



February 2010 Newsletter

Next Club Night Monday 15th February 2010

Rene Vaz to give a casting demonstration

Location – Softball Club Te Atiawa Park at 7.30pm

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(Newsletter sent by email to all members)

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

We have our first meeting of our second decade as a club and we are privileged to have as guest speaker one of the superstars of NZ fly-fishing in the person of Rene Vaz. Anyone who has read Rene's articles in the Fish & Game magazine will realise what vast experience Rene has not only in fishing technique, but his knowledge of areas available to fish. Most of us do not realise that these places are accessible to trout fishermen.

Shortly after the club was formed we had a visit from Rene (when we used to meet at premises on Kapiti Rd). Rene gave a casting demonstration on the grass verge alongside the road and I remember seeing the line disappear down Kapiti Road, he made it look all so easy. I thought casting can't be too difficult (yeah right), so I urge all members to come and see the Master in action.

Our club trip to Kuratau was a great success with a third of the members going. I would like to thank those members who provided the accommodation

Our club stand at the Waikanae Sports Show, despite the weather, was a success with numerous people trying their hand at casting & watching Malcolm demonstrating fly tying. I would like to thank Malcolm. Frank and Hugh for their assistance.

Finally I would like to welcome new club members Peter King, Dave and Ashley Peacock to the club.

Tight Lines
Graeme

Don't forget to check out the club website
www.kapitifyfishing.org.nz

If you have any photos of fishing trips or fish caught forward them on to Ken McWilliams who can place them on the website.

The Club is taking part in the Greater Wellington Regional Council summer programme, demonstrating flyfishing on the Otaki River, on the 20th March. There are two sessions 8 am to midday and 1pm to 5pm. Club Member volunteers are required to assist with the demonstrations. GWRC already have a number of bookings for each session.

Club AGM is on the 15th March. Please consider nominations for the Committee, or put yourself forward. Don't forget it is your Club.

Maurice found that the Fish & Game website river levels page had disappeared from the website. He made inquiries and F & G reported they had slight problem with the page, but F & G have now got the page up and running again. Thankyou Maurice website
www.fishandgame.org.nz/Site/Regions/Wellington/riverlevels.aspx



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Well, with what a large turn out of anglers the trout did not stand a chance!

They say an Irishman's word is the truth, the gospel truth and nothing/all else; so here below are some verses from a traditional Irish melody.

*As I roved out one mid summer morning
To view the fields and to take the air
'Twas down by the banks of the sweet primroses
There I beheld a most lovely fair.*

*Stand up, stand up, you false deceiver
You are a false deceitful man 'tis plain
'Tis you that is causing my poor heart to wander
And to give me comfort 'tis all in vain.*

*Now I'll go wild down to some lonesome valley
Where no man on earth shall ever me find
Where the pretty small birds do change their voices
And every moment blows blusterous.*

Okay, by now you are thinking, what the heck has this to do for fishing? Well, so what, so do I?

Perhaps the photo below has something to with fly fishing? Caught by a non-Irishman and measures about 10x the photo size when the photo is stretched!



'Twas with the help of an Irishman, that one of the members did/did not land a fish...
(please cross out what does not apply).

The Kapiti Fly Fishing Club trip, with like; more than a few members, about 12 or was it 13 members ventured forth to fish Lake Kuaratau on Saturday 30 January and Sunday 31 January 2010.

For those with more than ten fingers try to count those in the photo below, adding in the photographer Hugh Driver.



Two members sneaked up there on the Friday morning and tried out the lake Friday afternoon....names withdrawn by mutual consent.

Two other anglers were soon overwhelmed by this merry team of about three boats, four kayaks and two float tubes.. Well.....the poor fish had not a chance!

Meeting at the boat ramp at the ungodly hour of 8am Saturday, we scattered in all directions over the lake where whim or knowledge took us. As the Irish words stated

*"As I roved out one mid summer morning
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Was meant to relate to trout fishing!



Some misses, some takes, some landed, some lost and some lies could be the experience of the day, as it depends on who you talked to, and also later during the Saturday evening meal together as to what really happened.

Saturday proved great day weather wise with slight breezes and a few splashes!!



Sunday opened to calm water and with the luck of the half the Irish contingent missing, you can deduce what the weather came to!

