



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Committee Update

The role of President remains vacant. Please consider approaching your committee to discuss potentially fulfilling this role. We are currently sharing this role amongst committee members, to ensure that external parties have a leading spokesperson representing our club.

We continue to believe that membership growth, club trips and social functions are the life of our club. This will be achieved by word of mouth, an effective social media presence, and engagement of members. For this to occur we must include a greater women and youth membership.

In October, our club arranged 8 events, plus a fishing experience event for youth is planned for 28 October. Included in these events are the 3-day Whirinaki River Trip and Salty Weekend (9 people attended). In the background is also our member's support provided to the Stream Team and their work in preserving and maintaining the Ngongotaha Stream. Thank you to all our members who made this possible.

A new event has been added to grow public awareness of our club. We have secured a place at the Rotorua A & P show on 6th December featuring a casting competition for kids with lots of chocolate fish as prizes. We are looking for your support on the day. Come help on our stand!



Rotorua Anglers Association Prize Giving 2025

The annual prize giving is planned as a celebratory luncheon at the Citizens' Club Rotorua, and we would love to see you there. Expect good food, good company, and of course the pride of seeing fellow club members receive well-earned recognition.

Lets celebrate a great years fishing, and look forward to the next.

Date Sunday, 16th November

Time 11.30. Lunch served at 12noon followed by prize giving

Venue Citizens' Club, Rotorua.

November 2nd Kids Fish Out

November 3rd Fly tying 7pm Club Rooms

November 7 Club Night

November 14 Club Night

November 16 Annual Prize Giving Lunch Citizens Club

November 22 –23 Salties Weekend.

20 November Committee Meeting

November 21 Club Night

November 28 BBQ Club Night

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I CAN'T HEAR YOU

Colin Cox

As the years roll by, it seems that our friends and partners begin to mumble more and the TV volume has decreased. Eventually we realize that we have reached a point in life where we have hearing loss, and it's time to do something about it.

I can share my experience with you. A few years ago I went to the local audiologist for a check-up, and many thousands of dollars later I owned a pair of hearing aids. They worked okay for a few years but my hearing deteriorated and the device with its old technology was failing me. At that point, I returned to my audiologist but received extremely poor service and decided to try elsewhere.

I was aware of a new player in the market, **Resonate**, and decided to give them a try. They offer a completely different solution. Instead of purchasing hearing aids, you lease them for a monthly fee. They market Resound Viva Nexia aids which are manufactured by one of the largest companies in Denmark and feature the latest AI technology to help filter out background noise. Best of all, you can trial the product for a month before making any decisions at no cost. I have used this product for the last three months and have found them to be excellent. For example, because I play badminton in a large, noisy hall, I am able to switch out the background and hear what my partner is telling me. My positive experience has resulted in my wife also signing up for the same deal. If we had gone the traditional way of buying instead of leasing we would be up for \$15k for this level technology instead of the \$90 a month lease. Should either of us fall off the perch, there is no contract so the lease ends. Needless to say, it includes all servicing and yearly free check up and an upgrade every three years. If you are in the market for hearing aids, check them out.

PS: I have not received any payment or commission for writing this. It is purely my personal opinion.



THE FLY TYING DESK

Needle Fly (lake fly variant)

Looking through the 'Dictionary of Trout Flies' in the RAA library, I came across a wet fly pattern that can be easily adapted to represent the numerous lake flies we get around the lakes in late spring and summer. The 'Wonderwing' style of wing lends itself well to this imitation.

1. Using a straight shank #12 hook, lay down a thread base with a contrasting colour (e.g. yellow or red) and tie this just into the bend of the hook. This will create a tag end.
2. Work the thread back to behind the eye, then tie in a fine wire back along the shank to 2-3mm short of the tag end.
3. Create a fine dubbing noodle with a fine grey fur and create a body. The original pattern used pheasant tail fibres for the body. Tie in the body dubbing about 2mm behind the eye then counter-wrap the wire over the body and tie off with a whip finish.
4. Cut the thread then start with a grey or black thread behind the eye. Use a small, grizzly feather or something similar. Take off the fibres from one side then create a hackle to imitate legs. Remove the hackle fibres from above and below the hook, leaving hackle fibres only left and right.
5. Take a grey hackle feather with long fine fibres to create the 'Wonderwing'. Holding the feather at the tip draw down the fibres in the lower 2/3 of the feather to create an X shape.
6. Holding the tip in rear of the hook, tie in at the X with two thread wraps. Pull the feather rearwards so that the hackle fibres are pulled together. Make the length of wing almost twice the length of the shank. Make further wraps behind the eye to secure.
7. Cut or pull the excess fibres at the front except for two to form antennae. Whip finish, use a small amount of head cement and you're done. Tight lines!



