

# The Flyfisher Newsletter

# **August - 2019**

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report from Dave this month, he is off doing research into prospective future Club Trips....



This Jack was heavily coloured up but still in good nick and able to pull string. Photo courtesy of Andrew MacPherson.

# **FISHING REPORT**

# Auckland / Waikato

No reports for these areas unfortunately. It seems like everyone is concentrating their energies south towards Turangi.

#### Rotorua

Word from those hitting the Rotorua Lakes is that the fishing has been good. Plenty of rain has brought feeding Trout into the shallows to add to those that have been congregating

around the annual release points in an attempt to spawn. Some very nice fish have been landed but no reports yet of the much sought after double figure monsters.

#### **Taupo Region**

I can now personally confirm what Ross from Tongariro River Motel, Stephen from Creel Tackle Shop and numerous others have been saying, it is a great year for the size and quality of the Trout. Get down there!!

On the recent Club Trip the smallest fish I caught or saw caught was 3.25pds and the best 6.5pds, with most in the 4-4.5pd range and all, even the fish that had been in the river a few weeks, pulling string in a big way. Great fun!

Flies that worked for me were small Glo Bugs and Hare and Coppers. Overall it would have been a 50 / 50 split as to which worked best.

#### **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.

# LAST CLUB NIGHT

Last month we had Brian Willson talking to us about the river fishing opportunities of the East Coast. It was a very enjoyable evening and thank you once again Brian.

# NEXT CLUB NIGHT – 20th AUGUST 7.30 PM

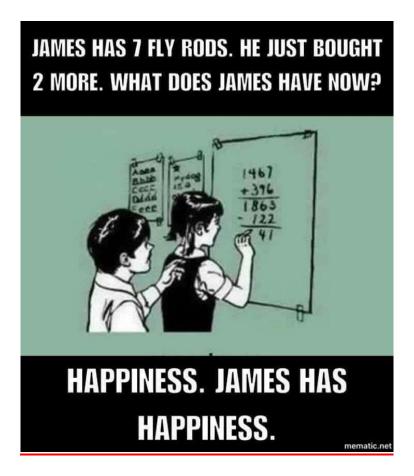
WE HAVE MOVED.

This month is our third Club Night at the Birkenhead RSA. The address is: Birkenhead RSA, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead.

To enter you can either go through the front doors, continue straight ahead and then take the stairs (or lift) on your right to go downstairs. Alternatively, you can walk downhill around the back of the RSA and come in through the side doors that lead directly into the Meeting Room.

Refreshments are available at the main Bar upstairs, immediately on your right as you enter through the main front doors. There is plenty of parking.

This month's Meeting we will be having a Video Night. There will be a compilation of short videos and the opportunity to ask questions after each one. This is sure to be an enjoyable night and we hope to see you there.



### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

The art of tying the wet fly rests upon a knowledge of trout-stream insect life, a knowledge of materials used for imitating the insect life, and an ability to select, prepare, blend, and use the proper materials to create neat, durable, and lifelike imitations of the natural insects

James E Leisenring and Vernon S Hidy The Art of Tying The Wet Fly and Fishing The Flymph

# 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...

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Name	Availability	<b>Contact Details</b>			
Ron Blair	Anytime, has a 14.4 Marco	home 09 834 8841			
	with 60hp etec Evenrude	mobile 0275 006 336			
	for serious fishing Salt or Fresh	ron.blair@xtra.co.nz			
Les Rose	Retired and is happy to take another	home 09 4183634			
	person fishing during the week.				
	Has a small 2 person boat.				
Graham Carter	Lives in Hamilton, keen on	021 026 00437			
	weekday / mid-week trips.	07 855 1833			
Lloyd Altham	Has 12' Pontoon boat /15 HP Honda.	Mob. 021 0295 9167			
•	Available most time, but prefer	Home 09 420 3120			
	weekdays.	email-lloyd@skysupply.co.nz			
Matt Meikle	Available both week days and	09 908 1909			
	Weekends	027 285 7521			
John Gausden	Time limited - weekends	021704373			
	/ arrange trips only. 5m aussie	john@st-classic.com			
	barra boat / 70 yamaha / minn kota				
	- serious fishing manly lake / saltwater				
	but keen to learn more on the rivers				
John Rust	Anytime. Keen to give it a crack.	021 648 991			
	joan10@live.com	09 415 4919			
Barry Schultz	Has a 551 MacLay with a 90hp	09 4159692			
•	merc used mostly for SW fishing.	e-mail <u>bardot@xtra.co.nz</u>			
	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 perso	on			
	inflatable with a 4 hp motor.				
	Prefer weekdays or multi day trips away in the motorhome.				
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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 <a href="mailto:iconp@ihug.co.nz">iconp@ihug.co.nz</a>

