



THE FLYFISHER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow! What an amazing summer, day after hot day and no tropical storms (fingers crossed). I imagine that every club member would have been involved in some form of fishing activity but if not, I hope you get the chance soon. (there's always the Otamangakau trip in the middle of March). As has been my habit for the last 50 summers, I spent a couple of weeks on Great Barrier Island chasing all sorts of marine life, both underneath and above the surface and I would have to say that this has been one of the best. Apart from the

brilliant weather, all forms of fishing were highly successful and it is really pleasing to see that many saltwater anglers are now adopting a practice of “catch and release”, particularly for the larger specimens which, after all, are the prime breeding stock. I managed to catch a number of feisty kahawai and a few snapper on my saltwater fly rod but in the last couple of days I have learnt that a local fisherman managed to land half a dozen albacore a week ago only 1 kilometre off Kaitoke beach in 25 metres of water! That is under the flight path for aircraft landing at the Claris airport and well within the capabilities of even a small boat. If I get back at Easter I’ll certainly be taking the fly rod and a selection of small tuna lures!

As far as fresh water angling is concerned I’ve had neither the time nor the opportunity to “have a go” but I am getting very excited about visiting the “big O” where I understand the cicada song on hot days has been deafening. While the lake provides a “soup” of snails and insect nymphs for the trout to feed on, the cicadas are the “croutons” and the fish gorge themselves on them. Some years ago, I killed and cleaned a 10lb hen at the end of a hot day and counted over 100 fresh cicadas in the stomach and throat. Little wonder that in a good year, trout in the lake grow at a rate of 1mm per day.

Most people “in the know” are picking that the next 12 months (and perhaps longer) are going to be tough economically and no one will be totally immune to the effects. However, that is no reason why your fishing should suffer unduly. Whether a day trip, a weekend or even longer, sharing the experience has got to be the best answer. Use the club nights to get to know one another better. Splitting costs and sharing driving is always cheaper and safer and we can all certainly learn from each others experiences.

See you all on club night.

Dave Symes - President

FISHING REPORT

Auckland / Waikato

A recent Sunday jaunt down to the Coromandel was an abysmal failure fish wise, but still fun to get back out there casting the dry and dropper on light rods. Personally I have never seen the Ohinemuri or Waitawheta Rivers so low, or so few fish. Part of the lack of fish would have been the low flows and warm water but equally the heavy fishing pressure the rivers had been receiving over the holidays would have every fish hiding away in the inaccessible parts of the river.

Barrie, Lloyd and Johan went on another recon mission to a Waipa tributary, checking out the water and talking to the farming landowners to seek permission to cross their land. While it wasn't red hot the boys all managed to catch some Trout and had a ball, as well as discovering new water.



Barrie in his 'camo' shorts casting to a likely looking spot. Photo courtesy of Barrie Barnes.

Rotorua

Jigging legend Pat Swift was out on Lake Rotoiti last week and landed 60, yes sixty, fish for his days fishing, with plenty of them being well past the 5pd mark. A truly spectacular day.

The Rotorua tributaries are very low and very clear, making for some tricky conditions. BUT there are good numbers of fish in all the tributaries with more slowly pulsing through on a regular basis. Also, the stream mouths are starting to really fire so with the good weather get down there and give them a go.

Taupo Region

Garry managed to skive off to Taupo for a few days visiting his old mate Kent, and together with guide buddy Graeme Dean they took Kent's new boat on a Big O mission or two. IT WAS GOOD. A huge hatch of damsel flies, still sunny weather, and BIG Trout. The boys

didn't land a lot of fish but they certainly hooked into some unstoppable whoppers, with several taking them a long way into their backing before eventually pulling free.



Garry releasing a 'little one' from Lake Otamangakau. Photo courtesy of Garry Roberts.

On the Tongariro the Cicadas have started to chirp in good numbers and the fish are looking up at last. Some really nice Browns are holding in the deep pools but more than a few have moved into the more accessible water and with a careful approach are there to be caught.

Saltwater

Anchovies. Small Anchovies.

A recent trip out to Rangitoto and Moututapu saw schools of big Kahawai herding up small Anchovies all over the place. As well as this there were some Big Kings in amongst the mayhem. Twice whilst landing a fish we were marauded by schools of Kingfish up to 15+ kg. As well as this we ran into three big workups all about 500m off Waiake Beach when we were coming back in. Get out there, Now.

