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Owen Poed fishing in the Motueka catchment in the South Island

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

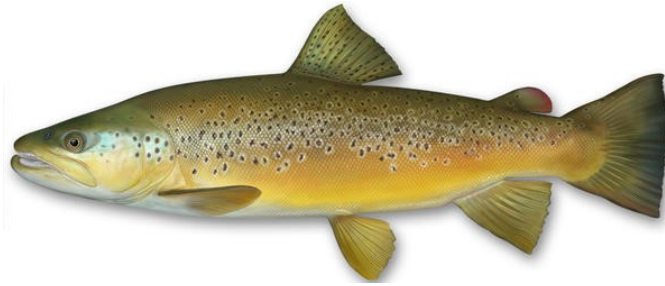
Piet Otto

Winter cold and rain has now become very noticeable to freshwater anglers, and spawning time has arrived, when fish gather at stream mouths but decide by themselves if our flies are attractive or they can't be bothered. I have not been doing too well at night, and a sore shoulder does not help either. The rains unfortunately postponed our Tuki Tuki, Turangi and Aniwhenua trips. Rerewhakaaito has always been a good outing, so let's remember that for the last weekend of July. Many anglers camp out on Saturday night.

At Ngongotaha the Stream Team have been steadily at work, which is not too strenuous, and in winter we concentrate on tree and shrub planting, and cleaning up paths. At times a tree falls and needs processing. It is great news that Gavin has for the first time obtained funding from the Council for benches, repairing steps and wash-aways, plants, ladders down the banks to access some pools; and various bits of equipment. Many thanks to those reliable stalwarts who come on a regular basis. The lunchtime BBQ is not a bad way to end the morning either. Please look up the Facebook page for Ngongotaha Restoration Project.

The monthly fly tying is going well, thanks to Phil, Colin, Richard and Peter. You always learn something new, and the big reward comes when you tie a fly and then go out and it catches a fish. We have some vices for sale. Please contact Colin. In the storeroom we have a large number of fly-tying materials, so ask about these. Ian brought in pheasant tail feathers to last a lifetime. Other stuff may be getting old and needs to be used.

This month we renew memberships. Subs and bar prices have stayed the same as a service to members. As a fun Kiwi event, we will have the Mid-Year Christmas party on 22 July from 5 pm at the clubhouse, so do come along with your plate; the club usually fronts with a meat. Anyone who would like to help with the decorations on Thursday 21 July, you will be welcome. And don't forget to weigh your fish (cut-off is end July) and send it your photographs because Prizegiving is not far away. Also, a big welcome to Barbara from Rotoma, who has decided to join Rotorua Anglers.



The brown trout is an introduced northern hemisphere sports fish and can be found in most New Zealand waters excepting the very north of the North Island. Brown trout live wherever cool water habitats exist. They vary considerably in body colouration and markings depending on their habitat.

Sea-run brown trout, which enter the river mouths in pursuit of whitebait and smelt, are silver with a few dark, often indistinct marks which appear as small spots or crosses. To the casual observer large “searuns”, because of their silver appearance, may be incorrectly identified as a searun salmon.

River resident brown trout are generally darker with brown or black spots, often surrounded by a pale halo.

Lake dwelling brown trout frequently appear more silver than river fish.

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/nz-fish-species/>



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FISH OF THE MONTH



Heather Fargher

2.33.kg brown hen

Caught trolling at Lake Waikaremoana

The winner of the Fish of the Month Award will receive a \$10 voucher redeemable from Hamills Rotorua

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

July

1st Fri	Club subs due
2nd Sat	Stream Team
4th Mon	Fly tying
9th Sat	Fishing/Casting club
14th Thurs	Committee meeting
20th Wed	Magazine article deadline
22nd Fri	Mid-year Christmas party
29th Fri	Dark moon
30-31 Sat	Rerewhakaaitu trip

