



THE FLYFISHER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The publication of this month's newsletter heralds the start of a new era in the life of North Shore Fly Fishers Club. After some 17 years at the premises of The Milford Cruising Club, we have relocated our meeting venue to the Birkenhead RSA in Recreation Drive, a quiet cul-de-sac off Birkenhead Avenue which provides most of the amenities formerly enjoyed together with generous car parking.

A number of our club members, including myself, are already members of the RSA and in order to comply with their rules, we will be investigating the possibility of a corporate

membership for the club which could then include all paid up members of NSFF. In order to have a smooth and uncomplicated transition, our first club meeting at the RSA on Tuesday June 18th, will be a “social occasion” so that our club members can familiarise themselves with the premises including entrance/exits, toilet locations, bar facilities, etc. This will avoid the pressures of co-ordinating a speaker (for this month) when many in our club audience may be “finding their way”.

In addition, as I pointed out in a recent letter to the membership, the first part of the next meeting will provide the opportunity to correct my “slip-up” at the AGM when those in attendance will be able to legitimise the appointment of members of the committee.

To matters “piscatorial”, I have had little opportunity to chase our fresh water friends although I did cast a line at Lake Pupuke a couple of weeks ago for no result although the angler next to me caught and released two rainbows and kept a third, larger fish.

I have however, visited Devonport wharf twice in the last month catching a 50cm Trevally on the first occasion and a Kahawai of 52cm on the second. Both fish succumbed to one of my home-made silicone smelt flies which I tie on teflon coated salt water hooks. In order to land the fish, I connect my landing net with two s/s jubilee clips to an extendable painting pole enabled me to reach down from the wharf for at least the “top half” of the tide.

The best time to visit the wharf to target these species (and Kingfish), is immediately following high tide and for an hour or two afterwards. Early morning (around dawn) tides are best as long as the current is not too strong eg. less than a 3.1metre tide.

From the ink staining on the wharf, it is also obvious that a lot of squid are being caught at night and while they would not (normally) be a fly target species, they still taste very nice. Who knows, it might be possible to tie a small squid jig and fish it as a fly. There’s a challenge!

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our new venue on the 18th.

Dave Symes
President (To be confirmed).



Dave recently had a flick off Devonport Wharf and this was the reward, a nice fat Trevally. Photo courtesy of Dave Symes.

FISHING REPORT

Auckland / Waikato

I have no reports on our 'local water' so if you have been out and about flicking a fly then let us all know at Club Night next week.

Rotorua

All the Rotorua tributaries are fishing well at present and the shoreline spots are starting to come into their own with the arrival of the wet weather. However, if you are keen on fishing the streams then head down now as they close at the end of June. Flies to use, Glo Bugs in the rivers, Boobies, Red Setters and Wooly Buggers on the Lake edges.

Taupo Region

With the recent bad weather there have been two small floods in the southern rivers. The Tongariro peaked in the mid to high 200's and again a week later in the mid 100's. The result of this? Fresh run fish. Our own Garry Roberts was down there last weekend and along with his good mates Kent and Graeme managed to do well. Garry even managed to put Graeme into some nice fish by doing a bit of unpaid guiding. Best fly? Good old Glo Bugs.

If we continue to get small floods through June then expect the ‘early running’ fish to be in the rivers in good numbers.

Also, don’t forget, the Club Trip to Turangi is on the weekend of the 27th – 28th July. So if you are keen let Maurice know. Full details on the Trip are in the Club Trips section of this Newsletter.



Last week Garry was informed by his Turangi based spy network to ‘get down here now’ and so he did. Just one of a number of fresh run silver bullets that he encountered and helped his mate Graeme to catch. Photo courtesy of Garry Roberts.

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.

CLUB SUBS - IMPORTANT

At the Club AGM it was decided to make a change to how the Club Subs are collected.

From now on the annual Subs Fee will be \$80.00 but with a \$20.00 discount if paid on or before 31st July. So if you pay on time it will be unchanged at \$60.00, but if you are late in paying it will be \$80.00.

This has been instituted due to significant numbers of people not paying their Subs for anything up to 9 months after the due date. By making the discount applicable until 31st July we are allowing Members two and a half months after the AGM to pay at the lower rate.

LAST CLUB NIGHT

Last month we had our AGM. It was an excellent turnout and thank you to everyone who could make it.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT – 18th JUNE 7.30 PM

WE ARE MOVING.

