

# ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our AGM and Prize Giving both happened at last. The committee has remained the same, but with the addition of Chris Wright. The trophies were awarded, and Ian Ferguson has had them engraved, and mini trophies to take home were ordered. Congratulations to all the trophy winners. Ian also obtained more "Fish of the Month" vouchers for Hamills.

The club email contact list was updated to include 21/22 paid up members and life members. Larry could at last complete his two A-Z training courses, although constant rain was a challenge for casting practice during the first course. So new members, please remember your training fees include full club membership, so come along on Fridays, join our events, and try your hand at fly tying which can be both interesting and rewarding.

We set the date for our Kilwell sponsored Interclub competition for 26 and 27 February 2022. During January and February Lake Rotorua, Ngongotaha and Waiteti streams, and Ohau Channel fish quite well, so anglers should be quite successful. A poster will be compiled and distributed for the event. Considering lockdown level requirements at the time, we opened the club again on Fridays, saying all must scan in, sanitise and preferably anglers should be vaccinated. We understand that this is a divisive issue for some, so now that we have the traffic light system, the committee will again study the issue and give a club statement after our meeting on 9 December.

No official trips were planned, but John, Larry and Gavin had trips to Coromandel peninsula. I have had successful fishing on Lake Rotorua and the Thames mussel farm. Larry's trip to the South Island was postponed to February. The club liquor license application and payment for the next year was submitted to Council. Terry Wood has had a fall as a result of a medical mishap and is back at home under medication. He cannot drive for a month so let's help where possible. He is in good spirits and has suffered few after-effects.

The annual club open day and sale was not well attended, and Colin thought we need to reconsider holding it next year. Rika and I have nearly finished supervising JPC exams.

A friend in Tauranga has asked if I would like to drive his Lincoln Limousine, and I am terrified – it is 30 feet long, and roundabouts are tricky; never mind reversing without a camera! All the best, Pete.

## FISH OF THE MONTH



Brendan Davis

4.45kg brown hen

Caught by flyfishing on the Ngongotaha Stream.

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



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# FISH OF THE MONTH



## DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

Thursday, 9 Dec 7 pm: Committee meet at club

Friday, 10 Dec from 5 pm: Talk by Jimmy from Kilwell at club. Bring your rods to try out new reels and fly lines for casting

Saturday, 11 December, 10 -12 am: Clean and decorate the Octagon. A work party is required.

Sunday, 12 Dec: from 11 am to 1 pm: Christmas lunch at the Octagon. Please bring a vegetable dish to go with a lamb roast or a dessert.

Friday, 17th Dec, from 5 pm. Last club night for the year. BBQ. Please bring a salad or dessert

# FLY TYING, NOVEMBER 2021

## The Turbo Beetle (Hook Size 12)

- Tie on thread front to back of hook.
- Bring thread forward in open turns
- Apply super glue
- Leave 4mm space from the eye
- Place foam on top of hook and tie down
- Bind down the foam to the back of the hook.
- Tie in legs two at the back two at the front.
- Dub the body in colour of your choice
- Pull the foam over the top of the body and secure it.
- Tie in the post and dub over.
- Whip finish.

It's a good practice to glue at various stages as this fly will move around if not secure.

You can check this out on YouTube. Search: turbo beetle.



## CLUB MEMBERS, OUT THERE DOING IT

### **Pierre, fishing the aptly named "trout pool" at Okere Falls**

The extensive foam line [pictured] drifted across the fishery known locally as "the trout pool." It moved with the conflicting currents, it moved with the breeze, sometimes within easy casting distance, sometimes with more of a challenge. Puncturing the foam surface with frustrating regularity, was the lazy rise of numerous feeding trout. My guess was that they were feeding on some sort of nymph that was rising from the bottom, only to be trapped in the foam. Pierre and I tried a variety of fly patterns without eliciting any interest. The trout appeared to be feeding just under surface in a lazy, unhurried manner. There appeared to be an abundance of whatever it was they were feeding on. The consensus of opinion from our knowledgeable clubmates narrowed it down to an emerging caddis. Back to the flytying vice.

### **Christo fishing the Ohau Channel**

I took two "newbies" out for a morning fish, specifically to learn the difference between fishing with a sinking line, as opposed to a floating line. There were fish evident in the channel, busily chasing smelt, and splashing noisily as they smashed through the small shoals. Most interesting was a small window of about ten minutes, when a few seagulls began picking up smelt from the surface current. This coincided with a discernible difference in the feeding behaviour of the trout. The occasional splash and rise which had tantalized us all morning, was replaced by a frenzied concentration of feeding trout.

### **Sean fishing Mission Bay.**

Reports of large browns feeding on smelt close into the shoreline was enough to inspire Sean to give it a go. Unfortunately, the strong winds across Lake Rotorua had ensured that shallow bays like Mission Bay, were discoloured with sediment stirred up from the bottom. Mark that location down for another look when the weather clears.

Sean fishing Mission Bay.





Pierre, at the trout pool at Okere Falls



Christo fishing the Ohau Channel.

