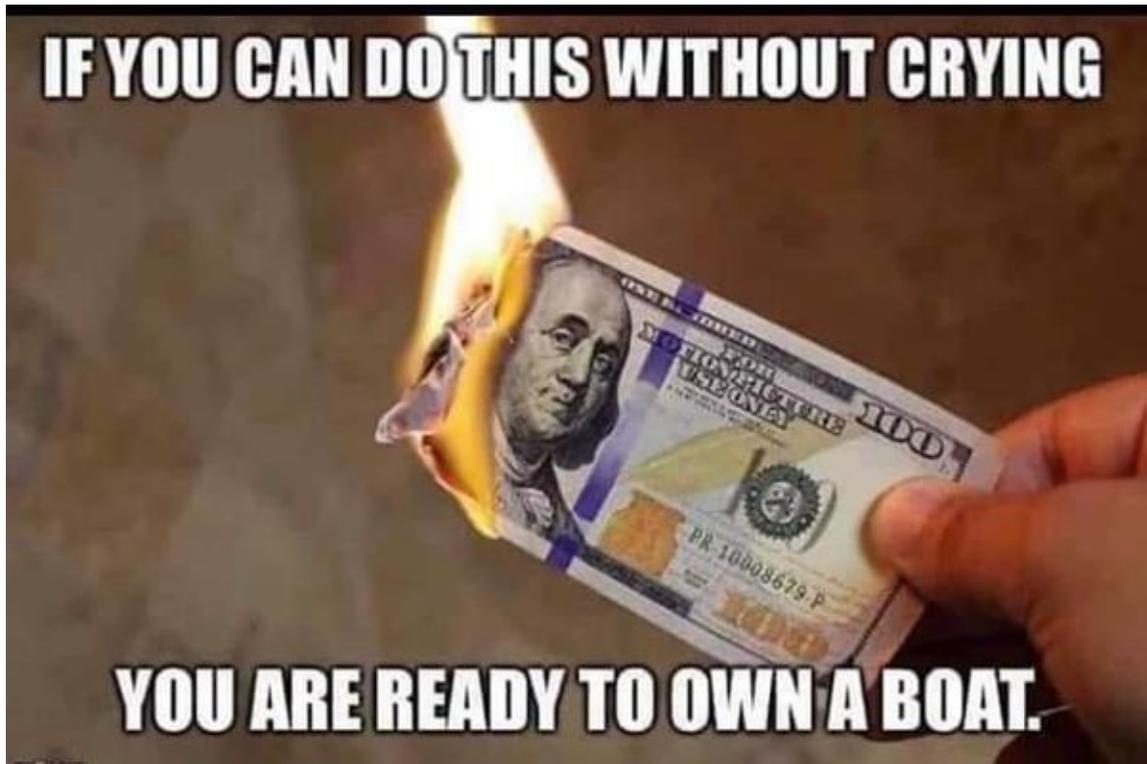
EDITORS NOTE

Haven't been on a Club Trip?

Don't know if it's for you?

Why not come along on one and find out. You might just have a ball, catch a bunch of fish, and make some new fishing buddies.

FISHING FUNNIES



(Opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of North Shore Flyfishers Incorporated)

MEMBERS FEEDBACK

We, your committee, are always trying to give you what you want.

But are we??

In order for us to do our job properly we need to have your feedback, positive or negative. For example, have you been on a club fishing trip? Did you enjoy yourself? What would you change, if anything? Club nights – what would you like to see more of? Less of? In short, talk to us.

The contact details of all your committee members are listed at the end of every newsletter. So if you have something on your mind let us know.

Thank you - Your committee

NSFF CLUB MERCHANDISE

Cap – \$15.00 Inclusive of GST

Green or Beige, one size fits all, with embroidered badge.

Embroidered Cloth Badge - \$7.50 Inclusive of GST

Brushed Brass Metal Pin Badge - \$12.50 Inclusive of GST

If anyone is interested in purchasing these products please either place an order at Club Nights or at Hunts Sports.

Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm:
Milford Cruising Club, 24 Craig Road, Milford, North Shore City

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