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Congratulations to Trevor Jeffries for taking out the 2016 Literary Award for his fine article “It’s not just about the fish we land”. Non-anglers often struggle to understand what it is that keeps drawing us back to the rivers and streams. Trevor summed it up eloquently in this excerpt from his article.

Over the 2 days we clocked a fair few km's amongst some stunning scenery and shared a wide range of enjoyable conversations and many laughs. As is common to many anglers, often we measure the success and enjoyment of trips in terms of the fish we land. Collectively, it is fair to say we got more enjoyment on this trip from the ones we didn't. Those fish that triumphed over each of us at different points have left vivid impressions in our memories. It is often those impressions that keep us continually looking to feed our fishing addiction.

Well said Trevor. Winter has well and truly arrived and with it, the opportunity for some great deep water nymph and lure fishing. As always, please feel free to put pen to paper to share your experiences with other members.

Chris Kuchel

Presidents Report



I am pleased to be able to present you with the President’s Report for 2016. This year we have undertaken a number of successful activities that shows that we as a club are out there doing it and will continue to do so.

This year we had our 40th Anniversary Dinner which was well received by those who attended followed up the next day by New Zealand winning the Rugby World Cup. The club represented by Graham Odlum, Ian Lawson and Ajit Jogi hosted ably by the Kapiti Angling Club won the interclub fly tying competition by the narrowest of margins.

A number of club members went on a very enjoyable weekend to fish the Tukituki River hosted by the Hastings Anglers Club. This trip needed to be reorganized because of the weather but the reports that came back justified the perseverance of proceeding with the trip. It is hoped that the friendships formed will continue and that future trips will be possible.

Some of us had a day out on the Waikanae River hosted by the Kapiti Angling Club and whilst we didn't manage to catch a fish the BBQ put on for us and the company we enjoyed made the day a success. The annual quiz held on our club night in December is always a pleasure and thanks go to Alan Markham for organising the night.

We as a club continue to try and provide a range of activities for our members these being the Buddy Programme, Casting Clinics, Fly tying evenings, Club trips, Workshops, Fishing competitions, Workshops on club nights and guidance through the club website.

Communication is important and we are fortunate to have within our club, members who are prepared to give their time and skills to prepare an excellent club newsletter and we have a brand new website which should continue to attract new members to our club. The fish of the month and the photo competition are well supported and continue to create interest within the club.

The use of Skype in my opinion has been a great success as it allows us to be in contact with persons that it would have been a struggle for us to get to the club in person. The speakers we have had come to club night have been well received and tell me they enjoy coming due to the good turnouts we have and the enthusiasm of our club members.

Our club is fortunate to have good sponsors in the form of Hunting and Fishing, Fishscene and Jim Rainey of Green Trout guiding. Their support is important to us and we should remember this when we are looking around for new fishing gear and services to use.

Our three life members continue to support our club in different ways. Phil McKeown who resides in Turangi makes himself available to take members out fishing and providing guidance, Grahame Kitchen is actively involved with Club night and is putting together a club calendar for us and Keith

Tourell provides us with inspiration. John Olds and I caught up with Keith recently in the Ferguson Drive Retirement Home. Keith was upbeat looking forward to going fishing when the season opens in October. Keith explained to us that he appreciates when members drop in and have a chat with him and would be keen to see more.

This year the committee introduced some new ideas, the most recent being Internet banking to provide a better service for club members and looked at ways to encourage younger members to the club which is something that John Gummer alluded to last month.

The committee in my opinion is made up of club members who are keen to add to the success of the club and come up with new ideas.

This year John Millar, Ian Lawson and Maureen Burgess are standing down from the committee after many years of service. They have provided an invaluable service to the club and it is hoped that they will continue to support the club whilst not being committee members. Gary Jacobsen is also standing down and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary for the work he has put into being Secretary.

To conclude, we are a well-established club with membership numbers nearing 80 and a healthy bank balance, we have a positive future to look forward to.

Ross Goodman

July Activities

- 11th King Lion Hall 7.30pm
- 17th Casting Clinic – Belmont Domain 10.00am
- 19th Committee meeting 7.30pm
- 27th Fly tying – Community House 7.30pm

Club News

Dear members

On 1 July, the news came through that our club founder and life member, Keith Tourell passed away peacefully. Keith had been deteriorating in health for more than a year. He had been a patient at the Fergusson Rest Home and Hospital. He will be sadly missed. We all have our own special memories of how Keith affected our lives in and out of the HVAC.

