



# *The Lure of Fishing*

*September/October 2015*

## **Matt's update**



The club has been busy with events over the last two months including hosting a great group of anglers from the Tairua Fishing club and the clubs 40th birthday. Our membership numbers are growing again and we encourage everyone to introduce some prospective new members. We have some great events coming up such as the trout smoke-off and casting competition, and these are great opportunities to bring along new members.

Tightlines

*Matt Pate*

***Club President***

**Welcome to our new members!**

Rob van Duivenboden

If you know somebody who is keen to join the club you can find the membership form [here](#)

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## Club's 40th birthday!

We recently had the pleasure of hosting the Tairua Fishing Club on a visit to Taupo, which coincided with our 40th birthday. We put on a mini tournament to mark the occasion and we hope this will become a regular event.

Our new Tairua friends proved to be a sporting bunch and put our anglers to the test, and despite changing the rules several times to give us the home advantage, Tairua still came out on top to take home the new Taupo-Tairua club trophy.

In return for hosting our Tairua friends, they have now invited us to the coast and their home grounds to defend the trophy!

Dates will be announced soon, and we will need all the experienced anglers we can muster to travel up to Tairua for a weekend of fun, friends and fishing.

It was great to see the club rooms full and a great atmosphere to celebrate our 40th birthday, a big thanks must go the committee members who organised both these events, don't forget to thank them next time you see them!





## Events calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Manager</b>
Smoke off	8-Nov-15	Matt
Papa Aroha Club Weekend	12-Nov-15 15-Nov-15	Trudi
Fly Casting Competition	6-Dec-15	Matt
Raft and fish the Tongariro	15-Dec-15	Matt
Club open day - bring a guest fishing	7-Feb-16	Matt
Club tournament	Mar-16	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

# Smoke off!!!

The date has been set for our second annual trout smoke-off, so put **November 8th** in your calendars.

This was an awesome event last year with lots of delicious variations on smoked trout for everyone to sample. Previous winners Cole McHale and Dave Lehndorf will hopefully be there to defend their title, and we have lots of great prizes as usual from our generous sponsors.

Full details will be sent out soon, so start practising and invite all your friends, this is a great way to introduce new people to the club.



**Where are all the fishing photos???**





John Hunter and David Lehndorf on the Tauranga-Taupo in September

Do you ever have trouble viewing the photos in the newsletter? If so perhaps try viewing the email using a different browser e.g. google chrome. Sometimes when you open the email it may have a prompt in this regard.

## **Free firewood anyone?**

Does anyone have some firewood that they could donate to the club?

It helps to keep the clubrooms warm over the winter especially during fly tying classes!



# 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



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## On the Lake and in the River



After a fantastic few months, it just had to come to an end! Winter fishing up the rivers has cooled off with most fish being caught being of poor condition. We can't complain as we have had the best fishing up the rivers for years. Hopefully this will also be case for out on lake as summer comes around.

The day we held the Fly Fishing for Beginners session was towards the end of the good run on the river and we were fortunate that three of the four guys who joined us caught fish. It was a really nice morning out sharing a few tips and the joys of landing fresh fish in the river. One of the guys who joined us for the morning has become a club member and has come out on the yak for a fish with us following the day. A big welcome to Rob and his son Liam.

Fishing out on the lake has been a bit of a challenge as the spring / summer harling has not yet kicked in and jigging is stall a month away. We can expect that smelting activity will pick up as the water in the shallows warms up and the smelt move in to breed. Despite this being a bit too early in the season, we did pick up a few fish harling during the first weekend of October and young Liam even landed his own trout while fishing with his dad Rob in a white water yak. Well done guys.

The same weekend was the competition day we had with the Tairua Fishing Club. The social side was fantastic but from a fishing point of view it was hard work! Tairua did show us, both in the number of anglers who turned up for the occasion and in the number and size of fish caught. Congratulations to John who won the trophy for the best condition factor trout and for landing the heaviest fish too. It was really good having you all here for the weekend and we are looking forward to showing you how to catch some sea fish in a few months' time.

The lake is being churned up by these beastly westerly winds and so getting out on it is a challenge. The up-side is that this will ensure that the zooplankton get well stirred up so there will be the beginnings of a good food chain to fatten up the trout for seasons ahead.

A friend of Gary P's landed an almost 10 pound rainbow while fishing the Waitahanui rip a couple of weeks back, so there are some nice fish out there. Let's find a way to get them into the smoker and into the smoke-off completion on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Tight lines  
*Craig*



Rob with a fish on the Beginner's Day



Nelson with a good one too!



# Saltwater report



Well its getting to that exciting time of the year with the water temps increasing and as a result the fish are coming into the shallows and harbours with feeding increasing as spawning starts. I have already had feedback that the snapper in the Coromandal are on the bite.

A friend of mine was at Whangapoua Harbour last weekend soft baiting at the headland and landed his bag of snapper in a couple of hours. Good size fish all around the three pound mark. For the west coast fishers getting out is difficult with the equinox winds kicking in but the rewards for those that can is always great. Dave was always a regular out of Kawhia so I let him know to keep us up to date with any trip he has booked.

I have only been out fishing once this season. That was two weekends ago in Tauranga harbour. The kahwai were everywhere which is great news for the coming season. My livie didn't get much attraction but it was mid tide with lots of weed about



so I'm very optimistic that its going to be a good season targeting Kingfish this year.

After a successful inter-club tournament with the Tairua team I'm really looking forward to heading over there to claim back the trophy.

We are looking at a couple of salt water events after Christmas. A salt water fly trip in the Tauranga Harbour and a land based game trip to either the East Cape or West coast around Marokopa. Let me know if you would be interested and we will try and plan a trip that accommodates the wants and needs of the members as best we can.

Just a reminder about our membership to the NZ Sport Fishing Council and the associated affiliation with all other member clubs. This provides you access to those clubrooms and facilities and also provides the ability to enter their tournaments. Any queries about this please let me know and I'll do my best to answer them for you.

Remember big baits catch big fish!

Andrew



Kingfish been landed off the Omokoroa wharf (piper for live bait)



Nice winter snapper at Deadmans, Great Barrier Island



# 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 28 October 2015

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

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## Rosters

### BAR

Nov 6 Andrew  
Nov 13 CLOSED - PAPA AROHA  
Nov 20 Matt  
Nov 27 Craig

Dec 4 Ariell  
Dec 11 Debbie  
Dec 18 Stewart

### CLEANING

November Stewart  
December Trudi  
January June

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## **2016 Taupo Fishing Club committee**

<b>President</b>	Matt Pate
<b>Treasurer</b>	June Ham
<b>Secretary</b>	Trudi McHale
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Ariell King

### **Committee members**

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

### **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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