

# The Flyfisher Newsletter

# **May - 2020**

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2019-2020 YEAR.

The past year has seen some momentous changes to our club from the shift to a new venue to the impact of the covid-19 virus. While we remain somewhat in a state of "limbo", regarding the limitations on gatherings and activities, we have been able to enjoy a degree of participation through the medium of "virtual" meetings thanks to the skill and knowledge of club and committee member, Barrie Barnes who has also rebuilt the club website and which is now "up and running".

Many thanks Barrie from all of us.

As you know, the "lockdown" has resulted in the cancellation of both the March Lake Otamangakau and Ngongotaha May trips and hopefully, the future will become a little

clearer as the Government deals with the many issues. Even as the first glimpses of the virus began to appear, we were able to run the river section of the Rodd and Gunn and the February Ngongotaha trip. The annual club trips conducted during 2019 were all very successful and with any luck, the "new normal" will see a revival of those events.

Since our last AGM at the original venue of Milford Cruising Club, we have enjoyed the facilities of the Birkenhead RSA and have purchased some good quality audio-visual equipment in the form of a screen, projector and sound system giving us a degree of flexibility should we have a need to move elsewhere or indeed, undertake a presentation to another club or group.

At the AGM (19th May, on-line), two of our committee members will be standing down after many years of loyal service. John Cuthbertson has been an impeccable treasurer providing a "safe pair of hands" in managing the club's financial affairs and also undertaking the time consuming task of chasing up late sub payments. In that regard, I ask everyone to resubscribe promptly when asked. John Dernie has also been a valuable committee member and has been responsible for many of our successful club night raffles. My sincere thanks to both gentlemen.

If any of you of you feel that you have particular skills or a desire to provide a measure of service to your fellow club members, please give serious thought to accepting nomination to a committee position. I will ask for any nominations during the on-line AGM next Tuesday.

In the meantime, thank you to everyone for your continuing support and participation as we move ahead into "unchartered waters".

Dave Symes - President

#### FISHING REPORT

#### Auckland / Waikato

No report from 'local waters' unfortunately.

#### **Rotorua**

Lake Rotoiti has been giving up some fantastic fish and some fantastic days. Numerous double figure Rainbows have been landed and Pat Swift had 50 Trout come to the net on one day last week, although he only got 'little ones' with his best being 7.5 - 8pds... No reports on the tributaries as yet but it is reasonable to assume that they will have plenty of fish in them, and also that Glo Bugs will work.

#### **Taupo Region**

Dave McLellan and Roy Richardson headed down to fish Lake Otamangakau as soon as boats were allowed to be used again. Judging by the pics they did well! Right now is a great time to fish the inlet canal and the mini Lake Te Whaiau from the shore as large numbers of fish move in there prior to heading up the Te Whaiau Stream for winter spawning. But be quick as it closes at the end of May.

The Tauranga Taupo River had a good early season run of fresh fish with the last rain but the Tongariro is now back to mostly resident fish being caught. However, there are some fantastic fish being taken at the river mouths. All the mouths seem to be working on their day with slowly retrieved Booby flies getting best results in the deep mouths and Bully patterns in the shallower mouths.



A wet day and a coloured but dropping river. John C. on the Tongariro during a Club Trip. If you look closely you can see his indicator just to the left of his rod. Typically it shot under and he was hooked up just after the photo was taken.

#### Saltwater Report

Just when you thought it was ok to go back in the water...

The new water restrictions mean that we are not allowed to flush our engines, wash our boats, or rinse off either our trailers or cars. This makes for an absolute nightmare. Failure to rinse out the trailer wheel bearings will see them seizing up, not a nice thing to happen when towing the boat at 90kph on the motorway. Failure to rinse down the trailer will see corrosion allowed to start up in those hard to reach places. Failure to flush the engine will allow salt build up inside the most expensive part of the boat.

So, what to do? I have been told that Wash World uses recycled water so that could work for wash down on the boat and car but as for running the engine there is more thought required...

# Fishy Tales

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



Roy with the fruits of his Big O labour. Photo courtesy of Dave McLellan via TRM.

# LAST CLUB NIGHT

Last month we had Johan Kok doing an online presentation on how to turn those fishing snaps into stunning photos. It was an enjoyable talk and thank you once again Johan.

#### <u>NEXT CLUB NIGHT – 19th MAY 7.30 PM</u>

This month we are having our AGM and once again we will be having it via a video link up live online.

