



Kapiti Fly Fishing Club Newsletter
October 2025

**Fly Tying at this
month's Club Meeting
on Monday 26th
October**

In this month's newsletter photo: The Owen River in Nelson – one of the wonderful tributaries of the Buller system. Another river that you should put on your list of 'Must Fish' rivers

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Interclub Fly Tying Competition

The annual fly tying competition between Kapiti, Wellington and Hutt Valley clubs is to be held at the Hutt club this year.

Date Monday 10 November

Time 7.30pm start

Place Kōraunui Stokes Valley Neighbourhood Hub, 184 Stokes Valley Rd

Come along, support our team, meet members of other clubs, see some great flies being concocted, and partake in the food and drink in a very convivial atmosphere!

Club trips

It is essential that members contact the trip co-ordinator as soon as they think they might be interested, otherwise the trip may well be cancelled, as several were this year.

In particular the November trip is imminent

If interested, please contact Graham

by Tues 4th Nov for the Tukituki trip

Kapiti Fly Fishing Club Trip Schedule as at 21 October-2025					
Month	Target	Location	Date From	Date to	Trip Coordinator
October	Ruamahanga	Cancelled	25-Oct	25-Oct	River blown out
November	Tukituki, Waipawa	HB Angling Club Lodge, Patangata	7-Nov	9-Nov	Graham Evans
December	None				
Jan-26	Lake Otamangakau	Tongariro Holiday Park	16 Jan - TBC	18 Jan - TBC	Wayne Butson
Mar-26	TBA		20 March - TBC	22 March - TBC	TBA
Apr-26	Tukituki - Waipawa	Patangata Lodge	10 April - TBC	12 April - TBC	TBA
May-26	Rotorua District	Unit 5/25 Robinson Avenue, Holdens Bay	Late May TBA	TBA	Wayne Butson
Jun-26	Tongariro, Tauranga-Taupo	AFAC Turangi	12 June - TBC	14 June - TBC	TBA
Jul-26	Tongariro, Tauranga-Taupo	AFAC Turangi	17 July - TBC	19 July - TBC	TBA
Aug-26	Tongariro, Tauranga-Taupo	AFAC Turangi	21 Aug - TBC	23 Aug - TBC	TBA

Unfortunately, with the weather forecast and looking at what has fallen on Angle Knob today, the Ruamahanga will be unfishable in the weekend, and so the trip for this weekend has been cancelled. We will reschedule if there is interest in a day trip. Please let Graham know if you are interested.

In a phone call on Monday with Matt Kaverman of Wellington Fish & Game, who lives in a valley north of Feilding, he said he has not yet been able to fish the new season yet up there because the rivers have been blown out continually, so it not just down here that the conditions have been inclement!

However, the Hawkes Bay rivers are fishing well. So perhaps in a fortnight they will be kind to us on the Patangata trip if the weather plays ball.



Presidents report

Our next meeting is on the Monday of Labour weekend, so we have decided not to have a speaker, but to make it a fly-tying night.

Bring your own gear, or come and see how it's done, or have a go on some extra gear we will have there for you to use. Our members have some very experienced tyers, and you will be able to see how it's done, or perhaps we can help you get that little bit better or give you a tip or two that will make it so much easier.

I'm guessing that a number of you will have been out with your new license to see what the new season will be offering. I didn't go out on opening day as last year when I did go into some driveable back country streams, there were too many other people and access was difficult, to say the least.

Then again, the weather has hardly been conducive. The nice days have followed heavy rain and wind, of which there has been far too much, so the rivers are too high in many cases. But I trust that you have been successful in your ventures.

Now for the important bits:

- 1 I am running the next trip to Patangata Lodge on 7/8 November to fish the Tukituki, Tukipo and Waipawa. If I don't hear by Weds 8pm 4 November I'll be cancelling.
- 2 The Kids Fish Out at the Otaki lakes is on 1st and 2nd November. If you don't already have your name down to help, please reconsider and get in touch with Greg du Bern, as he is organizing the helpers. We need 15 people at least each day to spread the load and get stuff done, and yes, even have a fish perhaps, or at least help the kids catch one.

