



The Lure of Fishing

April 2015

Matt's update



The 2015 annual tournament was another great success, excellent numbers of entrants and fantastic fish weighed in by everyone. I would like to pass on a personal thank you to all those involved in organising, sponsoring and competing on the weekend. We have a sponsor's night at the club rooms on Friday 22nd May; I hope you can all make it.

Leanne and Shaun Nielsen have made the big move to Whitianga - their huge contribution to the club will be sorely missed, but I wish them the very best for their new venture. I am sure the club will have a weekend trip planned to visit them in the near future.

Our AGM has been set for June 19, when we will elect new committee members. If you would like to get more involved with your club please consider becoming a committee member. Feel free to ask any existing members about the duties and responsibilities of being on the committee.

Fly Tying Classes

Winter fly tying classes will begin on Thursday May 21 at 6:30pm. Classes will be every Thursday night and are open to everyone from beginners to experts. The cost is \$5 per night, and this covers all the materials needed.

Please bring your own vice and tools - the club has a few sets of tools for beginners to use but please notify us if you need these. Please contact Matt on mathew.pate@gmail.com or info@taupofishingclub.co.nz to register.

Tight lines

Matt Pate

Club President

Welcome to our new members!

Pete Carty and family

Corey Donnelly

Stewart McLeod

Craig Christie

Where are all the fishing photos???

If you have any photos you would like to see in the newsletter please
email editor@taupofishingclub.co.nz

Each month we have a copy of the latest issue of NZ Trout Fisher
magazine for the best fishing photo - so be in to win!

This month's winner is Hans van der Heiden - your magazine will be in the post shortly!

Hans and Valerie were fishing the canals & lakes in the Lake Tekapo/Twizel area in March.

Hans caught this salmon measuring 55cm. To start with they thought it was a very pale rainbow, but found to their delight it was a salmon when they filleted it.

The weather was good and the freedom camping very enjoyable. They ate flounder, crayfish, trout and salmon.

At the Waitake River Mouth they also managed some very nice mullet and kawahai.

Sounds like a great trip!



Thanks for a great tournament!!!

Thanks to everyone who organised, entered and came along for the
2015 Tournament!

Some of the photos taken over the weekend are below.

To see all the photos and the final results check out

www.taupofishingclub.co.nz



Free firewood anyone?

Does anyone have some firewood that they could donate to the club?

It helps to keep the clubrooms warm over the winter especially during fly tying classes!

Club merchandise

Caps \$20 each

Shirts also available

You can check out a sample of the shirts at the club

Order at the bar with payment at the time of ordering



On the Lake and in the River



The changing weather and odd stormy period signals the start of autumn and with the change in season we can hopefully expect some fishing action! Not that there has been no action – it's just been a little sporadic and we have seen some great fish produced.

The club fishing competition was a great event once again and we owe a big thank you to all who made it possible. And there are a lot of people to thank – the competitors who by all accounts had a lot of fun and weighed in a lot of fish, the committee members who put in a lot of effort to organise the well run event, and of course the sponsors, without whom we would not have a competition. It was great to see a lot of familiar faces and a lot of keen and very successful juniors. Well done to all who entered – you gave our PhD student Simon a lot of guts to pick through, and I think we all had an enjoyable and fun weekend.

Out on the lake things are generally a little tough but there has been an improvement in the condition and size of fish being caught. Harling has been the more productive method but there are still some nice fish coming out on the jig particularly in the Mine bay area at around 50 metres. We have had some glorious weather with very little wind and last week was a busy one for the local butcher who reported a lot fish dropped in for smoking. So we should have a lot of very happy holiday makers and school kids – what a way to end the holidays.

The fresh we had during the holidays also kicked the rivers into life. Gary and I had a few sessions up the Hine and were surprised by the low number of people around and the number of fish that had moved into the river system. Although not a massive run, there were fresh fish in most of the usual runs and holes. We did not come across any stonkers, but those caught still gave us a good run for our money. The biggest was 4 ½ pounds with most averaging 2 ½ to 3.

Then the rain came again on ANZAC weekend and with it another fresh run. Things seemed to improve straight after the weekend while most of us were at work. Gary had a field day on Tuesday coming home with 3 great fish and memories of the really big one he dropped! Lots of fish, not much pressure – it must be heaven...

The line of anglers at the Waitahanui suggests that there was some great action there too so I think the early run has pushed fish up both the rivers on our doorstep.

Fishing at the Waitahanui rip continues to be good and there are reports of some great evening fishing at the Hatepe rip too. So for those keen on some good evening action, get your boobies and night flies down to the rip and have a blast.

There are still a lot of big wary fish up the 'Nui – if you work out how to get them to take, let me know. We have seen a lot but hooked none landed.

The Tongariro River is still fishing well and will likely improve with this latest fresh. There were a lot of fish hanging around in the delta so these will be high-tailing it upstream with the nice dirty water.

So generally it's still good to be fisho in the Taupo region. Get a line in the water, explore those rivers or take advantage of the windless mornings and evenings out on the lake when you can and stretch some nylon.

Tight lines

Craig



Gary enjoying the early winter runs on the Hinemaiaia

Weigh Masters Report

Club weigh-in is the first Sunday of each month, from 4pm at the clubrooms. Any fish caught that weekend can be weighed in.

Weigh-in Results to 8th February 2014

Craig Woolacott	23.86
Gary Preston	21.55
Debbie Colebourne	12
Shawn Sangster	10.48
Andrew McHale	7.57
Quentin Colebourne	7
Arne Rodsjo	2.41
Matt Pate	2.19
Sylvia Churchman	1.33

2015 Taupo Fishing Club committee

President	Matt Pate
Treasurer	Leanne Nielsen
Secretary	Trudi McHale
Newsletter Editor	Ariell King

Committee members

Andrew King, Shelley Preston, Margaret Minogue, Debbie Colebourne, Shaun Nielsen, Andrew McHale.

Life members

Mike Fletcher, John Davis, Russell Rountree

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International Game Fishing Association www.igfa.org

NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers www.nzffa.net

NZ Recreational Fishing Council www.recfish.co.nz

Committee meetings

Second Tuesday each month, 6:30pm at the Clubrooms

New members always welcome!

If you know anyone who wants to join they can email

info@taupofishingclub.co.nz

Every Friday the clubroom and bar is open from 5.30pm, families are welcome.

There is a weekly raffle and a membership draw at 7pm every Friday.

You must be present to win.



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