Please ensure that you have logged in prior to this time. To log in check the instructions "How To Login" on the email sent out to you last week. You may participate by video, by two-way audio (no video), just listen or via your landline (listen & Talk).

We look forward to seeing you there.

# **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

I suspect that a sense of humor is the most valuable thing that an angler can own.

Joseph Morris

# 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 john.cuthbe@gmail.com.

#### 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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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 <u>iconpromote@gmail.com</u>

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

# **CLUB TROPHIES**

**Brown Trout Trophy** – This is awarded to The Heaviest Brown Trout caught by a Club Member during the year – May  $1^{st}$  to  $30^{th}$  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 **Simon Hoole.** 

# **"BROWN TROUT TROPHY" COMPETITION RULES**

Winning fish will be determined by weight. Verification by partner where possible and/or by photograph. Details to be provided to any committee member. Competition period May 1st to April 30th. Prize awarded at AGM in May. Winner's name and weight of fish to be published in June club newsletter.

# NORTH SHORE FLY FISHERS CLUB SALT WATER FLY FISHING COMPETITION RULES

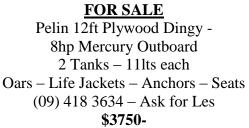
The "essence" of the competition is to encourage club member participation and in the process, to award a winner's trophy to the individual who catches the greatest number of salt water species. It will run from 1st May in one year to 31st April in the next year with the trophy awarded at the following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

For the full rules please refer to the Club Website <u>www.nsff.org.nz</u>

# 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.





# WHY WE FISH

There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a serenity of the mind.

Washington Irving

# **FLY TYING INSTRUCTION**

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

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

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

# CLUB TRIPS 2020

January – Mohaka River 2020 February –Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes March – Whanganui River – Club Competition Trip 2020 March – Lake Otamangakau May – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes JUNE 2020 – 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> July – Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo JULY 2020 November – Lake based Club Competition Trip – NOV 2020 November – Tuition weekend (Held if enough 'novice' anglers are interested) December – Lake Otamangakau – DEC 2020

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

# JUNE CLUB TRIP TO NGONGOTAHA AND ROTORUA AREA

This year's May Club Trip to Rotorua / Ngongotaha will be on the weekend of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. All dependent on the Alert Levels. We will again be staying at the Paradise Valley Lodge. Costs will be \$90.00 each, which will cover 2 nights' accommodation in the lodge. The regular Saturday night BBQ will not take place as this involves shared preparation of food.

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

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

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

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

Duncan – 021 648 956 – <u>iconpromote@gmail.com</u>



Another Club Trip to Turangi and another weekend of great fun. This photo shows Brendan hooked up and myself tucked into the trees just about to hook up, one of numerous double hook ups we enjoyed. We managed to get this popular spot to ourselves for a couple of hours and had an absolute ball. The big secret was weight. Having enough weight to get our flies down to the fish in faster water made the difference between catching and fishing.

#### THANK YOU DENNIS

This is a thank you to Dennis Smith. As many of you will know Dennis has resigned from the Club after many years of dedicated service. Some won't know just how much he has done for the Club over the years and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few of the many points.

Dennis was a Founding Member of North Shore Flyfishers back in 2003, after many years at the Auckland Club. He was instrumental in getting the Club up and running and always prepared to give freely of his time for anything Club related.

He created, set up, and ran the Club Competitions right up until last year. They simply would not have existed without his dedicated work and perseverance.

As well as this he was also heavily involved in running the Pupuke Challenge Competition. A task that anyone who has taken it on can tell you is much bigger and complex than you could imagine.

He also set up and ran a number of Club Trips to raft the Mohaka River, and anyone that has been on one of these Trips will testify that they were a stunning Trip and that they ran like a well oiled machine.

Another job that Dennis gave up an enormous amount of time to was writing the Clubs Health and Safety booklet. A thankless task but made a Club requirement by the new Health and Safety laws passed by the last Government.

He was also heavily involved in the early Tuition Courses on the Ohinemuri River. One occasion will always stand out for me. Dennis had packed his wading boots the night before the Trip, but he had two pairs of identical Simms boots and had inadvertently packed the two left boots. He discovered this as he got ready to take his students out for their tuition the next morning. He wasn't going to let his students down so it was on with the two left feet and off to the river for a very uncomfortable days instruction. To his great credit he completed the instruction, with several of his students managing to hook into fish, came back to our base and apart from a slight limp never a word of complaint passed his lips. A true gentleman angler, committed to helping others.

