



# *THE FLYFISHER NEWSLETTER*

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## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

After the incessant sou-westerly winds of much of January, the weather at last seems to have fallen into a far more benign mode with (generally) sunny days and gentle wind.

The sounds of buzzing cicadas can now be heard most days and with any luck, that trend will continue, hopefully through to our annual club trip to Lake Otamangakau at the end of March. With the lake being closed to anglers for the month of February, I am (as always) looking forward to some meritorious catches coming up!

In the marine area, reports have been a little disappointing but quite recently, the seasonal anchovy schools have begun appearing along with the attendant predators. For those with access to a boat, Administration Bay on the western side of Motutapu has seen huge schools of these bait fish gathering with the usual bird action and good numbers of both kahawai and snapper feeding up. This is an excellent area for fly fishing as it is not overly deep and the seabed is mostly free of foul. Even for the shore-based angler, the rocks and coastline from Takapuna to Cheltenham are very accessible and on a recent walk, I saw numbers of white-fronted terns (tara) diving for food very close in. Base on my local experience over the past 60 years or so, I expect numbers of kingfish to also start arriving from March, particularly in the Rangitoto channel and around my old “haunt” of Rough Rock.

On a completely different topic, the club is approaching a significant “constitutional change” as a result of new legislation passed in 2022. Our club, together with thousands like it, was formed under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. However, from 5th October 2023, the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 came into force and in order for our club to continue into the future, we are required to re-register under the new act. That process must be completed by 5th April 2026.

The committee is currently completing the necessary tasks involved in that process but of course, it is the members who will ultimately have to decide whether or not to proceed. In that regard, the “crunch time” will be the club’s Annual General Meeting currently scheduled for April 16th, the third Wednesday in April. Well ahead of time, the required formal notices will be circulated to the membership. At this point, I am simply drawing the issue and its importance to everyone so that you might note your diaries as we are hoping for a good turnout at the meeting.

In the meantime, “bend those rods and tighten those lines”!

Dave Symes - President

### **EDITORS NOTE**

I have received a bunch of great photos and fishing reports this month and a very big thank you to everyone who sent them through! It really is very appreciated.

### **CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**

Some of you will already know that the Club has a Facebook Page. It has been underutilized for a while and this is just a reminder to those who already know and information for those who didn't know until now. The link is below, and also on the Clubs Website <https://nsff.org.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/217979378948826/members>

Please do join the page and post away, it really is a case of every post will encourage others to post and before we know it the Club will have a thriving online presence.

## **FISHING REPORT**

### **Auckland / Waikato**



*Beautiful water on the Club Day Trip, even in very low conditions. Photo courtesy of Johan Kok.*



The Ohinemuri is starting to get really hot so if you are going to fish this river try going after a good bit of rain and early in the morning. The rain will drop the water temperature and with the increased flows it should help aerate the water as well.

The Waikato Streams are all low and clear and the fishing has been relatively hard, but for those having the most success the Cicada fly has been coming into its own.

The pic below is actually from a little outside the Auckland / Waikato area as it came from the Waioeka River. Several Club Members made a sojourn down there recently. The river was very low and the fishing was quite hard but they had a great time nonetheless.



*Mike with a beautiful Rainbow taken on the Cicada. Photo courtesy of Barrie Barnes.*

Mitch Blackburn sent in this report from fishing in the South Waikato region, and his photos below of Before/ During / After show why he enjoyed it so much.



“The highlight of the trip was seeing fish rise to Dry Flies in the crystal-clear water. They were holding in the slower-moving pools, making for ideal conditions to fish both Dry Flies and Dry Dropper setups. An unforgettable session in a spectacular setting!”







## **Rotorua**

The river mouths of the Lake Rotorua tributaries are producing some excellent fish but so far the best results have been for those prepared to be there at dawn. There have been some excellent catches made and some prime Trout caught.

