



Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

September 2024 Newsletter



In this month's newsletter photo: Meet Finn Wright from Marlborough holding on to a 5.2lb Rainbow Trout that he caught at Lake Argyle in Marlborough an artificial lake constructed as a hydro storage lake on the Branch River just off Highway 63 (Blenheim to Nelson Highway) that has been developed into a well establish family-community asset and stocked with trout by Fish and Game.

[Lake Argyle \(Argyle Pond\) \(marlboroughonline.co.nz\)](http://marlboroughonline.co.nz)

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Club activities

Date	Event	Coordinator
Monday 23 September	Club meeting – Club Auction	Graham Evans
Tuesday 1 October	Opening Day Waikanae River	
Friday 11 - 13 October	Rangitikei River – Awastone - Mangaweka	Malcolm
Monday 28 October	Club meeting – Guest speaker TBC	
Weekend 2 to 3 November	Family Take a Kid Fishing	Graham Evans
Friday 8 to 10 November	Tukituki Waipawa Rivers – Patangata Lodge	Graham Evans
Friday 8 to 10 November	WoTF Workshop TALTAC Turangi	Leigh Johson
Monday 25 November	Club meeting	Graham
November- December	Club Xmas Function- Dinner Dates TBC	Graham
17 to 19 January	Lake Otamangakau – Tongariro Holiday Park	Wayne Butson
7 to 9 February	Lake Aniwhenua	Wayne Butson
March dates TBC	Manganui-o-te-Ao	Malcolm
April dates TBC	Rotorua District – Unit 5/25 Robinson Avenue Holdens Bay	Wayne Butson
May to July date TBC	Tongariro- and Tauranga -Taupo rivers	TBC

Presidents report

The big news is that we have the club gear auction all set ready to go at our next meeting. We have some really nice gear - rods, reels, lines, flies, fly tying stuff including a couple of full sets, boots, waders, and other miscellaneous items that you really need, all at excellent prices which of course you have control over, subject of course to reserves and the opposition bidding against you.

It will be a good night and a great opportunity for you to get some of that gear you have always wanted but couldn't perhaps afford. Some amazing bargains to be had, so come along please. We really need you to attend and make the night a success, not only for the sellers, but also for the club.

A catalogue of the items is included in this newsletter.

Remember the weekend of 2nd/3rd November to come to the Kids Fish-Out day at Otaki lakes. We really need your help. It's a great couple of days. Come and experience the thrill of catching your first trout – or helping a kid do so! We will have a 'cheat sheet' at the September meeting where you can hopefully commit to spending some hours with us.

Also please remember to vote in the upcoming Fish & Game elections – see article in this newsletter.

As for fishing, well that's another story. Another month has rolled around, and I haven't had a line in the water. That's bad!!

I suppose I can partly blame the weather and the consequential high-water flows, but that's not the only reason. When it comes down to the nitty gritty, it's more perhaps from just not getting myself into the right frame of mind that says **I'm going out tomorrow**, and then doing it.

Mind you, I did have 3 trips planned or possible.

The first was a day trip to Turangi with Kras. Everything looked good, but the night before, he texted to say he thought he had caught a sniffle from his kids, and thinking how there are some real nasties around, I bailed. Of course, Kras went himself, had a great day, and didn't sniffle or cough all day!

Then there was the Manawatu club trip last Sunday. Looking at the weather and talking to Matt Kavermann said we should cancel, and I did - correctly this time as the river came up on the day before.

The last opportunity was to join the Wellington club trip to the Tukituki. That time it was a conflict, and I had to say no. Those that went up on the Friday had 2 days fishing, but Sunday was a washout with high dirty water. The fishing apparently was 'patchy'. If you

found some fish, they were catchable (well at least some were lucky). If you didn't, then you better keep moving.

I also haven't been out chasing the whitebait. Same mindset, same weather issues.

I really need to get organized and commit. I hope that you have had more time on the water than I have, and that your lines have been tight

Graham

Tight lines

Graham

Club Auction Monday 23 September – bidding process and items for sale

If members are interested in bidding on any of the items available, you will need to obtain a Numbered Bidder Sheets to participate in the auction. Successful sales to bidders will need to call out their Bidders Number, the auctioneer will verbally confirm the sale price.