Rest in peace Keith



Club Night 11 July - Focus on Fly Tying

Two members will demonstrate tying a fly. Tim Trengrove will tie a Stimulator Dry fly then John Millar will tie a Wallywing Mayfly. Members can get up close and ask questions.



Stimulator Fly

Then we will ask some club members to tie two of the compulsory flies in the Fishscene Interclub Fly Tying Competition that will be hosted this year by HVAC in November.

Casting Clinic - Sunday 17 July at Belmont Domain. Be there early, ready for a 10am start.

The co-coordinator is Ian Lawson. If you want to attend, please sign up on the clipboard at our monthly meeting or register on the website.

Registration allows us to have instructors available for all attendees and who we contact if there is any change in meeting arrangements.

Fly Tying Meeting Wednesday 27 July 7.30 p.m.

Community Meeting Rooms off Logan Street, Upper Hutt. This month's theme – **"Innovative Materials and Methods"**.

Fly of the month Caddis larvae

We will share some ideas on using innovative materials for your flies.



Subs now due

Pay direct to our club bank account or send your cheque to the Club PO Box 40135, Upper Hutt or to the Treasurer at the Members' meetings.

Raffle Winners in June

Congratulations to John Olds for winning the Green Trout Guiding entry. Ian Burgess took away the wading stick and Jono Gough won the Hunting and Fishing voucher. Monthly winners of the Green Trout Guiding raffle go into the annual draw for a fantastic trip with Jim Rainey. You've got to be in to win, so make sure you buy your ticket each month at club meetings.

Photo competition

The June winner is Krystal Smith, who takes away the \$15 Fishscene voucher. Her winning photo "Autumn Mist Kaitoke" is on the front cover of this month's newsletter. Jeff Wood from Fishscene is the sponsor of the

monthly photo competition. The Members are encouraged to support our sponsors.

Fish of the month

Congratulations to Bill Harris for his fine 3lb 4oz catch.

Next club trip

No club trips are planned for during the winter months

Library News

After many years of service, Maureen has handed her library duties over to Ajit Jogi. The library is open from 7.00 on Club nights. Please make sure that all books and DVDs are checked out and returned to Ajit.

The library data base is complete with lists available at the Members meetings and records held of items on loan and or available for loan.

Proposed changes to Newsletter delivery

Editing, publishing, printing and distributing the newsletter requires an on-going monthly commitment from the team involved. The hardcopy newsletter provides a valuable service to those without an internet connection or for those who simply prefer to receive a hardcopy. Most members choose to receive their newsletter via email, but there is a small group for whom this is not a viable option. In order to balance the workload of the production team, the rising cost of postage and maintain the service to members, the committee is proposing the following:

- Hardcopies of the newsletter will no longer be posted.
- Members who have paid for hardcopies will have theirs individually named and ready for collection at the monthly club meetings either by themselves or by a mate.
- Those members who have special circumstances such as on-going health issues or geographic isolation will continue to receive their newsletter by post.
- This new system will start in August

This proposal will be up for discussion at the July club meeting.

HUTT VALLEY ANGLING CLUB INC
MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Club was held on Monday 13 June 2016 in the King Lion Hall, Upper Hutt. 32 members attended. The President, Ross Goodman chaired the meeting. He welcomed all members and guests to the 41st AGM of the Club. He also made mention of our two local life members; Grahame Kitchen who attended the meeting and Keith Tourell, who unfortunately was unable to attend.

Apologies

Alan Markham, Bruce Prescott, Mark Whitecliffe, Wayne McCarthy, Ian Porter, Wayne Butson

Notification of items of general business

Dan Waechter – Youth Programme.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Read by the Acting Secretary John Olds. The minutes were passed (John Olds/Ian Lawson) as an accurate record of proceedings subject to the amendments below.

Matters arising

Under “Presentation of trophies and awards”, amend “Rainbow” to “Brown” for type of fish, Kernow Cup.

Amend “2013/14 budget” to “2015/16 budget”

President’s report

Ross Goodman presented his report as Chairman of the committee (*attachment 1*). He particularly thanked three retiring committee members, John Millar, Ian Lawson and Maureen Burgess and thanked them for their contribution to the club over many years. This was met with applause from the members.