This month we will be having our first 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 will be a "social occasion" so that our Club Members can familiarise themselves with the premises. This is sure to be an enjoyable night and we hope to see you there.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

*Pray that I live to fish until my dying day, and when it comes to my last cast, I then most humbly pray, when in the Lord's great landing net and peacefully asleep, that I be judged
BIG ENOUGH TO KEEP!*

Roger Eppard (from his sister)

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 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

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 iconp@ihug.co.nz

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 Rajeeff, 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

All of us search for that perfect trout stream. Those who find it treasure it the rest of their lives. Those who don't, keep on searching.

Jimmy D. Moore - Trout Streams I've Known

"BROWN TROUT TROPHY" COMPETITION RULES

The winner for this year, 2018-2019, is Roy Richardson with a beautiful conditioned Lake Otamangau fish of 9pds. Congratulations Roy!

Roy wasn't able to make the AGM and receive his Trophy so here is the fish that won it for him. Photo courtesy of Roy Richardson.



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 winner for this year, 2018-2019, is Simon Hoole with three different species landed, which added up to 148cm in length. Congratulations Simon!



Simon holding the I Love Flyfishing Saltwater Trophy in his left hand and the Overall Club Competition Rodd and Gunn Trophy in his right hand. Great work Simon. Photo courtesy of Simon Hoole.

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

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 **new** email address is john.cuthbe@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 **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 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. 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 **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**.

CLUB TRIPS 2019

January – Mohaka River

February – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes

March – Whanganui River – Rodd and Gunn Trophy

March – Lake Otamangakau

May – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes
July – Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo
October – Kai Iwi Lakes – Rodd and Gunn Trophy
November – Tuition weekend
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.

JULY CLUB TRIP TO TURANGI

This year's Turangi Club Trip is again being organized by Maurice Parlane and will take place on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and return on Sunday 28th July. The Club has booked out five rooms at the Sportsman's Lodge, (www.sportsmanslodge.co.nz), each room holds two people, for the weekend and costs will be \$115 per person. This will include 2 nights accommodation on a twin share basis at the lodge and a slap up BBQ dinner on the Saturday night.

Also, there are two double-bed rooms available at \$95 per night if you prefer a bit more privacy.

Also, a number of people choose to come down on the Thursday night as well. If you do this just add \$50 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

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

A middle aged woman from Coral Springs, Florida, read it, and decided to apply for one of the jobs that most Americans are not willing to do.

She submitted her application for a job in a Florida lemon grove, but seemed far too qualified for the job.

She has a liberal arts degree from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree from Michigan State University.

For a number of years, she had worked as a social worker, and also as a school teacher.

The foreman studied her application, frowned and said, "I see that you are well educated, and have an impressive resume. However, I have to ask you, have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have," she said... "I've been divorced three times, owned two Chryslers and voted for Trump."

She started work yesterday

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.

#5 Johnny Distance

This error is less a single problem and more of a philosophical life-mistake. Johnny Distance is the guy who always maxes his casts out regardless of the fishing need, thereby stretching his skills (whatever level they may be at) to the breaking point. At some level, all of us, even casting masters like Steve Rajeff and Brian O’Keefe, meet our match. At the utmost extremity of our ability, casting errors which we otherwise have well under control return in full force. For many anglers this takes the form of a tailing loop, which only asserts itself on casts over 70 or 80 or 90 feet. For others, it is a power misapplication, a slight timing error which results in a cast which fails to unroll, or which kicks sideways a la the Planar Traveler.

Whatever your casting flaws may be, be assured that maximizing your distance at all times will most certainly bring them to the front. In fishing situations, every angler would be well advised to exert no more than 80-90% effort, even if the situation (such as in striper fishing) calls for huge searching distance casts. If you can cast 100’ on the lawn with some effort, awesome, good for you. You still should keep your fishing casts at 80 to 90 feet, both to conserve your strength and to minimize tangles which will rob you of time actually presenting flies to targets.



Barrie laying out a cast in the Waitawheta River in summer. But don't forget, this stream is open all year from its confluence with the Ohinemuri up to the end of Franklin Road, and from personal experience you can still get some fish on the dry in the middle of winter. Photo courtesy of Barrie Barnes.

