



Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

July 2022 Newsletter



This month's cover photo: Congratulations Kathryn Burton seen here holding onto her nice Rainbow trout caught that she caught on the Tongariro River, photo by Leigh Johnson

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Club activities

Date	Event	Coordinator
Monday 25 July	Club night- Wayne Butson fishing in Rotorua	Wayne
28 to 30 July	Women on The Fly trip to Hatepe and Turangi	Leigh
Tuesday 9 August	Fly Tying workshop	Gordon
19 to 21 August	Club trip to Turangi – staying AFAC Lodge	Krasimir
Monday 22 August	Club night - TBC	Wayne
16 to 18 September	Club trip to Turangi – staying AFAC Lodge	Malcolm

At this month's club meeting is on Monday 25 July and starts at 7:30pm – Wayne Butson will share his knowledge of fishing in the Rotorua area

Presidents report

One of the things I have learned about living in Wellington is that the weather always has the ability to destroy the best laid plans of men. I was in Auckland Wednesday evening for a conference and was meant to fly back on Thursday midday however Wellington went into travel lockdown and so I grabbed a rental car at exorbitant cost and headed south.

All of the rivers I passed or went over in the Waikato were in flood and imitating Willy Wonka's Choc factory very well so clearly no fishing happening there. As I drove south out of Taupo it became very clear that the lake is chocker. Over the Waitahanui and not a trolling boat or fly fisher to be seen. Now that the river flows straight out the picket fence is but a memory of days of old.

Over the hill and over the Hinemaiaia saw the car park on both sides of the road bulging with cars but I didn't see any angler to cause me to pull over for a chat, so I carried on. Stopped at the bridge pool (such that it is now) and there were about 10 anglers, and one was dragging in a good sized fish as it splashed and ran in ever diminishing bursts of energy. The despatch was swift, and the fish placed just so and a return to the water before the spot was nabbed by somebody else.

I had a quick natter with a fish leaning on the bridge like me and he said the river was fishing well and this winter was better than many a year with good, conditioned rainbows and many in the 5 and upward pound range. It was time to head back to the car and face the desert road. Over the Poutu canal, which was the highest flow I can recall in recent years, and onward. The lowest temp was minus 6 and I joined a convoy over the road doing approx. 60km/h. It was snowing heavily, and I was glad to be in a line of trucks and cars which to be honest at any other time I would have hated.

I went to Rotorua for the close of the season last week of June and stayed at Marama Resort on the Oahu Channel. Fishing was very good but nothing like it was prior to the installation of the Wall at Rotoiti. I will tell you all more about it at the meeting on Monday 25th as I will be spilling all my secrets on the Rotorua Lakes over the last 25 years. At that meeting we hope to have some new women anglers attending and I know that you will all be welcoming to them and make conversation. These women are courtesy of the burgeoning Women on the Fly program ably lead by Leigh and are delivering greater diversity into our club which I strongly support.

We have had a few members leave us and not renew their subscriptions and Greg has sent out reminders to others who have not as yet paid. So, I will see you all at the monthly meeting and look forward to an interactive session of us all sharing knowledge on things piscatorial, after all that is one of the reasons, we are all in the club I believe.

Tight lines

Wayne Butson

Kapiti Women on the Fly by Leigh Johnson



Kathryn Burton holding a nice rainbow caught on the Tongariro River.

A warm welcome to Jess, Sarah, Sue, Tina, and Linden. Also, well done to Kathryn Burton and Sonia Speedy (Blaikie) for adventuring onto the Tongariro River for the first time. Kapiti Women on The Fly is an initiative hosted by the Kapiti Fly Fishing Club. While it is not a requirement for WoTF ladies to join the club, it is a feeding ground for strengthening and growing this club and other clubs in the Wellington region.

WoTF trip to Hatepe/Turangi - July 28th to 30th

Beds are still available! We are fortunate to have access to a lovely house at Hatepe. Come Thursday night or for whatever period suits you. Please don't think you're not good enough. We're all learning together.

Wellington WoTF Spring Workshop - 26/27th November

Plans are firming up for a regional weekend event on the Hutt River with the support of Wellington Fish & Game. The target audience is women who would like to give fly fishing a go, as well as those who wish to extend their skills and friendships. (The planning committee is Ruth, Malcolm, Greg and Gordon and I.)