The motion (Ross Goodman/Fraser Gibbs) to adopt the report was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Nansett presented his report and the accompanying statement of financial performance (*attachment 2*). A copy of the report was available to members attending the meeting. Net profit for the financial year to 31 May 2016 was \$283.95. He thanked Grahame Kitchen for his guidance on taking over the Treasurer's role.

The Treasurer advised that the financial accounts were reviewed by John Olds who concluded that the statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Club, although in common with other organisations of similar nature, control over the Club's income prior to its being recorded is limited. The Treasurer thanked John for reviewing the financial statements.

Peter Parker asked the purpose of holding \$18,000 on term deposit. The Treasurer advised that we need to hold enough funds to cover two years expenses but we also self-insure so there are items such as the library, casting rods and other assets that we need to cover.

The motion (Mike Nansett/Steve Doughty) to accept the financial report was carried.

Subscriptions

The Treasurer advised that the outgoing committee's recommendation to the AGM was that subscriptions remain the same as last year, that is:

For new members:

Family:	\$55
Senior:	\$45
Super annuitant:	\$35
Junior:	\$10

For members renewing their subscriptions:

Family:	\$45
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Senior: \$35

Super annuitant: \$25

Members who wish to receive a printed copy of the monthly newsletter will add \$10 to this amount.

The junior subscription remains at \$10 whatever option is selected.

The motion (Mike Nansett/Colin Thomson) to retain subscription amounts as above was carried.

2016/17 budget

As part of his financial report, the Treasurer also presented a proposed budget for the 2016/17 financial year. He noted that expenditure will exceed income this year because that the committee has put aside funds for member activities such as water safety and casting instruction.

In response to a question from Peter Parker regarding the committee's ability to spend in excess of the budgeted amount the Secretary advised there is protection in the constitution (clause 12.3) in that the committee is required to seek the approval of members if it intends to spend in excess of 10% of that amount. The Secretary also advised that the expenditure proposed for member activities is a gross amount and, for example, there will be a contribution of \$450 to the budgeted amount of \$800 for the water safety course.

The motion (Mike Nansett/Dan Waechter) to accept the proposed budget was carried.

Presentation of trophies and awards

In the absence of Keith Tourell our other life member present, Grahame Kitchen, was asked to present the angling awards as follows:

Rex Chapman Taylor Trophy	Heaviest fish caught in the Hutt River or its tributaries	Ian Lawson	6lb 5oz Brown	Hutt River
Tisdall Cup	Heaviest fish in Wgtn Fish & Game region (excl the Hutt River)	Ian Lawson	7lb 1oz Brown	Wainuiomata River
Keith Tourell Cup	Heaviest fish caught in NZ outside the Wgtn region	Bill Harris	9lb 4oz Rainbow	Lake Otamangakau
Kernow Cup	Heaviest fish caught and released	Ian Lawson	6lb 5oz Brown	Wainuiomata River
President's Trophy for the Club Championship	Based on the best 3 competition results	Ian Lawson		

The President noted that Ian Lawson spent the early part of the fishing season out of the country and his efforts and skill in winning the four trophies above was noteworthy. This is the second year in a row that Ian has won these four trophies.





Literary Award

The President advised that this was the last year that the club would be presenting the existing trophy which is now a little worse for wear. John Millar has kindly offered to make a replacement trophy for 2017.

The editor of the newsletter, Chris Kuchel, commented that there were 17 articles from the newsletter put forward for the award this year which demonstrated the number and depth of articles being submitted. He

commented on the top three articles and presented the Literary Award for 2016 to:

Trevor Jeffries for his February 2016 article “It’s not just about the fish we land”.



Photo Competition

John Millar, as last year's winner conveyed the remarks of the competition judge, Paul Gummer on the top three photographs.

The winner of the photo competition for 2016 was: Krystal Smith for her photo "Autumn Mist Kaitoke".



Jacques Cousteau award for underwater exploration

Won by Mike Nansett.



Guiding raffle draw

Won by Paul Stapp.