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

There was no Club Meeting in January.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT – 16th FEBRUARY 7.00 PM

This month we are very fortunate to have Rob Vaz talking to us about fishing the dry fly. Rob has a history of flyfishing dating back to his early years, making the New Zealand Flyfishing Team as a young man, fishing all around the world and now running his own guiding business.

He will be talking to us about fishing the dry fly, for many the pinnacle of all fly fishing. Watching a Trout come up from the depths and engulf your fly is a sight that once seen will remain forever in your memory.

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

WHY WE FISH

I am not addicted to fishing - we are just in a very committed relationship

U.N. Known

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
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 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
Derek Robinson	Retired available most times keen to do Waikato streams and most other things.	Ph 4437311 Mob: 0212 595 371 pamanddek@outlook.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 **Meinrad Roehrs**.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Most fishermen use the double haul to throw their casting mistakes further.

Lefty Kreh - Longer Fly Casting

“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 www.nsff.org.nz

FLY TYING INSTRUCTION

This is on a postponement at present as our instructor Johan is expecting a baby very soon and can’t commit to being able to do the online instruction.

Stay tuned for more details on how this will progress over the summer.

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

CLUB TRIPS 2021

February –Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes FEBRUARY 19th 20th 21st 2021

March – Lake Otamangakau MARCH 11th 12th 13th 2021

April – Whanganui River – Club Competition Trip 2021

May – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes MAY 27th 28th 29th 2021

July – Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo JULY 2021

November – Lake based Club Competition Trip – NOV 2021

December / January – Tuition weekend (Held if enough ‘novice’ anglers are interested)

December – Lake Otamangakau – DEC 2021

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.

MARCH CLUB TRIP TO LAKE OTAMANGAKAU

I am proposing the weekend of 12th, 13th, and 14th March (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) with some of us arriving on Thursday the 11th .

While it is predominately a boat fishery, the Te Whaiiau (inlet) canal which can be fished from the shore, and particularly the “holding” area immediately above the road bridge, offers a big range of casting positions.

Just be aware that with an altitude of some 2,000 feet above sea level, the conditions can go from warm and pleasant to bleak very quickly!

The last 3 March Trips have seen some fantastic fishing, and by March the fish are in great condition. Big, fat and powerful!

Costs will be \$50 per person per night. The Accommodation is your own little room with 2 beds, 1 for sleeping and the other for your gear. There are shared cooking facilities.

I have “penciled in” 8 cabins at Tongariro Holiday Park so if anyone is interested, please let me know ASAP.

Dave Symes - Ph: 09 486-6257 - Email: dssymes@xtra.co.nz



This is what you can expect on the Big O. A very happy Simon. Photo courtesy of Simon Hoole.

WHANGANUI RIVER COMPETITION - CLUB TRIP

This is going to be held on the weekend of 16th-18th/ April and accommodation will be at Blazing Paddles Taumaranui at a cost of \$35 per night.

If you are keen for a spot of Car Pooling just contact Simon.

It is a competition, but it is always set up for a great time fishing and is recommended for any club members regardless of experience.

We've will be staying with access to a beautiful piece if the river - normally hard to access, so apart from the competition there will be plenty of great water to fish and enjoy yourself.

So if you are interested at all just let Simon know on:

Simon Hoole – Mob: 021 037 6047 - Email: hoolesimon@yahoo.co.nz



Fish like this await you on the mighty Whanganui. Photo courtesy of Simon Hoole.

TUITION TRIP FOR NOVICE ANGLERS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

This is almost finalized and we will be letting all those that are keen know as soon as possible.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Many aspects of human sexuality are very puzzling, take celibacy. This can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by environmental factors.

While attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend, Tony and Julie listened to the instructor declare 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.'

He addressed the men. 'Can you each name and describe your wife's favourite flower?'

Tony leaned over, touched Julie's arm gently and whispered,

'Self-raising, isn't it?'

Thus began Tony's life of celibacy.

AN EXTRA BIT OF HUMOUR

Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty... But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out...

Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

BOOK REVIEW - TONGARIRO SKULDUGGERY

By Ross Baker (2020)

Alongside the world famous Tongariro River sits the pleasant little tourist village of Turangi, the setting for this story.

The 'old man' of the book, and his son, whilst on a fishing trip discovered what looked like a very old skull. They decided to take it for carbon dating and that's where things got really interesting.

A rip-roaring yarn that delves into history, local cultures, the idiosyncrasies of a small town that could be a 'big' town with just a little helping hand here and there, and all intertwined with the overwhelming influence of government bureaucracy.