THE 2019 KAI IWI LAKES TROUT FISHING

Media Release – Northland Fish And Game – 23/05/19

The 2019 Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing competition is organised for the 6th and 7th July 2019. Ticket sales will be available from the following outlets in early JUNE:

- Northland Fish & Game Council office, Whangarei
- Hunting & Fishing OKARA DRIVE, Whangarei
- McCoy & Thomas, Dargaville
- Nolas Sports, Dargaville.

The price of tickets is:

Adults \$55.00

Juniors FREE

Children FREE

As part of encouraging young people into freshwater fishing, juniors and children will be free to enter the competition but they must register for the competition and be accompanied by an adult.

The competition headquarters will be at the Lake Waikare Education Centre. Tickets will be available at these headquarters on Saturday morning, 6th July 2019.

As always there will be a great selection of prizes up for grabs and a number of spot prizes. A barbecue lunch will be provided at the completion of the fishing competition on Sunday, 7th July.

I am currently preparing the flyer and sponsorship. I will send the poster out to you all once finalised.

Anglers need to be made aware that the Kaipara District Council has supported a bylaw which will not allow any motorised craft on Lake Waikare.

Anglers can currently use a motorised craft on the Lake Waikare but this could change at any time and Fish and Game has no control on when this bylaw will be imposed. The bylaw has not yet come into effect because it needs to be signed off by the Department of Conservation and the process may take a few weeks or perhaps several months, i.e. the bylaw could be imposed either before or after the 7th July 2019 so anglers who like to troll Lake Waikare may need to adapt their fishing methods accordingly.

Thank you

Rudi Hoetjes

Regional Manager - Northland Fish & Game Council - 021 856 228

THE NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INC.

NZFFA President Report - 2019 AGM

It gives me pleasure to make this annual report. It represents a very active year for the Federation. The Federation is constitutionally bound to be “apolitical” i.e. without any bias or prejudice to any one political party.

However politics are involved simply because of “cause and effect” and irrespective of party, the Federation will be forthright in looking after the trout fishing public’s interests.

That includes of course not just trout but their habitat, i.e. freshwater rivers and lakes.

Major issues

1 Indigenous Fish Bill. In the past year there was the Freshwater Indigenous Fish Bill which seemed a thinly disguised attempt to belittle trout, blaming them for the demise of some native fish.

This is a ‘demise’ that we clearly see to be the result of land use practices. This Bill appeared to be driven by the current Minister of Conservation with her adherence to Forest and Bird’s ideology of an anti-introduced dogma.

I would remind those afflicted with the anti-introduced dogma that predators are part of Nature’s food chain. For that reason, eels and various native birds feed on juvenile trout and no doubt trout ova. The Federation’s submissions (written and verbal) on this Bill were well researched, hard hitting and scientifically based.

2 Trout Farming. The Indigenous Fish Bill also seemed a thinly disguised attempt to open the way for trout farming for North Island iwi. Rather ironical since when the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, trout had not been introduced. NZFFA made submissions on this issue.

On top of that, a Marlborough ex-salmon farmer (failed) petitioned Parliament to allow trout farming. Again, we responded forcefully to that.

Trout farming has very marginal economics. The fish from trout farms are nothing like wild trout. Farmed trout, selling in Australian shops, are wrinkled, pale, insipid fish.

The marginal economics of trout farming is thus of no monetary gain to NZ. By comparison, recreational trout fishing, through international and domestic tourism, is worth an estimated \$1 billion annually. Recreational trout fishing contributes significantly to the economy when angling retail business, fishing lodges, guides, boats, motels, hotels and rental cars, etc., are factored in. Many trout are “recycled with “catch and release” ethics

growing in popularity. In fish farms, as with all intensive farming, this leads to disease outbreaks. The entire wild recreational rainbow trout fishery was almost wiped out in Colorado in 1980 from disease emanating from a trout farm. It took decades to recover. Other U.S. states have also suffered.

Placing a dollar value on trout encourages poaching and black markets. Parallels are there with venison, paua and crayfish black markets.

The Federation asks “Why risk the public’s trout fishery for the disease-fraught farming of trout which fetch just a few dollars a kilo for each poor quality of farmed trout?”