Election of Officers

President: Ross Goodman (John Olds/Ian Lawson)

Immediate Past president: Steve Doughty

Vice President: Mike Nansett (John Millar/Steve Doughty)

Secretary: John Olds (Ross Goodman/Grahame Kitchen)

Treasurer: Mike Nansett (Ross Goodman/Steve Doughty)

Committee: Chris Kuchel (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Damian Bengree (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Ajit Jogi (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Rob Winwood (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Krystal Smith (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Tomas Fichtner (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Colin Lewis (Ross Goodman/John Olds)

Financial reviewer: To be appointed by committee

Appointment of cheque signatories

Moved (Ross Goodman/Fraser Gibbs) that:

Ross Goodman (President), John Olds (Secretary) and Mike Nansett (Treasurer) be appointed as cheque signatories. Carried.

Notices of motion/remits

Club member Dan Waechter put forward two motions to amend the club's constitution for consideration at the AGM. These were seconded by member John Millar. The motions were as follows:

Motion 1

Add 16.4 to read: Table at the Annual General Meeting a record of each General Meeting showing:
a) Guest Speaker and/or Topic
b) Accurate number in attendance

Reason: Assist Executive Committee in planning future meetings and for archive purposes.

Motion 2

Add 12.7 to read: The Executive Committee shall develop a draft Annual Management Plan for guidance to the incoming Committee and table the Draft Annual Management Plan at the Annual General Meeting for consideration.

Reason: To assist in maintaining continuity in the Club's activities.

The Secretary re-read the motions which were sent to members on 31 May 2016 and advised that the procedure would be that Dan would be invited to speak to each motion following which they would be opened to the membership present for discussion. Following that discussion each motion would be voted on by a show of hands. For the motions to be accepted two-thirds of the members present would need to vote in favour.

Motion 1

Dan said he is archiving newsletters and committee details and has noted that in some cases the attendance register for each meeting only contains names. He considers that details of the speaker and topic and any other activities should be included. This will assist future archiving and also future submissions to other bodies around number of members who support these submissions. He has submitted this as a motion rather than a recommendation to the committee to ensure that the Secretary takes ownership of the recording and that it is done consistently.

The motion was then opened for discussion (**note that where more than one member has commented in a similar vein, the comment has only been included once**) and members commented as follows:

Ross Goodman

- He would be voting against the motion.
- Felt that the matter could be handled on club nights by noting what had been discussed in the register.
- He noted there is no compulsion for members to sign the attendance register.

Dan disagreed and said there was a need to make sure it was done, hence including it in the constitution.

Fraser Gibbs

- Could understand Dan's point but said we are a club and was concerned this is overcomplicating the matter.
- He said the newsletter covers guest speaker subjects.

Dan responded by saying that he sees this as a way to make information easily accessible.

Steve Doughty

- Lowering of attendances could signify a problem but felt that a procedure should be agreed to be the committee rather than change the constitution.

Chris Kuchel

- As newsletter editor said that numbers attending meetings could easily be added to the newsletter as we now do with details of the events on the night.

John Olds

- As Secretary he was prepared to manage the attendance register to make sure, as far as possible, Dan's ideas were implemented.
- The Secretary's job description could be changed to reflect this and that he would do this but did not believe a change to the constitution was required.

Ross Goodman

- The matter will be placed on the next committee meeting agenda.

The motion was then put to the vote with 6 voting in favour and 26 voting against. The Secretary declared the motion lost.

Motion 2

Dan commented as follows. The purpose of the motion is to reinstate a clause removed from the constitution some years ago. There is a clause regarding a financial plan but he considers that the club is more than finance. He said we need to manage our activities and that this motion will put a plan in place to help the existing committee communicate with the incoming committee and will ensure continuity. He referred to the state of the club in the 1990's when it went through some upheaval with a high turnover of Presidents, uncertainty over whether the club was an

incorporated society and some financial difficulties. He did not want to see this happen again. The plan will make sure that activities such as water safety courses happen and that submissions to outside organisations that span several years are not lost sight of.

The motion was then opened for discussion.

Grahame Kitchen

- Noted that the clause was not removed but was amended in 2010 to substitute “Management Plan” for “Budget” which was done for good reasons. This motion will add another clause to the constitution which he opposes.

John Olds

- We have a budget that is approved at the AGM from which our activities flow. For example a flytying calendar is prepared as is our monthly programme which, at present takes us through to November.

Bill Shkopiak

- Asked what is a management plan. He took the point re water safety but pointed out we already have activities planned for next year.