OUT THERE DOING IT



Above: Roger with two big “koura” munchers.



Above right: The stomach contents tell the story.

Left. The old man and the sea (Dave Hutcheson). Photos never lie. The beach looks deserted, but there were a score or more fishermen trying their luck.



Rod Hinnit made one of his rare trips to the Ngongotaha stream, and came away smiling. The usual gathering of local experts were on hand to proffer their views, with the consensus being that the fish were simply not there. Something to do with the phase of the moon.

This theory was put to the test when the next fisherman to arrive caught two good fish in quick succession. Anything he can do, I can do better, thought Rod and he quickly flicked a line upstream rigged with the traditional glow bug and nymph.

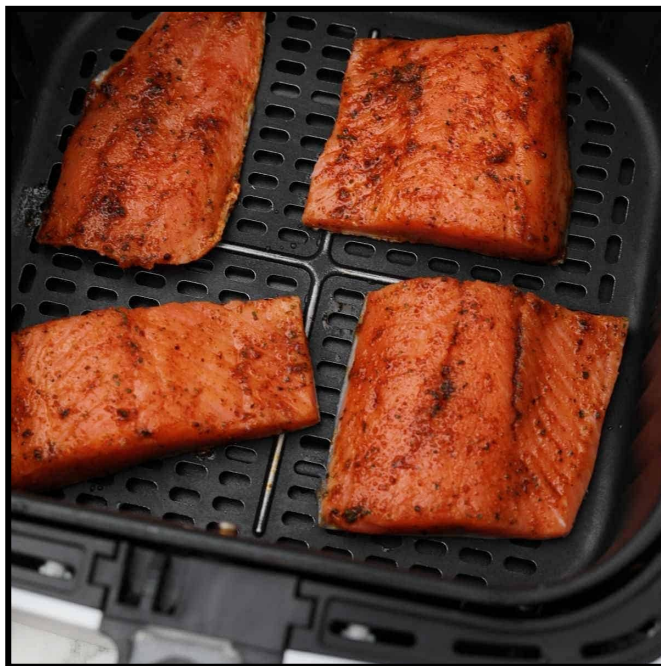
A well-conditioned rainbow hen was deceived by the nymph. A very satisfying result for Rod as it was a fly he had tied himself.



Easy As Air Fryer Trout Fillets

Ingredients

- 2 trout fillets skin-on, deboned
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper



Method

1. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic powder, paprika, salt, and pepper.
2. Pat the trout fillets dry with a paper towel, and then brush the marinade over both sides of the fillet.
3. Place the trout fillets in the air fryer basket, single layer, skin side down.
4. Air fry for fifteen minutes, at 180c or until the trout flesh flakes easily with a fork.
5. Once cooked, remove the fillets from the air fryer and let them rest for a few minutes.

Top Tips

- **Pat dry:** Pat the fillets dry with paper towels to ensure the skin crisps up nicely.
- **Single layer cooking:** Lay the fillets in a single layer; overcrowded fillets won't cook evenly.
- **Preheat air fryer:** Always preheat the air fryer for more even cooking
- **The fork test :** Trout should flake easily with a fork when it's done

OLDER AND WISER

By Neal Hawes

They say with age comes wisdom. There was a time when I would fish in all weathers (well, almost). The rain was bucketing down at Okataina Beach in July, at 10pm. The water eventually penetrated my “waterproof” jacket – and me telling myself “I’m enjoying this.”