Payment can be by cash on the night or by direct credit into Club Bank Account. When paying by cash the bidder sheet will be marked PAID and retained by the club. Any Direct Credit sales, the bidder # sheet will be marked DC and retained by the club for follow up.

The following is a list of the items for sale

Lot #	Item Description
1	Flies That Catch Trout. Fly-tying Handbook. Trout stream Papers
2	New Zealand Fly Tying - Hugh McDowell. Trout & Salmon Aug 2011
3	Stainless steel smoker (as new)
4	Sage 1650 fly reel and Olympic 460 fly reel
5	New steel winch wire 5mm x 15 M with hook and safety catch
6	Buck's Bags Float tube
7	Hodgman fishing vest L
8	CD XLS 4-piece 6wt Fly rod with Manic reel and Rio Gold flyline
9	8ft 3-piece fly rod with reel and sinking flyline
10	Manic 7/8 fly reel with Airflo 7wt Ballistic line
11	Shimano Backbone 7ft 3-piece rod with reel, spare spool and lines
12	Spinning rod with reel, spare spool and lines

13	Complete fly-tying kit
14	Desktop fly-tying vise with case
15	Flexible Magnifying glass on base
16	McLean landing net
17	Simms vest L
18	Simms neoprene socks Small
19	Cortland TRH 9ft 6wt 4-piece rod, reel and floating flyline and tube
20	Sage Vantage 9ft 6wt 4-piece rod, Sage 1650reel, floating line and tube
21	Kunnan Phantom 9ft 8/9 2-piece rod
22	10x Packets Lures
23	!0x Packets Nymphs
24	Large fly-tying kit with materials, hooks no vise
25	Box of spinners and trolling lures
26	Box of assorted beads and braids
27	Box of assorted feathers included Metz Grizzly saddle
28	Box of threads, tinsel and wire
29	McLean landing net and sheath
30	Orvis Flybox, 50 commercially tied dries
31	Plano box of Taupo lures
32	Box H&L Glo-Bugs deer hair mice and frog
33	Hardy box with 100 lures and nymphs
34	Fly selection (Chinese?)
35	Green Flybox with 50 assorted lures and nymphs
36	LC!00 reel with flyline
37	Speedex reel, line and spare spool
38	Fly-tying kit with hooks, materials, quality tools, and vise
39	Bag of assorted flyfishing items
40	Large bag with feathers and furs
41	Med box of assorted (mainly new) feathers
42	Sigma Regent fly-tying vise
43	3x Plastic storage boxes
44	Assorted fly-tying materials (new)
45	Orvis WF8F flyline (new)
46	Cabela's WF6F flyline (new)
47	Cabela's WF4F flyline (new)
48	Sink-Tip (new)
49	Line winder
50	2x Alvey trolling reels with lines
51	BFR Dragonfly 375-reel, spare spool and lines

52	BFR Dragonfly 395 reel, two spare spools and lines
53	Hardy Viscount 150 reel and line (poor condition)
54	Sci-Ang System 2 7/8L fly reel and floating line
55	2x C&F dry fly boxes
56	Cabela's Aluminium Flybox Large
57	2x Orvis Fly boxes
58	Plano Mini-Magnum + line spool box with lines
59	Wooden box with assorted saltwater lines
60	Box of assorted flyfishing stuff
61	2x plastic organisers
62	2x Fly boxes with lure, nymphs and dries
63	3x fly boxes
64	Kilwell X2 Fly reel with two spare spools and lines (as new)
65	CD Downunder 9ft 7/8wt 2-piece flyrod and tube
66	2x Kilwell Companion 9ft 8/9wt 2-piece flyrods with tubes
67	CD IM7+ 9ft 8wt 2 piece and tube
68	Neoprene waist waders size 9
69	Neoprene chest waders size 6
70	Lightweight Dynatec waders size 9
71	Lightweight Barrier Flex stocking foot waders small
72	Riverworks felt sole wading boots UK7
73	Felt sole wading boots UK7
74	2x Pack seats

Fish & Game elections

The next 3-year cycle of Fish & Game election of councilors is upon us, with voting opening on 19 September.