Fraser Gibbs

- He works with management plans in his employment and has found that a lot of effort with these does not necessarily add value. We are a club not a company and he is concerned about the time spent on a plan versus its usefulness.
- Members can bring ideas to the committee at any time
- The committee has planned activities in the past that have not gone ahead and is constantly looking at activities. There is therefore the need for flexibility.
- The outgoing committee should not commit the incoming committee to a plan.

Ross Goodman

- The current committee is spending time on planning, e.g. water safety course, professional casting tuition, having John Gummer as a speaker/tutor.

Dan Waechter

- In response to a question from Fraser Gibbs as to what form the plan should take, he advised that it should be one or two sentences. He said that while we have a stable committee, the constitution is there to

protect the club and make sure it does not get into financial strife as happened some years ago.

John Olds

- Asked Dan whether there were any recent specific instances he could point to that are causing him concern from a financial point of view.
- Dan responded that the minutes were loose in the early days and the 1990's were more turbulent for the club.
- John said that the Club is now very different to the one that faced the 1990 issues that Dan has raised. We are in a strong financial position and the stewardship of the club is strong.

Mike Nansett

- The club's financial plan guides our activities and if a financial issue should be identified we would address it promptly.

Tomas Fichtner

- Asked Dan to advise what the plan would look like.
- Dan advised it should have a commitment to activities such as the fly tying competition, casting, water safety etc.

Peter Parker

- Could understand Dan's point but thought the key word was management – this is a committee prerogative. Management suggests something a bit further up the pecking order

Chris Kuchel

- Thought the committee could come up with a simple plan at the next committee meeting.
- Fraser Gibbs agreed with this and said he did not think a constitutional change necessary.

The motion was then put to the vote with 1 voting in favour and 31 voting against. The Secretary declared the motion lost.

General business

Dan Waechter raised the possibility of the club getting involved in a Youth Programme specifically aimed at students at Heretaunga College. Fraser Gibbs said that we needed to be aware that such involvement requires police checks and there are also health and safety issues. He was not in favour. John Millar said he supported the idea in principle but that youth

tend to switch on and off such activities. There was also some discussion about the proposed pond on the Wellington Golf Club's land which Fish and Game is investigating. We have already signalled our support of this. John Rochester thought that junior members may flow from this. The idea of a Youth Programme at Heretaunga College received little support from members present.

There being no further business the President declared the 41st annual general meeting of the club closed at 9.05 p.m.



TROUT TALK

By Big Jack

This month I want to talk about trying not to become a beast of burden. I have to admit that I have borrowed this expression off Tim Trengrove who also wrote an excellent article on this subject, "Fishing Naked" in our March 2015 newsletter. I'm as guilty as anyone of carrying enough kit on the river to drown an elephant. I know that many of our members have cottoned on to minimalist fishing (Chris Kuchel is one who comes to mind). Let me say at the start that there isn't a "one size fits all" as far as gear for a fishing expedition is concerned but some of what I've discovered may help others.

I started with a vest because "that's what you have when you are a fly fisher". It was a Kilwell vest that cost me about \$45 at Tisdalls (for those that remember them). It had limited pockets – I should have stuck with it. Then I bought a Riverworks vest with lots more room! Slippery slope. Then I decided that a combo vest/backpack would be the answer. It wasn't and was poorly made anyway and fell apart. Then I went to an Airflo chest pack/backpack. You could detach the chest pack so that was a plus (or was it?).

Then saw another chest pack on the Cabela's website which was a little bigger and I thought could sort of substitute for a pack for those longer days on the river. It has two bottle holders, one of which I could use for bits and bobs (just the bits and bobs I didn't really need as it happened). You can see the trend here can't you? Chest packs can be good as they limit the amount of gear you carry but they tend to get in the way of seeing what you are doing and stuff gets tangled in them. And it's not as easy to bend over when you are releasing a fish, or see what you are doing. It also gets wet in the rain unless you buy a size XXXL jacket to cover it. You can convert these chest packs to a waist pack (sort of) but the problem is they can get wet if you wade too deep. So, over the years I have experimented a lot and gone back and forwards between various alternatives.