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT FLY ROD

Our own resident webmaster Phil Gates, has put a couple of very helpful videos onto the Club Website, www.nsff.org.nz. They are both by Tim Rajeef, a world champion fly caster. One is about 'Choosing The Right Fly Rod' and the other is about 'Light Vs Heavy Weight Fly Rods'. These are excellent informative videos and both are under 3 minutes long, so they are short, and to the point. Check them out.

#### INFORMATION SHARING

As well as having a guest speaker on Club Nights we would like to give an opportunity for some of our own Club Members to share knowledge on any fly fishing subjects.

#### Member Speakers

Besides having a major Speaker on Club Nights we would like to have some of our own Club Members to speak on any fly fishing subject for 10 - 15 minutes or so.

Some subjects could be: Local fishing spots. National / Taupo fishing regulations.

Riparian rights, access.

Clothing and equipment ideas / tips.

Saltwater fishing, what rods / flies.

So, Members please get out there and do some research to enlighten us all.

#### WEBSITE ARTICLES REQUEST

As many of you will know, Barrie Barnes has started up his own online fly fishing store and he is keen for articles and pictures to put into his Blog section. What he is looking for is simple short little articles and a picture, ie: 'Bob and I headed down to Turangi last weekend and ....' So if you have something you would like to share please contact Barrie on barrie@flyfishinginxs.kiwi

# WHY WE FISH

The traveler fancies he has seen the country. So he has, the outside of it at least; but the angler only sees the inside. The angler only is brought close, face to face with the flower and bird and insect life of the rich river banks, the only part of the landscape where the hand of man has never interfered.

Charles Kingsley, 1890



Fishing is one of those fantastic activities where you don't have to divide it into 'taking it seriously' and 'having fun', it can be both. Carl, Duncan and Maurice on a combined fish hunt. Taking turns at casting and taking the mickey. Photo courtesy of Carl Kettlewell.

### "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.

# 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 <a href="www.nsff.org.nz">www.nsff.org.nz</a>

# **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 John Cuthbertson by email, his <u>new</u> email address is <u>john.cuthbe@gmail.com</u>.

#### **CLUB TROPHIES**

**Brown Trout Trophy** – This is awarded to The Heaviest Brown Trout caught by a Club Member during the year – May 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April. Current holder is **Roy Richardson.** 

**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 <u>may</u> 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. 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 –  $1^{st}$  May to  $30^{th}$  April. Current holder is **Simon Hoole.** 

**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 **Warren Derrick**.

# **FOR SALE**

Just a reminder, if you ever have any Fishing Gear you are keen to sell then the Club is happy to put something in the Newsletter for you.



# **FOR SALE**

Pelin 12ft Plywood Dingy 8hp Mercury Outboard 2 Tanks – 11lts each Oars – Life Jackets – Anchors – Seats (09) 418 3634 – Ask for Les \$3750-

#### **CLUB TRIPS 2019**

January – Mohaka River

February - Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes

March – Whanganui River – Club Competition Trip

March – Lake Otamangakau

May – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes

July – Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo

October – Lake based Club Competition Trip

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

December – Lake Otamangakau

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.