Thankyou Ross for the opportunity to read and review your book. Ross has said that this is his first (and last) book. All I can say is "Please Sir Can We Have Another?"

(Ross has very generously donated a copy of his book to the Club for our library, so if you feel like a great read then it is available to you. However there is sure to be a waiting list so if you would like to read it now then contact Ross directly on 0800 ITROUT and get your own copy direct from him.)

4 PROVEN WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY FISH A STREAMER

Another great article from the Gink and Gasoline website - www.ginkandgasoline.com



Photo by Louis Cahill.

Every angler wants to catch a trophy trout and there's no better way than fishing a streamer.

While it's fair to say that there is no "wrong way" to fish a streamer, there are some proven techniques which will help make that trophy dream a reality. Presenting big, heavy flies to the largest fish in the river brings with it a whole new set of challenges, including a new way of thinking about presentation. Your presentation is no longer passive, but active, and it is the action of your fly which must excite the predatory instincts of the fish. In the end, you will find your own style of fishing streamers but here are four techniques that have been proven to bring big fish to the net time after time.

STRIPPING THE FLY

This is what most anglers think of as streamer fishing. Tossing the fly to the upstream side of a likely lie and ripping it back. It's exciting and visual and usually productive. It plays on the predatory instinct of large trout by imitating a fleeing baitfish. I favor the jerk-strip retrieve, popularized by Kelly Galloup. A very young Mr. Galloup demonstrates in this video.

The speed of your retrieve is key. Have you ever made an impulsive purchase that you later regretted? Then you have some insight into the mind of the fish who eats a streamer. Like a bargain shopper, fish don't like to miss an opportunity. Your fly must be a limited time offer. If the fish has too much time to inspect and think his decision through, he'll decide to pass. On the other hand, no fish wants to engage in the pointless pursuit of a bullet train. Remember to think about the environment where the fish and fly meet. If the water is moving slowly, your fly should scorch off the bank sending the message that it's now or never. If your fly is in fast moving water, it's already moving quickly in relation to a holding trout. Slow your retrieve down and give the fly a twitching action like a wounded baitfish. Always remember, a predator takes what he wants. It's your job to make him want the fly.

SWINGING THE FLY

If we set aside for the moment, the argument over whether steelhead are trout, this is how I have caught my largest trout. If a 42-inch steelhead will grab a swung fly, you'd better believe a big brown trout will, too. I like to employ the swing when fish are following a stripped fly, but not taking it. I'll size down my streamer and often drop a Soft Hackle 16-24 inches behind it. You will catch more small fish this way but you'll catch the big ones too.

Swinging the fly is an effective way to reach fish holding in deep water. Use a heavy sinking line and stage yourself upstream of your target. Cast across the current and make a big mend or two, putting slack in the line, which will allow your fly to sink, and allowing the fly to move downstream of the line. This way the fly will not tear off at top speed when the line comes tight. Keep your rod tip low and sweep it upstream as the fly reaches the target. Then follow the line downstream with the rod as the belly forms in the line.

This will let you put your fly right in the faces of those deep fish. Often the take will come as the fly rises in the water column at the end of the swing. The streamer/Soft Hackle combo is especially effective at this point, offering both fleeing baitfish and emerging insect. Be patient. Let the fly hang in the water for ten or fifteen seconds at the end of the swing.

DEAD DRIFTING THE FLY

Sometimes a big fish just wants an easy meal. A dead drifted streamer can be just the thing when conditions are right. Especially in the dead of winter when everything is moving a little slower. This is never more true than when temperatures dip into the brutal sub-zero range and many tailwater rivers experience shad kills. I have seen days when literally millions of dead and dying shad float down stream and are gulped down like spinners by huge trout. An appropriately sized white streamer dead drifted among them, on or near the surface, can make for a day you will never forget.

Dead drifting big flies is productive even when shad kills are not on the menu. In deep runs with boulder strewn bottoms I like to suspend a streamer under a strike indicator. This meaty offering has the potential to wake a sleeping giant who would never come to the surface during the day. Think of it as nymphing a streamer. This is a great time to try out those crawfish patterns.

FINESSING THE FLY

I have friends who crush fish with this technique. It's sort of a hybrid of the other three methods and it's all about feel. The idea is to cast the fly across the current, usually on a medium to short line where you can see the eat, and sort of dangle it out there on a tight line, occasionally giving it a twitch or a pull. Work the fly softly through likely holding water and swim it into harm's way. Let it dive and drift and swing it's way through the feeding zone. Stay on your toes. The fish that take a fly fished in this way seem to come from nowhere.

