# **ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION**

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Prize winners at the Prizegiving held on 19 August 2022

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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### Piet Otto

It was sad to lose Jim Spears at age 99. He was a senior forestry man, had a great sense of humour and a very keen outdoorsman. He documented travels to Canada and other fishing stories in a file, and today we have a copy in the club. Joe Fleet and Roger Bowden appear in his memoirs. We will include this in future editions as this magazine is full of Prizegiving photos. Anglers, please weigh in fish at Hunting and Fishing or Hamills. So hopefully next year we will have fish entered in all categories. The fish of the month forms are behind the bar. Please ask the friendly barman on duty on Friday nights. We will put up a notice and regular reminders in the newsletter of the categories for prizes. Thank you to Ian Ferguson for his efforts to in collating all the information and for the presentation of a slick format.

This month I tried twice to get a trip with Ohiwa charters, but it seems you go on their terms, which is a full boat of 12. The maritime forecast was also not too good lately, where a scale of 7 to 10 indicates a good sea with waves lower than 1m. Lets keep on looking. A trip to Tapu in Thames with a stay-over gives 2 days fishing, so your fish may cost less. A senior member advised me that it is not always successful to arrange winter trips.

The first Kid's Fish-out went very well, and we now need to concentrate on KFO2 on Sunday 4 September. We have 2 apologies, but please make a big effort to help. Thanks especially to Colin who worked tirelessly despite his injured foot and to Brendon for the organisation. Also thanks for the written nominations coming in for committee members for the AGM. As you see in the newsletter we have a number of vacancies. They are a patron, vice president, club captain, secretary, trophy coordinator and bar organiser (bar duties are shared on Friday nights). I am a tour guide, so with 75 cruise ships docking in Tauranga this summer, I will often be away and really need some help.

Richard Pryce has been helping with our Liquor License application, which has changed requirements. I now need to do a Club Manager course on 7 Sept to determine what our Association needs to do to comply, and a Rule needs to be added to our Rule book. This will be discussed at the AGM.

## FIRST KIDS' FISHOUT, 2022

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Sometimes things don't go as well as you want them to. John Olds with a tangled line at the fish out

Photo: Ray Sutton

## **SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS**

- Sat 3rd Stream Team. 9am at the Ngotaha stream parking
- Sun 4th Kids' Fishout 2, Trout Hatchery at 8am for a 9am start
- Mon 5th Fly tying, 7am at the clubhouse
- Sat 10th RAA to Fish/Casting club
- Thurs 15th Committee meeting, 7am at the clubhouse
- Tues 20th Magazine article and fish of the month entry deadlines
- Wed 21st AGM, 7am at the clubhouse
- Fri 23th Club potluck dinner, 5pm. eat around 6pm
- Sat 24-5th Whakatane trip to be organised
- Sun 25th Daylight saving starts
- Mon 26th Dark moon

# **FLY TYING**



## Scud nymph pattern

A 'scud' is a general name for small crustacea, including hoppers and shrimps. It also refers to the stretchy flat elastic rubber the pattern is tied with. A scud pattern is often tied in sizes 10-14 on a curved grub hook. They can be tied weighted or unweighted.

- Start your thread an eye length behind the eye. Create a thread base well into the curve of the hook.
- Tie in the monofilament at the rear, ideally 3-5kg line, then bring your thread forward, capturing the monofilament as you wind forward. Stop when you are about a third of the hook length back from the eye.
- Cut a triangle at the end of a piece of scud. Tie in the point of the

triangle on the top of the hook and wrap rearwards, stretching the scud while doing so, stopping where you finished thread wraps earlier.

- Using a dubbing of your colour choice make a dubbing noodle and wind forward, creating a taper to the fly. Stop about 1 ½ eye lengths behind the eye.
- Bring the scud over, stretching it towards the front and tie it off immediately in front of the dubbing but don't cut the scud yet.
- Wind the monofilament forward making even wraps to create segmentation. Forward of the tie off point of the scud, tie off the monofilament.
- Create a small dubbing noodle of a darker colour, and wind to form a head to the scud, making sure you build up plenty at the back of the head.
- Bring the remainder of the scud over and tie off immediately behind the eye. Finish the head with a whip finish and apply head cement.
- With a small piece of Velcro, brush the dubbing downward to create the impression of many legs.
- Marvel at your creation for a moment, then tie another one.



# **PRIZEGIVING 2022**





Piet and Ian Ferguson: Best condition factor rainbow trout caught by male senior member



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Trout caught overall

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First 2022 Kid's fishout. Photo: Christo Wolfaard



A drones-eye view of the Octagon, pool, filleting station tent and casting practice.

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