



Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

January 2025 Newsletter



In this month's newsletter photo: is a photo of the painting that you can win in the Women on the Fly – Fundraising raffle, you will find more details later in this newsletter.

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Club activities

Date	Event	Coordinator
Sunday 26 January	Club B.B.Q at the Otaihanga Domain starting at 5-00pm	Graham Evans
Sunday 26 January 10.30am	Fly Tying – 8 Weka Rd, Raumati	Gordon Baker
Sunday 2 February 10.30am	Fly Tying – 8 Weka Rd, Raumati	Gordon Baker
Sunday 16 to 20 February	Lake Aniwhenua	Wayne Butson
Monday 24 February	Club meeting	Graham Evans
Saturday 1 March	Wader Safety Course - run on the Ruamahanga River	Graham Evans
March date to be confirmed	Maunganui-a-te-Ao -	Malcolm Francis
Friday 12 to 20 April	Rotorua District – Unit 5/25 Robinson Avenue Holdens Bay	Wayne Butson
May to August dates TBC	Tongariro- and Tauranga -Taupo rivers	TBC

Sunday 26 January Club BBQ at Otaihanga Domain from Greg du Bern

Due to the forecast of rain this event has been postponed

This is just a friendly reminder that we will have a social club meeting BBQ at Otaihanga Domain from 5:00 PM Sunday 26th January which we expect to run until about 7:30 PM.

This BBQ evening is a replacement for the originally advertised event at Otaki Lakes at Winstone Gravels. We had a problem getting access, so we decided to switch to our usual venue for our January meeting. Look for the KFFC Flags flying to find us in the Domain. There is plenty of space for parking.

Michael Murphy will be bringing along his BBQ for us to use and he will be helping to cook along with me or any other volunteers that would like to help. We will provide some Waikanae Butcher pork sausages, caramelised onions, bread, sauce, salad, some beer, wine and soft drinks. Please feel free to bring your own choice of something to BBQ (steak/chops/chicken etc.) and/or your drinks and please bring your own glass or mug for drinks if you do not to use a cardboard-plastic cup.

We will be having a fly-casting competition run by Gordon Baker, our club coach. This is a great chance to see how the experts do it and to learn some casting tips from Gordon and try out your skills. Open to any age - adult and junior. The winning adult prize will be a \$50 gift voucher from Sporting Life in Turangi to the fastest & most accurate caster. Junior prize will also be given of a Black Magic Jig Rig and block of chocolate to the lucky winner.

Rope hoop targets will be laid out on the grass and the objective will be to land an indicator at the end of the leader (no hooks) in each hoop, in the shortest recorded time. The same casting position & rod & line will be used by all competitors to make it as equal as possible.

Do please come and enjoy a bite to eat, some fun & social time with friends, new & old members & families. And remember to bring a chair to sit on!

Presidents report

Here's a toast to you all, hoping that you have managed to get through the Silly Season with lots of things going right, and very little causing you angst. And of course, trusting that you managed to get out onto the water with your rod/s.

My Xmas fishing was a pretty dismal effort, with time spent at the Otaki mouth a few times for very dismal results. Mostly I would have to say that the steady stream of nasty southerlies sure didn't help, with the warm water still well offshore and the kahawai not being there most times I went down. The one time they were there, they weren't interested in my flies, and the trusty spinner folks were having a great time.

The club trip to Lake Otamangakau last week was only 2 of our members. One caught his new personal best. Conditions were mixed, with very cold days and then lovely warm days. Definitely more action on the warm days. Remember that the Big O closes from February, so now is the time to be there.

We have our club BBQ on 26th of January. It will be held, as in past years, at the Otaihanga domain. I had been trying to get access to the large Otaki Lake, but that proved to be not possible as Winstone's would not allow us access, even though we had developed an H&S plan for the site. I didn't want to push too hard, as we still need their goodwill to run the Kids Fish-out Day, and that seems to be OK.

The on 1 March we will be running our river crossing/wader safety course on the Ruamahanga. Details are given in this newsletter. The club is paying for the course, so it is free to members. It is something that all of you should attend – it just might save your life or your buddy's.