Some of those Rainbows, and a fair few Browns, have made their way up into the tributaries and if you can some undisturbed water you can have a ball. But with the very low and clear conditions it has been hard, especially if you are following others. For me the best flies have been small (size 14-16) Hare and Coppers.

Lake Aniwhenua is low and somewhat tricky with the weed beds but by latest reports it is about to be drained again to clear some of them away. However there are still fish to be caught and several Club Members have been getting success down there.



*Club Patron and founding Member Dave McLellan with another Rainbow taken on a perfect day! Photo courtesy of Simon Hoole.*



## Taupo

The Cicadas are going nuts compared to last years non Cicada hatch and this has improved the river fishing during the day. The evening hatches are still giving up some fun fish and with the warmer weather the river mouths are continuing to provide some excellent fish.

Best flies – Cicada patterns, small (size 14 – 16) Pheasant Tails, Caddis, and Hare and Coppers.

Just remember that Lake Otamangakau is closed for February and will open again on March 1<sup>st</sup>.



*What's the fish size like this year in Lake Taupo I hear you ask? Not too bad. Photo courtesy of John Cuthbertson.*



## **Saltwater**

The Kings are back! And here is the proof.



*Simon with a fantastic fly caught King from the Channel. Photo courtesy of Simon Hoole.*

## **Fishy Tales**

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

## **LAST CLUB NIGHT**

No Meeting last Month.

## **NEXT CLUB NIGHT – 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30 PM**

This month we have Peter Scott talking to us. Peter is an exceptionally talented fly fisher, with many years of experience in various New Zealand Teams. He currently lives on the banks of the Whanganui River near Taumaranui and could fish every day if he chose to.

He will be talking about whatever he wants 😊 , he is that knowledgeable and interesting.

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

## **WHY WE FISH**

*"He told us about Christ's disciples being fisherman, and we were left to assume...that all great fishermen on the Sea of Galilee were fly fisherman and that John, the favourite, was a dry-fly fisherman."*

*Norman Maclean – A river Runs Through It*

## **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](mailto: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...

<b>Name</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
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 <a href="mailto:ron.blair@xtra.co.nz">ron.blair@xtra.co.nz</a>
Les Rose	Retired and is happy to take another person fishing during the week.	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 <a href="mailto:email-lloyd@skysupply.co.nz">email-lloyd@skysupply.co.nz</a>
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 <a href="mailto:gd.bolstad@gmail.com">gd.bolstad@gmail.com</a>



Derek Robinson

Retired available most times keen to do  
Waikato streams and most other things.

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## **CLUB TROPHIES**

**Brown Trout Trophy** – This is awarded to The Heaviest Brown Trout caught by a Club Member during the year – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Current holder is **Fikrit Chinassi**.

**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. Current Holder is **Tim Ross!**

**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. 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<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Current holder is **Johan Kok**.

**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. The Winner this year is **Johan Kok**.

The Lake part of the competition has its own Trophy, the **I Love Flyfishing Stillwater Trophy**. The winner of this year’s event is **Duncan Frew**.

The winner of this year’s River section is **Duncan Frew**.



*Andrew T. in action on a stunning piece of water. Photo courtesy of Jaco du Preez*



## **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

*"Calling fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job."*

*Paul Schullery*

## **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 April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> . Prize awarded at AGM in April.

Winner's name and weight of fish to be published in May club newsletter.

