



# *The Lure of Fishing*

*March 2015*

## **Special Tournament Edition**

**A big thumbs up to our  
Tournament Sponsors!!!**

## **Matt's update**



Welcome to the Tournament Edition of the club newsletter. The club would like to extend a warm welcome to all entrants in our Annual Open Trout Tournament. This is our main club event of the season and brings together hundreds of keen anglers, young and old, hoping to land a winning fish.

This is a real "locals" event, with tremendous support from the local business community who have provided fantastic prizes and sponsorship. Take your time to look through our sponsors list and show your appreciation by supporting them in the in the future.

Having a strong and vibrant fishing club is a valuable resource for our

community. We hold many events throughout the year, regular weigh-in weekends and social nights every Friday at the club rooms. If you are not already a club member, I hope you will join this weekend and get involved with your local club!

Tight lines

*Matt Pate*

**Club President**

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## Who has the best fishing photos???

Thanks to everyone for sending in the great photos!

The winner this month is Shaun Nielsen, who receives the latest issue of NZ Trout Fisher magazine.

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A Mohaka Rainbow from David Lehndorf



## Fishing in Twizel

We recently went fishing at the Ohau Canal, Twizel. Having been told stories of the big fish that have been caught there we were keen to have a go.

The two preferred methods of fishing are either with a shrimp to target rainbow trout or soft baiting to catch salmon. According to the locals the fishing was quieter than usual, but we still managed to catch a few Rainbow Trout and a salmon, all great condition fish. We also witnessed a few other good catches along the banks of the canal.

*Shaun Nielsen*



**We would love to see your fishing photos!**

**Email** [editor@taupofishingclub.co.nz](mailto:editor@taupofishingclub.co.nz)

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

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## **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](mailto: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  
at [www.taupofishingclub.co.nz](http://www.taupofishingclub.co.nz)

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## **Upcoming events**

The club has many events planned for 2015 - please keep an eye on the club website [www.taupofishingclub.co.nz](http://www.taupofishingclub.co.nz) or join our facebook page [www.facebook.com/thetaupofishingclub](http://www.facebook.com/thetaupofishingclub) to keep up to date with news and events.

### **Fly Tying Classes**

Our winter fly tying classes will be on again this year, starting in May. The fly tying classes are open to everyone. If you are a complete beginner, we will have a structured series of classes to teach you all the basics about materials, tools and techniques. By the end of the classes

you should be able to tie a range of fish-catching flies such as woolly buggers, hare-and-copper nymphs and dry flies. For the more experienced tiers we have a fantastic line up of world class fly tiers doing demonstrations, including salt water flies. To register your interest and for more information please email [info@taupofishingclub.co.nz](mailto:info@taupofishingclub.co.nz)

### **Introduction to Fly Casting**

Ever wanted to learn to cast a fly rod but not sure where to start? We have you covered! Internationally certified casting instructor Derek Grzelewski will be holding an introductory course in fly casting at the club during May. This will cover everything you need to know to set up your gear, basic theory of fly casting, and lots and lots of practice on the grass and on the water. Even if you have been fly fishing for a number of years you will benefit from this course. Numbers are strictly limited for this course, for more information and to register your interest please email [info@taupofishingclub.co.nz](mailto:info@taupofishingclub.co.nz)

### **Introduction to Spey Casting**

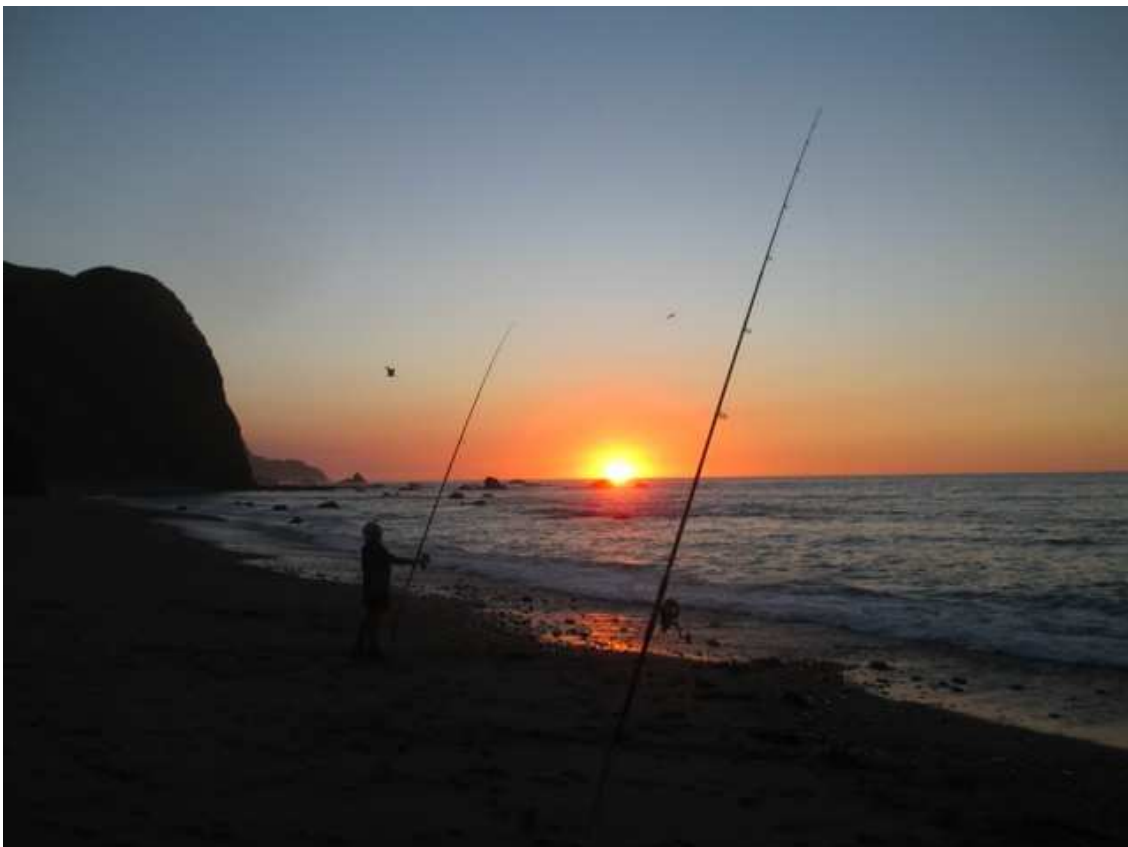
LOOP will be holding a Spey Casting course in Taupo during June 2015. If you have ever wanted to try this graceful form of fly casting now is your chance. Juan Del Carmen will be teaching the course and it's always a lot of fun. If you would like more information please contact [info@taupofishingclub.co.nz](mailto:info@taupofishingclub.co.nz)