There was a time when my mates and I just *had* to be at our spot at Ruato before anyone else, waiting in the freezing frost for the 5am start. Our fingers were so cold it was impossible to tie on a fly. Then having to dip the rod in the water to melt the ice in the rings so we could cast. Or, we just *had* to be at the Major Jones pool long before we could see our indicators, so we would be first through the pool. But no longer – I’m now a fair weather angler, only venturing out when I consider the conditions to be comfortable. No longer do I fish in more than light rain, and I avoid windy days when casting is difficult. And if there’s ice on the grass I stay indoors with the heat pump going. These days I let the early birds have their fun in the frost, and when they waddle off home for breakfast I wander down and take their place on the river – and still catch my fair share of fish. Seldom am I on the water before 10am.

There was a time when I would bravely wade across the Tongariro with impunity to reach that favoured lie. These days I only fish the “gentlemen’s” pools, gingerly wading with my wading staff handy at all times – and still catch my fair share of fish. Lake Otamangakau is now a fine weather fishery for me. I stay home if it’s windy, or cold and wet, and I don’t get up there till the sun is well on the water and the damsels are active. Seldom do I leave home before 9am.

My first experience at flyfishing (after many years trolling and harling for trout) was in the 1980’s, when my very experienced mate Gary moved from Gisborne to Cambridge and decided that he was going to teach me to fly fish. He taught me to cast a flyrod and then took me fishing – on the Tongariro!! My very first cast in the old Breakaway pool produced a fish and, as they say, the rest is history.

At first, I was just happy to catch a fish. But soon I was after numbers of fish, and catching a limit was the aim every time I went fishing. Then came the desire to catch trophy fish, and numbers were no longer important, but fishing in all conditions trying to get that “fish of a lifetime” was the goal. But these days I’ve come full circle – I’m just happy to catch a fish!

Older but wiser? You bet!

SALTIES WEEKEND

Dave Hutcheson

The weekend again produced no fish, despite group members being spread over different locations. The fish were simply not cooperating but one duo put the lack of such down to the presence of seals.

It was unfortunate that those who were going to use cabins at the camp but we were informed all were fully booked due to a school group. However, the social tour was again a success with the group enjoying the sunshine, an attractive location and each other's company.

The notifications on the internet indicate that these weekends are for RAA members only, but this doesn't preclude extended families, invited friends or those we are keen to join up as RAA members.

Our next weekend we have postponed to the 4th weekend of November due to a clash with the RAA Prizegiving. The location, by members' choice, is the Pikowai Campground midway between Otamarakau and Matata. This is operated by the Whakatane District Council, and it is a "first in first served" camp but with bookings and payments made to the District Council prior to entry. This camp has no power points, but it does have toilets and solar showers. Fees are \$16 per site for 2 persons and 2 children. The contact for the Council is either online at infor@whakatane.govt.nz or by phone on 07 306 0800.

With the warmer weather now upon us, those who use tents as accommodation will find great sheltered sites at the popular campground.



Relaxing in the sun after a hard night fishing. One of three seals sighted at Newdicks beach,



Socializing with friends. Every bit as important as the fishing

SALTIES WEEKEND NOVEMBER

LOCATION Pikowai Campground

DATE 22nd –23rd November

BOOKING info@whakatane.govt.nz

FEE \$16 per site .

PUT THESE EVENTS IN YOUR DIARY

Kids Fish Out

Sunday 2nd of November

Sunday 30th of November

Annual Prize Giving

Rotorua Citizens Club, Rangiiuru Street.

Sunday 16th November

Twelve Noon

\$25 per person

Please confirm attendance by email

Rotoruaanglers@gmail.com



KID'S FISH OUT

Gavin Corbett

Thirty volunteers from the Rotorua Anglers Association gave up their Sunday to help 190 young anglers catch a rainbow trout. The Kids Fish Out was hosted by Eastern Fish and Game at the Paradise Valley hatchery.

Children were taught the bare basics of how to get a line on the water, the importance of concentration for the strike, and how to manage the line and land the fish. Two more fish outs are planned for the month of November. The first on Sunday, 2 November, followed by Sunday 30 November. Online bookings are essential and can be made by accessing fishandgame.org.nz and clicking the "Eastern" link.



Top. Past president Ron at the filleting table.

Left. Terry and his team busy at the weigh in

Right. Gregg at the coal face.