## **NSFF 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 1<sup>st</sup> April in one year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 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](http://www.nsff.org.nz)

## **NORTH SHORE FLYFISHERS DVD LIBRARY**

*Over the years the Club has purchased some videos and been very fortunate in having a number more donated for Club Members use. There is almost certainly something there that will appeal to you. So if you would like to borrow one just let any Committee Member know (contact details are on the back page of this Newsletter).*

### **Club Videos**

Flyfishing with Dave McLellan June 2015 (15 DVD's)

New Zealand FlyTying (with John Giacon) A Tight Lines Ltd Presentation (2 DVD's)

Tie A Fly with John Morton The Master Fly Tier

Blue Water Fishing Techniques (ITM Fishing Show) Matt Watson

New Zealand Trophy Waters (Volume 6) Bruce Masson A Deep Stream Production

New Zealand Trophy Waters (Volume 7) Bruce Masson A Deep Stream Production

Running Down The Man A Felt Soul Media Production

Advanced Fly Casting Doug Swisher Essence of Fly Casting  
 Chasing Silver (Tarpon fishing in Florida) Howard Films. Com  
 How to Succeed on Reservoirs Part 1 Boat Tackle, Tactics and Flies  
 How to Succeed on Reservoirs Part 2 Boat Tackle, Tactics and Flies  
 How to Succeed on Small Stillwaters Part 2 Stalking Patterns and Techniques  
 NZ Fly Fishing Adventures Going Remote Mike Kirkpatrick  
 NZ Fly Fishing Adventures Going Remote Volume I Nelson District-Mike Kirkpatrick  
 NZ Fly Fishing Adventures Going Remote Volume 2 West Coast-Mike Kirkpatrick  
 NZ Fly Fishing Adventures The Distant Browns of Emerald-Mike Kirkpatrick  
 The Manic Guide to Fly Casting Rene Vaz  
 Fly Fishing in NZ  
 Stealth with a Fly-NZ Wilderness waters Dean Bell Fly Fishing  
 SoulFish 2 Global fly fishing Adventures with April Vokey and others  
 Gulf Harbour Outdoors with Geoff Thomas NZ fly fishing for Trout and Salmon  
 Salt Water Fly Fishing Game Fishing  
 Bugs of the Underworld Lisa Cutter  
 NZ Fly Fishing MP4s Youtube Video's (4 discs)  
 Snapper Secrets (vol 2)  
 Fly Fishing in NZ (fishing Clips from Mobil Sport on TV3)  
 How to Fish Rapala Lures  
 Essential Patterns with Oliver Edwards Vol 1  
 Fly Fishing For Reservoir Trout (at Pitsford) Bob Church  
 Trout Secrets with Geoff Thomas  
 Fishing in Fiordland  
 Wee Wets and Small Drys

### **CLUB TRIPS 2025 - 2026**

February –Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes –FEB 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025  
 March – Lake Otamangakau – MAR 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 2025  
 May – Ngongotaha River and Rotorua Lakes –MAY 2025  
 July – Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo – JUL 2025  
 August – Tongariro – Club River Fishing Competition – AUG 2025  
 September – Tauranga Taupo – SEP 2025  
 November – Lake based Club Competition Trip – NOV 2025  
 December / January – Tuition weekend (Held if enough 'novice' anglers are interested)  
 December – Lake Otamangakau – NOV 2025



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.

## **FEBRUARY CLUB TRIP TO NGONGOTAHA AND ROTORUA AREA**

This February Trip to fish the Ngongotaha River and the Rotorua region is on the weekend of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> , Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> , Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We will again be staying at the Paradise Valley Lodge. Costs will be \$125.00 each, which will cover 2 nights' accommodation in the lodge and a BBQ on Saturday evening. If you want to come down on the Thursday, as many of us do, then simply add \$55 to make it \$180.00.

Also, a variety of private rooms are available as well.

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);
- Or by Cash on the November, December or February Club Nights

Duncan – 021 648 956 – [iconpromote@gmail.com](mailto:iconpromote@gmail.com)



*9pds of February caught Ngongotaha Brownie. They're waiting for you...*

## MARCH CLUB TRIP TO LAKE OTAMANGAKAU

I am proposing the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> March (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) with a number of us arriving on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

While it is predominately a boat fishery, the Te Whaiu (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!