And I started to realise a few things, especially when my back started to complain at the end of the day:

- When I looked at my large and full fly boxes after a full day's fishing I asked myself – how many flies do I really need for a day's fishing?
- And how much nylon do you really need to carry?
- And do you really need a whole container of split shot.
- And why am I carrying around all those dry flies when I am winter nymphing?
- And why am I taking a drink and food for 3 or 4 hours on the Hutt or Wainui? I'm hardly likely to die of starvation or dehydration in that time.
- And when drink is needed, why am I carrying that heavy Thermos? How about leaving it in the car for before or after.
- And if it's not going to rain today why is that rain jacket in my pack?
- And do I need to carry sunscreen and insect repellent? – lathering it on at the start (non-Deet repellent of course) should cover it.
- Etc, etc, etc.....

So, if I'm going to fish the Hutt or Wainui (or even the Ruamahanga and other rivers on occasions) for a few hours wet wading I wear a fishing shirt that has two breast pockets (one with an inner pocket) and two zip pockets on the sides of those pockets. In these I can fit couple of spools of nylon, nippers, forceps and floatant (if needed) on a lanyard and my camera on another lanyard. I carry two thin Fulling Mill fly boxes. I bought these from

the Aussie Angler in Melbourne for about \$10 each. Now, you may be asking why two boxes if you are talking less gear. These boxes are 11cm x 8 cm x 1.5cm, hold 77 flies and are very light so one with 14's and one with 16's doesn't take up much room and I can't be bothered shifting flies around as I take these boxes on day trips as well.

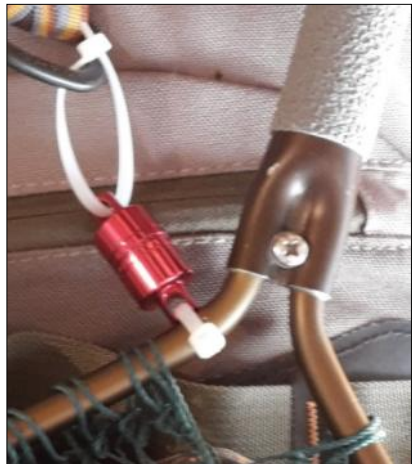


I also carry another small box with a few dry flies and lures depending on what I've got planned. I bought a couple of \$2 silver fern emblazoned change purses from a \$2 shop and these are good for a couple of spare leaders and small indicators if needed. Add a Smith Creek net holster (these are really good in my opinion), a wading stick (helps my back so I take it most times) and sun gloves and I'm set (damn – nearly forgot the rod!). If I'm wearing waders most of what I need I can put in the front pocket. For longer day trips I carry the above but add a backpack – the Airflo pack I bought some time ago. This is a very comfortable pack to wear and has a rain cover in a zipped compartment. So how is the pack set up?

- For those of you who carry a pack, there's usually a lot of spare strap hanging around once you. I have tightened the pack straps to a comfortable point and used some electrical tape to make sure they are out of the way.
- I mentioned that I take a wading stick most times to ease pressure on my

back for one thing so I have this attached with a carabineer to one of the pack straps with a piece of cord to another carabineer on the wading stick handle which can be undone when wading. If the stick is dropped in the river it is still attached by the other carabineer. A tip here – don't leave the stick fully extended when you intend to fish; they attract fly lines like magnets and feet, and most of us don't need any help to fall in the water!

- I carry a plastic drink bottle and some Aquatabs so I can purify any water I use to refill the bottle. Some of our members have bought Lifestraws which are also a good idea and cut down on luggage.
- In a small zip up bag I carry all the small stuff that can get lost in the depths of a pack – spare leaders and sinktips, a decent pocket knife, cellphone in a ziplock bag, a couple of extra spools of nylon, some indicators.
- I hang my nippers from one front pack strap on a zinger and my forceps are attached to the other.
- I always pack a spare reel. You just never know.
- And don't forget the loo paper and a spare pair of boot laces (these have a habit of breaking at the most inconvenient times).
- The one luxury I've allowed myself is a sandwich container (which also holds a square of bacon & egg pie). Sandwiches etc. wrapped in gladwrap tend to get pretty mushy after a while. Chuck in a couple of bits of fruit and a muesli bar and the inner man is satisfied.
- The net. I found that when attaching the net with a magnetic release with the handle hanging down it tended to stick out from the pack and was hard to get hold of. It also tends to get caught in things on the pack (ask Fraser Gibbs). It's also hard to replace and you can look like a contortionist at times. So while watching an angler on You Tube I noticed he attached his net to the top D ring as in the picture below. Easy to grasp the handle and pull off the net and also easy to put it back.