This technique works equally well whether wading or fishing from a boat. Of course, finessing a fly from a drift boat gives you the chance to make some long, sweet drifts and cover a lot of water. This method is especially effective along undercut banks and in fast pocket water. It's very visual and a lot of fun.

I love the active nature of streamer fishing.

I feel completely engaged in the act of fooling the fish. It's the ultimate game of strategy and tactics, and when big fish are present, both the stakes and the rewards are high. Never be afraid to try something different. Study the water and think about how it might affect fish behavior. Experiment and find the presentation that works. When you find it, send us a photo of that trophy!

Louis Cahill

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AUCKLAND WAIKATO FISH AND GAME REEL LIFE JANUARY

Koi Carp Invade Our Trout Streams



Koi carp

Koi carp have been spotted in many of the Waipa tributaries this summer but there is no immediate threat to local trout streams.

Koi carp do not pose a significant threat to trout because koi feed primarily by vacuuming insects out of the mud and are not that efficient in flowing water.

It is not uncommon for koi to migrate during periods of drought.

Staff member Dr Adam Daniel studied the movements of koi carp in 2008 and found that some monitored fish moved up the Waipa past Otorohanga when wetlands were not accessible.

Unfortunately, the lower reaches of the Waipa and some of its tributaries have silted up due to poor land management and a lack of riparian vegetation, creating koi carp habitat.

Fish & Game lobbied for changes to the Regional, that should help improve conditions in the Waipa catchment when new fencing requirements come into effect.

EASTERN FISH AND GAME REEL LIFE – JANUARY



The effects of summer's high temperatures are being felt around the region, producing predictable, quality trout fishing at many locations.

The surface temperature on local lakes mostly exceeds 22 degrees C forcing trout to spend more time at depth or search out cooler inflowing streams where conditions are more to their liking.

Above: Some Lake Maraetai action as photographed by Dion Watts.

Tarawera, Okataina, Rotoiti and Rotoma currently have a thermocline sitting between 15m and 20m deep so this will be the best location to target trout during the day.

Downrigger trolling and jigging will be the easiest way to reach these depths although you'll almost get there with lead line which sinks at about 1.5m per colour.

Despite the warmth, some trout will spend time at the surface at dawn chasing smelt, and coping with the heat for a short period of time before going deep.

Shore-based fishers can still be successful by concentrating their efforts into the first few hours from 5 am onward.

Any cold water inflow will be an attractive location at this time of year. Spring water, like that at Hamurana and Awahou is normally about 10 or 11C but even regular streams will be cooler than most lakes so are worth a look.

Rivers and streams in the Eastern Region are in great shape, although many are low and clear so will call for light tippets and a stealthy approach.

Cicadas have been making their presence known for a couple of weeks here now, so we hope good dry fly action won't be far off.

Windy conditions or a little drizzle are usually all it takes to make the cicada clumsily fall to the surface of the water before being gorged enthusiastically by hungry trout!



Some Cicada action

Eastern News Snippets

- Watch out for our new Waikato River and hydro lake access brochure. A print version will be available soon and an e-version posted at <https://fishandgame.org.nz/eastern/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/fishing-locations-and-access/> with the rest of our access information.
- A reminder re soft baits. Scented soft baits, including any that include “attractant” are not permitted to be used except in water where ‘bait fishing is allowed’. So, on the Rotorua lakes only unscented soft baits are permitted. Scented softbaits can be used on the Waikato River and hydro lakes on the other hand, because bait fishing is allowed there.

Datawatch tagged trout can now be entered online.

Entries go into the draw to win one of 20 free whole season fishing licences

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCH5ZR6>

Eastern Region Fishing Diaries – All lakes and streams

Fill in your fishing diaries here to help us manage the Eastern Fish & Game region. Participants go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher from Kilwell:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRSD7D3>

With summer in full force, it's a good time to think about water safety around our rivers:

- Don't take anything for granted. The bank, riverbed and water flow might have changed, and there could be hidden dangers such as submerged objects.
- Keep away from dams and other structures – apart from the agreed sign-posted fishing spots. It is illegal to operate boats or swim within 200m of any hydro structure. There are strong currents and suction effects. Water levels and flows can change significantly throughout the day and massive flows may be released at any time.
- New Zealand's rivers are powerful, and swimmers often overestimate their abilities. Even if the river looks slow moving and calm, the pressure of moving water is constant and can be powerful.