Ladies, please reserve this date for a fun weekend of learning from experienced fly-fishing women.

Please forward this message to any women you know who fly fish or would like to give it a go.

www.facebook.com/WomenontheFlyKapiti, www.instagram.com/kapitiwomenonthefly/ and at www.kapitiflyfishing.org/kapitiwomenonthefly.

I can be contacted at leigh@leighjohnsonnz.com.

Fly Pattern of the Month –Czech and Euro Nymphs

Czech and Euro Nymphs



These patterns have become very popular because they are effective. They are generic rather than relying on individual designs. Created to be very dense and heavy for their size and smooth so they sink quickly to fish that are deep or in fast water. Czech nymphs tend to be larger and suggest caddis whereas Euro nymphs can be tied to size 18

<i>Hook:</i>	TMC 2499SP BL size 8 -12 (Czech) TMC 413J for Euro
<i>Thread:</i>	Black 6/0
<i>Bead:</i>	Tungsten, black, gold, or silver bead
<i>Underbody:</i>	Lead wire
<i>Rib:</i>	Copper, gold, or silver wire
<i>Body:</i>	Floss or dubbed fur
<i>Coating:</i>	5-minute epoxy

Please note that if the next fly-tying meeting is held at the **Waikanae Boating Club at 7.30pm Tuesday 9 August** you will need to bring your club membership card. If you haven't received yours yet you may do so at either the club or fly-tying meeting.

Feather Merchants (NZ) sponsor our fly-tying group. Go to their website www.flyshop.co.nz to see their wide range of top-quality tying materials, tools and flyfishing accessories.



Back home from few days of very good fishing at Turangi by Krasimir Angelov



When I arrived on Wednesday at noon the Tongariro was still dirty, so went to Hinemaiaia. My first time fishing it. It also had some colour but fishable. After losing 10 nymphs on snags, I switched to wet lining and landed 3 fish in no time.

Next morning went to the Tongariro lower pools down Graces Road and landed three and lost another two. One of them took all my line and some of the backing, first time it has happened to me. Managed to stop it way down the pool, but after a short fight the hook came off.

After lunch I head to the lower bridge pool to fish and within 15 minutes the river turned brown, so I decided to move upstream and check how the river conditions were. I later found out that there was a slip that caused the river to discolour. So, I continued upstream to the Blue Pool and found the conditions excellent and caught couple more fish nymphing.

Friday morning went back to the Blue Pool again, landed seven fish and lost few more by lunch time, then hit the road back home. Most of the trout were hooked on eggs and some the bomb.

Stayed at the Riverstone Lodge, which is very nice place for solo missions. Met few other anglers there, one of them named Simon, turned out he used to live in Kapiti and was one of the old-time members of the club. Later realised that one of the others was the guy behind Here-Fishy-Fishy-Fishy page on Facebook.

Don't forget there is a club trip to Turangi next month (August 19th - 21st), save the dates and book your spot. I'll send out an email to all club members soon.

Honesty—even for fishermen—is the best policy by Todd Tanner



Dishonesty isn't just silly; it can impede your progress as an angler.

Honesty

Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines honesty as:

- Adherence to the Facts
- Fairness and straightforwardness of conduct.

To my mind, honesty requires an ongoing commitment to truthfulness and accuracy. Which, as you've no doubt noticed over the years, is a difficult path for most anglers to walk. If you've never been tempted to add an extra couple inches to a trout you've just landed, or a pound or two to the largest bass of the day, then you've likely never caught a fish. It's natural for us to exaggerate our successes, at least a little, because most of us assume that doing so will make us look better in the eyes of our friends or angling partners.

Before we go any further on this subject, I should point out that I can make a solid argument that exaggerating — or obfuscating, or prevaricating, or dissembling, or lying in general — is silly. After all, catching bigger fish, or more fish, or more and bigger fish, is not going to change the way other people see us. Indeed, the more we tarnish the truth, the more problems we cause for ourselves. Whether it's a cultural phenomenon, though, or simply a basic human trait, dishonesty has become ingrained in our fishing to the point where it's a running joke.

"How do you know a fisherman is lying? His lips are moving."