3. Salmon. NZFFA has supported the New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association in the problems facing the Canterbury salmon fishery most notably the Waimakariri, Rakaia and Rangitata rivers. They have taken the lead in tackling the agencies responsible (or should be responsible), especially Environment Canterbury. We urge all NZFFA members to consider also supporting NZSAA’s waterway protection initiatives. We eagerly await the outcomes of their proposed litigation against ECan over ineffective fish screens on irrigation “offtakes”.

4. Fish & Game. NZFFA applauds the excellent submission to the parliamentary Select Commission delivered by Sir Geoffrey Palmer for NZ F & G on the Indigenous Fish Bill. We met with the new CEO of Fish and Game NZ and discussed matters of mutual interest. We now await his impact on the issues that matter.

5. “Battles fought”. NZFFA has had another very active year with submissions to the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Indigenous Fish Bill, Submissions to ECan and Christchurch City Council on water issues, Central South Island Fish & game on spawning fish protection, Queenstown Lakes Council and Mackenzie District Councils on motor boat use on waterways, numerous published press releases, letters to the editor and an active presence on social media. The Federation has thus actively pursued many important issues affecting water quality and quantity with its submissions to select committees, written submissions to parliament, position statements, press releases, and publications on its web site and Facebook pages.

Other ongoing issues (tackled over the last year) include:

- The problems with pine forest monocultures on waterways and aquifers as a response to massive reforestation proposals. Monoculture of pine forests mainly now by foreign owned corporate companies, have a profound effect on stream flows and at clear felling time, a runoff of silt and debris. Environmentally they are detrimental.

Sedimentation is destroying trout rivers and streams across the country.

- The restoration of Democratic representation at a regional level (i.e. ECan) in Canterbury.
- Opposition to the use of toxic chemicals to control weed infestations in and alongside waterways.
- Advocating for the “decommercialization” of whitebait and eels.
- Publicly protesting about the deteriorating state of New Zealand’s waterways, and the stupidity of pursuing governance and operational policies that contribute to that.
- Publishing graphical information on the deterioration of our freshwater fisheries, and the major reasons for that, wherever possible.

The Federation’s views:

1 The wider picture. The Federation notes with alarm that the sport fishery is severely declining in a number of river systems, and when looking at the bigger picture, the total ecosystem shows symptoms of disturbing decline – to the point of potential collapse. The mismanagement, of waterways is rife throughout the country at a local and regional government level; and by major industries. While there are plenty of local community efforts to improve our public waterways, their impact is frustrated by government not addressing the major issues.

2 Federated Farmers. Federated Farmers NZ is often in denial, and indeed some spokesmen portray trout as “evil introduced fish.” Never mind the introduced cows, rye grass, and pesticides that devastate the indigenous biodiversity. It is not just dairying that is damaging the waterways. Local councils discharge sewage, toxic chemicals and storm water into rivers and coast lines. The latter contain a cocktail of chemicals from drugs and contraceptives that can change the gender of fish, to modern detergents and cleansing agents; such as chlorine. The latter for example (published in a 2011 NZFFWA newsletter) was shown in 1971 to be lethal in very minute quantities to trout; as has the runoff from spraying herbicides and insecticides on golf course greens, etc. How much of all this ends up in rivers, and to what effect? Sadly no one probably knows, and most don’t care. The Federation will not actively lump all farmers in the same boat but will concentrate its future efforts on remedying the effects of unsustainable practices, especially by corporate farms.

1 Environment Aotearoa 2019 Report. This sense of alarm has only been amplified by the recent release of the Environment Aotearoa 2019 Report from the Ministry for the Environment and Statistics NZ. This is the most comprehensive, inclusive and accurate report yet of our environment, and paints a dismal portrait of the state of our waterways. 94% of urban river lengths and 82% of rural river lengths (remembering that urban lengths account for only a few % of a rivers length) are unswimmable, even by the current weak standards.

Populations of both fish and the aquatic insects they feed on are plummeting. And the situation continues to decline rather than stabilise or improve. The report also identifies the main contributors and the issues that need to be addressed to reverse their effects. It is obvious that polluting industries (despite their protestations) are unwilling to address this crisis.

It is equally obvious that regional government (despite their responsibilities) are also equally unwilling to address it. NZFFA will continue to urge central government to take a strong lead on this issue, but as yet, all we have seen is placating words.