We are limited to 15 attendees. At this stage I only have a few names, and if our members aren't going to take up all the places, then we will offer places to other clubs' members. So please mark it off in your diary and register your interest with me (see email/contact details on the last page).

Tight Lines  Graham

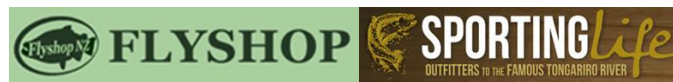
Summer Fly Tying Sessions January 26 and February 2nd by Gordon Baker

Focus will be on dry flies (including Terrestrials), emergers and small nymphs. Techniques will include shaped deer hair. Most patterns will suit beginners.

From 10.30am to about 2.30 at 8 Weka Road, Raumati.

Fly Tying materials and tools will be available.

Please contact Gordon Baker 027 494 6487 or kiwiflyfisher@gmail.com if you would like to attend or require more information.



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 kiwiflyfisher@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.

Wader Safety Course Saturday 1 March

Free for members– paid for by the Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

The club has arranged for a wader safety course to be run on the Ruamahanga River on Sat 1 March.

- The course will teach and/or remind you how to read rivers, where it is safe and how to cross, what to do if you do fall, getting out of the water, and much more.

The course will be run by a professional fishing guide, Glenn Beach at his lodge on the river.

The course will be for a maximum of 15 people, so book your place soon.

Don't get caught out! No matter how many times you have been in rivers and how confident you might feel you are, rivers (and lakes) always have that ability to catch you unawares, and mistakes could be very uncomfortable or even fatal.

So come and learn the basics and the best ways to protect yourself, save others, or come and refresh your knowledge.

Details

When Sat 1 March, 1.30 start and will last for approx. 3 hours– bring your lunch

Where 578 Te Whiti Rd, RD4, Masterton – see the red kayak at the gate

Bonus Fishing the Ruamahanga, seeing if you can catch some of the great fish in that system. There is time both before and after the course to try out the river, noting that fishing is available immediately adjacent to the course property, or in a small lake just a short drive away. Glenn will be able to help....

Added Bonus: Participants will be able to stay at the guide's campsite on the banks of the river overnight if you wish and fish the next day at no charge– so bring a tent or book the cottage

Contact: email or ring

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Please advise if for any reason you cannot attend as we expect to have a waiting list.

KFFC Women on the Fly by Leigh Johnson


 **Support Women on the Fly NZ – Fundraising Raffle!** 

Funds raised will help us expand our reach, host events, and promote women-led initiatives in the angling community.

Prizes

- **1st Prize:** A stunning *original acrylic trout painting* donated by Trish Mulligan
- **2nd Prize:** \$100 Hunting & Fishing gift card
- **3rd Prize:** \$50 Hunting & Fishing gift card

 **Tickets:**

 \$5 each – only 120 tickets available!

 **Get Your Ticket Today:**

 Buy online at www.womenonthefly.nz

 Or visit Creel Tackle House & Cafe

Every ticket purchased helps empower women, build community, and bring more women into the world of fishing.



Painting by Trish Mulligan (40cm x 30cm) – an artwork any angler would treasure!

Wellington WoTF Sunday Skills Sessions

The previous two years have seen Gordon Baker generously contribute his time and expertise to Women on The Fly skill sessions. And he's willing to do it again! We have scheduled 4 sessions over four months. Mark these in your calendar! You are guaranteed to learn something new and meet up with like-minded fly fishing women.

1. The first is Casting, on Sunday 9 February at Haruātai Park in Ōtaki - 10.30am - 12.30pm.
2. Then Introduction to Rods, reels, lines leaders, flies and knots on Sunday 9 March 10.30am - 12.30pm - venue TBA
3. And Practical Skills, on Sunday 13 April 10.30am - 12.30pm - on the river at the Ōtaki River.
4. Double Haul Casting on Sunday 11th May at Haruātai Park in Ōtaki - 10.30am - 2.30pm.