Another lesser known community work was his involvement with Trout Unlimited, and in particular their planting on the Wairoa River in Clevedon. Every year he and the other Members would clear out large sections of Willow / Blackberry / Gorse and replant the areas in natives. Thus both improving the water quality of the river and angler access to our closest Trout stream.

A Club like ours is dependent on people like Dennis and their dedication to giving a helping hand. From myself and all the Club, thank you Dennis for all your hard work over the years.

## THANK YOU PHIL

This is a thank you to Phil Gates. After 30 years of a 'New Zealand fishing holiday' Phil has now returned to America permanently. Quite simply this is Americas gain and New Zealand's loss.

Phil was, like Dennis, a foundation Member of our Club and was prepared from the start to do his bit to help out. 'His bit' turned into over 10 years' service on the Committee, always being prepared to help out whenever asked.

He was involved in running the Pupuke Challenge, acting as a tutor on the Club Tuition Trip to the Ohinemuri River, and assisting Dennis in the set-up of the Club Competitions.

In particular he also created our original Club Website from scratch, and ran it right up until this year. Many of you have learnt of the Club and become Members as a direct result of surfing onto that website.

As well as all the Club work Phil did he was also heavily involved with Trout Unlimited, acting as their Treasurer for 12 years, and planting many thousands of new natives on the banks of the Wairoa River. This is no small task. I can personally attest to how hard a work it is. I helped the Waikato Club plant on the banks of the Mangatutu Stream on just one single day and came home absolutely buggered. Phil and his other river Samaritans at Trout Unlimited did this work day after day, year after year, for 12 years and anyone now fishing the Wairoa should first give thanks to their dedication and hard work.

Above all others one memory will stand out of fishing with Phil. On the first day of a Club Trip to Lake Otamangakau the weather was atrocious, and we were all forced to launch in the inlet and fish the canal just before it reached the Lake. Phil was the only one catching anything and he generously told us the fly he was using. Back at base I tied up a bunch of these for John C. and myself. The next day was fine and sunny and John and I were catching plenty of Trout, all on Phil's secret pattern. As we drifted past him and Dennis for the third time, hooked up once more, Phil reached into his boat, pulled out a huge kids long range water pistol and soaked us both whilst muttering something about 'should never have told them anything!'

A wicked sense of humour combined with real generosity. Thank you Phil for all your hard work and the many laughs that went with it.

#### JOKE OF THE MONTH

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says "HEBREWS".

#### QED.



We all know that the Tekapo Trout can get huge but this pic illustrates just how fat, and powerful, they are. Mathew Teen checking out his dads catch. Photo courtesy of Jimmy Teen.

#### **DUPED – A BOOK REVIEW**

"Duped – The True Story behind Predator Free New Zealand" by Les Kelly. Self published.

Available from <u>predatorfreenz@gmail.com</u>, Price \$25 plus postage i.e.\$29.50 for urban delivery or \$33.50 for rural delivery. Reviewed by Tony Orman

Marlborough conservationist Les Kelly is hopping mad.

But then he was some time ago when he learned a combination of bureaucrats and untrustworthy individuals stole not only his team's practical and environmentally safe concept of eliminating undesirable predator species from New Zealand but the name too!

Predator Free New Zealand was established twelve years ago in 2008 by Les Kelly and a team of sincere New Zealanders.

Back then, Les and a team of committed individuals set out to find a way to achieve Predator Free NZ without using toxins such as 1080, which in itself was causing and still is wreaking ecological havoc of the natural ecosystem, mainly on public lands.

Les Kelly tells why we don't need 1080 poison.

"We New Zealanders are allowing the destruction of our unique ecosystems by the continual mass applications of toxins. We cannot keep on poisoning them."

Highly efficient "Goodnature" traps instead of poisons would be used.

Barefaced in motive but stealthily and covertly in manner, successive governments sabotaged Les Kelly's team's PFNZ concepts and plans while setting up their own project that do use the ecosystem poison 1080. And to add salt to the wound they purloined the name Predator Free New Zealand.

Les Kelly pulls no punches in calling organisations like Forest and Bird and some in the Department of Conservation, treacherous. The theft has left Les both bewildered and frustrated so he set out to reveal them by writing and publishing a book.

Governments get caned about "this assault on democracy."