# SALTWATER EXCURSIONS

The possibility of Club Trips to the Meola Reef and to the Mangawhai Estuary has been raised earlier. With summer approaching, we would like to establish an Email Contact Group for those members interested in shore-based saltwater fishing to these or similar destinations. This sort of venture is tide and weather dependent and can only be organised at short notice. If you would like to be included in this group, please tell Dave Symes (dssymes@xtra.co.nz).

#### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Doctor Dave had sex with one of his patients and felt guilty all day long.

No matter how much he tried to forget about it, he couldn't. The guilt and sense of betrayal was overwhelming.

But every once in a while, he'd hear an internal, reassuring voice that said, "Dave, don't worry about it. You're not the first doctor to sleep with one of their patients and you won't be the last. And you're single. Just let it go."

But invariably the other voice would bring him back to reality, whispering "Dave, you're a vet..."

### TOP 10 CASTING ERRORS... AND HOW TO FIX THEM

Zach Matthews - www.itinerantangler.com

(This article has been copied from the Itinerant Angler website and I have broken it down into so that each of the 10 tips will be covered over the rest of the years Newsletters. If you want to see them all now and not wait then go to the website. This is a website well worth visiting! Ed.)

I TAUGHT MYSELF TO CAST, many years ago, using a tattered old blow-in flyer from a Fly Fisherman magazine and a whole lot of guess-and-check. In some respects this is the best way to learn anything, because you make every conceivable mistake on your way to competence. While unquestionably the slowest way to get good at anything, there are advantages to having "been there and done that" when it comes to casting errors. For this Ten Tips piece, I wanted to outline the consensus "Top Ten" casting errors, as well as how to go about fixing them.

#### **#7** The Italian Chef

This one is much more typical of new anglers, but even experienced old hands can find themselves serving up spaghetti if they forget the basics (often out of excitement or a need to cast further than normal). Line management isn't just a mending technique; you also have to manage your line in the boat or around you on the water. The classic mistake is to pull a bunch of line off at your feet and fail to stretch it; inevitably a coiled loop of line from further back on the spool will flop over a section of line thirty feet closer to the fly. When you begin to try to shoot line into a cast, these tangled loops will almost explode, suddenly turning your line into a pile of spaghetti.



The key here is to take a deep breath and think things through before getting excited about bombing casts everywhere. As line comes off the spool for the first time in a given trip, it should always be gently stretched between your hands. I usually stretch in 3-foot segments. This is particularly true when the weather is cold, the line hasn't been used in a while, or the line is loaded on a standard-arbor reel with a narrower center arbor. Once the line is stretched, **stack it from back to front**. This is a distance caster's tip which is often lost on everyday anglers. Line which is stacked with the back of the line on the bottom of the pile is much less likely to leap into a tangle. Every few casts, re-stack the line to keep everything from growing unruly.

# ANGLING ADVOCACY SAYS "DANGEROUS" 1080 DROP NOT JUSTIFIED

A national trout and rivers advocacy the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA) has warned about a proposed drop of 1080 poison around the lower reaches of the Tongariro River near Turangi where it enters Lake Taupo.

OSPRI formerly the Animal Health Board, proposes to drop 1080 poison for "the complete eradication of bovine tuberculosis," by eliminating possum.

However NZFFA spokesman and life member Tony Orman, said the drop was not justified as government had indicated possums were not significant carriers of bovine Tb.

He referred to the previous government's Agriculture minister Nathan Guy in 2016 reporting in Parliament that of 9830 possums autopsied, none had the disease.

"New Zealand is Tb free by world yardsticks but even today OSPRI spins the line about the bovine Tb threat," said Tony Orman.

The world standard for a country to declare "Tb free" is 0.2% for Tb infected herds and 0.1% for infected cattle but New Zealand was well under these yardsticks. Information showed New Zealand rates of Tb infection in cattle were very slight, i.e. 0.0019% average over recent years.

"It is so far below that required by world standards for a Tb free declaration – that New Zealand must be one of the world's most Tb free countries" he said.

