

**Newsletter — August 2012**

## Presidents Update



Hi,

I am away again so I do not know how the lakes and rivers are fishing but I am sure you will find it somewhere else in the Newsletter.

I would like to remind members that whether you are a committee member or not it is up to you to keep everybody in the club informed if you have any news re fishing.

If you have any ideas on club outings or trips away please tell someone about it. Feedback would be good. Do we want fly tying courses; fly casting, film nights on fishing etc.

So please have a think and I will see you at the club when we return.

See you out there,

*Colin (Tank) Sangster*

**President**

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS !!**

Have you paid up yet ???

Don't forget, the \$ 5.00 discount disappears at the end of this month—August 31st !!

## Cleaning !!

*Needs to be done !!*

**July** Leanne Nielsen

**August** Andrew McHale

**September** Shawn Sangster

## Bar Roster

August	3rd	Leanne Nielsen
August	10th	Vanessa Jacobs
August	17th	Debbie Colebourne
August	24th	Graeme Downes
August	31st	Shaun Nielsen
September	7th	Sarah Sangster

## 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 !!

# What's on and When ??

## Committee Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6.30pm ?

### 2012

August	5th	Club Day & Prizes ???
August	14th	Committee Meeting
September	2nd	Club Day
September	11th	Committee Meeting
October	6th	C-Breeze Charter out of Whakatane
October	7th	Club Day
October	9th	Committee Meeting
November	2nd—4th	Papa Aroha weekend !!
November	13th	Committee Meeting

### Membership Draw

July	6th	???
July	13th	Cole McHale
July	20th	Troy Nielsen
July	27th	???

## 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 8th July 2012.

Only 3 fish weighed in !!

Gary Preston	6.82
Robbie Sangster (J)	4.0
Andrew McHale	3.43

*Don't forget, this coming weekend, Sunday 5th August there will be the Taupo Rod and Tackle Licence draw around 4.30pm. You need to be there to collect !!*

### Prize Draw

**When: Sunday 5th August 2012—4.30pm**  
**Where: Taupo Fishing Club**

You must be present to claim a prize. If the winner is not present, the prizes will be redrawn.

## A Saltwater Report .....

**A great message from the Hokianga** which read: "Just wondering if there have been any Broadbill weighed to date for the new season? Hokianga had its first one ever for the area caught yesterday afternoon weighing in at 127.8 kg. Just in case it is the first for the season I will give you the details: Date 11/7/2012, Angler: John Kuljish, Weight: 127.8 kg, Area: Hokianga." Well done the Hokianga and watch this space for more great West Coast catches.

### **Council Trophy Winners 2011/2012 Season**

1<sup>st</sup> Marlin of the Season Tagged:

**04.01.12 - Guy Sutherland - Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc**

1<sup>st</sup> Marlin of the Season Weighed:

**05.01.12 - Donna Pascoe - Houhora Big Game & Sports Fishing Club Inc**

1<sup>st</sup> Marlin Weighed or Tagged – The Rob Dinsdale Memorial Trophy

**04.01.12 - Guy Sutherland - Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc**

Saul Trophy – Most Tagged Game fish of the season

**46 Fish - Richard Hart - Raglan Sportfishing Club Inc**

Lord Norrie Gold Cup – Heaviest Striped Marlin of the season

**177.30 kgs - Robert Brown - Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc**

Fisherman of the Year – Heaviest Game Fish of the season

**404.40 kg Broadbill – Jim Gigger - Whangaroa Sport Fishing Club Inc**

The Peter & Noeline Short Memorial Trophy – Most Tagged Billfish

**41 fish - John Gregory - Whangaroa Sport Fishing Club Inc**

The Old Man & the Sea Cup – Most Meritorious – winner:

**Shirley Dobson – Mt Maunganui Sportfishing Club Inc (see story below)**

The Top Junior Angler Cup – Most Meritorious

**Maria Angus – Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc (see story further below)**

The Hart Trophy – Best live Marine Photo taken by an Amateur

**Ross Malone – Hawkes Bay Sports Fishing Club Inc – Photo entitled 'Jumping Dolphins'**

**Further Broadbill Swordfish News** from around the coast. On 9th July 2012 a 6 metre trailer boat "Totally Addicted" went out behind White Island and caught a 219.6 kg swordfish on 37 kg line. A daytime hook-up at 1.30 pm for angler Andrew and skipper Ruben. Another swordfish for the vessel Destiny caught out the back of great Barrier Island went on to weigh 197 kg and they also tagged a further two and lost a couple more. This fishery is just getting better and better.