Let's make this the best one yet. We already have over 180 kids registered and we expect perhaps closer to 260+might eventually turn up.

It's a neat, fun couple of days, but it can be full on, so every extra body will help.

Tight Lines



ATTENTION:
KFFC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

SAVE *the* DATE

**THIS YEAR'S
KIDS FISH OUT WEEKEND
SATURDAY & SUNDAY -
1ST & 2ND NOVEMBER**

Book your slot in the Club Volunteer Roster
to help on Saturday &/or Sunday

Contact Cheryl kffcsecretary@gmail.com




WoTF - TALTAC Tūrangi Workshop - 7-9th November

Thanks to the incredible support of a large team of mentors and volunteers — and the overwhelming interest from women keen to learn — this year's Women on the Fly NZ workshop at TALTAC on 7-9 November is set to be our biggest event yet.

Of the 40 participants, around two-thirds are absolute beginners or novices, with the remainder being *Developing Anglers*. To cater for this wide range of experience, the weekend is structured into two learning streams: four core modules for the *Beginners/novices*, with *Developing Anglers* as well as our volunteers able to select four electives from the six on offer.

Beginner/Novice sessions include:

- Fly tying basics
- Casting basics
- Rod setup and essential knots
- Finding the fish & what they eat

This year's electives include:

- Advanced Casting - with our own Gordon Baker
- Euro Nymphing
- Wet Lining and Streamers

- Fishing Smarter
- Matching Rods and Lines - with Petah Woollams from Silver Sponsor, Kilwell
- Advanced Fly Tying

It's a fantastic opportunity for women from all over New Zealand to connect, learn, and be inspired — and a great example of how KFFC continues to support the growth of women's fly fishing nationwide.

The steering group for WoTF NZ consists of four club members: Cheryl Naylor, Gordon Baker, Greg du Bern and myself. Along with Heather Carrington (Taupo), Shirley Salisbury (Christchurch) and Betty Mani (Wellington).

Thank you to the club for again donating \$250. This money supports the WoTF NZ website which you can check out here: www.womenonthefly.nz. (Also thanks to Peter Butt for the assistance he provides as club treasurer.)

The support from the wider community as mentors, volunteers and sponsors is gratefully acknowledged.

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 myself or steering group members, Gordon Baker, Greg du Bern or Cheryl Naylor if you have any questions. www.womenonthefly.nz

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2024 Advanced session on Fishing Smarter with mentor, Peter Scott. (Also in attendance on the very right was Corina Jordan.)

Last meeting report - September

THE ULTIMATE WAY TO CATCH FISH (AN EVENING WITH BEACHY)

26 members came along to improve our fishing skills, and learn we did!

Glen Beach (Just call me Beachy) operates "Go Fish Kiwi" from his Wairarapa base on the Ruamahanga river where our club held a very successful River Safety course earlier this year. We knew from our very informative and potentially lifesaving experience, which was also laced with a good deal of humor on the day, that our club evening would be just as good, and it was.

Now, my memory may fail me, so bear with, but Glenn stated by saying that "If we keep on doing what we always have done then we will always get what we always got". Read ("Bugger all fish!") . To me that means I need to keep learning and remember to apply any new skills when on the river

Glenn took us through lots of useful areas including river hydrology and how it relates to the best locations to fish with a lot of useful tips on how best to both approach and fish these locations involving casting techniques and methods including indicator nymphing, dry flies, and streamers, delving also into nymph weights and euro nymphing.