The continuing use of the skin test on stock to determine infected animals was poor technique since the skin test was error prone - around 25%. Because the test can give false readings both ways, that meant one in 10 cattle could be infected, passed as clear by the suspect test and remain in a herd to infect other stock with low immune systems.

Tony Orman said there was insufficient credible research into the wider ecological effects of 1080. Originally developed as an insecticide, 1080 was a 'broad spectrum' poison that killed anything that ingested it.

Terrestrial insects such as cicadas and manuka beetles were an important part of the summer diet of trout and 1080's insecticide property would devastate invertebrate populations.

"Plus the effects on underwater bottom fauna were not known one way or the other since science is sketchy," he added.

He said the effects of 1080 on people's water supplies was another area of uncertainty.

"Certainly I would be nervous about the toxin dropped around my water supply," he said. Tony Orman said wild deer recovery operators were not allowed to take animals within the pinion zone and a 2 km buffer around.

"Heaven forbid that trout fishers would be banned from fishing the Tongariro River, within the 1080 zone and 2 kms around," he said. "In any case the 1080 drop by OSPRI is unjustified and a waste of public money plus it's ecologically damaging."

# Brian Coddington

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Website http://www.nzffa.co.nz/

# BOTH URBAN AND RURAL USERS MUST PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Media Release – Fish & Game NZ – 12/07/2019

Fish & Game New Zealand agrees with Federated Farmers Otago President Simon Davies that we all want lakes and rivers to have the highest water quality. "Urban pressures on waterways are causing severe environmental impacts," Fish & Game New Zealand Chief Executive Martin Taylor says.

For example, whether it is the shocking news that 800,000 litres of wastewater ended up in Lake Taupo or the Westland landfill flood disaster that has seen rubbish floated downstream and washing up about 300km along South Westland's pristine beaches. "It is

vital that regional councils act to make sure these events cannot happen again. It is unacceptable in modern New Zealand that this was allowed to happen."

Meanwhile, the Queenstown Lakes District Council has applied for resource consent that would allow discharge storm and untreated wastewater into the central lakes after high rainfall events. "Dealing with wastewater is one of the core responsibilities of district councils. It is unacceptable for a district council to say it needs to keep the status quo, simply because it would be too expensive to upgrade infrastructure.

"Whether it be urban pressures or pressures caused by intensive agriculture, it is essential that regional councils take action to protect our waterways. All polluters must be held to the same standard.

"Infrastructure problems are only going to get worse with climate change pressure. Kiwis expect to be able to swim, fish and gather food from their rivers, lakes and streams - we simply can't have sewage pouring into to our waterways."



Just because the rain has coloued up the river doesn't always mean you have to stay home. As the water clears the fish will quite often 'come on' in a big way. Andrew persevering and waiting for 'the bite' to start. Photo courtesy of Carl Kettlewell.

#### ILLEGAL FISHING METHOD DISCOVERED

Fish & Game NZ

Fish & Game Rangers have become alerted to an illegal fishing rig being used at the Mackenzie Basin Hydro Canals.

The method is as an adaption to the "egg rolling" method.

All anglers fishing for sports fish must abide by all regulations contained within the current season's Sports Fishing Regulation Guide.

The illegality is caused by a hook being positioned away from the lure and that this rig is unsporting because it is highly likely to result in foul hooking.

The illegal rig is set with an egg imitation positioned up the trace away from the hook.

A hook fished separate from a lure is not an "Authorised Lure", which includes only artificial fly, spinner and bait.

This is considered unsporting and is also an offence because it is not used to induce the fish to bite the lure and be hooked from within the mouth simultaneously.

Rather the rig is set to foul hook the fish or only by chance hook the fish within the mouth.

Foul hooking is defined as "to hook a sports fish other than from within the mouth" and it is an offence to attempt to foul hook.

Anglers are reminded that any foul hooked fish caught must be returned immediately with as little injury as possible, and within the Central South Island Region that you cannot continue to fish on any day once you have foul hooked three fish.