**The Old Man & the Sea Cup – Most Meritorious – Winner: Shirley Dobson** –Mt Maunganui Sportfishing Club's premiere game fishing tournament is the Decoro Blue Water Classic. Shirley Dobson is one of the 220 anglers who took part in 2012. Shirley is a very keen fisherwoman who has many club records & an IGFA World Line Class Record for a snapper. During the 2012 Blue Water Classic her skipper & partner Dean decided that Waihou Bay offered them the best chance to land a prize winning fish, so after briefing they hit the road for the 4 hr trip with their 7.5m trailer boat to Waihou Bay. It was about 2.30pm on the first day when all hell broke loose. Trolling lures on the 150 metre line off Cape Runaway, when the port side rigger was hit hard, a very large blue marlin started to freight train itself north and stripped about 500 metres of 37 kg line. The end result - a magnificent blue marlin safely back at the ramp, packed it in ice in order to take it back to the Mt Maunganui Sportfishing Club to be weighed where it pulled the scales down to an impressive 301.8 kg. The fish not only won the tournament but is a new Ladies club record & is being head mounted to hang in the clubrooms. This is an outstanding capture using stand up tackle and one Shirley, & crew will remember for the rest of their lives.

## Your Editors Ramblings!



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Hi there,

I have spent the past week down in one of my old haunts—Kapiti Coast with the fishing around Kapiti Island.

From comments I have heard the winter fishing is still pretty good down there if you are prepared to brave a cold water launch in minimal surf!

The same applies to Coromandel, wrap up warm and enjoy it. That's what we have to do out on our great lake at the moment.

There are whitebait showing up in the river mouths so I guess smelt should be seen moving about in our lake ??

Let's get out this weekend and have a look !!

*Russell*



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# Recipe of the Month

## Sea Food Chowder

(With winter upon us I thought this would be appropriate. Serves 4 or 2 double servings !)

### INGREDIENTS:

200g boneless fish fillets (Snapper, Hoki !! ?? )  
200g potatoes, peeled and chopped into 2/3cm cubes  
1 stick of celery, finely chopped  
1/3 onion finely chopped                      3 cups of boiling water  
100g Shrimps  
12 mussels (shelled and chopped up)  
100g crab meat                                      Parsley (finely chopped)  
Salt and pepper to taste

### METHOD:

- Cut fish into 2cm cubes
  - Cook prepared potatoes in boiling salted water (or fish stock) , until soft, approximately 10mins.
  - Add diced fish and finely chopped celery and cook a further 5 minutes. Remove from heat.
  - Process in food processor or blender
  - Add rest of ingredients and reheat - do not boil.
- Garnish with parsley and sour cream if desired.

### *'Out On the Great Lake. . . . .*

The lake has certainly filled up a bit with water over the past 2 months. Early morning harling in the shallows (15ft to 20ft) off the stream mouths is proving quite beneficial to those who can get out early enough (Just after daylight has arrived !!) Best flies are the usual Yellow Lady, Grey Ghost and the Green Orbit (striped) Once the sun has appeared go out to the drop off area and zig zag along with a small Black Toby or a Spotty Gold, Baby Brown etc. getting the lures down to around 80 to 100ft. Keep an eye out for fish surface feeding, obviously there are smelt around in the top layers of the water and some big fish seem to be feeding up. With Club Day this coming weekend, early afternoon is forecast by our 'Solunar Bite Times' for fish to be hungry !!

## Another Saltwater Report .....

I have a report from the Kaipara Harbour where a local angler caught 18 Kahawai on the one softbait, what great economical fishing! Each one of them was full of whitebait, this shows promising signs for the upcoming whitebait season.

South Taranaki has had great results with an angler fishing in 18 metres of water and landing his limit of snapper, keeping nothing under 40cm and including a couple of nice fish weighing 25 and 26 pounds. There were also plenty of big blue cod in the mix.

The Hokianga Club weighed in a 126.8kg Broadbill on 11/7/12 which is the first for the new season. This is the first ever Broadbill caught in the Hokianga area.

On a more local note reports from Tauranga say that catches are mostly Terakihi, which is usual over there for winter fishing. The snapper are still around but may be harder to find at this time of the year.

I have organised a day trip with C-Breeze Fishing Charters, out of Whakatane on the 6th October.

Costs and other details to be confirmed, keep a look out on the notice board at the club rooms. I will put up a list for those who are interested to put their names on it.

There is a limit of 12 spaces available on this trip.

*Shaun Nielsen*

*Saltwater Captain*

*A rabbit walks into a pub and says to the barman, 'Can I have a pint of beer, and a Ham and Cheese Toastie?'*

*The barman is amazed, but gives the rabbit a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie.*

*The rabbit drinks the beer and eats the toastie. He then leaves.*

*The following night the rabbit returns and again asks for a pint of beer, and a Ham and Cheese Toastie.*

*The barman, now intrigued by the rabbit and the extra drinkers in the pub, (because word gets around), gives the rabbit the pint and the Toastie. The rabbit consumes them and leaves.*

*The next night, the pub is packed.*

*In walks the rabbit and says, 'A pint of beer and a Ham and Cheese Toastie, please barman.'*

*The crowd is hushed as the barman gives the rabbit his pint and toastie, and then burst into applause as the rabbit wolfs them down.*

*The next night there is standing room only in the pub.*

*Coaches have been laid on for the crowds of patrons attending.*

*The barman is making more money in one week than he did all last year.*

*In walks the rabbit and says, 'A pint of beer and a Ham and Cheese Toastie, please barman,*

*The barman says, 'I'm sorry rabbit, old mate, old mucker, but we are right out of them Ham and Cheese Toasties...'*