Or as Ed Zern once wrote, "fly fishermen are born honest, but they get over it."

So why is this particular subject relevant? Well, first of all, dishonesty can impede our progress as anglers. If we're going out with a guide, for example, and he or she asks about our abilities as a fly fisher or our overall level of experience, it's important to be as accurate and honest as possible.

There's an old saying that resonates equally in both the scientific community and the computer industry. "Garbage in, garbage out." Loosely translated, it means that faulty information leads to poor results or conclusions. If we tell a guide that we have more skill or more experience than we

actually possess, we're likely to find ourselves in a situation that requires more skill than we can bring to bear.

Back when I was guiding anglers on the Henry's Fork, the unhappiest clients were invariably the inexperienced folks who told me that they were good fly fishers, and that they possessed the requisite skills to target big, surface-feeding rainbows on the Railroad Ranch.

We'd head for the river to stalk some of North America's most challenging trout, at which point my clients learned that if they couldn't make an accurate cast and induce the necessary slack in their leaders, they had no chance at all with those fish. I could never really understand why someone would exaggerate their skills in that situation. They had to know that their guide would recognize their dishonesty. Even worse, instead of having a great time on a less-challenging section of river, those particular folks were destined to spend an entire day on the water without hooking a single trout.

Of course, not everyone fishes with guides. Nor does every angler have the ability to offer an accurate self-assessment of their fly-fishing skills. Still, honesty is vital because it contributes to our overall growth as anglers. At the same time, its absence makes it harder to have fun or walk away feeling good about our time on the water.

In particular, it's important to be honest with ourselves. And that's not just with regard to the number of trout we've brought to hand, or the size of the tarpon we just caught, or the number of times a particular steelhead ran into the backing or jumped clear of the water. There are any number of occasions when honesty is either helpful or vital.

"I left my water bottle in the truck, but I'll be fine. No point in walking all the way back to the rig. I won't really need it this afternoon."

Yeah, right. Who fishes better when they're dehydrated and suffering from a serious headache?

I was on Rock Creek with Orvis icon Tom Rosenbauer a few years back, and it was spring, which meant high water. Tom was picking his way along the bank, running a couple of nymphs through every likely spot, while I was fishing my way down a lengthy midstream island. To be completely frank, I'd been noticing for months, maybe even years, that my wading skills weren't quite what they used to be. Sure, I was still competent, but I was no longer strong enough to handle really fast water up to my crotch. That said, I was loathe to admit the truth of the situation, either to myself or anyone else.

I wanted to cross over and talk to Tom, so I looked downstream, where it was fast and deep for as far as I could see. I looked upstream, as well, and while the water was shallower — maybe two feet deep — it was racing along. I thought about it for a minute, told myself that I was still a strong wader, and then picked the likeliest looking spot and headed straight out into the current.

Tom, of course, was in perfect position to watch me fall in the river and wash downstream for 30 yards before I could haul myself back out. He may even have had his camera out and taken a few photos.

Was I honest with myself that day on Rock Creek? No, not really. I told myself that I could wade across that stretch of creek when I knew deep in my heart that I was taking a pretty serious chance.

Fortunately, I walked away with nothing worse than a little water in my waders. But it was yet one more lesson on the value of truthfulness.

I should point out that I'm not the first person to figure all this out. Benjamin Franklin wrote that "honesty is the best policy." Thomas Jefferson said, "honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." The Bible taught, "you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Perhaps my favourite advice on the subject came from Shakespeare, who wrote a few words that we should all take to heart: "This above all: to thine own self be true.

So, the next time you see me on the river and ask how I'm doing, chances are that I'll give you the most honest answer I know; one I borrowed from John Gierach a long, long time ago. Rather than regaling you with the size of the fish I've caught, or offering up the number of trout I've landed, I'll stick to four incredibly truthful words that almost always sum up my time on the water: "Better than I deserve."

High light, low light by Domenick Swentosky



Tips for using the sun, or lack thereof, to your advantage when fishing.

Low sun angle provides a significant advantage to the angler. The shadows are deeper; they're wider and longer. In the winter months, the sun sits lower in the sky, and that shallow arc creates more shadows with less direct sunlight. Trout love the dark areas and seek them out.