## 2021 PRIZE-GIVING

The RAA annual prize-giving was held in the clubrooms on Friday, 12 November 2021. We started with a shared meal. Despite the Covid restrictions, the small audience enthusiastically applauded the prize winners. Thank you to Ian Ferguson, the Trophy Master, who organised the presentation and to Joe Fleet, our Patron, for presenting the trophies. The main prize winner this year was Heather Fargher, who collected 6 trophies. Congratulations, Heather!



Larry Ware being congratulated by the RAA patron, Joe Fleet on taking the photo of the year



Prize winners with their trophies



Chris Taylor receiving his trophy from Joe Fleet for best conditioned factor brown trout caught by male senior member.



Heather Fargher receiving her trophy from Joe Fleet for heaviest rainbow trout caught by a lady member.



Piet Otto receiving his trophy from Joe Fleet for heaviest brown trout caught by a male senior member.



Gavin Corbett receiving his trophy from Joe Fleet for the highest aggregate c/f for bag of four trout caught in one day



Joe Fleet receiving his trophy from Pete Otto for the best newsletter article.



Those who did not win prizes. Left to right: Jenny Taylor, Rod Hinnett, Jo Meyer, Rika Otto, Christo Wolfaard, Colin Cox and Bryce Campbell

Please have a look at the prize categories on page 14 and 15. What do you think you could compete in during the 2021 –2022 competition year?



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# PRIZE WINNERS 2020 - 2021

**Hamills Sports Trophy** Heaviest rainbow trout caught by a senior male member

**Gavin Corbett, Rainbow Jack 4kg, Rotoiti**

**Jack Bell Memorial Trophy** Best conditioned factor rainbow trout caught by male senior member

**Chris Taylor, Rainbow Hen, 3.5kg, Okataina, Condition Factor 71**

**Richard Randall Memorial Trophy** Heaviest rainbow trout caught by a lady member

**Heather Fargher, Rainbow Jack, 3.68kg, Rotoiti, 24/5/21**

**Doug Lynch Memorial Trophy** Best conditioned factor rainbow trout caught by a lady member

**Heather Fargher, Rainbow Jack, 3.68kg, Rotoiti, 24/5/21, Condition Factor 66**

**Jack England Cup** Heaviest brown trout caught by a male senior member

**Pete Otto, Brown Jack, 3.27kg, Rotorua, 17/10/20**

**Dave Ellery Trophy** Best conditioned factor brown trout caught by male senior member

**Chris Taylor, Brown Hen, 3.22kg, Rotorua, 4/11/20, Condition Factor 55**

**Maureen Doherty Memorial Cup** Heaviest brown trout caught by a female member

**Heather Fargher, Brown Jack, 2.10kg, Waikaremoana, 19/6/21**

**Wyn Johnson Memorial Trophy** Best conditioned factor brown trout caught by a female member

**Heather Fargher, Brown Jack, 2.10kg, Waikaremoana, 19/6/21 Condition factor 48**

**Kilwell Prize** Heaviest trout (brown or rainbow) caught by a junior member

**Cormac Davis, Brown Jack, 2.0kg, Okere, 30/4/21**

**Honey McGregor Trophy** Best condition factor rainbow trout caught by a junior member

**Cormac Davis, Rainbow Jack, 1,8kg, Ngongotaha, 8/6/21, Condition factor 49**

**Gerry Watt Memorial Trophy** Best c/f brown trout caught by junior member

**Cormac Davis, Brown Jack, 2.0kg, Okere, 30/4/21 Condition factor 49**

**Ces Taylor Cup** Highest Aggregate c/f for bag of four trout caught in one day

**Gavin Corbett (56.8, 55.9, 52.2, 51.8)**

**O’Keeffe’s Cup** Heaviest trout caught on a club trip No entry

**Terry Wood Trophy** Heaviest trout caught on dry fly No entry

**Westpac Trophy** Heaviest trout caught out of the district and not on club trip

**Heather Fargher, Rainbow, 9.53kg, Twizel Canals**

**Ken Nairn Memorial Trophy** Heaviest trout caught on lightest tippet

**Chris Taylor, 3,22kg, Brown Hen, 2kg Tippet, Rotorua, 4/11/20**

**Chris Beamish White Trophy and Honours Board** Best conditioned factor trout overall

**Chris Taylor, Rainbow Hen, 3.5kg, Okataina, Condition Factor 71**

**President’s Cup** Heaviest trout caught overall

**Gavin Corbett, Rainbow Jack 4kg. Rotoiti**

**Bas Jackson Memorial Trophy** Best Newsletter article

**Joe Fleet – Once Upon a Time (Feb 2021 Newsletter)**

**Stephen Hutton Memorial Trophy** Most sporting junior angler of the year

**Cormac Davis**

**Art City Photo Award** Photo of the Year

**Larry Ware – Photo of Ian Fear fishing the Whirinaki.**



Piet Otto caught these rainbow trout on Lake Rotorua from a boat with Mark Tiedt on Sunday 12 December 2021.

The next day Piet caught 7 snapper from a boat in Thames. A good two day's fishing!