2. **Protecting Public Interest re. “quality” waterways.** Actions to date suggest that the public interest does not matter to politicians and policy makers at either the central or local government levels. After all, a Horizon poll showed more New Zealanders participate in fishing than in any other sport (five times more than Rugby!). Freshwater fishing is only a part of that, but it serves to underline the importance of what the Federation does, and the broader values that it strives to preserve. That strength should serve to give us conviction to take up the cudgels when developers, bureaucrats or politicians threaten the egalitarian access traditions, the quality of rivers or the status of trout. Remember politics in the world of trout fishing is nothing more than “cause and effect.”

3 The Federation believes that a government committed to producing a “Well-being” budget needs to factor in the well-being achieved through the healthy enjoyment of swimmable and fishable waterways and their environs.

Personal remarks

Executive

For me, it has been a privilege to be the President of the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers and to work with those executive members that have a passion and drive to see change in the manner in which our waterways are managed, by getting involved and speaking up on paper, on line, in email and in the newspapers.

It is this participation that makes the tasks at hand easier and manageable. When I took on this position I barely knew the people involved or the requirements of the position.

We have seen a range of issues and topics covered this last year and I thank the executive for their participation, expertise and dedication to these. No one organisation can stand on the shoulders of just one person and survive. We have collectively shown that we are a strength which can only be maintained through everyone’s continued support and participation.

When our personal circumstances make us “time poor” this is not easy, but with the support of our wives and partners we can and have achieved many great things. Not all “wins”, but education and comment help others to change their thinking. We all have an opinion on issues, some need redirecting but that is part of the process and I have learnt so much from the executive that have chosen to be involved I feel privileged feel humbled to have been asked to join the executive and work with and alongside such a fantastic group.

I would like to specially thank Executive members Brian Coddington, Tony Orman, Peter Trolove, Rex Gibson, Larry Burke, Steve Gerrard and Ken Sims in particular for doing much of the hard graft. It is also important that the Federation seeks new and younger members to ensure a sound future and I welcome those visitors here today at the AGM.

The Federation’s Mission

The Federation was set up in 1974 in response to the trout farming battle of the 1970s, to bring a united voice from the trout fishing public to New Zealand and to act as strong advocates for trout, their habitat in rivers, streams and lakes and the public nature of trout and salmon fishing and to confront any threats that may arise to these aspects.

I believe that with the assistance and guidance of the executive members that have stood with and contributed, that we have gone a long way to achieving that.

Government agencies, the media and in particular NGO’s are coming to us for opinion and comment. That is fantastic.

Communications

Steve Gerard has attended to the Federation’s website as well as its newsletters. Even if you do nothing else after reading this please take the time to see the great job that Steve has done, with the website, for your sport and encourage others. We continually need more and new material on it, not just on the issues but on trout fishing itself, in order to capture an audience of keen supporters.

There is a need to visit freshwater angling clubs throughout the country to promote our objectives and ourselves and gain more members. Executive members can help you there. Remember it is free to join up!

In closing.

I will have to step down as I have personal commitments which will take me out of NZ. The future is bright for the Federation as it is often an effective voice when Fish and Game NZ are, at times, constrained by statutory obligations to the Minister of Conservation, i.e. the Department of Conservation. We have no such constraints. The Federation can tell it as it is!

Let's go forward with full participation by all and a positive, optimistic attitude.

Graham Carter
President.



There are still a couple of weeks left to fish the Ngongotaha before it closes at the end of June. This is what can await you... Photo courtesy of Karl Kettlewell.

LANDOWNERS IN THE CLEAR WHEN IT COMES TO RECREATIONAL RISK

Chris Hutching – Stuff – 6/06/2019

New guidance over workplace safety

WorkSafe has confirmed that people carrying out outdoor recreation are responsible for their own risk rather than landowners or businesses.

Recreation Aotearoa and the New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) said they were delighted at the clarification over recreational access to private and public land.

The issue that sparked the clubs' concern was when Auckland Grammar closed public access to a climbing wall in 2017 after a lawyer raised fears about liability.

"Worksafe has made it clear that landowners or the principals in charge of a property don't have to manage the risks," John Palmer, the president of NZAC said.

Palmer hoped Worksafe's clarification would dispel myths affecting thousands of Kiwis seeking access to forestry, farm and land owned by corporates.

Climbers had been practicing on the Auckland Grammar wall for more than 80 years but the Alpine Club was told that changes to the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) sparked concerns about liability.

