

The Lure of Fishing

January 2015

Matt's update



I hope everyone is well rested from your holidays and ready to face an exciting year ahead.

The new year has already provided some excellent weather, and fishing to match. We have our annual open trout fishing tournament coming up, which is always a fantastic event for the club. A huge amount of work goes into this event from the committee and other club members, we would love to get your support on the day.

We are also planning a working bee to freshen up the club rooms before the tournament, again if you can help out we would love to see you there.

If you use the internet, check out the clubs website and facebook page regularly to keep up to date with all our events.

Tightlines

Matt Pate

Club President

A good summers fishing!

Thanks to everyone for sending in the great photos!

The winner this month is David Lehndorf! David we will post you the latest issue of NZ Trout Fisher magazine.

Check out some great fish and summer snaps below!



A happy Irishman - we where just showing him some Taupo hospitality!



Four of us two hours jigging on John Hunter's boat



All ready to smoke



Only two sizes - Big Ones and Woppers! But you have to go a long way (Rod and Russell caught these at Tokerau Beach)



Kevin James caught this almost 8lb brown trout harling in a kayak at Waitahanui early one morning.



Andrew M caught this 6.7kg snapper on a surf caster off the West Coast by Levin

We would love to see your fishing photos!

Email editor@taupofishingclub.co.nz

Best fishing photo of the month will win a copy of NZ Trout Fisher magazine worth \$10!

Lake Taupo Food Web Research

University of Waikato Doctoral Candidate Simon Stewart is undertaking a major study of the Lake Taupo food web. A substantial amount of funding

has been awarded by the Department of Conservation to assist with this project. Simon needs as many samples of fish (with guts) as possible. He will take the liver and a sample from the fin and flesh and also needs to know how, when and where the fish was caught. You can email him at simondstewart@hotmail.com if you would like to help in providing some samples.

If you would like to read Simon's latest update check it out atwww.taupofishingclub.co.nz

Tournament information



2015 TOURNAMENT Friday 20th March - Sunday 22nd March

Entry forms available on the website or at the clubroom.

You must be able to produce a current Taupo Fishing licence at registration

Tournament queries? email: tournament@taupofishingclub.co.nz

On the beach and out on the ocean!

Happy New Year!

Well I have been working in Levin over the past few weeks and have tried fishing off Hokio Beach with a contiki. If the current isn't running up the coast too fast you can get a few good size snappers and gurnards, but are being plagued by sand sharks with most hooks having one on.

But great experience and have gotten advice from some of the local who have helped us, taking us to some of the better stops along this lovely open beach.

My boys came down for a few days and had a blast getting pippis with one of the locals. They were getting a bucket full each time, even finding whole beds which was an exciting experience for them.

Trudi and some of the girls from the club went up to Whitianga for Auckland anniversary weekend for a ladies competition. It sounds like it's going off up there at the moment with the skipper reporting 12 marlin, nine spearfish and five tuna. I am sure these numbers will have risen by the time the newsletter comes out!

Looks like it's going to be a fantastic year for all. Cheers, Andrew M









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





As unaccustomed as I am to putting pen to paper (fingers to keyboard?) my partner in crime AKA Mr. W has asked me to write a few words while he gallivants around the world.

The fresh water captains took a day trip to fish the Whirinaki in late December. We left Taupo at 4.30am to go to the other side of Murupara. I had never fished that part of the Whirinaki River and was expecting great things.

Following some generous gifts received over the festive season I was able to partner my TFO BVK 7# with sharkwave GPX 7# line and trust me they did not disappoint. The sound of the sharkwave was music to my

ears. The sun beat down all day and whilst we were not bagless the monsters we hoped for stayed hidden. The fish were taking all small naturals/standard nymph and dropper.

We have continued our weekend early morning kayaking over the Christmas break although there have been occasions when it would be difficult to tell if we were going surfing or kayaking with the wind and waves both blowing well at Waitahanui some mornings. Some nice browns have been caught including Mr W's 7.5lb one from Whakaipo Bay.

Spending time on the boat on the lake with the family is always nice - even better when the fish are biting - even in the middle of the day, full sun in 20ft of water. Great to be able to show oversea visitors what life in Taupo is like, fishing on the lake, trout for tea and endless sunshine - Livin' the Dream Mate , Livin' the Dream

Tight lines Gary









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

PresidentMatt PateTreasurerLeanne NielsenSecretaryTrudi McHaleNewsletter EditorAriell King

Committee members

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

Life members

Mike Fletcher, John Davis, Russell Rountree

The Taupo Fishing Club is Affiliated to:

The NZ Sport fishing Council www.nzsportfishing.co.nz

International Game Fishing Association www.igfa.org

NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers <u>www.nzffa.net</u>

NZ Recreational Fishing Council <u>www.recfish.co.nz</u>

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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