Several of our members carry a pack and they probably all set up differently. If you are going to try what I've suggested, make sure it works for you. There's nothing worse than a fishing day that turns out to be a mission because you feel like you've carried the weight of the world on your shoulders.

NEXT MONTH – a few tips and tricks.

Captain Hamilton's 5 flies

By Tim Trengrove

George Douglas Hamilton (15 July 1835 – 29 November 1911) was a very colourful early New Zealand figure. He wasn't actually a captain but assumed the title after voluntary military roles between 1866-1869 involving Pai Marire and later, Te Kooti. What we know him best for are Captain Hamilton hooks and the 5 flies he recommended using in New Zealand. Those 5 flies are what I want to look at here. I do hope though that you will read about G. D. Hamilton as he played a remarkable role in early New Zealand colonial life and establishing trout in the North Island. The easiest reference is The Encyclopedia of New Zealand

<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/2h9/hamilton-george-douglas>

For the angler the best reading is his book Trout-fishing and Sport in Maoriland published in 1904 (available at the Wellington Public Library).

What a gem!

George Hamilton was a hugely accomplished angler, even by the time he reached New Zealand at the age of 22. What he lays out forcefully in Trout-fishing and Sport in Maoriland is the how, what and where. Even after reading the book a number of times, I am in awe of his trout fishing wisdom. Here are a few quotes, leading on to descriptions of the 5 flies.

"The multiplication of the variety of flies used is one of the best ways of making a complicated business of what is really a simple matter".

"The thing to be careful about is to suit the size and colour of the fly to the condition of the water and weather. This most important matter being

attended to, I have no hesitation in saying that, used by a skilful fly fisher, these five flies will do more execution than the largest variety with their endless list of names. By “a skilful fly fisher” is meant not merely one who can throw a fly line fairly well. He must know where to look for the trout in the different seasons, the conditions of water, and how to adapt the size and colour of fly to the constantly changing weather and water”. (pages 65-66 Trout-fishing and Sport in Maoriland)

Describing the flies, Captain Hamilton writes on pages 67 and 68

Although five flies are here given, there are only three colours of feathers and dubbing used altogether, the fourth being the yellow silk with which some of the flies are made. The colours are red, greyish brown, and black. These flies are commonly known as red hackle, hare’s – ear, black hackle, black spider, hare’s – ear spider.

No. 1, red hackle, light-brown mallard wing, yellow-silk body, is the most easily seen when the water is discoloured, and therefore best for use at that time.

No.2, turn of brown partridge hackle, hare’s-ear body, light woodcock wing, put together with yellow silk: A killing fly when the water is clear and low.

No.3, black hackle, grouse wing, brown silk body, put together with brown silk: Easily seen when the water is clear and low, and kills well then.

No.4, spider, black hackle, tied with brown silk, brown-silk body: Easily seen when the water is clear and low

A good fly to use as a tail fly when the trout are getting into high condition and shy, and when there is bright sunshine.

No.5, spider, brown partridge hackle, hare’s-ear body, put together with yellow silk: Very killing, when the water is clear and low, among high-conditioned and shy trout. Used as a tail fly this is perhaps the most reliable of the whole, particularly amongst large trout of 2lb. upwards”.

“These flies are improved by a tail, formed of a couple of strands of the hackle used in each, varying in length from ¼ in. to ½ in. in proportion to the size of the fly. Almost any feathers, if of the same colour and suitable texture, would do as well as those named.

The hackles of spiders should be a little longer than the hooks, but the ends should not be cut off to effect this. Soft hackles, if procurable, should be used in preference to wiry ones, as they have a more life-like appearance in the water". (Trout-fishing and Sport in Maoriland page 68).

