



The Lure of Fishing

April 2016

Matt's update



The Annual Open Trout Tournament was a fantastic weekend for the Taupo Fishing Club and local anglers. This weekend always sees lots of families taking the opportunity to fish together, with lots of young anglers weighing in fish and winning prizes, ensuring the future of our sport is in good hands. The community spirit and involvement was great, the club would like to thank all the anglers who took part and our many fantastic sponsors who make the event possible. We are already planning for next year...!

Tight lines, Matt
Club President

New members!

Grant White

Annual open trout tournament!

Thanks to everyone involved for a great weekend!

Check out some of the photos from the tournament below. We should hopefully have all the photos loaded on our website in the near future.







AGM - Please come along

24 June, 5:30pm at the clubrooms

We are looking for a treasurer and a newsletter editor

Nominees welcome, please email Trudi at info@taupofishingclub.co.nz

Thanks again to our awesome sponsors!

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Also a big thanks to the boys (and parents!) from the Tuahara College 1st IV

On the lake and up the river



It's been a really hard few months out on the Great Lake and good fish have generally been few and far between. This has been reflected in the results of the club fishing competition last month where the average weight of fish weighed in dropped from around 1.5kg to around 1.2kg. 300g is a significant drop in weight, and this was also evident in the condition factor which dropped by more than 10 points.

I attended the last Taupo Advisory Fishing Council meeting in March and we were presented with the findings of the DOC scientist, Dr Michel Dedual, who is investigating the health of our fishery. The presentation goes a long way to explaining our difficult time. In short their research includes an element where they complete a number (around 8 from memory) of parallel sonar runs across the lake, collecting data as they travel in an east-west direction. They then use some new fancy software to remove data pertaining to trout from the bulk data, and extract the remaining scatter for quantification. The amount of scatter represents the bulk zooplankton and smelt concentration in the lake at that particular time. In other words, it represents that amount of food the trout have available. This is an extract of what that food count looks like:

Preliminary results:

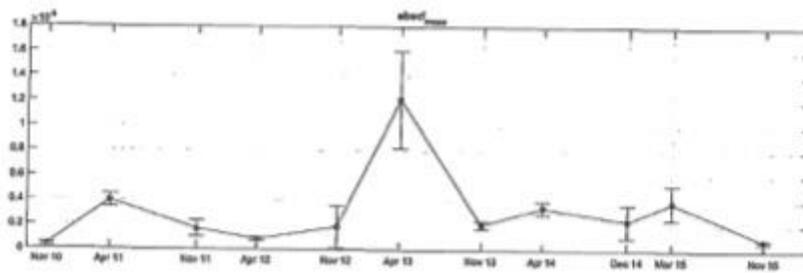


Figure 1. Mean acoustic backscatter from each surveys.

The high count in April 13 set up the trout for having good condition in the spring 13 run, and will likely have had a good impact on their condition for the following year. But then the food count dropped to less than a quarter of this high value and so understandably the quality of trout has followed suit. We are still picking up dense but localised sign of smelt on our personal sounders and this might be why we are finding a small number of fish that are in great condition. I'll keep you posted on how this research pans out.

If you are venturing out on the lake it seems that jigging and down rigging have been getting the best results. Harling has produced a few browns, but these are generally very slabby. I must say I'm looking forward to the winter runs up the rivers....

The plans for the dreaded Carp Farm have been dropped. The potential impact on the fishery was not something that we as trout fishers should have to contemplate. I see this as a very good news story so thanks to all who signed the petition and attended the open meeting in town.

I hope to see you out on the great lake or up a river soon, tight lines and wear your life jacket.

Craig.

Events calendar

Taupo Fishing Club Event Calendar

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	
Salt fly Hook up	Sponsors Night						Tairua Challenge (Taupo)		Fly Casting Comp			
		Fly Fishing for Beginners	Plus club weigh-in first weekend of each month!							Rafting Tongariro		Club Open Day
Annual Trout Tournament			AGM			Fly Tying Comp	Back Country Long Weekend	Papa Aroha Weekend	Club Christmas Party		Salt Fly Hook Up	
	Tairua Challenge (Tairua)	Fly tying Every Thursday Night						Smoke Off				

Trout Fishing

Competitions

Salt water Fishing

General Activities

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.

Club Weigh-in - Running Totals

Angler	Weight	Points
Shawn Sangster	3.5 kg	10.96
Craig Woolacott	4.64 kg	11.34
Gary Preston	1.56 kg	3.8
Arne Rodsjo	1.46 kg	3.11
Sylvia Churchman	1.22 kg	1.82

Rosters

BAR

April 15 June
April 22 Craig
April 29 Trudi

May 6 Debbie
May 13 Stewart
May 20 Sylvia
May 27 June

CLEANING

April Ariell
May Sylvia
June Craig
July Ariell

2016 Taupo Fishing Club committee

President	Matt Pate
Treasurer	June Ham
Secretary	Trudi McHale
Newsletter Editor	Ariell King

Committee members

Andrew King, Ariell King, Debbie Colebourne, Sylvia Churchman, Stewart McLeod, Craig Woolacott.

Life members

Mike Fletcher, John Davis, Russell Rountree

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

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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