By March, the Trout are BIG, fat and in prime condition, with lots of insect activity, providing some fantastic fishing activity. Costs will be \$55 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](mailto:dssymes@xtra.co.nz)



*The 'Big O' fish can be hard to catch at times, but when you do they are immensely memorable. Photo courtesy of Peter Schierhout.*



## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

A man with a bald head and a wooden leg is invited to a Xmas fancy dress party. He doesn't know what to wear to hide his head and his wooden leg, so he writes to a fancy dress company to explain his problem. A few days later he receives a parcel with a note:-

Dear Sir,  
Please find enclosed a Pirate's outfit. The spotted handkerchief will cover your bald head and with your wooden leg you will be just right as a Pirate.  
The man is offended that the outfit emphasizes his disability, so he writes a letter of complaint.

A week passes and he receives another parcel and note:-

Dear Sir,  
Sorry about the previous parcel. Please find enclosed a monk's habit.  
The long robe will cover your wooden leg and with your bald head you will really look the part.  
The man is really incandescent with rage now, because the company has gone from emphasizing his wooden leg to drawing attention to his bald head.

So he writes a really strong letter of complaint. A few days later he gets a very small parcel from the company with the accompanying letter:-

Dear Sir,  
Please find enclosed a tin of Golden Syrup. We suggest you pour the tin of Golden Syrup over your bald head, stick your wooden leg up your backside and go as a toffee apple.

## **TIPS AND TRICKS**

At an earlier Club Meeting we had a session all about Tips and Tricks that we might choose to use with our fishing. With that in mind we will use this section for any helpful little Tips that anyone may have that can benefit us all. So, if you have a quick Tip that you are happy to share just let me know on [iconpromote@gmail.com](mailto:iconpromote@gmail.com).

- 1) **Walk Slowly** – There are so many reasons to walk slowly when near a river but here are just a few. 1) The slower you walk the more you see, snags, likely pockets and feeding fish. 2) The slower you walk in the water the less the water noise / bow waves / ripples coming off your legs and heading upstream – walk into a big slow

pool fast and you can see ripples going all the way through the pool and alerting every Trout in there to your presence. 3) Walking slowly on the bank can also prevent those trips and falls that can cause broken rods, broken bones, dislocations or head injuries, and at the very best are embarrassing when they happen in front of friends.

## **FISH AND GAME LINKS**

### **Fishing access maps**

If you are travelling around the country or even if you are staying close to home, Fish & Game has updated our online access maps.

You can check out the links on this [page](#) for where you intend to fish this season. We have loads of locations for anglers around the country for you to get in a bit of fishing. Have a look; you might be surprised to find a spot close to you that you never knew existed.

### **Trout fishing made easy**

Our [YouTube channel](#) has heaps of helpful videos that will help you catch fish.

We have everything from [Five Quick Tips for River Fishing](#) to [Lake Fishing](#) and our popular [boat fishing video](#). There are also many other videos on lures, soft baits and fishing locations that can provide tips and tricks for anglers of all skill levels.

## **FISH AND GAME NORTHLAND REEL LIFE JANUARY**

### **River and stream update**

Rainfall has been at historically low levels for the last year, this has led to the rivers also running low. This is nothing new for Northland. There is rainfall predicted in recent weather forecasts so hopefully the rivers will get a freshen up.

In spite of this trout can still be found in the rivers and streams in decent numbers. They are actively feeding on the surface at the moment on a variety of summer insects. Green beetles, wasps, bees, cicada have all been found in the guts of caught trout.



Trout are concentrating on deep and shaded pools at this time of year. So vegetated parts of the river and deep runs should be the target areas. Dry flies such as blowfly and cicada imitations can induce some exciting takes, and the usual performers like velvetic spinners are still working well.