Never enter a river alone. If in doubt stay out. Tell someone when you are going and when you expect to return.

Tight Lines - Mark Sherburn, Eastern Fish & Game Officer.

NEW PR DIRECTION FOR FISH AND GAME NZ?

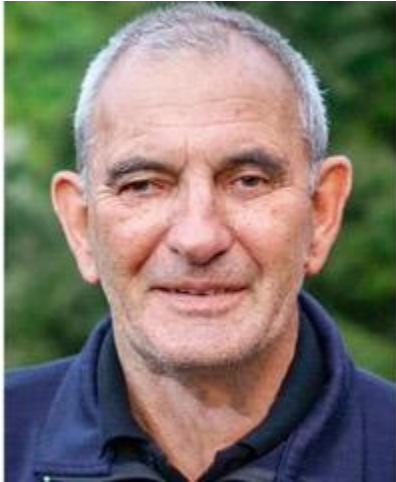
NZFFA – News – January 2021

The winds of change may be about to blow away years of antagonism by Fish and Game New Zealand towards farming writes Neal Wallace in the latest issue of *Farmers Weekly*. In the article Neal Wallace interviewed Fish and Game's new chairman Ray Grubb of Otago, who is determined to nurture a better relationship with farmers.

“Dirty dairying has gone. The term coined by Fish and Game NZ to describe the environmental impact of dairy farming, has been widely vilified by farmers and credited with the deteriorating relationship between anglers and hunters with farmers.”

“Grubb promises to be less confrontational with farmers and farming groups, to cooperate and show mutual respect and to agree to disagree on some issues.”

“This approach has been endorsed by FGNZ's national council and will build on strong community relationships the organisation has at regional level, but which Grubb says is missing at national level.”



“He described the FGNZ dirty dairying campaign initiated by former FGNZ chief executive Bryce Johnson, as aggressively worded—but FGNZ will not use it again.—It had come at a cost with a noticeable increase in landowners curbing access to fishermen and hunters over their land to waterways.”

Ray Grubb- new Fish and Game NZ chairman



What did you do in the holidays, Stephen went to the Hawkes Bay and caught big fat Mohaka Rainbows! Photo courtesy of Stephen Charles.

WAIKATO DAIRYING CORPORATE POLLUTES TROUT STREAM

NZFFA – News – January 2021

A farming company, Trinity Lands Limited, operating 20 farms in south Waikato has been convicted in the Tokoroa District Court on January 16 for polluting a Waikato trout stream and fined \$46,900.

Six others also were fined in a succession of prosecutions taken by Waikato Regional Council.

Seven separate Waikato farmers and businesses across Waikato have been convicted for unlawfully discharging effluent.

In all the prosecutions saw the offenders fined \$318,025 in total.

In the most recent case, green waterfalls of effluent were seen flowing into Pokaiwhenua Stream, a tributary of the Waikato River noted for trout fishing and glowworm viewing, in South Waikato. The farming company responsible, Trinity Lands Limited, operate 20 farms in south Waikato.