Keep an eye on the [Women on The Fly Facebook page](#) to register, or contact Cheryl Naylor (ph: 021 040 2211). We look forward to seeing you there!

WoTF NZ's key goals are to:

1. Be New Zealand's best-connected **Community** for women who fly fish.
2. **Partner** with other groups to host events.
3. Be a **Voice** for women who fly fish.

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

Leigh Johnson leigh.johnson@womenonthefly.nz

Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

Proposed Fishing Trip

Lake Aniwhenua and surroundings

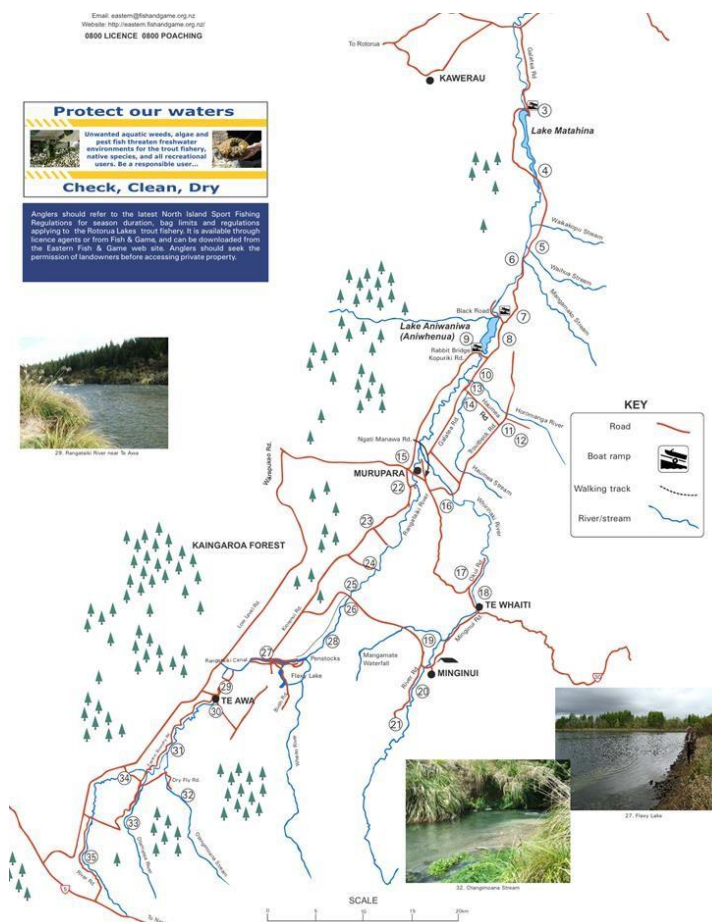
Location: Lake Aniwhenua is open all year. Access is off Black Rd, off Galatea Rd. Rainbow and brown trout, fly and spin. It is a hydro lake on the Rangitaiki River. The area includes the Whirinaki, Rangitaiki and Horomanga rivers. This is an area that provides opportunities for all levels of fishers and all levels of physical fitness.

The central Rangitaiki (between Aniwhenua and Lake Matahina) has the Waihua and Mangamoko streams. The accommodation can accommodate up to 6 people. The house is 3 bedroom with 1 room upstairs and 2 downstairs as well as kitchen, living/dining area and bathroom. The house has fully equipped kitchen with Oven, Microwave, Fridge, Deep Freezer, Washer and Heaters.

Date From: Sunday, 16 February 2025

To: Thursday, 20 February 2025

Photos of location:



Description of location: 67 Black Road, Galatea.

Fishing techniques/equipment suitable for location: Standard fishing gear, nymph, Euro fishing or wet line, boat, float tube, strider, spinning etc.

Trip organiser name: Wayne Butson 0274962461 waynebutson@gmail.com

Trip party size/spaces available: 6 individuals

Travel Arrangements: by mutual agreement between participants

Meeting time and place for start of trip: To be agreed

Pickup point or stops along the way: To be agreed

Trip grade:

- Easy Suitable for all, no special equipment required.
- Moderate Reasonable level of fitness. Any special equipment required?
- Tough Suitable only for fit members. Any special equipment required?