*The stomach contents of a trout from the Kaimamaku Stream showing wasps and beetles in the diet.*





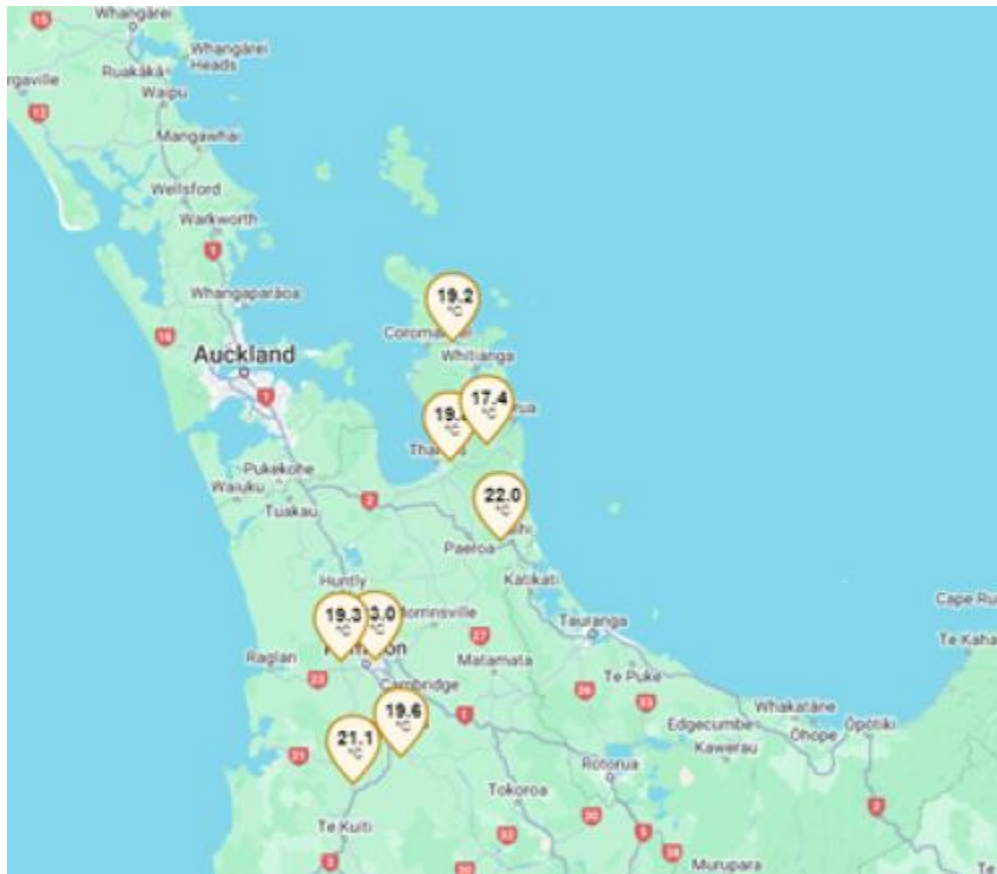
*Big dry flies are working well and can produce an exciting strike*

**FISH AND GAME AUCKLAND / WAIKATO REEL LIFE JANUARY**



## The Fallacy Of Catch And Release

Mortality after release was traditionally thought to be caused by hooking injuries and believed to be very low, but recent research has shown that heat related stress is a far greater threat to released fish with mortality rates of 20-30%. A study of trout caught and released in Lake Otamangakau when water temperatures were in excess of 19°C, documented a mortality rate of around 30%. To put this in perspective, competition anglers on the Whanganui averaged 39 fish each during 2020 national championships with top competitors landing 25 fish an hour. The Whanganui regularly reaches 19°C during the summer and at 20% mortality after release a skilled fly angler could kill the equivalent of a 5 fish limit in an hour without taking any fish home. Sport Fly Fishing NZ has maximum water temperature limits for competitions to protect trout populations for this reason.