There are 2 of the Kapiti club members standing again – Malcolm Francis and Paul Dewar (an Honorary member), and Steve Brown is also standing. Steve was a guest speaker at the club earlier this year and accompanied Matt Kavermann when Matt spoke to us last meeting. I know that these people are enthusiastic supporters of our sport of freshwater fishing and so I would like to see them back on Council.

It is really important that all license holders vote as these are the people who will be working to ensure that our sport continues to thrive and is managed effectively and efficiently.

The following is taken from the F&G website:

New Zealand's 12 regional Fish & Game Councils are elected by licence holders every three years and voting in the 2024 election opens on 19 September. Licence holders must register to be on the electoral roll to be eligible to vote in their region.

Barrie Barnes, chair of Fish & Game New Zealand, is encouraging licence holders to enrol so they can have their say on who represents them. "Everyone who holds a fishing or game-bird hunting licence has the opportunity to vote for their Fish & Game Council.

"If New Zealanders are passionate about angling and hunting, it is important they are enrolled to vote so they can elect the next generation of councillors to help shape the future of the sector.

"Fish & Game's vision is a New Zealand where freshwater habitats and species flourish, where hunting and fishing traditions thrive, and all Kiwis enjoy access to sustainable wild fish and game resources.

"Every region is looking for people who want to speak up for people who enjoy fishing and hunting in our wild places, and are passionate about ensuring the species we manage, and their habitats are protected," says Mr Barnes.

"Fish & Game is a statutory organisation under the Conservation Act, reporting through to the Minister for Hunting and Fishing. "The organisation represents around 150,000 licence holders and is comprised of 12 Regional Fish & Game Councils and the New Zealand Fish & Game Council. Each region manages regional sports fish and game resources and habitats and speaks up on regional issues. This is a great opportunity for people in the angling and hunting community to get involved."

More information on the elections can be found at www.fishandgame.org.nz/about-us/elections-programme/

Bios of the 2 of our members seeking your support to be re-elected onto the Wellington Fish and Game Council:

Malcolm Francis

On arriving in New Zealand in late 1968 I discovered that this country offered people the opportunity of experiencing the best trout fishing in the world, I brought my first NZ Trout Fishing licences in 1970 and headed out onto the Wairau River at Spring Creek in Marlborough and caught my first trout. I have been hooked on trout fishing ever since.

I am seeking your support to be elected to the Wellington Fish and Game Council; I will promote the importance of working with both the GWRC and local Councils to establish more family friendly 'managed fishing lakes' so that our young generation can enjoy the same opportunity as I had as a young boy growing up and gaining the passion for the sport of fishing.

One of my concerns is the impact of climate change and its impact on smaller streams where we are experiencing a decline in trout numbers during our 'drift dive surveys,' we need to be more proactive in how the natural habitat is being managed. One only needs to walk along the Waikanae River to see the buildup of gravel within the riverbed and the loss of deep pools which has an impact on both the native fish and trout migrations.

I would value your support in supporting me on continuing my contribution on the Wellington Fish and Game Council, many thanks and warm regards Malcolm

Paul Dewar

If you are reading this profile, you are a Fish & Game licence holder who like me is passionate about your fishing or game bird hunting and in the process of deciding who to vote for in the upcoming elections.

As a dedicated fisherman and occasional hunter, I am once again putting my name forward as a F&G councillor, I am semi-retired so have time available to give back to my sport. I am a self-employed businessman with considerable governance experience having been involved in several organisations, including being chairman of a not-for-profit charity, board member and president of Sports Fly-Fishing NZ for over 15 years, captain of the NZ fly-fishing team for several years and currently a member of the technical board for the world sports fly-fishing body FIPS Mouche.

I have been chairman of the Wellington F&G region for the last three years and have led the amalgamation between the Wellington and Taranaki regions, this has enabled us to make savings in the cost of management and administration, so we have more funds and resources available to put into front line work for the benefit of you our licence holders. This work is not finished yet with things like combining and simplifying regulations to be done so they are the same in both regions.