A few clues – one float tube angler was last seen inside a yellow fishing boat with the float tube up the front.

- most had wet jackets, which was not from the lake;
- all were wearing hats, not destined for the sun....why even one started the day with an umbrella!

All I wish to say, as was repeated by many of those attended, many thanks to those who graciously opened their holiday homes to other club member; one who proved a BBQ location with all the food for the Saturday night meal, with some refreshments.

This marks what I believe is a historic monument of about 13 members on a club weekend fishing , for some new waters and new techniques and somehow amidst the sun, wind and rain and other consumption, an enjoyable weekend was had by all....

Can we better this for our next club trip...if you did not or could not come then make sure you attend some events this coming year as this is how the club intends to grow!!!!

Maurice

Midweek fishing on the Waikanae River

From Wednesday 7th of October and for the duration of daylight saving there will be evening fishing expeditions on the Waikanae River. Meet at 6.30pm at the Otaihangā Domain

Biography of our February speaker Rene Vaz.

Rene Vaz Has been in the NZ Fly fishing team for 5 years starting from the age of 19 and was the NZ champion in 2000.

Has a Masters Degree with Honours in Fisheries Biology and management.

Qualified Casting Instructor for Single and Two Handed Rods with Stanic in the UK and FFF in the USA.

General manager and rod designer for CD for 6 years (from the age of 24)

Has worked on the design of products for companies such as Airflo, Okuma, Redington, Orvis , CD and Silstar.

Started Manic Tackle Project July 2008, already Manic is NZ's leading fly tackle distributor.

Who wants to know me, now ?

Once upon a time in the land of Gwosh, there lived a family with husband, wife, son and daughter living happily together.

It was after Christmas and Father was able to browse the internet. Both son and daughter, being teenagers, were down at the beach with their MP3's, mobiles and texting to their friends.

Here is a devoted father, aging a wee bit over 40, (well, not yet over fifty), but approaching the time of life when children are more away from home than at home, and dreams of being child-free are no longer forming as a distant dream, but maybe becoming a reality in a few years.

Before embarking on becoming an angler, father had a long meeting with a known angler and fly-tyer, of several decades standing.

Rods and lines were borrowed and some other gear was aquired from the local fishing club auctions and TradeMe.

By now the bank account of funds put aside as bequeathment for children was dwindling.

A few more years passed and father had to daily view the photos of his son and daughter to remind him they were his children, as actual sightings were only available before 11pm in the evening and after 10am each morning.

Father was now the owner of two fly rods, waders, boots, fly boxes, vests, jackets and well most of the gear needed and still buying flies.

Yeah! A Christmas present of a fly tying vice.

How did my family know this was what I wanted.

Did they read the six "Post-it" Notes secured to each of the six mirrors in the home? (Why mirrors, you may ask...if you have teenage children you would not need to ask this question!).

Did they read the slips of paper tucked away in their drawer with their T-shirts?

Did they read the daily barrage of emails from dad, sent daily from the 15 November for the next six weeks?

What a great SURPRISE, I would never have guessed they would buy me a fly tying vice!

This may have been the beginning of some strange change in behaviour for father?

1. As the green artificial Christmas tree was being put away after Christmas, the father shook it many times and collected the green particles into a bag, and stored these into the spare bedroom, now dubbed a "fishing room".

2. Father also offered to clear up the green pom-poms, daughter was using as a cheerleader. Father cleaned these items, but when they were returned these items were thinned remarkably...father mentioned that many of the bright green tinsel had quote "fallen" off, so he collected these items and placed them into his "fishing room".

3. New Year's day came, so, out for the traditional drive to the beach with all the family together...before getting 100 metres from home father hit the brakes.."Just testing!" he said and then proceeded to get out the car and pick up a dead pukeko and mentioned the feathers were going into the "fishing room".

4. The drive home, after a longer trip away, took a canny stop and father swerved to the side of the road and cut off the ears of a dead rabbit..these are going into the "fishing room" he mentioned.

5. One evening daughter was getting doled up for the latest date, she looked high and low for the sparkling red nail polish... "Father? Have you any idea where my nail polish is?" Cried daughter amidst some near tears. "Why, yes...in the fishing room!" replied father.

6. Even once, the family travelled to Australia and father bought some "glow in the dark" nail polish. You are left to imagine the reaction from the Customs and Immigration officers as this was decalred as he entered New Zealand!