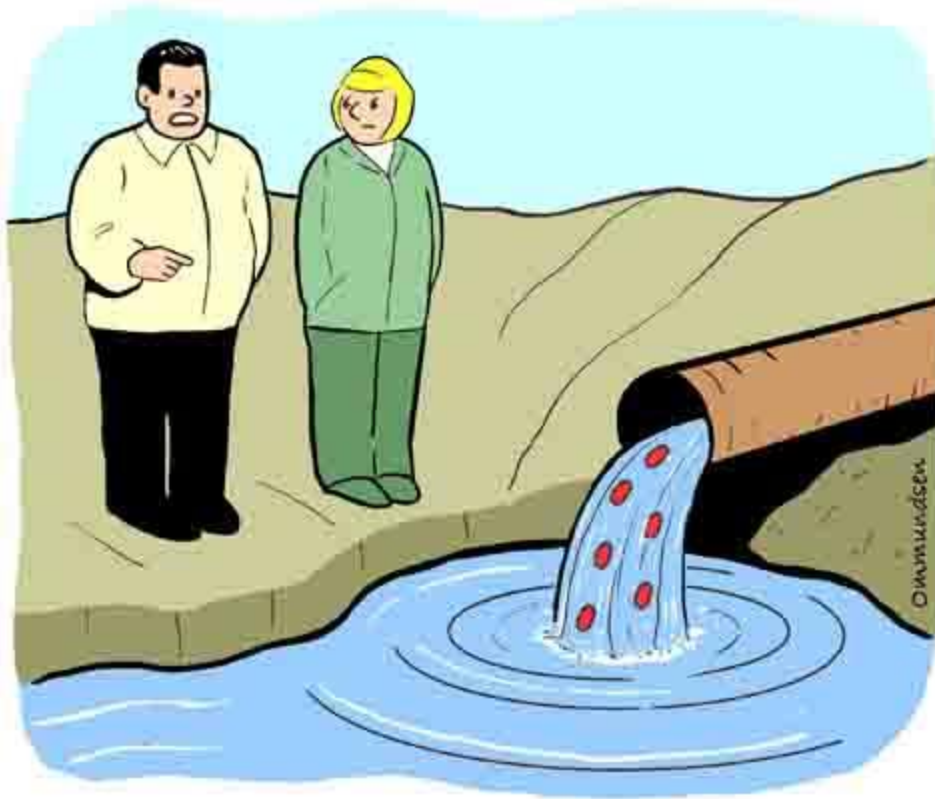
It was convicted for over applying effluent at a farm in Tirau in October 2019.

Judge Melinda Dickey convicted the company in Tokoroa District Court on January 18, and fined it \$46,900.

The council was alerted to the incident by a member of the public.

The highest fine was given to Taupo dairy farmer John Richard Lockwood, who was fined \$80,000 for over applying effluent three times – in September and October 2019 and August 2020.

Council regional compliance manager Patrick Lynch said there were still some in farming not taking their environmental obligations “seriously”.



“The pollutant is in timed-release capsules so that cleanup costs are passed to future generations.”

NEW RULES FOR ROTORUA BOATIES

Press Release – Environment Bay Of Plenty – Jan 2021

New rules to stop the spread of aquatic pests across the Bay of Plenty come in to force this summer with boat ramp users now required to self-certify that their vessels and trailers are free from freshwater fish and plant pests.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Biosecurity Manager Greg Corbett explains that the rules contained within the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Management Plan 2020 – 2030, which became operative on the 17th December 2020, ensure that lake users take an active role in protecting the long term health of the region's lakes and rivers.

“Ultimately everyone benefits from these new rules. Preventing the spread of aquatic pest plants and fish that can choke the lakes, making them murky and causing the decline of native species, is vital.

“The rules themselves are very much based on common sense and are essentially an extension of the Check, Clean, Dry behaviour that has been promoted nationally for many years.

“This summer is focused on educating people on what the rules are and what is required of them before they head out on the water. Based on last year’s boat ramp checks around the Te Arawa Rotorua lakes we are confident that the new rules reflect the actions that many boat ramp users are already undertaking,” Mr Corbett said.

In addition to ensuring that vessels and trailers are free from freshwater pest fish and pest plants, occupiers of vessels must ensure that no ballast water is transported between locations and that trailers are not left in the water other than for launching or retrieval.

Self-certification checkpoints have been set up this week at the most popular boat ramps around the Rotorua Te Arawa lakes. The checkpoints are clearly signposted and have forms that should be completed and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle used to launch the vessel.

Starting from 30th January Biosecurity staff from Te Arawa Lakes Trust will be visiting the most popular boat ramps in the area to help lake users to understand the new rules and check that they are complying with them.

ENDS

Bay of Plenty 2020 - 2030 Regional Pest Management Plan, Rule 7

To avoid the spread of freshwater fish pests and freshwater plant pests, the following provisions apply:

1. No person shall leave boat trailers in any water body other than for the purposes of launching and/or retrieving boats.
2. No person shall transport ballast water from any water body to any other location.
3. All occupiers of vessels or craft entering any water body within the Bay of Plenty shall ensure their vessels or craft (including trailers) are free from freshwater pest fish and freshwater pest plants including fragments.

4. All occupiers of vessels or craft using a boat ramp with a self-certification checkpoint must complete the supplied certification form and display it in the vehicle used to launch the vessel or craft.

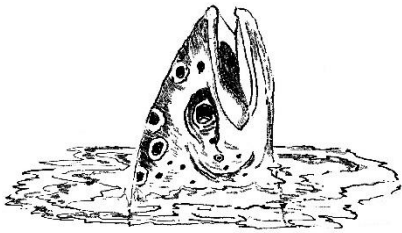
This is to protect production, environmental and public values that can be adversely affected by freshwater fish pests and freshwater plant pests.