*Current water temperature in Waikato streams.*

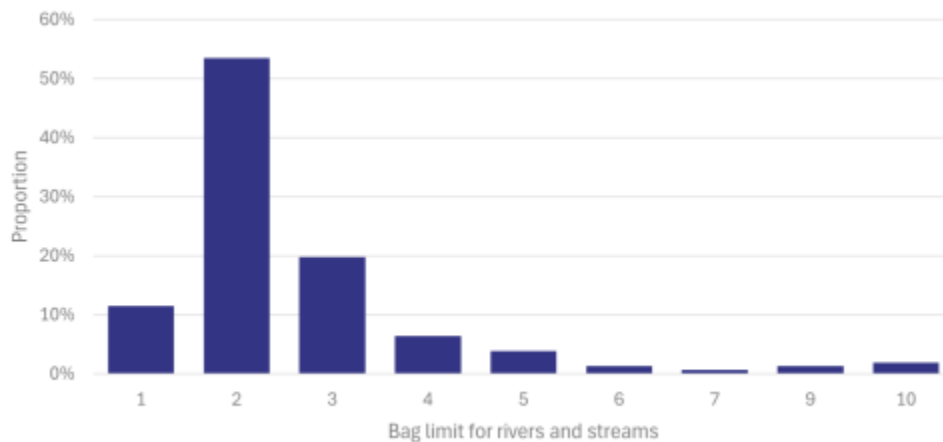
Due to relatively warm water conditions in the A/W region, trout are highly susceptible to post release mortality. Aside from the spring fed streams like the upper Waihou and Waimakariri, the only Auckland/Waikato streams that consistently stay below 19°C are

high mountain waterways like the Whakapapa. About half of the overall fishing effort in the A/W region occurs between December and March when temperatures at their peak. The Ohinemuri has already hit 24°C this season.

The Department of Conservation has chosen to close Lake Otamangakau during peak temperatures in February. The Auckland Waikato Fish & Game Council has decided to manage post release heat related mortality with education and are urging anglers to consider water temperature when fishing this summer.

### **Regulation Changes**

Staff are completing the fishing regulation report based on angler feedback and the best available monitoring data. We need to find the appropriate balance between maximising angler opportunity with ensuring sustainable trout populations. Some of the results of the proposed regulations changes angler survey were clear, like reducing the limit on streams but others were split. The staff report and recommendations will be available on our website at the end of January. <https://www.fishandgame.org.nz/about-us/f-and-g-regional-councils/aucklandwaikato/council-downloads/staff-reports/> If you have made a submission and would like to speak on behalf of it at the February 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting (11am Hamilton Deerstalkers Hall) please send an email to [adaniel@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:adaniel@fishandgame.org.nz) so we can allocate a slot for you on the meeting agenda.



*Preferred responses for river/stream bag limits.*



## FISH AND GAME EASTERN REEL LIFE JANUARY



### **Business As Usual – Well Almost.**

Fine settled weather, with the forecast of rain which mostly hasn't eventuated, has been the order of the day since mid-December in the Rotorua area. Overnight temperatures have been unseasonably cold with brisk southerly winds keeping all but the occasion scorcher-day at bay.

This has resulted in some great fishing in locations where we perhaps wouldn't expect at this time of year, and only moderate fishing in spots we'd normally expect to be going off!

The consistent performers are the deep Rotorua lakes, which continue to produce super quality fish in abundance. Rotoiti, Okataina and Tarawera are producing some of the best fish we have seen in many years and have us looking forward to the pre-spawn winter fishing later this year.

Thermoclines on the lakes have been moving up and down as conditions change and currently sit between the 16m and 21m metre marks.



*Another sold fish from Tarawera*



Jigging and softbaiting have been the most popular methods however good old-fashioned trolled lures have been successful at times when the trout have become picky. Feeding fish can be as high as 5m especially during the first hours of the day, and in the evenings, and in these cases 3-4 colours of lead line is ideal. Downrigging has the advantage of being quick to adjust to match the depth of feeding fish.

*Softbaits swum about the thermocline are killers*



Lake Rotorua's summer stream mouth fishing has shown promise but hasn't totally fired in the normal manner – largely due to the mild temperatures mentioned above. Expect fish numbers to increase around the stream mouths as we roll into February.