Suitable for youth anglers (need KFFC parental consent form): Yes

Accommodation available/how to book:

PREBOOKED BY TRIP ORGANIZER AND PAYABLE TO HOST PERSONALLY

Nightly cost and spending money required:

HAS BEEN PRE-BOOKED. \$35.00 EACH PER NIGHT.

What food to bring:

ONE MEAL FOR ALL TO SHARE ON A TURNABOUT BASIS OR BRING YOUR OWN.

What bedding to bring: **Pillow, sleeping bag or sheets and blankets**

Google map point and/or website links and access maps:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/2JiBU52T6xhHe1NaA>

Fish & Game maps and WAMS links:

<https://www.fishandgame.org.nz/assets/DMS/Fishing/Where-to-fish/Locations/Eastern/Rangataiki-River-System-Horomanga-Whirinaki.pdf>

Personal location beacons, smartphones, and medical/First Aid kits: Organiser has a PLB and there will be multiple smartphones

Name of any members going with First Aid qualifications:

TBC NAME(S) OF TRIP REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER:

ANYONE OTHER THAN THE TRIP ORGANISER

Any other information or comments:

Departure time is 10am on the last morning of your stay unless otherwise arranged.

Kapiti Fly Fishing Club April Club Trip

Location: Rotorua Lakes District

Date From: **Friday, 12 April 2025**

To: **Saturday, 20 April 2025**

Photos of location:



Description of location: Rotorua is a world-class destination renowned for its geothermal landscapes, rich Māori culture, and incredible backyard of with ancient forests and sparkling lakes. Best locations include the northwest side around Ngongotaha and the Waiteti Stream mouths and at the Hamurana Stream and Awahou mouths which all fish well in summer but can produce fish throughout the year. The Oahu Channel and Kaituna River also provides options. Lake Rotorua is a high catch rate area for rainbow and brown trout. There are 8 lakes and 8 rivers within easy distance from the accommodation. Boat fishing has a high success rate

Fishing techniques/equipment suitable for location: Flyfishing or spinning. Waders and wet weather gear. Floating and sinking lines. Smelt flies, Woolly buggers and boobies with trolling or harling tackle if boating.

Trip organisers name: Wayne Butson 0274962461 and waynebutson@gmail.com

Trip party size/spaces available: a total of 8 spots with two already taken

Travel Arrangements: TBA. I will be taking a car and boat. I will be there before the 12th

Meeting time and place for start of trip: TBA and agreed by travellers

Pickup point or stops along the way:

Trip grade: Easy Suitable for all, no special equipment required.

Suitable for junior anglers (need KFFC parental consent form): No

Accommodation available/how to book:

Unit 5/25 Robinson Avenue, Holdens Bay, Rotorua. Sleeps 8. Some off-street parking. 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and 1 kitchen. 3 rooms will be sharing with a mix of bunks and singles and 1 room has queen bed

Nightly cost and spending money required: should be about \$20.00 a night but depends on final numbers.

What food to bring: lunches and any meals you want to cook. Multiple food opportunities in the area and a supermarket just down the road (5 mins drive).

What bedding to bring: Must supply own sheets, pillowcases and towels. Duvets etc provided.

Google map point and/or website links and access maps: Suggest you go to our club website or Facebook page and my presentation on Rotorua will set the scene

Fish & Game maps and WAMS links:

Personal location beacons, smartphones and medical/First Aid kits:

Medical centre by supermarket and basic first aid (I am very accomplished at removing flies from body parts of others having lots of practice on Oahu Channel over the years). Bring a PLB if you have one.

Name of any members going with First Aid qualifications:

Name(s) of trip reporter and photographer:

Organiser will select and nominate with no right of refusal or appeal.

Any other information or comments:

Why they call it 'Heartbreak City' by Greg du Bern

KFFC Lake Otamangakau Trip 5th to 10th January 2025.