Water conditions and quantity in rivers, lakes and wetlands remains a high priority, along with access to the resource for both game bird hunters and fisherman. These are things that we must improve and preserve for future generations and things I want to put more time and effort into.

While I would like you to vote for me its most important that you do vote, if we are to protect our sport, we need to show the powers to be that we care.

Thanks

Paul Dewar



Fly Casting Tuition by Gordon Baker

Club member Gordon Baker is available for one-on-one casting tuition. Gordon is a casting instructor with Flyfishers International (USA). He is available to help beginners get off to a good start and to assist more experienced members improve their distance casting skills. Although not yet an approved two-handed casting instructor Gordon is a keen learner willing to share new skills.

Email Gordon kiwifyfisher@gmail.com or phone 0274946487 to arrange a suitable time for a lesson. There is no charge.

Mid-Week Fishing trips by Hugh

For those members who are lucky enough to be able to fish mid-week during the forthcoming season please confirm if you wish to be included in the mid-week fishers email list to:

hugh.driver.nz@gmail.com

The emails are often sent out only giving very short notice to take advantage of the prevailing conditions and members availability, as an example the afternoon of day before the proposed trip.

If you are interested in participating on any mid-week fishing trips, please email Hugh Driver with your contact details and you will be added to the email list.

Kapiti Women on the Fly by Leigh Johnson

2024 Annual Workshop

Our flagship event, the annual WoTF NZ weekend workshop, is scheduled for November 8th-10th at TALTAC. Registrations are in and mentors are being briefed. Participants, many of whom are beginners or novices, will spend Sunday morning on the Tongariro River in small groups with a mentor. It's probably not a great day for club members to hit the river. 😊

Please help: We are seeking small donations to share in the participant goodie bags. (Flies, etc.) These can be delivered to Greg, Cheryl or Gordon.

Regional events:

Leigh attended the [Christchurch Fishing & Casting Club](#)'s "Intro to Fly Fishing for Women" day on 25th August.

The [Wakatipu Anglers Club](#) held its second Intro to Fly Fishing course on 7th September.



Leigh at the Patagonia store fly tying bar when in Queenstown, it's worth a visit.

Connect with WoTF NZ

WoTF NZ provides multiple ways to stay connected and informed. You can follow WoTF NZ activities on our public [Facebook Page](#). Additionally, there is a private WoTF [Facebook group](#) that offers a supportive environment for women interested in fly fishing to connect, share knowledge, plan fishing outings, and learn from each other. Alternatively, you can join our email list at www.womenonthefly.nz to receive regular updates.

The WoTF NZ movement is growing, with more than 1,300 followers across the country.

Please talk to myself or steering group members, Gordon Baker, Greg du Bern or Cheryl Naylor if you have any questions.

KFFC Trip - Turangi August 2024 by Krasimir Angelov

With fishing being a bit tough and slow during earlier trips, it was just me and Wayne Naylor that signed up for this one. If you thought of joining, but decided to skip, you should feel sorry, as we had the best fishing for the season so far.

With some rain on the prior weekend, we were hoping for some action, and fortunately this was the case. There were fish in every pool and river we tried, and they were eager to take the flies.

We left early morning on Friday and were at the Red Hut Pool carpark by 10am. We headed to the Poutu Pool and when we got there, we found another angler fishing. Fortunately for us he was just leaving so we took his place. Shortly after we started to hook fish and even to land some of them.

After lunch we tried some water just above Turangi, and eventually finished at the Hydro Pool. Again, there were fish hooked and landed.

On Saturday we decided to fish on the Hinemaia. We parked at the second carpark above SH1 and explored some pools upstream and downstream from there. The river was so full with fish, we had to be careful not to step on them while wading. This is where Wayne landed the highlight of the trip - a nice 6lb rainbow. We were next to each other and chatting, while he was casually drifting his euro nymph setup through a run, when the rod bent. As he said later - *"I wasn't even really trying!"*.



In the afternoon we moved to lower Tongariro at Grace Rd, where Wayne caught a few more fish.

On Sunday we left the house a bit later as we had to pack and check out, and went to Grace Rd. We fished till noon and caught a few more. The previous two days the fish were taking mostly different egg variations, but I found this morning naturals work better - most of the fish I hooked were on good old Pheasant Tail nymphs.