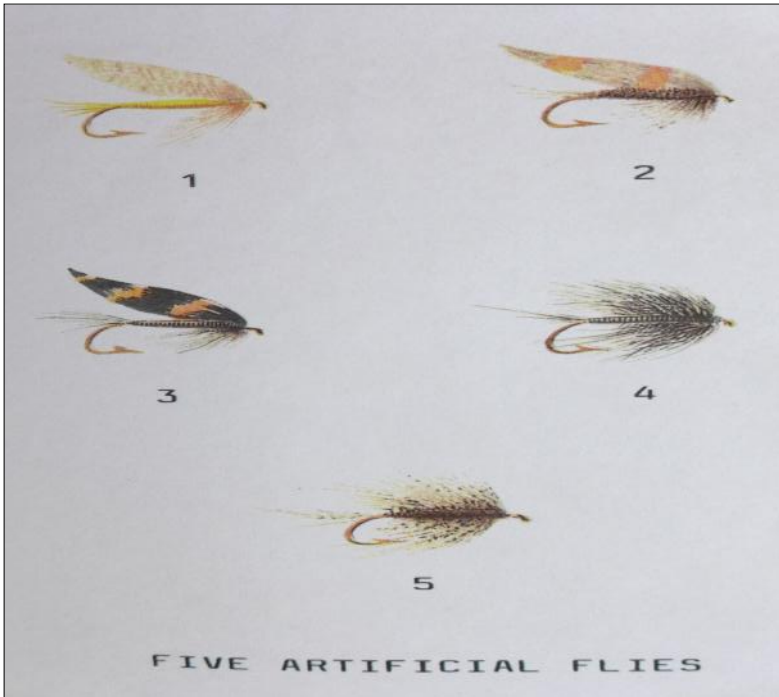


Figure 11 Trout-fishing and Sport in Maoriland

So what do you make of George Hamilton's selection? There are no dry flies, streamers or weighted flies. For most of us now, this is an incomplete list and we would struggle to catch fish with the 5 flies. Why then was Captain Hamilton such a successful angler? That is not an easy question. Reading Trout-fishing and Sport in Maoriland does give an insight into the planning and care he took with his fishing. With "care" I am referring to presentation rather than having an accurate imitation of natural trout stream insects. There are obvious similarities between his fly patterns and

those of fellow Scotsman, W.C. Stewart. Both favoured long rods and fishing upstream at close distances. If you are using sizable tungsten beads to catch fish lying deep in fast water, it is unlikely Captain Hamilton nor W.C. Stewart would have been able to get those fish.

The 5 flies Captain Hamilton recommended behave best when fished upstream on a short line. North Country spiders were traditionally presented that way. When (winged) wet flies are fished downstream with they tend to roll unnaturally and that may be one reason Captain Hamilton stuck to upstream fishing.

In a Manner of Fishing

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Fish that don't bite, unexpected snags, wind in the wrong quarter, these are some of the natural hazards that make fly fishing what it is. The unnatural hazard, however, the inconsiderate action of another angler, is another matter. Nothing is more likely to spoil a day's fishing.

There are few fisherman who would deliberately want to spoil another's sport, so we can take it that in most instances as someone offends against our ideals of fishing courtesy it is through inexperience, inattention, even excitement perhaps. If someone transgresses, then we need a little patience. A gentle word perhaps—give the chap the benefit of the doubt. After all, you can't expect him to notice there's something wrong just by your compressed lips, white knuckles and whiplash casts.

What would we tell the inexperienced angler, someone like our own son perhaps, who had ventured from the solitude of a quiet stream to share a famous pool on a big river with some very intimidating gentlemen?

We could say firstly that fisherman respect the early bird and that someone already fishing should be allowed to continue without interference, and we don't usurp his position if he leaves it temporarily. The early bird should not be a hog, however, and unduly monopolize a piece of water. Be careful who

you call a hog though, he might not be aware that someone else is interested in the same water.

If one or more fishermen are already fishing a pool you may join in, but please not in the water someone is about to fish. If the pool is being fished downstream, start upstream of those already fishing. If they're fishing upstream, start downstream. And please don't commit that almost heinous crime of fishing downstream in a pool which someone is already fishing upstream.

When you hook a fish you'll appreciate the courtesy of other anglers giving you room to play it and you will promptly do the same for them when the occasion arises. Excessive wading or walking close to the river bank will disturb fish unnecessarily, so keep back from the water when changing fishing places, particularly in the vicinity of another angler.

Be sure when casting your back cast won't menace other fishermen or innocent bystanders, and don't hang around where you'll restrict someone else's casting.

If you don't know and observe the local fishing regulations, usually summarized on the back of your licence, you won't be popular with other anglers. You can't enjoy a sport when some of the participants are cheating, or don't know the rules.

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