By contrast, the summer solstice has the sun directly overhead. The hard sunlight beats straight down, erasing the comforting shadows and putting trout on edge.

In all seasons, watching the angles of sunlight and looking for shadows is an important part of the fisherman's strategy while on the water.

Unfortunately, most of us can't choose the hours or the skies that we fish under. We fish when we can, and we try to make time even when we can't. Most of us don't look at the weather report to decide when to fish. We look at the calendar and the schedule book. We look at the to-do list.

Then we say, “screw it” and go fishing. Often, our boots are already in the water before we truly observe the conditions, we’re under.

Whether you can or cannot pick the types of light you get to fish under, there are several ways to deal with the conditions that greet you (even difficult ones) and make the best of the situation.

Fish Low light

Fishing periods of low light is part of the basic blueprint for most anglers: fish the early mornings, fish last light, and fish the dreary, drizzly days. We know this. We recognize that clouds in any form are a welcome friend. Solid white skies are good, and grey skies are even better. My raincoat has a purpose, and I use it every chance I get.

Fishing action often picks up when the rain starts, and that has just as much to do with low light as it does with dislodged nymphs and displaced baitfish. Trout relish the chance to feed under cover, and while the incoming rain usually carries some silt and debris, giving colour to the flow, grey skies also drop the light level and signal a feeding time.

Any low-light period is a great time to be on the water. There are no guarantees in our sport, but you can stack some of the odds in your favour by fishing under low light.

Keep the sun at their backs

I look up to see sunny skies too often for my liking. And the presence of any sun dings my confidence level a bit. But then I start looking around, because I have some solutions.

High sun from straight upstream is the worst. Since most trout face into the current, the bright light is directly in their eyes. Have you ever driven east on a clear highway in the early morning? It’s not very comfortable — same thing for the trout.

Brown trout are especially averse to hard sun. They are negatively phototropic, which is a ten-dollar phrase for “don’t like bright lights.” Sure, trout will feed under direct light, but it usually takes a hatch or another significant event to break them out of their wary instincts and face the sunlight.

I do all that I can to keep direct sunlight behind or to the side of trout. I know what direction my local rivers flow, and I purposely choose to fish ones that flows east on early, clear mornings (keeping the sun behind the fish). I know where the big bends in the river are, and I happily walk two hundred yards to change the angle at which the sunlight reaches the trout. It’s worth it. It makes a difference, and I’ve seen the results too many times to believe otherwise.

I first recognized this many years ago on a favourite river with a 180-degree bend and a tunnel. Fishing was excellent all morning, and around noon I ventured through that tunnel to fish the other side. Conditions were identical: water type, speed, bug activity. And the river was void of anglers. The only change was the position of the sun. On the other side of the tunnel, the sun’s rays came from directly upstream. I caught a few fish over the next two hours, but the difference was striking. Eventually, I gave up and walked back through the tunnel to fish with the sun behind the trout, and once again the fish came to the net easily.

Since that day, I’m more aware of the sun’s angle. I also greedily search for more shade in all conditions.

Find the shadows

There are always shadows. Even with high sun upstream and overhead, they can be found. On big rivers we might not have the luxury of changing the angle of the sun by walking around the bend. Then it's time to look for undercut banks and overhanging trees. Some rivers are void of all these features. But in the worst light conditions there are still small shade lines around the edges of rocks and submerged tree parts.

In high sun, I pass up a lot of water to find the next bit of shade.

Also, I generally stay away from fishing streamers under bright lights. I'd rather fish dries or nymphs. Trout are less willing to expose themselves and take a risk in these conditions. They seem to want their food coming directly to them — they want an easy meal that drifts into their shade line. Sunny conditions, then, usually require more accurate casts and precise drifts.

Finding the shady cracks that harbour resting, and wary trout is a good challenge on bright days. Offering the flies to them in those small and dark spots is another.

Wherever and whenever you find low light — use it.

Trout and water temperature: How hot is too hot” by Chad Shmukler

With vast swaths of the country currently in the grips of what seems to be an interminable heat wave, countless cool flowing freestone trout streams have turned into something altogether different. Even freestone streams with strong cold-water influences and spring creeks that normally remain temperature stable throughout the year have seen soaring temps with fish abandoning their normal feeding and holding lies in search of cold refuges. Most of us who fish know that when trout streams get too warm, the fishing goes downhill fast. Fish are either nowhere to be found or aren't actively feeding.