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## Off the beach and out on the ocean!



Summer salt water fishing this year has been great. The snapper in Tauranga Harbour has been plentiful and West Coast beach fishing has really picked up.

We spent a lot of this summer at Omokoroa. It was my first time fishing

in the harbour. Thankfully I met a couple of locals who gave me some great tips.

The first tip was a good high tide spot to fish. We caught fish there every time. The best was a morning fish; we had to stop because we had our limit between the three of us in about three hours.

The second tip was a Kingfish live bait rig which I used off the wharf with two hook ups but no final result. Off the boat just around the corner I managed to land a nice 8.5kg fish on 30lb tackle. Thanks Hamish for catching all the live baits! Moving into Autumn the bigger fish should start to feed more with some nice hookups. Tank mentioned he hooked a monster soft baiting at the entrance to Bowentown, but his light tackle was no match for it.

West Coast beach fishing is starting to fire now. Some friends of mine went fishing at Marokopa. They crossed over the river and headed north for two days a couple of weeks ago. The fishing was awesome with each of them catching their limit every day. Many of the fish were over 5lb and the largest was 11lb.

Best of luck for the tournament!

Tight lines,

*Andrew King*







# On the Lake and in the River



The changing seasons has the sun spending more time below the horizons, and has predictably changed the way fishing methods perform.

Out on the lake, jigging and trolling have become a little less productive while harling has been sporadically improving. The quality of fish being caught is generally very good with size being the major variable. A high percentage of fish are below the 1.2kg / 42cm mark, but there are also some really nice fish being caught. Not only did Kevin get that 8lb brown last month, he also had a decent rainbow in the bin.

Mat weighted in Steve Moore's 1.8kg, 41cm rainbow which had an incredible condition factor of 94.4!! In the annual fishing competition we expect the winning condition factor to be around 65 so this was in better than prime condition.

Fishing at the Waitahanui rip has started to improve with a few nice fish coming out most evenings. This should improve as temperatures drop. The Hinemaiaia Stream is holding reasonable numbers of juvenile fish which are little rocket propelled silver bullets and are really fun to catch.

The Tongariro River has fished well over the last month with some really good sized fish being hooked amongst the general population of tiny fry. Nymphing as well as dry fishing with big, ugly, wobbly legged dry with a dropper have been doing the business. Andrew Christmas landed a big, brown jack of 14 lbs that left him thinking he needs a deeper net so there are some big fish out there! Gary, Mat and I have hit the 'Riro a couple of times but have not managed to get into any of the big fish yet. We're having another go on Friday and will report in next month.

With the annual fishing competition coming up it's time to get out there and find where the fish are hanging out, so get a line in the water and start exploring.

Tight lines  
*Craig*



Some well-conditioned rainbows caught harling by Bryan and friends.



Steve's three fish – the bottom one with the 94.4 condition factor.  
Tuck in Chubbs!!

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## 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 15th March 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

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## 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

## **2015 Taupo Fishing Club committee**

<b>President</b>	Matt Pate
<b>Treasurer</b>	Leanne Nielsen
<b>Secretary</b>	Trudi McHale
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Ariell 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](http://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz)

International Game Fishing Association [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org)

NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers [www.nzffa.net](http://www.nzffa.net)

NZ Recreational Fishing Council [www.recfish.co.nz](http://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](mailto: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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