*The rabbit looks aghast.*

*The crowd has quietened to almost a whisper, when the barman clears his throat nervously and says, 'We do have a very nice Cheese and Onion Toastie.'*

*The rabbit looks him in the eye and says, 'Are you sure I will like it.'*

*The masses' bated breath is ear shatteringly silent.*

*The barman, with a roguish smile says, 'Do you think that I would let down one of my best friends. I know you'll love it.'*

*'Ok,' says the rabbit, 'I'll have a pint of beer and a Cheese and Onion Toastie.'*

*The pub erupts with glee as the rabbit quaffs the beer and guzzles the toastie.*

*He then waves to the crowd and leaves....*

*NEVER TO RETURN !!!!!*

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*One year later, in the now impoverished public house, the barman, (who has only served 4 drinks tonight, 3 of which were his), calls time.*

*When he is cleaning down the now empty bar, he sees a small white form, floating above the bar.*

*The barman says, 'Who are you?'*

*To which he is answered,*

*'I am the ghost of the rabbit that used to frequent your public house.'*

*The barman says, 'I remember you. You made me famous.'*

*You would come in every night and have a pint of beer and a Ham and Cheese Toastie.*

*Masses came to see you and this place was famous.'*

*The rabbit says, 'Yes I know.'*

*The barman said, 'I remember, on your last night we didn't have any Ham and Cheese Toasties. You had a Cheese and Onion one instead.'*

*The rabbit said, 'Yes, you promised me that I would love it.'*

*The barman said, 'You never came back, what happened?'*

*'I DIED', said the rabbit.*

*'NO!' said the barman. 'what from?'*

*After a short pause, the rabbit said...*

*'Mixin-me-toasties.'*

## Fly Box

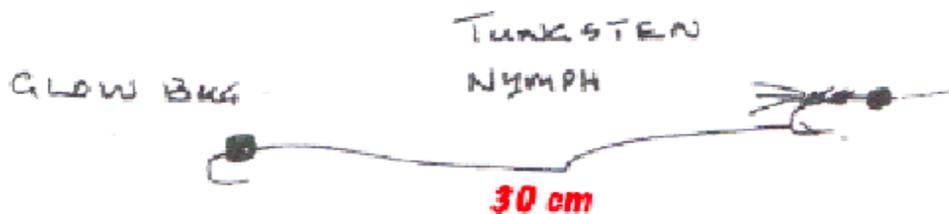
Welcome to the first in a new series about what flies you should have in your fly box at the moment, a bit on their history, how to tie them, and of course how to fish them. If there is a particular fly you would like looked at feel free to ask.

### **Fly of the month: Glow Bug**

This has got to be the easiest fly to tie, and to catch fish on in the Taupo fishery during the winter. The glow bug was developed in California by the Bug Shop specifically to target steelhead trout. The Glo Bug imitates trout eggs, which are a huge source of food for trout during the winter spawning runs. Fly fishermen often say 'match the hatch', and using Glo Bugs at this time of the year is doing just that, so you can put aside any of those rumours that using a Glo Bug is not real fishing!

### **How to fish:**

Glo Bugs need to be fished close to the river bed, as that is where trout tend to lie during winter. This means using a heavy tungsten bead head bomb as your first fly and the Glo Bug hangs off the shank of the bomb, about 30cm behind. You should hit the bottom from time to time, if not then you are not fishing deep enough and you can add split shot in front of the bomb.



Best colours are orange with a red or white dot in size 10 and 12 when the water is coloured and fast, or Late McRoe with a red dot in size 12 or 14 when the water is clear.

## **River Report**

Well, the big news this month on the rivers has been the rain, with floods causing damage on both the Hinemaiaia and Tauranga Taupo river. Tracks have been damaged on both rivers, Hue Hue Street on the T.T. needs some major repairs and a few more trees down across the Hine below the bridge.

But the silver lining has been some great winter runs following the rain and plenty of anglers out there taking advantage of the conditions. Orange Glo Bugs have been the top nymphing fly and naturals. Like Flash Back Pheasant Tails have also been producing fish when the river levels drop off a bit. Plenty of silver fish are being weighed in around the 3lbs mark.

The forecast is for more rain during August, so this should keep the spawning fish running. As always after heavy rain some time needs to be spent sacrificing a few flies to find all the new snags. I have already spotted a couple of fantastic looking new lies on the Hine.

*Matt Pate*

## *Fresh Water Club Captain*

## At the Vice

**Glo Bug** : this is a great fly to start tying as it is simple and requires very few materials and tools:

### **Materials:**

Hooks: Black Magic G (Size 10, 12 & 14 are most common)

Thread: Kevlar or Danville's Waxed Fly Master Plus

Body: 3 x 3 pieces of Glo Bug yarn (to make a spot, change the colour of the top piece.)

Step 1: Secure hook in vice and tie on thread.

Step 2: Hold the 3 pieces of yarn on centre of hook, secure with 3 wraps.

Step 3: Pull yarn straight up and do 2 wraps around the base, on top of hook.

Step 4: Tie thread off just behind the eye.

Step 5: Pull yarn straight up, pulling firmly and cut very close to the hook with sharp scissors.