For streams that straddle the borderline between the temperatures at which trout thrive and those at which they suffer, it's possible to find fish that are actively feeding, but for which you shouldn't be fishing unless you intend to keep said fish. The trouble for many fisherman can be determining where to draw the line. When it comes to trout, how hot is too hot?

The upper limits of the temperature range within which trout will feed, grow, and remain unstressed by thermal conditions varies by species, however not all that significantly. These upper limits — which may be *as high as* 25°C depending on the species — can be very misleading. These upper limits characterize thermal conditions under which trout that *are otherwise unstressed* will die should those thermal conditions persist for a certain period of time (typically 24-48 hours) — but they provide little to no information about how abnormally high-water temperatures can affect a fish that is under respiratory and other forms of stress as a result of being hooked and played by an angler.

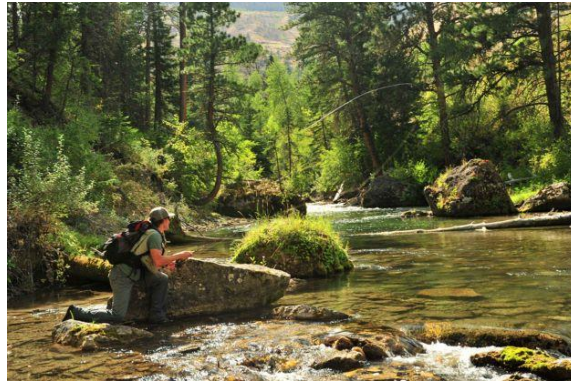
Warmer water contains less oxygen than colder water. As temperature rises and dissolved oxygen decreases, fish begin to experience stress. These stresses begin to set in well before the water temperature reaches lethal limits. For example, rainbow trout are said to be able to survive in temperatures up to and exceeding 24°C but stop growing at 23°C. It stands to reason that a fish, one which is already oxygen stressed while positioned carefully in current that minimizes its energy use, will be dramatically more stressed after being hooked and attempting to fight its way to freedom. In fact, in many cases, a fish otherwise properly handled and released under thermally stressful conditions may be likely to not survive.

So how do you know when the conditions remain comfortable enough to fish your target stream without creating a lethal situation for its residents? Unfortunately, studies vary and there doesn't seem to be any one set of accepted limits. That said, there is a considerable consensus that all three major trout species (brook, brown and rainbow) begin to experience some level of stress at around 20°C, with that stress increasing rapidly as the temperature rises further. For brook trout, these limits are generally accepted to be a few degrees lower (some sources suggest as low as 18°C). For many fishermen, 21°C has become a round figure that represents the "don't fish" limit.

Of course, these are merely guidelines. Water temperature is not the only determining factor of dissolved oxygen (speed of current also plays a factor, for example). Trout which spend extended periods of time living on these generally accepted thermal margins will likely have a greater tolerance outside these margins. However, 20°-21°C represents a valuable limit outside of which — provided you don't know otherwise — trout should not be fished to.

On days when temperatures soar, and especially during extended periods of high temperatures, the catch and release fisherman should pay specific attention to stream temperatures throughout the stream he or she is hoping to fish. Play it safe—when temperatures in moving water exceed 20°C, it's best to call it and return another day.

On top: 12 tips for catching more, bigger, and more difficult fish on dry flies by Todd Tanner



Over the years, I've had the good fortune to fish some of the finest trout streams in North America, and to hang out with some of the most accomplished anglers on the planet. While I can't share everything, I've learned about dry fly fishing in one sitting, here are a dozen tips that will pay serious dividends if you take them to heart. (And as a bonus, they may have you humming along on the river.)

Water song

Practice your casting until you're better than you need to be. I'm always amazed at how many folks don't take the time to become solid casters. If you can't put the fly where you want, you're not going to catch many fish. So, practice. Practice on your lawn, or at a local pond, or the municipal park. It's going to make a huge difference.