7. Father seemed to be becoming "normal" for a while as he offered to dust some furniture around the home. (Well, this is not really that normal). YES, the duster had been "thinned" out while some of the ostrich feathers were relegated to the "fishing room".

8. A week later the sewing table had disappeared into the "fishing room" where the desk lamp had also been moved into, as well.

9. The small sewing scissors, and near new nail clippers had been seconded to the “fishing room”.
10. An old valve radio had been dismantled and the thin copper wire had been despatched to where...why the “fishing room” of course.
11. Now the family saw less of father, than the teenager, as he was often found in the “fishing room”.

When father would emerge to meet some friends of his teenage kids stories would always be turned around to his latest experience of fishing of how the biggest actually got away. It took a mere two months till these teenagers ceased to bring any friends home to meet their parents.

One day, even father was surprised!!
Daughter's friend asked to go out with father to try this trout fishing!!!
Double surprise, he actually enjoyed it.
Triple surprise, daughter finally married this fellow and when daughter wants some peace she just needs to put “Post-its” on any of the five mirrors in their new house...how about a fishing trip?

The response is quicker than a trout taking a caddis!!

Yes, this new house has a “fishing room”, where son-in law also resides for hours on end....
Why such a room was even recently described in a weekend magazine as a “Man-cave”...

How far has man progressed?

Maurice

As you may be aware the farming of trout has once again appeared over the horizon. At this stage a couple of Government MP's have indicated they wouldn't be agreeable to allowing it to happen. We will have to be on our guard that a bill to allow trout farming doesn't suddenly appear in Parliament. I have included a couple of overseas articles, one as an attachment about the dangers of fish farming and the effect upon the environment. Ed.

Norway's salmon under threat

The shock-wave that Infectious Salmon Anaemia (ISA) has had on Chile's salmon farms has now reached Norway. Due to the disease cutting Chile's production down massively, salmon prices have hiked, and so Norway is looking to expand its salmon farming capacity to fill the void in the market. However, Norway's fish biologists are extremely concerned over current sea lice levels off the Norwegian coast, and are warning that the coming smolt migration this spring is critical to the future of Norway's entire wild salmon stock. Some estimate that sea lice from the farms – which are becoming increasingly resistant to farm treatments – are responsible for Norway's wild smolt run being decimated by 90% every year. NASF (North Atlantic Salmon Federation) plot Norway's wild salmon stocks as declining by 80% (from 1.8million in 1965 to 200,000 fish in 30 years).

As rivers in the entire Bergen area, northern Stavanger, some of the smaller Trondelag rivers, and some rivers near the Arctic Circle are considered for closure by fishery managers for the coming season due to lack of stocks, responsible biologists in Norway are calling for closed containment farm systems, as this is the only way they can see that wild fish and the farms can co-exist in the future. However, they are worried that the sheer force of economics and the value of the farmed salmon could drive their own wild salmon to extinction.

From Flyfishing and Fly-tying magazine

Calendar 2010

Date	What	Notes/Contact
15 February	1 st Club night for the Year	Casting demonstration by Rene Vaz, and a short talk on products
28 February	Upper Manawatu	Malcolm
7 March	Ruamahanga	Hugh
15 March	Club AGM	AGM followed by a dvd 'Once in a Blue Moon' (Trout fishing South Island)
21 March	Re-fish the McWilliams Shield	Ken McWilliams Waikanae River
28 March	Rangitikei	Malcolm

Kapiti Fly Fishing Club (Inc.)

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 friendship and goodwill between members.
- To promote and encourage the exchange of information between members.

CLUB MEETINGS:

Please come along (& bring a guest) to our monthly club meetings usually at:7.30 pm on the third Monday of each month temporarily at the Softball Club Te Atiawa Park Donovan Road Paraparaumu

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

KFFC Committee usually meets on the second Monday in each month at 7.30pm at a committee member's house. Talk to a Committee member if you would like to attend. **Next meeting 18 March.**

NEWSLETTER COPY:

Newsletter copy to be received by First Friday of month.

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Thanks to all for your articles – Ken

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Remember the club owns rods and reels for club members to borrow
There are 6 rods & reels with floating and sink lines in weight ranges 6 thru 9