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And another Hawkes Bay delight. This time from closer to Napier. Photo courtesy of Stephen Charles.

HUGH CREASY'S COLUMN



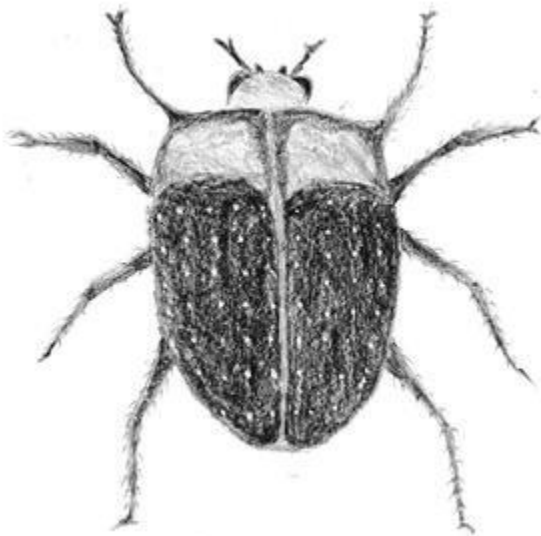
The howling winds of January will die away, the rivers will subside and the sun will shine.

That awful dread of wasted days whilst staring wistfully at scudding clouds and pouring rain will once again be replaced by lightness of heart and hope as once more the sun shines.

The road to the river will be a joyful journey and the trout await, fat with the fruitfulness of nature's bounty.

That bounty will largely consist of terrestrial insects blown to the water by the gales we have heartily cursed.

The height of summer brings beetles to maturity and their flights set the evenings abuzz as they search for mates.



A brown beetle.

Brown beetles hatch from the ground, full of the rootlets of meadow grasses they have destroyed.

But these destructive pests have not finished.

As adults they attack fruit trees both fruit and leaves.

Their only redeeming feature is that they make good trout food, and when the moon is up they fall on the water in vast numbers.



A green beetle.

If you are fishing near a patch of manuka, then the green beetle adds to the feast, followed by scarab beetles and wood borers, all members of the coleoptera family.

The largest of them is the huhu, reaching about 5cm in length, and they bore into dead wood before emerging to fly at night.

Their size makes them quite scary and they are quite capable of giving a good nip if carelessly handled.

All these creatures can be imitated, and night fishing with their imitations can be both rewarding and frustrating.

Brown beetles hatch and fly in such vast numbers that your puny imitation, no matter how well tied, is only one in a floating feast.

On some of the small streams around Wellington I found it easiest to fish in the early morning, just before sunrise.

Visibility is good, the wind has died down and you can fish with a long leader.

Presentation does not have to be perfect.

The plop of a fly on the water can attract fish, even those that have been feeding through most of the night.

I have caught fish so stuffed with beetles that their stomachs have become greatly distended and crushed beetles can be seen through their opened mouths, yet still they rise for more.

Of course, all the principles of dry fly fishing have to followed.

Try and cast to visible fish and drop the fly a few centimetres to the side, so your leader doesn't cross the fish.

When the fish takes the fly, give it time to get a good grip before striking, and don't strike too forcefully.

Sometimes adrenalin takes over and the jerky lift of the rod takes the fly out of the fish's mouth.

Spin fishers using a bubble float and fly can drop a fly into places fly fishers cannot, and where it is legal live baiters using small hooks can cast beetles into fast water.

The hard wing cases of beetles hold well when pierced with a hook.

Willow grubs will be drifting on the breeze.

Watch out for their filaments drifting off the riverside willows.

They are members of the hymenoptera family that includes wasps, ants and bees.

These tiny grubs seem to leave their galls in the heat of the day, when trout have digested their overnight feasts and are ready for another course, so small that they do not seem to be worth the energy of their pursuit.

But trout seem to find them irresistible.

At first, the observer will see fish rising under the willows, and at first glance there are no visible insects.

It takes good eyesight to see the tiny yellow-green grubs on the water.

They are only a few millimetres long and float in the surface tension.

Trout sip them up, rising and falling on the take.

It takes light tackle to present a fly so small in near-still water.

Many years ago I was searching for the right coloured material to tie on a #16 hook to imitate the grubs I saw on the water, and the only coloured material that came near it was from a plastic bread wrapper, that I cut into thin strips.