One

Before you wade into the river, make a conscious decision. Don't worry about numbers. Concentrate on finding, and catching, one fish. Just one. If you succeed, great. You just hit it out of the park, and now it's time to concentrate on catching another. And if you don't succeed ...

Loser

Failure, no matter what you've heard, doesn't suck. It's your teacher. It tells you what you need to change, and what isn't likely to work in the future. Don't turn your back on failure. Embrace it. Revel in getting your ass kicked. Listen to your teacher.

Ripple

Waves are for surf boards. They're not for wading. When you wade, especially on slow moving water, you should not send out a wave or a wake. Think heron rather than beaver tail, and you'll be moving in the right direction.

Fairies wear boots

Stop waiting on the Fly Fairy. You've heard of the Fly Fairy, right? She sprinkles pixie dust on that one special fly that fish just can't resist. Except she's not real. And there is no special fly. Here's a news flash. If you're not catching fish, it's probably not your fly. It's you. Ditch the Fly Fairy and get some skills.

Down by the river

The reach cast. Learn it, perfect it, use it. The reach cast should really be called the 90% cast, because that's how often you need it: 90% of the time, on 90% of your dry fly casts.

Don't worry about a thing ...

You missed him. You're pissed. Or you made a bad cast. You're pissed. Your knot failed. You're pissed. Your waders leak. You're pissed. Sensing a theme here? Because it sounds to me like you're pissed. Which means you're tense and agitated and off your game. Take a breath, get a grip, relax, and lean into the fun. You, my friend, are not on the water to get angry. You're there to enjoy yourself. If you're upset, your muscles will tighten up, your concentration will falter, doubt will whisper in your ear ... and you won't fish worth a shit. Relax, let it go, have fun.

No quarter

Quick, but not too hard. That's your dry fly hook set. Quick, but not too hard.

Slow ride

Except when you're setting downstream, or down and across. Then slow it down just a hair. That fish has to close his mouth before you set or you're going to miss a truly amazing percentage of your strikes.

Drift away

Your drift. She's perfect, right? Because perfect helps. It helps a lot. If it doesn't come naturally, think it through. Where does your fly need to land? What cast do you need to use? Should you use an aerial mend? Are the currents funky? What does your fly line need to do in order to help your fly drift perfectly? Then make it happen. Hey, this is why you practice so much - so you can pull this off.

Anticipation

As my old friend Tim Linehan used to say, the strike is everything. So, anticipate it. Then, when it comes, savour it.

Dancing days

Awareness. Is. The. Single. Most. Important. Thing. In. Fly. Fishing. So be a sponge. A big, wet, slow moving, ass-frequently-on-the-bank sponge. You need to see everything, hear everything, feel everything, sense everything. And then you need to focus like a monk, in balance, soaking in the world around you and dancing to the music.

Seriously? You didn't realise that dry fly fishing was a dance? Well, here's a news flash. You're dancing with reality ... and that's as good as it gets.


Members Profile – Leigh Johnson

Members Name:	Leigh Johnson 
Where do you live:	Paraparaumu Beach
How long have you been Fly-fishing?	30 years - badly. But starting to make up for it now.
When did you start your fishing journey?	Taught to fly fish by a work colleague in Hawkes Bay.
Other interests:	Travel (in our truck camper and backpacking overseas), cooking, crafts, and blogging.
First trout caught:	A big brown on a spinning rod, from the Mohaka River.
Most enjoyable time fishing:	Camping and fishing on the Matura River (Nokomai Valley), and the Waikaia River in 2021.
A favourite place to fish:	Hakataramea River.
Largest trout caught	50cm trout on the Bridge Pool, Tongariro River.
Mentoring members?	Since joining the club committee in 2021, I have initiated Kapiti Women on The Fly. Our goal is to grow the number of female members, help other women enjoy the benefits of fly fishing and make friends.
Availability for fishing trips:	Any day.
Preferred style of fishing:	Traditional nymphing.
Why you joined KFFC	Grant and I joined the club to make friends, enjoy club trips, increase our fishing knowledge, and catch more fish. It's working!
Contact details:	027 44 88 282 leigh@leighjohnsonnz.com .


