



# ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

*July 2024*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the shortest day behind us we can look forward to slightly longer evenings ahead. The big three lakes close for boat fishing at the end of this month and shoreline fishing becomes the preferred tactic as trout begin to return to their release points and the stream mouths for spawning.

There is a busy period ahead for the club with the Kid's fish out, the Home Show, the 75th Anniversary lunch, the A&P show, Clubroom maintenance, and upcoming club trips. Keep an eye out later in this newsletter and on the notice board in the club rooms for dates and further details. Volunteers will be needed to assist in all of these ventures. We will have more to report after next week's committee meeting.

Ahead of us is the annual general meeting. It would be great to see new faces coming forward to guide the future direction of the club as we move forward from our 75th year.

At this time, it is important to thank all those members who are currently serving on committee, and those that have done so in the past. When I study the honours boards in the club rooms there are listed, many members who have previously given many years of service to the club. These same members continue to advise and volunteer their expertise in many different aspects of the clubs activities. I strongly believe that this willingness to step up and support the club is one of our greatest strengths. It is the reason we are able to celebrate 75 years, and look forward to a vigorous future,

Ron Cole



## Sold! Auctioneer Phil Rivers in action

There was an eclectic range of items on offer at the charity auction hosted by Ray White Real Estate Rotorua. More than fifty items were offered up for sale, including household appliances, artwork, a heat pump, a dishwasher, outdoor furniture, fishing gear, a fish finder, and a very collectable Sea Gull outboard motor.

The one common factor was that everything had to be sold on the night. There was no reserve to be met meaning a few lucky buyers scored a bargain, whilst others had to compete with more spirited bidding.

A big thank you to Ray White Ltd for hosting the auction, and to all those club members who generously donated goods for sale. The Rotorua angler's association has benefitted, from the proceeds of this auction with total sales reaching fifteen hundred and fifty dollars.

Fund raising has become a vital part of the clubs future. The maintenance bill alone for our ageing club rooms is considerable

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**1.1 July Fly Tying Glo Bug**

**2.5 July Club Night.**

**3. 6 July Stream Team**

**4.12 July Cub Night**

**5. 19 July Club Night**

**6. 19th July Committee meeting at the club rooms**

**7.26 July Pot luck Dinner at the club rooms**

## TARAWERA LANDING NIGHT FISHING

### Neal Hawes

I was surprised and pleased to see so many members turn up at the Tarawera Landing for our club night fishing trip. I counted at least fifteen keen anglers, many of whom had no night fishing experience but they were mentored by those with more experience.

We spread ourselves along the beach, at the Orchard, and the Te Wairoa stream mouth. By 8.30pm only one fish had been caught, a 3.02kg hen in excellent condition caught by Lew at the southern end of the beach.

Most went home soon after, while three or four of us carried on. By 10.30pm I was left on my own to persevere. I hadn't had so much as a touch thus far, but that changed after 11pm. In the last hour I had three missed hits, then at last, landed a 3.85kg jack at 11.55pm.

I have to say that the two fish landed on the night were in excellent size and condition. While the Tarawera fish might not yet rival the Rotoiti and Okataina ones, they are a great improvement on those of recent years.

Thanks to Gavin for organising this trip, and to all those members who participated.



Above. Lew's 3kg Jack. Below. Neal's 3.85 Jack.



Discussing tactics at the Tarawera landing

# Silver Dorothy tying instructions

The Silver Dorothy is a Maketu style fly originally tied by Phil Parsons, the creator of the popular Parson's Glory fly, and named after Phil's daughter, Dorothy. The Silver Dorothy is more popular around the Rotorua stream mouths whereas the Yellow Dorothy is popular in Taupo.

- Place 2x long hook in the vice, usually in sizes 8-12.
- Start a black thread behind the eye and create a thread base to the bend of the hook.
- Bring the thread two thirds of the way back before securing and tying in a good pinch of red hackle fibres.
- Tie in a wire running along the base of the hook, then tie in silver tinsel. Once the wire and tinsel are secured back to the bend of the hook, move the thread to behind the eye of the hook and make a half-hitch or two before winding the tinsel forward, finishing about 2mm behind the eye. Tie the tinsel off and trim.
- Select two even feathers from the **badger** cape. Place these together then remove fibres from the underside of the feathers equal to the length of the shank of the hook.
- Place the feathers along the top of the hook and secure using a loose wrap followed by firm wraps Tie in extra tinsel of flashabou if desired to form lateral lines (the original pattern didn't have this).



- Wet the feather fibres and stand them upright from the stem.
- Carefully wind the wire through the feather fibres, including the flashabou, making 6-5 even wraps. Tie off the wire behind.
- For fly-fishing flies place a hackle using another badger feather just behind the head. For jigging flies the hackle can be omitted.
- Form a head behind the eye, whip finish, trim your thread, apply UV resin or head cement.

Enjoy using your Silver Dorothy flies around most of the Rotorua Lakes





It is extremely rewarding to walk the streamside track, and see results from the work that the team from the Rotorua Anglers Association has put in.

A year or more ago, club members planted twenty Clematis vines sourced from a nursery specializing in New Zealand native plants. The hope was that once established, the vines would spread though the canopy of trees above and display an abundance of small white flowers.