Some points I took out to apply

NYMPHING. Think about not going too heavy by using thinner tippet and streamlining nymphs to get them down quickly in the water column. Use reach mends to minimize drag and the smallest indicator you can see well and strike at ANY indicator movement

DRY FLIES. Again, match tippet thickness to fly size, maybe not truck and trailer nymphs and think about tying the dry on with a loop knot. No getting away from this with Beachy as he had provided lengths of thin rope so we had to actually tie the knots!

STREAMERS. Don't get into the rut of just casting down and across, you might just catch that monster Badass Brown by casting upstream and stripping it down fast to catch him. Browns are territorial and often attack any fish that come into their space

EURO NYMPHING. It's not always "tightlining" as we have been led to believe, with lighter nymphs and a little slack in the line just strike when the line tightens!
Last of all. The trout often sits just above the bottom and not right on it so dragging the bottom may not be best!

We went through so much more but for me it was Glenn's ability to motivate me to innovate with my fishing and never stop learning.

I suggest members take a look at the <https://www.gofishkiwi.com/> website and if you are thinking about using a guide give Beachy a call. I am sure you will enjoy it. I have been on guided trips five times now and each time has been a blast, and I have learned so much.

Thanks so much Beachy.

Now get back on the river Michael and don't drift into that repetitive state you often do, go try all these new skills!

Mike Murphy

Rivers you may not have seen

The Whakapapa River above the bridge into the forest at Owhanga. One of the best, and most slippery, rivers in the North Island



My First Day of the New Season

I had a couple of hours on Friday where I could sneak away onto a small local stream that had been closed, so it was my first visit onto water that had been closed.

The river had changed since my last visit some 4 years ago and now there was a long pool of 300m where there had been a succession of smaller pools. Towards the top, it finally got some depth, and yes there was a fish moving away from the bank in front of me. Had I spooked it? Didn't look like it as it settled in mid current, close to overhanging willows.

Time to lengthen the leader to 14ft from 10ft. I didn't have my reading glasses with me and took far too long to put the single #14 paintbrush fly on. Finally ready, I check what's happening, and see 2 fish there, moving about.

It took about 15 casts to draw a response from the smaller fish which took the fly and careered all over the pool, often in the air. Had to keep tight to stop it from going into the willows.

Didn't have a net either so had to coax it onto the bank. A 2lb+ rainbow in superb condition. Interesting as in my past trips to the river I had only ever caught rainbows of perhaps 20-25cm once, and all the rest had been browns.

Anyway then waited and there were 3 fish there now, and they were settling down. A few more casts and yippee, the larger fish took. This time I was even tighter on it, and the inevitable happened, off it fell. Would have been closer to 3-3.5lb. They were now all shook up and were very wary of any offering. Oh well, move on.

Then about 15m higher, another even better fish sitting deep. 3rd cast and on. Very strong and tight again. I was surprised how quickly it seemed to tire, and had a 4lb brown, in superb colouring and condition on the edge.

Further up the river is a 500m pool that has always held perhaps 10 fish, but somehow the tail of the pool had been washed out and now it is only 30-40cm deep for the first 300m where they used to cruise in 50-70cm, and not surprisingly, I didn't see any. The top of the pool was deeper but in shadow, and nothing showed.

The next pool I saw 3 browns, including 1 that was bigger than the one I had landed. Of course they all had total disdain for my offerings. Then I was out of time and the 1km walk back to the car wasn't too hard to take.

A lovely way to start the new season.

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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.

Join the Waikanae Community Patrol

Make a Difference in Your Community

Are you looking for a meaningful way to contribute to the safety and well-being of Waikanae? The Waikanae Community Patrol needs YOU! Becoming a member of the patrol is a fantastic opportunity to give back to your community and help create a safer environment for everyone.

Why Join?

- Make a positive impact
- Enhance community safety
- Build relationships with fellow residents.

How to get involved

If you are interested in making a difference and joining our efforts, please reach out to us at:

- [Waikanae Community Patrol](#)

Together, we can keep Waikanae safe and friendly. We look forward to hearing from you!

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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 6:30pm** 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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Gordon Baker

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

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