Members Profile – Wayne Butson

Members Name:	Wayne Butson 
Where do you live:	Raumati South
How long have you been Fly-fishing?	Since I was able to walk and cast and I am now aged 66 and so you do the math.
When did you start your fishing journey?	I was taught by my father and learned on the Nokomai River. I then graduated to the Matura which was over a different fence line.
Other interest:	Hiking, Hunting a good glass of decent vino and a fire with a great book.
First trout caught:	A brown hen on the Nokomai river. Can't remember if it was on a spinner or a fly to be honest.
Most enjoyable time fishing:	Any fishing trip in the company of good people and a tiple or two.
A favourite place to fish:	Ohau Channel both North and South Islands.
Largest trout caught	59cm brown jack in the Ohau Channel and just over 13lb.
Mentoring members?	I have always shared my limited knowledge and technique freely to any and all fisho's. I enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people and do not think of myself as a fishing snob.
Availability for fishing trips:	Post my retirement on 15 September of this year hopefully Any day.
Preferred style of fishing:	Anything no preference, I use whatever method catches fish in that area.
Why you joined KFFC	I have always joined fishing clubs where I live. I was a member of the Hutt Valley club 84 to 20 and Kapiti 20 to today. I also am a member of the Raumati fishing club.
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Members Profile – Pete Blaikie

Members Name:	Pete Blaikie 
Where do you live:	Te Horo
How long have you been Fly-fishing?	30+ years
When did you start your fishing journey?	When I was “christened” in the Tongariro as a 14-year-old, having slipped into a hole and floated off down river, closely followed by my father who was trying to retrieve me! This was following a day out from a fly-fishing course through one of local sports shops.
Other interest:	Hunting and flying (both full scale and radio control aircraft).
First trout caught:	A 4lb rainbow on the Waitahanui when it used to run alongside the road before entering the lake.
Most enjoyable time fishing:	On the Tongariro in the winter
A favourite place to fish:	The middle reaches of the Rangitikei River
Largest trout caught	8lb brownie in the Ruahine ranges
Mentoring members?	Not sure I know enough to qualify for that!
Availability for fishing trips:	Anytime as I work for myself, just have to fit around three young kids!
Preferred style of fishing:	Nymphing
Why you joined KFFC	To learn how to fish better, to meet fellow fly fishers to talk all things fly fishing and to go on trips
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Members Profile – Greg du Bern

Members Name:	Greg du Bern 
Where do you live:	Paraparaumu Beach
How long have you been Fly-fishing?	65 Years
When did you start your fishing journey?	When I was 10 fishing with my father on a North Wales stream called the upper Tanat.
Other interest:	Gardening, grandchildren, fly tying
First trout caught:	Too long ago to remember but it would have been a Welsh wild brown trout on a fly and a keeper at 8 inches (20.3 cm!!)
Most enjoyable time fishing:	Going to Alaska salmon fishing on the Kenai near Anchorage for Silver Salmon and another trip to the Anvik River in the Yukon for King Salmon, Artic Char (Dolly Varden), grayling and pike – on a fly.
A favourite place to fish:	Wainuiomata, Lake Taupo, Rotorua Lakes and Otamangakau
Largest trout caught	8.5 lb Brown Omori River mouth Lake Taupo night fishing
Mentoring members?	Strato Cotsilinis taught me to fish NZ style and how to catch fish here in Aotearoa, which is quite different from UK style and methods that I was used to.
Availability for fishing trips:	Yes, going on the next August Turangi club trip
Preferred style of fishing:	Depends on where you are fishing. Local rivers, upstream nymph with dry fly indicator, Lake Taupo & Rotorua Lakes jigging, and night fishing lake river mouths with floating line using two wet flies.
Why you joined KFFC	For the socialising with fellow anglers, club trips/events, learning from others, sharing experiences.
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Newsletter articles by Malcolm Francis

One of the challenges I have as the Editor of this newsletter is finding articles that will be of interest to all our members, as what may be of interest to me may not be for you the reader. I would value your feedback on what you would like to see in the newsletter as I am open to your suggestions, so PLEASE pass on any ideas that you may have.

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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 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.

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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 friendship and goodwill between members.

To promote and encourage the exchange of information between members.

Club meetings

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

The venue is the **Turf Pavilion Sport Grounds**, Scaife Street, Paraparaumu,

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

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

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