Four and a half days fishing. A freezing start to our trip (7°C) with a warmer and better end to the trip away.



The view of Ruapehu Maunga on the way up to the lake, yes, that's snow that you can see to a low level, in January!!

Sunday 5th January - The trip up

We left the Kapiti Coast at about 08:30 heading for the Tongariro Holiday Park where we were to stay while away. The trip up was showery and cold. The photo above was of Ruapehu on the way past on the National Park Road after Waiuru. The southerly dropped snow on the Maunga to a low level, the lowest that I had ever seen for January which is meant to be summer! 7°C!



The picture below is of the holiday park from the veranda of our cabins.

We arrived at midafternoon and got settled into our accommodation, then set off at 15:45 hours to the lake to see what was happening. Luckily, I had some warm clothing as we needed it with a cold southerly blowing. We fished until 19:00 hours and called it a day after we had seen little, or no fish activity and no fish caught by us or by anyone else on the lake. Was this the shape of things to come?

Monday 6th January

We woke after a cold night (nice that the cabin had a heater) to a not so nice morning, cold and windy.

So, we started fishing at about 09:30 hours with a cold southerly to keep us awake. The wind was very blustery, which did not help the fishing. Again, little or no sign of fish and the wind was increasing. We tried drift fishing with a floating line, two nymphs and an indicator, without success and eventually we were blown off the water about 13:30 hours.

Tuesday 7th January

The day started clear, and the wind had dropped. Fishing started at 09:00 hours and I had my first take at 09:45 hours, which I missed, taken by surprise, but nothing more after that.

The technique we used was to cast as close to the weed edge as you can and leave it there with as little movement as possible given the wind and water current from the wind direction. If you see an approaching fish, then try to drop it in front of the fish and leave it.

I managed to catch my first fish this way on the damsel nymph. It was at 09:45 hours and the fish turned out to be a personal best for me, so it was very pleasing to have a fish on at last. It took about 10 or 15 minutes to land with a typical brown trout head down dogged fight with head shakes. Trying to keep the fish out of the weeds certainly put a bend in my 6-weight rod but it all ended well in the end. The fish was a nice jack brown, 62 cm long and in very good condition. And here is my picture.



This fish was returned, and we kept fishing the same spot for a while as there were still signs of fish feeding. Half an hour later, I caught another brown. This time on the black & peacock spider in the upper snout of this big-jawed trout. While it was longer at 67.5 cm (certainly my longest ever trout) its condition was not as good. The large jaws and the skinnier condition showed that it was an old fish and, on the way out. This too was returned to the lake to serve out his time and I expect his last year in the lake. Here is a picture of this ugly fish.



We moved the boat towards the middle of the weed bed where we saw more fish moving. About 11:00 hours it was Wayne's turn to get a trout on. A lovely fat rainbow that made a humongous leap in the air which broke the leader, and it departed with all of Wayne's flies. The indicator was still visible so we thought that we would motor over and pick it up along with the leader, but alas, all we picked up was the indicator!

Wayne had a tough day this day with hooking and losing three fish in total. He was using a 6 lb. leader, so not sure if this had anything to do with it? About 15 minutes later, once we started fishing again, I caught a third fish. This time a rainbow of 60 cm. It took the damsel nymph, and I managed to haul it over the weed to get it in. Here is the picture.



We counted 15 boats on the lake that afternoon, they must have been watching the weather report! In the afternoon we tried the Southern Arm again, fishing across another weed bed. I caught a small rainbow between $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound on the damsel nymph. The feisty little trout was released back to grow bigger. Wayne said that I could not count that fish as it was too small but in competitions all fish caught score points, so we agreed to disagree on that.

We fished until about 19:00 hours, which was quite late for us up until then. I didn't fall in at the boat ramp this time.

Friday 10th January

The day started bright and sunny with little wind. Perfect conditions for fishing but, no, we are going home. So, we packed up and headed south. Here is a picture of Ruapehu Maunga, taken from the same spot as at the start of this report, which is a pretty different view from when we started the trip, I think that you must agree!!



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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](#)