Sleeping dog by Mike Sepelak



I try to let sleeping dogs lie but Zeppelin will have none of it. He seemed deep in his dreams at the foot of the bed when I slipped down the dark hallway to the kitchen, but, as I stand at the counter eating a hasty bowl of cereal, I hear the whisper of pads on hardwood, a breathy *harrumph*, and the soft thump of old bones settling to the floor beside me. I reach down and scratch his head.

I step over the dog and rinse my bowl in the sink, hoping to be more successful at not waking my wife than I had the dog. It's early. We're hoping for a morning top-water bite, so we've agreed to be at the launch by sunrise. It's a two-hour drive.

I leave the bowl in the sink and tip-toe back down the hall to the office to check my email for any last-minute emergence of better judgment, but we're still on. I'm in the chair just long enough for the laptop to boot before there's a brush of fur against my bare leg and that familiar breathy sigh from under the desk. In the quiet room it's a statement. *What the hell, Dad? Let's go back to bed.* He settles at my feet.

I get up and move from place to place, packing the final items into the boat bag, washing the cobwebs out of my eyes and brushing my teeth. The shepherd follows with a hangdog expression and a loose-jointed carriage, trailing wisps of undercoat that will coalesce into tumbleweeds later in the day.

His demeanour perks up as I carry the gear to the truck. He joins me in the darkness and his ears rise to the possibility of a road trip. When I put my bags in his place in the back seat and close the doors without offering an "*up*", he wanders dejectedly off for a pee and a quick sniff along the edges of the woods to see who's visited during the night. He's not coming with me, and he knows it.

We step back inside one last time and I squat down to console him. He won't be happy to watch me leave, and I hope that he won't raise a ruckus. Truth is, I'm as disappointed to leave him as he is to be left. I cherish his companionship. So, I explain to him why this trip is not for him and how tomorrow we'll load up the trash and drive to the landfill together instead. I give him a final rub and slip out the door, gritting my teeth as I wait for the explosion. It doesn't come.

I slide into the driver's seat, close the door as gently as I can and start the truck, turning the ignition key slowly as if that would make a difference. I swing around and ease up the ridge with just my running lights on so as not to splash the bedroom windows with my headlamps. I convince myself that Zep's returned quietly to his pad, disappointed that he's not with me, but still sleepy enough to let my departure slide.

The self-delusion is shattered just five minutes down the road when my cell phone lights up with a series of short messages from my wife. *Enjoy the day. We'll miss you. Love you bunches.* A delicate pink heart follows the texts. The image is sweet, but I wonder if there exists an emoji of a crazed barking dog. If it does, she'd probably have sent it instead.

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Editor's note: Sporting Life stock a new egg pattern material called CBC Egg-It UV yarn, a very easy way to tie Glow Bugs and from the feedback I have read very effective.



Newsletter content with built-in links to other documents by Editor

Readers of our newsletter may not realise that when you see a name or wording underlined in an article, as an example [a Harvey leader](#) this is a link to another article or video where you can find more information. All you need to do is hold down your CTRL key and click on the words and the link will open.

Purpose:

To promote the art and sport of Fly Fishing.

To respect the ownership of land adjoining waterways.

To promote the protection of fish and wildlife habitat.

To promote access to all rivers, streams and lakes.

To promote friendship and goodwill between members.

To promote and encourage the exchange of information between members.

To promote sustainable fishing practices in order to protect this lifestyle and the sport for future generations.

To develop the knowledge and skills of our members, and

To encourage friendship and goodwill amongst all members whether current, past or prospective.

Club meetings

You are invited to attend our club meetings that are held on the **Fourth Monday** of each month.

The venue is the Ocean Road Community Centre, 45 Ocean Road, Paraparaumu, 5023

Our **meetings start at 7:30pm** with fellowship followed by speakers or activities.

Club Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and the meetings are held at the Waikanae Boating Club and start at 7:30pm.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember that the club has two Five Weight 8'6" fly rods that members are welcome to use, just contact Malcolm Francis.

Join the: [Kapiti Fly Fishing Club - Members & Friends Facebook Group](#)