Palmer said energy companies had also used perceived risk to restrict access to places like the Waikato River, and so had forestry companies.

Landowners are not liable for risks taken by recreationists, according to a WorkSafe clarification - a climber at Castle Hill, inland Canterbury.

"Farmers have often used it but they have their own regime which means their workplace moves around with them to the areas where they are working and not the areas they're not working, so liability for risk shouldn't be a reason. The most common concern on farms currently is *Mycoplasma bovis*.

"The issue of most concern to me is conservation land. You see it when the Department of Conservation puts up signs in hazardous places such as near a cliff which is clearly a natural hazard.

"We've had some evidence that DOC and many councils are confused about managing recreational risks - for example on bike trails where a certain amount of risk is part of the attraction," Palmer said.

Recreation Aotearoa advocacy manager, Sam Newton, said his group had been working for more than a year with WorkSafe on producing the new guidance.

"Access to our bush, mountains, lakes and streams is part of what it means to be a New Zealander," Newton said.

"However, since the passage of the Health & Safety at Work Act, this has been threatened by a myriad of confusing legalese," he said.

WorkSafe has placed its guidance on its website confirming the Act only applies to recreational access when the land is affected by work activities or is part of a workplace. Councils and other landowners or administrators often feel liable for natural risks.

It means the landowner or principal in charge is only responsible for risks arising from the work, and is not responsible for the risks associated with the recreational activities.

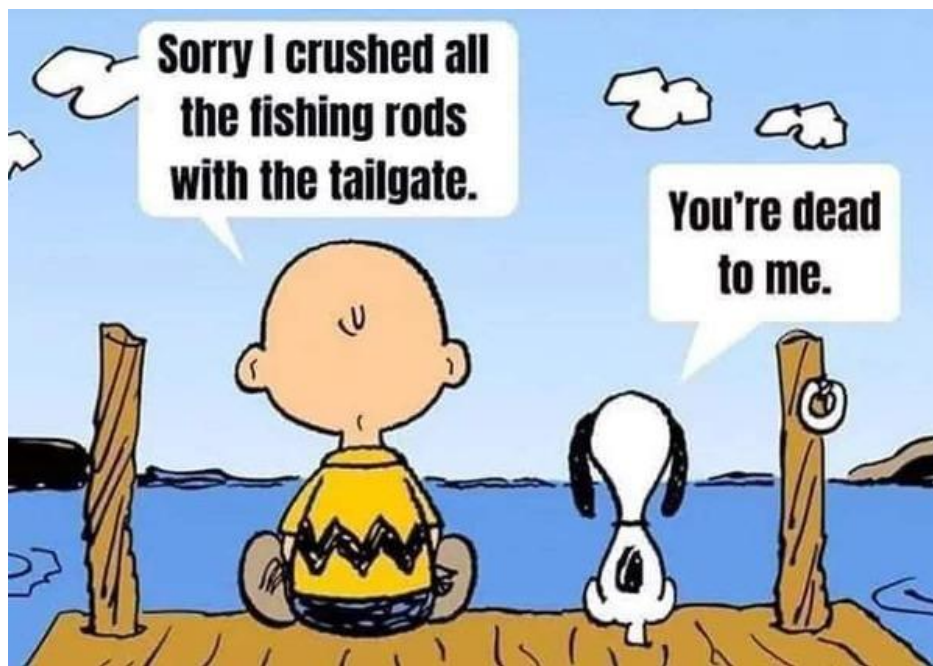
They can usually meet their duties by using signs, emails, or verbal warnings to let people know about work hazards.

The only exception is when the landowner or principal's business also provides the recreational activity. In this case, they're also responsible for managing risks associated with that activity.

However visitors also had responsibilities regardless of legal right of access to follow reasonable health and safety instructions, and other reasonable requests such as shutting farm gates and not frightening stock during lambing.

The Act doesn't cover injuries sustained by someone who has accessed land for recreation and hurts themselves as a result of the recreational activity, WorkSafe said.

Auckland Grammar has yet to respond over whether it will reopen its climbing crag.



NYMPHS EVERY ANGLER SHOULD KNOW ON SIGHT

Dan Zazworsky – 28/05/2019

The following is an article from the USA website The Wade, check it out!