FLY TYING, MAY 2022



Micro Fritz Black nymph

Hook B12

- Tie the thread to the rear of the hook.
- Tie in pheasant tail
- Tie in copper wire
- Bring the thread forward $\frac{2}{3}$ of the hook
- Wind the pheasant tail forward and tie off
- Wind the wire forward and tie off

- Tie in pheasant tail
- Tie in chenille
- Build the head
- Wind the chenille forward and tie off
- Bring the pheasant tail over the chenille and tie off
- Whip finish.
- It can be tied in several colours

Slow sinking Spider

- Tie in the thread to the back of the hook and bring it forward to the eye of the hook
- Take two pieces of chenille, place one on top of the other. The body colour should be on the bottom
- Hold at a 45-degree angle and tie down back to the bend of the hook.



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- Wind the bottom colour up $\frac{2}{3}$ of the hook tie in and cut off
- Pull the top colour over the bottom piece and tie off.
- Continue winding forward to the head of the hook, leaving a space to build the head and whip finish. Cut off the thread
- Re-tie your thread at the $\frac{2}{3}$ point.
- Place a folded rubber leg on each side of the hook and make a couple of loose turns.
- Position the legs and tie down cut the loop on the front of the legs
- Whip finish, taking care not to catch the legs with your thread.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Joe Fleet

I don't remember too much about the trip down to Lake Otamangakau but driving down my only thoughts were of huge rainbows and browns just awaiting my arrival. The closer I got the bigger the fish became. By the time I got there they were of massive proportions, fifteen pounds plus and I'm not going to join those other fishermen and women bobbing about in the middle of the lake fishing little nymph and egg patterns, suspended beneath an indicator. HELL NO! it's a number 4 Craigs night-time or possibly a big black Hairy Dog wet fly and a 12lb tippet. Nothing less and my no 9 Kilwell presentation rod. This is serious stuff; they'll not escape me tonight. The browns were increasing in size by the minute, and what about the rainbows? This is going to be a night to remember. The honking of the incoming Canada Geese heralded their return to the lake after feeding during the day on the nearby farmland. It's a magical time of night with the lengthening shadows. I pushed out from the shore, and pulled out to the weed edge, and slipped the anchor over the side I waited for the little tinny to settle.

Right from the first cast, I expected a strike, but after an hour or so I became disillusioned, and my mind started to wander. Then it struck, really close in, right by the boat, just as I was lifting the rod for another cast. It hit hard. I sank the hook hard. It didn't panic, it just moved away as really big fish sometimes do. Almost as if it didn't know it was hooked. In the ensuing battle, I couldn't gain on it. Each time I got it to the boat, each time it dashed for freedom. Each time I manage to slow and stop it, it moved away again. My Kilwell No 9 was laid back over my shoulder. Thank God for that choice of tippet. The pressure was so great on the rod I feared it would break at any moment. I had to release the pressure and when I did the reel screamed in protest. A couple of times I staggered and nearly fell in. I wished John McCarran were here to share this night. I grew tired, my arms ached, an old leg injury started to play up my hands continued to shake. I knew I couldn't go on like this. I had to find out what I had latched on to before it broke me off. From my coat pocket, I retrieved a torch

and shone it down the line. There in the beam of light was my fly embedded in the anchor rope. For fifteen minutes I had played the anchor. Even in the dark I sheepishly looked behind to see if anyone had been watching.

FISHING ALONE — WITH THE CLUB



Phil Trautmann

Saturday the 28th of June was the Club Fishout at Okataina Beach. I hadn't planned to go. After that heart turn, I had been playing it cool - don't overtax yourself, don't take chances. But this time I decided 'Dabbit, I would go, and go alone' so I could return to the protection of home any time I wanted to.

Equipment all assembled, I got there at dusk. I passed the cars parked down below and parked at the upper part, so well-known over the years. No other cars! I thought "Great, I can just sneak down the concrete steps and thin woods 'by feel' and see what's going on". As I approached the water I saw a few dim

figures far to the left corner, a few more to the right at the boat launch. A heard a few words occasionally, otherwise magically, it was spookily quiet. Setting the three-legged stool a few feet from the water, I put the rod together, cast out **hi-d** shooting line with short 20cm trace and tiny #12 glo-bug, sat down and waited. Waited, then started the slooow, pull-pull wait, pull-pull wait retrieve. All was so quiet!! It felt SO GOOD to be back! I figured I would fish an hour and then leave.

