



Newsletter — December 2011

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Presidents Update



Hi,

March has been a great month for fishing. The lake has been producing great conditioned fish as was shown in our annual tournament.

The fish in general are in a lot better condition as is the presence of smelt in the lake. The two go hand in hand.

The tournament was a great success and we had 128 trout weighed in. We are truly thankful for the generosity of our sponsors.

The sea fishing continues to be a mixed bag but Brian Wrathall caught a 104kg striped marlin off the West Coast.

So with fishing in full swing everywhere we look forward to another couple of months with rod in hand.

See you out there.

Colin (Tank) Sangster

President

Psssstt.

Has anyone heard the rumour that the Kinloch Fishing Competition may be moving to Taupo

CLUB DAYS

Club Days are held on the 1st weekend of each month with the weigh-in at 4pm on the Sunday afternoon.

Club Weekend Points Table

As at 4th March 2012.

AFTER 4 MONTHS IT IS :-

Andrew Christmas		58.5
Gary Preston		28.27
Arne Rodsjo		25.82
Shawn Sangster		18.37
Colin Sangster		11.40
Sarah Sangster		10.47
Shaun Nielsen		9.13
Chey Jacobs	J	8.73
Debbie Colebourne		8.08
Kelly Nielsen	J	7.75
Tui Preston	J	6.92
Kael Coe	J	6.80
Mathew Pate		5.20
Quentin Colebourne		4.33
Mike Coe	J	4.33
Russell Rountree		3.83
Norah Sangster		3.29

There is no Club Day on the 8th April 2012 !!

Easter Sunday !!

Next Club Day 6th May 2012.



‘Out Around the Great Lake.

FEARS OF BROWN TROUT CULL UNJUSTIFIED ?

Recent articles in the Dept of Conservation’s Taupo fishery newsletter, *Target Taupo*, have led to a great deal of discussion in the local and social media arenas. While much of this debate has been well informed, there are some misconceptions about the department’s plans to investigate re-instating the winter runs of rainbow trout into the Tongariro river. The purpose of this statement is to clarify some of the misconceptions and misinformation which have been circulating, and to bring some balance to the discussion.

The idea that the department intends to cull brown trout to help the rainbow trout runs recover, which has received widespread comment, is both incorrect and ill informed. While brown trout do eat juvenile rainbow trout, and their offspring do provide competition for juvenile rainbows, they are only one of a number of possible reasons for declining numbers of early running rainbow trout in the Tongariro river. As fishery managers the department recognises the value of the brown trout fishery in the Tongariro River, and that it is worthy of protection as the world class angling opportunity that it represents. The department does not have any intention to undertake culling or any other sort of control of the brown trout population.

The Lake Taupo trout fishery is classed as a wild fishery as it is sustained by natural spawning and does not rely on hatchery releases or stocking to ensure sufficient numbers of trout for anglers or for reproduction in future years. However, for a number of different reasons including environmental factors, the timing of the traditional winter spawning runs has become much later, with a

department seeks to understand why this shift has occurred and also investigate whether it is possible to manipulate the run timing to return to a more traditional winter run. This is why preparations are being made to release juvenile rainbow trout into the Tongariro system.

As explained in more detail in issue 64 of *Target Taupo*, we are embarking on a trial release of up to 20,000 juvenile rainbow trout in June 2012. These fish will be either from Lake Otamangakau or Lake Tarawera depending on the findings of a comprehensive genetic study. These juveniles originate from early running adults and so will hopefully breed early in 2-3 years time. Upon release into the Tongariro system, the juvenile rainbows will be of a suitable size to avoid the likelihood of being predated upon by brown trout. They will be tagged so they can be monitored to see if they return as early running adults.

As this is a trial over the next three years, the experiment will be refined, based on our results, to improve the outcomes of the trial. This will explore the feasibility of restoring the early runs in the Tongariro system, while the fishery at large will still rely upon natural spawning to ensure its future. In the meantime, over the next few months anglers should enjoy some excellent fishing as the Tongariro River brown trout make their way upriver to spawn.

Recipe of the Month

Smoked Trout Pate

From our own Tony Swainson

I have borrowed this recipe from our NZ Fishing News !!

Ingredients:

1 kgs smoked boneless Taupo trout fillets
50gms melted butter
1 small tin anchovies
2 tablespoons double cream
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons ground mace
Pinch of Cayenne pepper
1 small tin cocktail shrimps

Method:

Grind the fillets in a blender with blades until they are a fibrous mass.

Add the anchovies. Drizzle in the melted butter and cream, then the mace, followed by the mayonnaise, and tasting all the time. 'Pulse' the blender until the mixture is a uniform colour. Don't add salt at this stage.

Turn into a large bowl, and stirring by hand, add the drained tin of shrimps - do not add these in the blender, as the mixture will turn an unappetising colour.

Add salt and cayenne pepper if desired. Keep tasting the mixture throughout the process.

The pate may be eaten immediately or placed in small pots, covered with cling-film, and stored in the freezer, where it is good for another 3 months or so. Or until the A.G.M. in June !!

Tony recommends that is advisable to drink Red Wine throughout this preparation. If this is not available to try a distilled spirit !!

Your Editors Ramblings!



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Hi there,

The Taupo Fishing Club's 10th Open Fishing Tournament was a cracker!! About 137 people registered this year (37 Juniors) and 128 fish were weighed in. Great fish they were with an average weight of 1.322kgs. Condition factors of to 56.79 Heaviest rainbow trout being 3.219kgs and Brown Trout 3.268kgs.

The weather was kind with the lake almost calm, the Tongariro was a little coloured but some good brown trout were taken out of it.

A big thanks to Mike & Vanessa Jacobs who provided a 'wild pork' sandwich for all to sample after the prize giving on the Sunday afternoon.

Whilst watching the fish being weighed in I enquired as to what time their fish were caught, this was most interesting as it coincided generally with the 'Solunar Times' (Bite Time) predicted for that day, backing up our Club's 1978 study where they caught 1152 fish over 1105 rod hours for a predicted time of the day.

For that survey the 4 hour Solunar fishing period achieved twice the success rate of the 14 hours non Solunar period per day.

Russell



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What's on and When ??

Committee Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6.30pm

2012

April	8th	NO Club Day (Easter)
April	17th	Committee Meeting
April	20th	Sponsors Night
May	6th	Club Day
May	8th	Committee Meeting
June	3rd	Club Day
June	12th	Committee Meeting
June	22nd	Annual General Meeting

Membership Draw

February	17th	Lynette Knox
February	24th	Charlie Fleury
March	2nd	Shawn Sangster
March	9th	Karl Coe
March	16th	Lynette Knox
March	30th	Glenys Plowman

Cleaning !!

Needs to be done !!

April Mike Jacobs
May Russell Rountree

Bar Roster

2012.

March	30th	Russell Rountree
April	6th	Easter—Clubrooms closed.
April	13th	Shawn Sangster
April	20th	Leanne Nielsen
April	27th	Dirk Hansen
May	4th	Vanessa Jacobs
May	11th	Shaun Nielsen

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

We have :	Polo Shirts	\$ 35.00
	Caps	\$ 20.00
	Logos	\$ 15.00

And a new item- Beanie's, Wool \$ 20.00

And

Sabakis—size 4 & 6 (Pink or Chartreuse) 3 for \$ 9.00

Braid scissors \$ 3.00 each !!