



The Lure of Fishing

January 2016

Matt's update



Well the weather has been all over the place with scorching hot days followed by heavy showers at night!

The committee are working hard to get everything sorted for the annual tournament - its going to be a good one. If you are able to lend a hand during the tournament weekend please let us know as there are a few jobs that need to be done.

Thanks to everyone for sending in their photos - its great to get these and see what our club members have been up to.

If you have any ideas for the club, events or the newsletter please let us know.

On Matt's behalf

Ariell

Editor

New members!

John Ratcliffe
Bruce Campbell
Stewart and Carol Mill

Annual open trout tournament!



19 - 20 March, 2016

Grant Dixon from NZ Fishing News is our MC for the weekend!

Please let us know if you are able to help leading up to
and over the tournament weekend.

Visit the TFC website for more information

On the lake and up the river



El Nino is here and it's really restricting our fishing! I'm sure are all wishing it would ease off and let us get back out on lake...

It's been a really hard few months out on the Great Lake with wind curtailing most opportunities, and on those limited days when boat and kayak fishing was possible, results have been mixed at best. There are generally a fair number of small fish being caught harling at the morning change of light but not many that are work taking unless you are really desperate. I have heard of a few reasonable fish falling to harling flies, but nothing like the number or quality that we enjoyed last year.

Jigging has been the better option, but, despite a really well defined and dense thermocline, results remain sporadic. Tom and I have fished most of the available (and wind allowable) days on weekends and are generally lucky to bring home a decent fish between us. The odd fish is in really good condition and generally full of kura or smelt, but these are few and far between.

The latest club event was our Tongariro White Water Rafting and Fly Fishing session that that Matt arranged. It was a real blast. We saw fish everywhere and stopped at every opportunity. At around lunch time our raft guide politely pointed out that the trip generally took a few hours of rafting, we were half way through the day and had only covered a few hundred meters and.... But there were fish around!! We all caught a few, nothing massive, and had a great time, spending around 10 hours on the river. I highly recommend that you get onto the next trip in early December if you are that way inclined. A big ups to Matt.

Well, let's hope the winds die down and we can out there amongst the trout that must be getting hungry by now.

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

Craig.



Tom with 5 lb rainbow caught off the Waitahanui Delta



A nice bin-full following one of the better mornings



A good rainbow caught jigging

Sad news

From the NZ Sport Fishing Council

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Shelton Scown, loving partner of Life Member Roz Nelson, after a long battle with illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Roz and Shelton's Family.

Saltwater report

Hope everybody has had a great Christmas and holiday break and got out for some well deserved time on the water. For me it has been a case of few fish but the fish I did catch have been worth the effort.

In November I was lucky enough to get out to White Island on Enchanter for a day targeting kingfish. As we got into it the sign and activity was awesome with fish consistently breaking the surface chasing baitfish. Unfortunately all our efforts were unsuccessful either floating baits through the schools, trolling, jigging - nothing would work. Our luck eventually picked up with about an hour and half to go with an intense session of triple hookups, big bronze whalers taking 20+kg fish at the boat, and hoots and cheers when we managed to actually get a fish landed. I was lucky enough to land my best Kingfish that afternoon.

With the holidays approaching Craig and I had been planning a kayak trip up the east cape. Unfortunately the weather didn't play ball so we ended up going with plan B and heading to Tauranga harbour for an evening and morning session. The fishing was tough but we managed a feed for the family. The highlight was Craig getting hooked up on a big shark (2-3m)! After jumping it proceeded to tow Craig around the harbour much to the delight of Craig just holding on.

Our family headed to Omokoroa for the Christmas holidays. I only got out one day out, the fishing was slow but we got a good feed with one nice Snapper worth a photo.

There are a few interesting developments going on in the saltwater fishery with the introduction of recreational fishery reserves. Great to see the government are recognising the interests of the owners of our coastline before the commercial fishery. I will provide a bit more detail on these changes and others in the next newsletter. You can check out the following link for more info <http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Press/Positive+changes+to+fishing+regulations+announced.htm>

Keep sending in those great photos

Andrew





Waikato Boat Expo

On Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of February 2016 the Waikato Boat Expo will be at The Base in Hamilton. There will be spaces for Clubs to promote their activities and a place to **SELL your secondhand boat!**



Simrad Raglan One Base Fishing Tournament

March 10th -12th 2016

EARLY BIRD DRAW
SIMRAD HH36 Handheld VHF
RRP \$349
Closes 8pm, 04/03/16



Marlin
Shark T&R
Kingfish
Snapper
Tuna
Trevally
Albacore
Kahawai

\$1,000 CASH PRIZE FOR TOP TEAM

Drawn Team Prizes
1st Prize: NSS7 Evo2 Bundle – CHIRP + StructureScan + Platinum Chart
2nd Prize: \$1000  Voucher
3rd Prize: \$750  Voucher

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Registration & Briefing

Registration from 5pm & Briefing at 7pm, 9th March 2016 at Raglan Club, Bow Street, Raglan.
Anglers must be a member of a club affiliated to NZSFC.
Club Memberships Available

Entry \$55 per Angler \$20 Juniors under 17

Hosted by


Fishing photos!

The McHales got the best present for the new year - a new grandson! He was a bit early but already has lots of smile for his Nana! They had a great few weeks at Waihua Bay. On the windy days they went over to the the east cape and visited the old whaling wharf at Hicks Bay. Fishing wasn't great with Dylan hooking into something with a black finish but then we got into the kingfish! Unfortunately a bronzy took it from him before he could wind it up. Had cray pots out for nearly week with only one pulled up so I wasn't sharing.





Sylvia and family had a great three hours fishing at their favourite spot off Opotiki in 23 metres of water.
They caught 12 Snapper, four Kahawai, one Trevally and one Gurnard.



The Sangsters share some of their photos - Charlie caught a 1.93kg trout jigging on 27 Dec 2015, while Sarah and Shawn had a great time in Niue in August!



Events calendar

Event	Date	Manager
Club open day - bring a guest fishing	7-Feb-16	Matt
Club tournament	19 - 20 March	Committee

Sponsors night	Apr-16	Matt
Fly Fishing For Beginners	3-Apr-16	Craig
Salt water Fly Fishing weekend Tauranga Harbour	TBC	Andrew
Land based Gamefishing East Cape	TBC	Andrew

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

Jan 29	Debbie
Feb 5	Matt

Feb 12 Craig
Feb 19 Stewart
Feb 26 Debbie

March 4 Ariell
March 11 Sylvia
March 18 Tournament!
March 25 June

CLEANING

February Andrew
March Matt
April Ariell

2016 Taupo Fishing Club committee

President Matt Pate
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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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