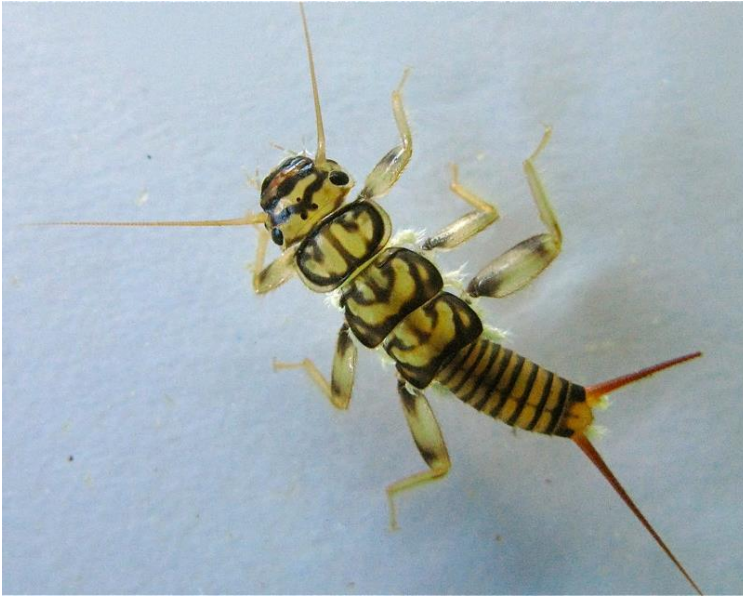
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How well do you know your nymphs?

There's an old fly shop mantra out there "Trout feed 85% below the surface" now we're not sure the math is accurate, but it's certainly advantageous to be able to quickly and easily identify nymphs, so you can match the hatch. Not only is it a cool feeling to be able to flip over a rock and go "I know what they're eating", but it can also be the difference between a slow day of fishing and a fish-after-fish day. So we've gathered a list of the most common nymph species that fly anglers imitate so you're able to identify them yourself and get the right flies down to that big trout of the summer.

Stonefly



*A Golden Stonefly Nymph.
Photo by Dave Huth via
Flickr.*

Stoneflies and their many variants are common in almost every stream that holds trout because they need cold, well-oxygenated, fast-flowing water to survive. They are found in those streams almost year round, as they spend months in their nymph form. You'll typically find them crawling on the bottom of river rocks (like in the top image) and in

the shallows as they make their migration from the stream bed to the bank to hatch. Easy to identify by their 2 long stiff tails, segmented bodies, and 6 long legs on the sides of their bodies.

Patterns to try: Beachbody Stoneflies, Golden Stoneflies.

Caddis

*Uncased Caddis
Nymph. Photo by
Jindra Lacko via
Flickr.*



Caddis are small almost worm-like nymphs that can be found commonly in many streams, but they truly thrive in cold, clean trout waters. They use their tail to adhere to the bottom and use their 2 front arms and mouthparts to filter out food. Some species of caddis build a case made of small gravel and debris they find along the bottom as a form of protection. These cases look like small tubes of gravel, sometimes with a green caddis head poking out of the top. Typically the caddis bite picks up as these

nymphs become more active in early spring as air temps rise, and caddis patterns become a go-to for us all Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Patterns to try: Emerald Caddis, Caddis Papua Patterns, Mop Flies.

Mayfly



*Mayfly Nymph. Photo from
Andy & Helen Holt via
Flickr.*

Some of the most prevalent nymphs in any trout system. typically much smaller than their stonefly and caddis compatriots, they swim about in slower currents and cling

to rocks in the current filtering out food before they begin their journey to the surface to hatch. They're easy to tell apart from stoneflies because of their multiple tails and less segmented bodies.

Patterns to try: Hares Ear, Pheasant Tail.

Midges (Chironomids)

*Midge larva (Chironomidae).
Image from Jan Hamrsky via
Flickr.*



While the hardest to identify right off the bat, midges are some of most common nymph species in any form of cold, trout water. They use the fine hairs on their head to form air bubbles which bring them to the surface to hatch. Typically you can see them wriggling near the surface as they struggle to the surface to hatch in still water. If you are fishing a creek, look for them in the eddies and slow sections of current.

Patterns to try: Holomidge, Zebra Midges, Chironomid nymphs.

EDITORS NOTE

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it fish....

FISHING FUNNIES



**The horrible truth behind
whipped cream.**

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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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