To legally fish for sports fish you must always fish with the lure and hook in contact.

Example 1 of legal rig

An egg imitation that is free running on a trace that has a terminal hook must be positioned and fished against that hook.

Example 2 of a legal rig

A hookless Tassie Devil lure body that is free running along trace that has a terminal hook must be in contact with the hook while being fished.

The Sports Fishing Regulation Guide is available from any licence agent for Fish & Game NZ and are available online at <a href="https://fishandgame.org.nz/assets/Uploads/FG-Fishing-Regs-SI-18-19-LR2.pdf">https://fishandgame.org.nz/assets/Uploads/FG-Fishing-Regs-SI-18-19-LR2.pdf</a> .

#### MANUKA TO HELP CLEAN UP WATERWAYS

Media Release – Environment Bay Of Plenty – 26/07/2019

One family in Rotorua is doing its part to help clean up local waterways, by removing gorse and planting 120,000 natives in its place.

A 150-hectare property by Lake Ōkāreka was faced with an abundant gorse problem after the passing of Taiaroa Royal's father and eldest brother, who had previously run the farm.

Mature gorse leaches nitrogen into the soil and then into waterways which results in environmental problems such as algae blooms, lake weed growth and ultimately poor water quality.

The gorse on the property will be removed and 120,000 mānuka and other natives will be planted in its place to help address the problem and it will also provide an income for the family.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council reached out to the Royal whānau and Mānuka Farming New Zealand to work together in the design and funding of an appropriate planting programme incorporating mānuka and other natives.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Land Management Officer Aydin Maxfield said intense weed control had started on the property and when complete will include aerial spraying, hand spraying and roller crushing of the gorse.

"Gorse is a stubborn weed, and on this property offers no land productivity or environmental benefits. It's very hard to eradicate, hence the intense removal methods.

"Gorse leaches a huge amount of nitrogen into our soil, which eventually makes its way into local waterways, which for this property means leaching into Lake Rotorua and Lake Ōkāreka."

Mānuka Farming New Zealand CEO Stephen Lee said the design of the mānuka plantation, which includes other native species, would provide the owners with an income source from honey and potential carbon removal in future years.

"The way we have worked with the Regional Council and the Royals provides a working and governance model for similar opportunities elsewhere in the country."

Mr Lee said there were converging factors making it important that organisations work together effectively for the future of the environment.

"Long-standing environmental pressures have come to a head, and there is recognition by both the Government and the public that things have to change.

"This, together with the increase in government funding for trees and anticipated changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme, means that there is no better time for landowners to look at different options for land-use changes.

"Landowners are in a great position to address environmental and commercial challenges, by accessing and optimising the different government grants and returns available from carbon credits, mānuka honey, and even mānuka oil," he said.

Landowner Taaroa Royal said the joint work was a winning solution for everyone involved. "The main win is for the health of our land and therefore the health of our lakes," he said.

# MEN ARE WEARING FISHING VESTS IN THE CITY (REALLY)

Article copied from <u>www.tongarirorivermotel.co.nz</u>

Humble, many-pocketed fishing and hunting vests are being reconsidered by designers and trendy types. Are you missing out?



CA S'APPELLE 'LE FISHING' A trendy adherent sports a vest at Paris Fashion Week. Photo: Getty Images By Jacob Gallagher Aug. 6, 2019

**IN** "THE FAREWELL," a recently released film about multiple generations of a Chinese family, an elderly character named Mr. Li shuffles around his apartment wearing a cropped, abundantly pocketed fishing vest over a polo shirt and khakis. The Saturday afternoon I saw the movie in Brooklyn, I wore a nearly identical vest over my T-shirt.

Mr. Li is on-screen for maybe five minutes total so we never learn what, if anything, he's got stuffed in those pockets, but I'd like to believe that he and I could bond over the practicality of such a thoroughly compartmentalized vest. For my trip to the theater, I'd stashed mine with a crossword puzzle, two pens, a camera, my phone, my wallet and a pack of pretzels to smuggle past the attendant (concession prices being what they are).