A cursory check of the plantings shows that the plants are thriving. Some have already climbed seven or eight meters up their host tree.

### Sweet Chilli Fish Cakes

1kg trout fillet boned and skinned. Cut into small chunky pieces.

2 heaped tablespoons mayo

2 tablespoons of Dijon mustard

2 table spoon of sweet chilli sauce

2 eggs

1 cup of coarsely chopped onions

1 cup of coarsely chopped capsicum

2 cups of panko bread crumbs

Mix all ingredients and form patties. Roll in panko breadcrumbs. Sauté in olive oil, 4 minutes each side.

Garnish with parsley. Serve with lemon or lime slices.



Email me your favourite recipe .

#### Help me make it work!

This online newsletter represents a new direction for your club as we seek to develop a more efficient means of communicating with members.

Send your contributions to Gavin Corbett

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## Put these events into your diary

### Kid's Fish Out 2024

4 August

1 September

6 October

3 November



**Booth Set Up:** 4 July  
10am-7pm

**Open to the Public**

5 July 10 am – 5pm

6 July 10am – 5pm

7 July 10am – 4pm

**Break down**

7 July 4.15 – 7.30pm

**HOME & LIFESTYLE  
SHOW**  
Powered by **OneRoof  
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The Home and Lifestyle Show is a very important event on our club calendar.

This is our opportunity to promote all that the club has to offer at one of the biggest events of the year. HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

### Volunteers Needed

We need a team of two or three to take responsibility for setting up and taking down our display booth.

**Most Important:** We need club members who are prepared to talk to the interested public about our club activities.

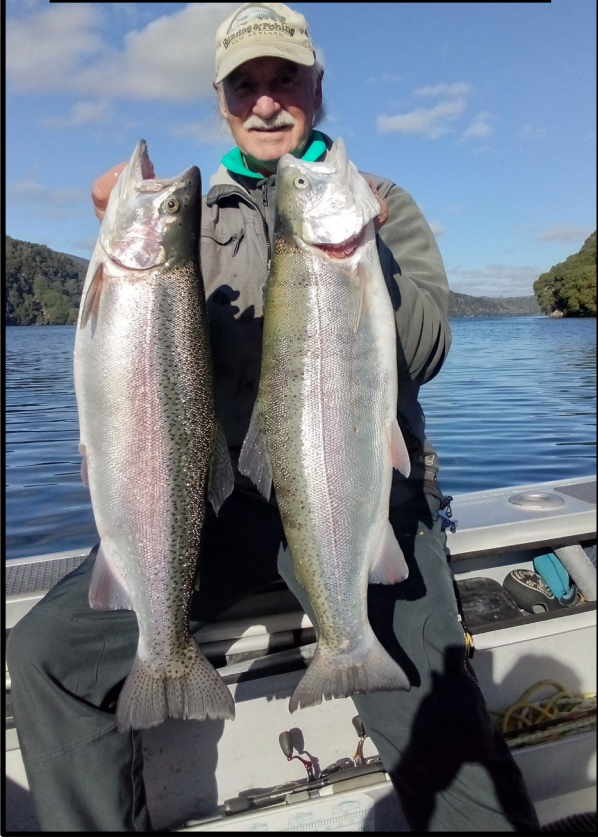
We need two shifts a day [morning or afternoon] with a minimum of three club members per shift.

Contact Gavin Corbett 021 226 3978

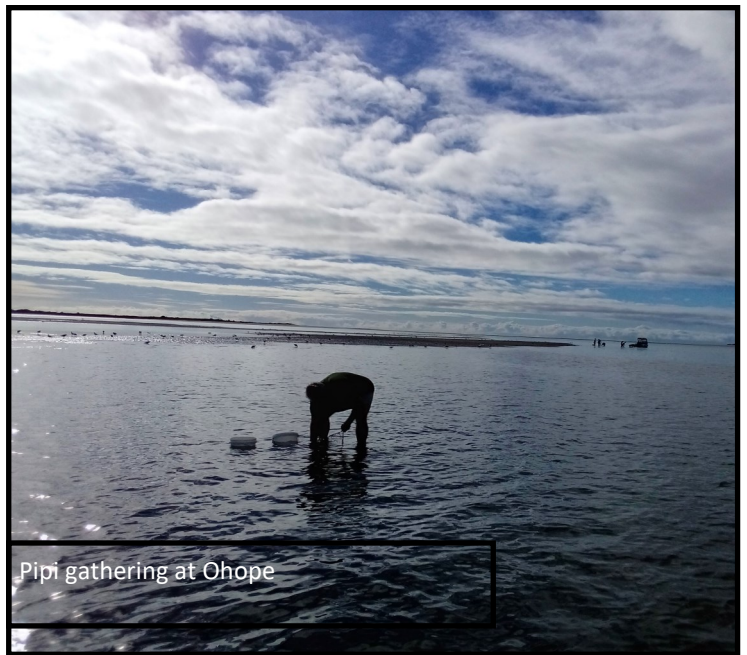


# OUT THERE DOING IT

Roger enjoying Tarawera fishing at it best



Nigel experiencing a day out on Okataina



Pipi gathering at Ohope



Joe Taylor had some success fishing the Whirinaki



Success with the flounder net ,Ohope