If you are new to fishing the Lake Rotorua stream mouths, the key is to find the cold water as this is the preferred habitat for trout. Several methods can be successful including spinning with small lures or softbaits or fly fishing with a floating line and smelt fly or small nymph.

Cicada action has been patchy throughout the Eastern Fish & Game region thus far this summer. Dry fly-dropper combinations have been fishing well and evening caddis and mayfly hatches have been abundant. Rivers are low and clear and fish spooky. Most catchments would benefit from a little rain.



*Low clear conditions are a feature currently of many BOP streams*

### **Boat Fishing How-To Popular With Anglers**

In early January we ran our annual Boat Fishing How-To at our premises in Ngongotaha. The morning's demo/talk covered basic trout fishing how-to including some simple fish biology, methods including jigging, softbaiting and trolling, lots of tips and tricks and finished with a demonstration on how to de-bone trout and hot smoke them. It was attended by about 90 participants.





*De-boning a trout before hot smoking it.*

### **Datawatch Tagged Trout**

Tagged trout can now be entered online. Entries go into the draw to win one of 10 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>

## **CLUB DAY TRIPS, FLYTYING, AND CASTING PACTICE**

Back in early January we sent out an email asking for a show of interest in these activities and we had a great response resulting in them all going ahead. So far we have had 1 Day Trip out to an Auckland Saltwater spot, 1 Day Trip to fish a Waikato Stream, 2 Flytying sessions and 2 Fly Casting Practices at Onepoto Park in Northcote.

A massive thank you to Club Members who volunteered to help with these. Lewis Peart ran the Saltwater Day Trip and is already planning another. Johan Kok ran the Freshwater Day Trip on Saturday and he is also planning another for early next month. Warren Derrick and Mike Martindale have both been helping out with the Casting Practice. And Mike has also been helping out with the Fly Tying as well.

Everyone involved is extremely appreciative of your efforts and your free sharing of your fishing knowledge.

Some pics follow of the different events:



*The 'Crew' at the first Casting session at Onepoto Park, photo courtesy of Mike Martindale.*





*After a long walk out the Boys start picking their spots on The Reef. Photo courtesy of Mark Hoffman*



Tim Ross hooked up on the dry and dropper. Photo courtesy of Johan Kok.





*Andrew T. with a dry fly munching Rainbow. Photo courtesy of Andrew Todd.*



*A beautiful day in a beautiful part of the country, and some fish thrown into the mix as well. What more could you ask for. Photo courtesy of Johan Kok.*

## **LAKE OKATAINA ACCESS UPDATE**

### *Fish And Game Eastern*



The access gate at the Lake Okataina boat ramp is being upgraded to an automated swing arm with keypad. The upgrade will take place over the next 10 or so days commencing today, 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Access to the lake will remain throughout with the possibility of slight delays tomorrow as construction staff lay cables under the asphalt roading. Please be understanding and courteous around contractors.

The MPI CAN order around Lake Okataina remains in place. Boats must be washed at The Wash Place 338 Te Ngae Rd, Rotorua with scanned proof of wash occurring.

Once fully operational, the new system will provide users with a 4-digit number that can be punched into the keypad to open the gate. Additional information regarding the new automated gate will be posted here shortly.





Biosecurity New Zealand and partners, iwi and other stakeholders have worked to contain the freshwater gold clam (corbicula) to the known locations in the Waikato River catchment area.

Updated information will also be available here:

<https://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/freshwater-gold-clam>



FISHING FUNNIES



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

## **MEMBERS FEEDBACK**

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

## **But are we??**

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

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

Thank you - Your committee

## **NSFF CLUB MERCHANDISE**

Cap – \$15.00 Inclusive of GST

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

Embroidered Cloth Badge - \$7.50 Inclusive of GST

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

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

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**Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm:**  
Birkenhead RSA, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead, North Shore City

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