This summer, my vintage vest has basically become a wearable storage locker and it's in good company. Hoity labels like Gucci and Louis Vuitton offer pricey zip-up vests with prominent pouches. Los Angeles streetwear brands like Stussy and John Elliott market fishing-style vests with a breathable mesh lining or vintage-esque distressing. Even the elegant Australian tailoring specialist Patrick Johnson makes a natty all-navy version in a crisp cotton blend.

#### IT'S NOT POCKET SCIENCE

Some of our favorite stashers, from standard to sumptuous.



From left to right: Authentic Angler Vest, \$85, orvis.com; Tailored Topper P. Johnson Vest, \$285, pjt.com; Refined Reeler Vest, \$120, stussy.com; Pouchy Pocketeer Vest, about \$615, nemen.it. Photo: F. Martin Ramin/ The Wall Street Journal, Styling by Anne Cardenas

These designer vests are the affluent descendants of the humble gilets that fly fishermen use for stockpiling lures and the cotton canvas vests that deer hunters throw over camoprinted jackets. A fishing vest may feature a mesh pocket for straining water or a fuzzy patch on the chest for drying flies; a hunting vest, meanwhile, may have a large game pocket, but generally the shapes are quite similar.

The pockets on my own circa-1950s vest were no doubt designed for considerably more rugged contents than my pretzels. Wearing it, I rather feel like someone Norman Rockwell would have sought out to paint—if his subjects had worn Nikes.

Utility vests are part of the wave of functional outdoorsy trends that has infiltrated fashion, from hiking sneakers designed for traction to pouchy cargo pants. Colin Smight, 27, a graphic designer in Brooklyn, N.Y., purchased one of these vests—in his case, a black "cheaply made" number—for \$14 in New York's Chinatown after admiring the practical style on locals of that neighborhood. "If you have a lot of stuff in your pockets it ends up pulling your [pants] down," said Mr. Smight, who was so smitten with his vest that he's since purchased two more to wear with shorts in the summer.

But does anyone need 10 or 12 or even 15 pockets running up his sides? Probably not. I rarely fill my own vest's array of pockets beyond half capacity. The main thing that David Gandionco, 39, a medical device engineer in San Francisco, keeps in his hunting-inspired vest from New York label Engineered Garments is his phone. He particularly likes how its chest pockets make the device easily accessible, especially as smartphones continue to bloat, expanding beyond the scope of pant pockets.

Having pocket room to spare is a luxury akin to possessing a two-car garage when you only own one sedan. Will Bordewyk, 23, a financial analyst in Louisville, Ky., would rather slip on a vest to hold his camera, headphones and notebook than stuff his "pant pockets to the brim." He currently owns four vests—two modern iterations from Japanese brands and two vintage pieces passed down to him from his "avid outdoorsman" grandfather.

His woodsy vests do turn heads when he wears them in the city over a T-shirts and jeans. "Some of my closest friends and complete strangers, they question me and really think I'm crazy," he admitted.

Like me, San Francisco engineer Joseph O'Bryan, 23, views his vest as an important ally when it comes to sneaking snacks into a movie theater ("You can bring in the whole candy store"). He wears Engineered Garment's brown utility vest in the city over wide trousers and T-shirts. "It makes you feel like you're ready to go conquer the wilderness," he said, "when you go pick up your prescription from CVS."

#### **EDITORS NOTE**

Believe it or not it is only 2 or so weeks until the official start of Spring. BUT don't think the winter fishing is over, far from it. There are still a lot of fish yet to 'run' the Taupo tributaries and especially the Tongariro. If you haven't managed to get down there yet then pull a sicky, say you need a mental health break, take the family to the mountain for some skiing but you hit the rivers. Whatever it takes get down there. This is a season to remember!

# **FISHING FUNNIES**



(Opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of the individual contributors and not neccessarillary 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm: Milford Cruising Club, 24 Craig Road, Milford, North Shore City

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