It worked and for a few years, each summer I would buy a loaf of bread to get the right coloured wrapping.

It was only a small section of the wrapper and I would use it all in one season.

Then they changed the wrapper.

Floss silk was a poor imitation but these days there is a proliferation of materials that will do the job, most of them products of the oil industry.

I use them with a pang of guilt assuaged by their success.

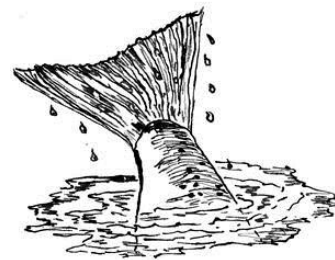
High summer brings out the blowflies, those lovely big bluebottles, denizens of the dung left in the paddocks by cattle and sheep.

Plenty of them fall on the water, specially when chillier evenings make them dozey.

But still, it's the old mainstays that take the most fish – mayflies and caddis that rise in the evenings and at consistent times during the day.

When all seems quiet on the river and there are no rises to be seen, a pheasant tail nymph sunk deep in fast water or a weighted hare and copper will pull a fish from the deep when nothing else will cause a stir.

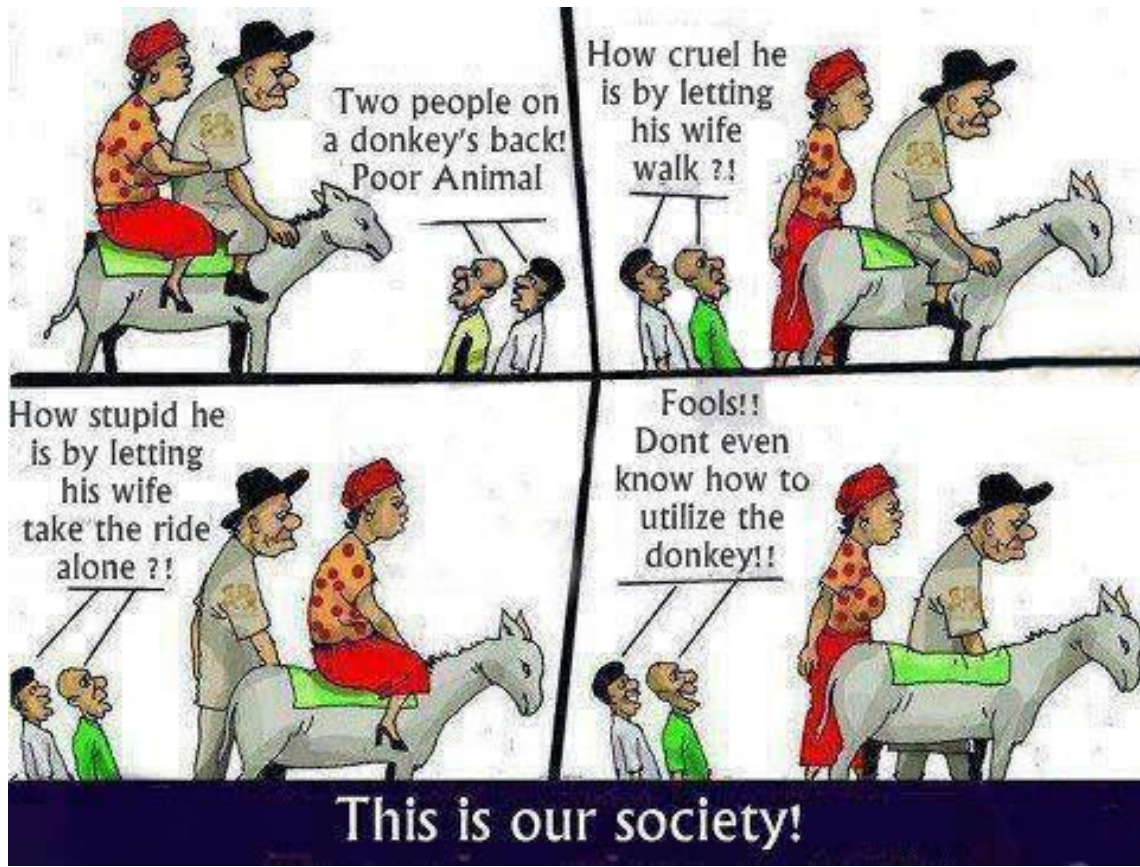
For a hundred years or more they've been doing the job and for a hundred more they ever will.



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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

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