"The previous and current governments have compromised DoC which under the pretence of saving our birds, is in fact destroying all living things within our conservation estate." "New Zealand needs a government that refuses to be seduced either by blind ideology or hidden faces with hidden agendas."

I finished the book astounded at the deception, the duplicity and deceit. The tragic thing is the skullduggery is at the expense of our unique birds, insects indeed all wild life and our natural ecosystem. The dishonest and the perpetrators need exposing and they get it in "Duped".

"Duped" is a very easy read but highly revealing of the duplicity and the misguided ideologies and often two-faced ways of people involved in the treachery. The chapters are often short I suspect deliberately, thereby making for emphatic messages but there's 82 chapters in this 277 page book.

Highly recommended to those who care about our birds, wildlife, public lands and our precious democracy.

© Les Kelly – "we cannot keep poisoning them"



#### **RIVER RESCUE PROMISES WASHED UP IN BILLIONS BORROWED**

Tony Orman – www.nzffa.com – 16/05/2020

What has happened to the 2017 promises by the Labour, Greens and NZ First parties – now forming government – to tangibly start the task of cleaning up the public's waterways after decades of neglect?

That's the question two prominent organisations, the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers and Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations are asking.

One of the top three mandates the current Government had when elected was to clean up the country's lakes and rivers.

"Getting towards three years later, the public are still waiting with the mood turning to frustration over this key election promise," said Rex Gibson, Environmental Spokesperson of the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers.

"The rhetoric has been there but it's looking like political puffery," said chairman of the Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations Andi Cockroft.

The "rhetoric" he referred to was exemplified by Environment Minister David Parker saying in October 2018, when the Government announced its blueprint to clean up waterways – "We're not going to leave the hard issues for future generations."

New rules would be in place by 2020, David Parker said in a joint announcement with Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor in a new National Policy Statement (NPS) for Freshwater Management and a new National Environmental Standard (NES).

But its 2020 now and only months to an election.

"It's not credible to blame covid19," said Andi Cockroft. "The Minister said 'by 2020' and it's almost halfway through 2020 – 16 months after that October 2018 promise."

There have been disturbing signs of government reneging on the 2017 promise when two months ago NZ First MP and Regional Development Minister, Shane Jones, said that the time was not right to impose new rules on farmers.

But the government does look to be prepared to use covid19 as a scapegoat for its inaction. Just days ago Environment minister David Parker said the delay was "because of Covid."

#### **Health Issues**

Federation of Freshwater Anglers' spokesperson Rex Gibson stated that while anglers are getting increasingly annoyed at the delays and excuses, the public's health was at stake just as with Covid19.

"It's ironic while we're dealing with a health issue with Covid19, there is a health issue being ignored with rivers. Testing and analysis of Canterbury and South Canterbury river water has shown nitrate levels well above recognised health standard limits."

A Danish study has shown strong links between cancer and nitrate levels in water.

This study of 2.7 million people over 33 years that linked low levels of nitrates in water (far below those of current New Zealand drinking water standards) with colorectal cancer.

The Federation of Freshwater Anglers has been routinely measuring nitrate levels in several Canterbury rivers.

"The results are alarming and a testimony to the inaction and lethargy by government," said Rex Gibson.

## Don't Be Smug

However he had stern words for the opposition National Party, warning they could not afford to be smug given the good memories of the public.

"It was in the National government's terms 2009-17, that nitrate levels accelerated as John Key embarked on unbridled dairying expansion for corporate farmers while at the same time undemocratically removing an obstacle in the way of Environment Canterbury to make wholesale dairying conversion into low rainfall areas, easier."

He added that "The environmental sector would rather see actions and commitments backed by dollars than hollow promises from the coalition."

© The public's rivers and water – where are they in governments' priorities?

# EDITORS NOTE

They say you should never discuss religion or politics, I say bollocks.

These are probably the two most divisive topics in society but they are also the two most deserving of discussion and through discussion understanding of another's point of view. There is only one rule to this type of discussion and that is listen as much as you talk.

If we don't discuss things with people of differing opinions we end up only talking to people that think the same as we do. All that does is cement our opinions as 'facts' in our minds. We are never challenged, we read and believe only media that support our opinion and as a nation we move further and further apart.

There is an election coming up soon. Please discuss things with those who hold different opinions, read articles from authors you don't like, watch news shows that challenge your viewpoint. Then vote as **you see fit**.

Ok, preachy sermon off my chest. Thank you for reading it and listening to my opinion.

# **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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