A happy half-hour passed. Then—taptaptap—don't strike! Don't lift! Just tighten slowly as the line goes out! I do that and by golly the fish is on and no slack! Rushes here, rushes there, no jumps, a silent play. Finally a great jump and a strong, determined rush, the fish is "on the reel" and slowly he has to yield to the pressure—and quietly comes in, spent, nose on sand. I ease over, kneel beside and push him well up on the sand. Done! Then it all comes back to me. And I look around—not a sound—and holler "yippeeee!!!!"—and hear no answer. I dispatch him quietly with the knife, and carry the fish - would be 2 kgs - and the stool back up to the car by feel, step by familiar step, in happy wonder.

A few days later comes President Pete's email telling club news and club plans. The Okataina fish-out was nice, though no fish. Smiling, I thought, 'Guess I will have a story to tell at the Friday night meeting...'

RAA FACEBOOK PAGE

Larry Ware

Have you ever looked at the clubs Facebook page? Do you know how to?

I run the Facebook page as a family album, not a fish catching skite page. It is to promote the club's activities and hopefully attract new members. Most of the photos are of club members fishing activities – club members participating in fishing trips - not holding up caught fish because there are probably a few hundred million photos of caught fish from around the world on the net but only a few thousand of RAA activities.

If you have a Facebook account already, it is as simple as typing "Rotorua Anglers Association" in the top left search box and it will take you to the page and you can scroll through all the postings.

If you don't have a Facebook account - and don't want one – then you can still access the page and scroll through the photos but there are a couple of tricks you need to know.

Open you Google/Firefox browser or whichever system you are using, and type “Rotorua Anglers Association” in the search box and then select and click on the “Rotorua Anglers Association – Home / Facebook” listing and it will open our page.

When it first opens, at the bottom of the page is a banner saying “Log in or create a new account” - ignore this. As soon as you start scrolling a big banner will come up blocking the page saying the same thing - just click the X in the top right corner of this new banner and it will disappear. You can now scroll through all the postings. Unfortunately, the smaller banner will stay along the bottom and occasionally block part of a photo.

If you come across a photo you want to look at full screen, just click on it and will go full size and then click on the X in the top left corner to go back to normal. If you want a copy of any photo, open it to full size first and then right click in the middle of the image and then click on “save image as”. A new box will pop up of your PC. Look first at the top left and check on where the computer is going to save the photo. You can rename the photo or just use the Facebook code, and then click “save” and the full-size photo will be saved on to your computer in the folder it had indicated.

If a set of photos has a “+” number on it, it means there are that many extra photos to look at, so click on the first photo and then click on the right scroll arrow to look at the other images. Occasionally, Facebook will stop scrolling through, I do not know why, so just “X” out and start again. You can also use the left/right keys on your keyboard.

If you want to see all the photos as “thumbnails” and just look at the occasional one full size, then when you first open the page click on “photos” on the page header line and a new page will then open with all the photos as small thumbnails. If you click on “show all” then only the albums will show up, so just scroll down instead. The photos will most likely be all mixed up rather than in sequence. As far as I know, this is just a Facebook thing.

If your Facebook account is mainly your personal family or business page do not

ask to be friends because all your personal postings will show up on the club's Facebook page and I will then have to block you ... Therefore, please unfriend us.

Have fun checking us out and if you want anything posted onto our page, email it to me and make sure the photo is full size. Don't let Google or friends down-size it for emailing. Also, give us a description as I do not like postings without a backstory.





Stream team members Ian Pound and John Olds



May A-Z course. Various line stripping techniques, roll casting, floating lines and sinking lines were all demonstrated.



Stream team relaxing at lunch time.



June 2022 fly tying.