



# THE HUTT VALLEY ANGLER

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Congratulations to HVAC for taking out the recent Interclub Fly Tying competition. Our team of Ajit Jogi, Thomas Fichtner and John Millar worked hard; not only tying flies, but also by taking care of all the organisational details needed to ensure the event would go ahead and run smoothly. Well done guys. This month's newsletter cover features our winning

team.

The days are getting longer and we seem to have missed out on the usual spring gales (touch wood) that normally tear through Wellington at this time of year. Initial indications are that we are in for a good summer of fishing.

We have a good number of events planned for the summer months, starting with the Tukituki trip in November and the Mohaka trip in December. For those unable to travel so far afield, we have the overnight Ruamahanga trip coming up in January and the Gibbs Shield competition on the Wainuiomata River in February. All details can be found on the club website.

Often overlooked is our own backyard. This summer I am determined to explore some of the lesser known waterways in the local region. It's just a matter of selecting a likely general location then sitting down with a topographic map (which can be googled) and planning the trip. It may or may not result in fish landed, but the beautiful scenery will make the trip worthwhile. And who knows, you may discover your own secret spots. As with all aspects of fishing, planning and perseverance go a long way to ensuring success. All the best.

*Chris Kuchel*

## **November Activities**

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Club Night, King Lion Hall, 7.30pm           |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Casting Clinic, Belmont Domain, 10am         |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Committee Meeting, Stokes Valley RSA, 7.15pm |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> | Fly Tying Night, Stokes Valley RSA, 7.15pm   |

## **Club News**

### **Next Club Meeting – King Lion Hall – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**

For November's club night, Tim Trengrove will give a presentation on fishing the caddis rise on the Hutt. Ross will give a presentation on early season flies and fishing the Hutt. Steve will give a presentation on the importance of carrying a current fishing licence. We will also ask for members' thoughts and ideas for future club trips.

## **Library News**

The library is open from 7pm on Club nights. Please make sure that all books and DVDs are checked out and returned through Ajit in the normal way.

### **Fly Tying Night – Stokes Valley RSA – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 7.15pm**

At November's fly tying night, we will tie winged dry flies.



## **Fly of the Month – Hairwing Mayfly**

Hairwing dry flies sit high on the water, they retain their shape and buoyancy longer than many other styles making it easier for the angler to keep the fly in view whilst it is drifting.

## **Bound Shield Fly Tying Challenge for November**

Members are asked to tie a bushy dry fly of their own design and construction. The size and style will be your choice. Bring your entries to the November fly tying meeting. The flies will be judged on fish appeal and overall quality.

## **Bound Shield Challenge Winner for September**

The winner of the Bound Shield in September was Peter Zillwood for his caddis pattern.

## **Raffle Winners in October**

Congratulations to Gerry McKay for winning the Green Trout Guiding raffle. Bruce Russell took away the Hunting and Fishing voucher and Peter Parker won the box of flies.

## **Photo Competition**

There were no entries this month, so we have a photo of the winners of the interclub fly tying competition on the front cover of this month's newsletter.

## **September Fish of the Month**

Congratulations to Bill Harris, who caught a 4lb 9oz Rainbow Hen in the Tongariro River.

## **Club Trips**

December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>            Mohaka  
Please contact Colin Lewis for more info.

## **New Members**

Several new members have joined the Hutt Valley Angling Club in the last few months. We are pleased to welcome:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Anna Alison    | Hal Levine    |
| Troy Blackburn | Gerry McKay   |
| Bob Brathwaite | Bruce Russell |
| Nicolas Hardy  | Nick Sievers  |
| Max Houghton   | Dave Syms     |

## **Buddy Programme**

The Hutt Valley Angling Club offers to its members the opportunity to be part of the Buddy Programme. The idea of this scheme is to assist newer members with on water tuition.

Participants need to be relatively competent in casting prior to going on the water. The Buddy Programme is the next step after members have been to a number of Casting Clinics.

Those persons who organise and run the Casting Clinics at the Belmont Domain will have an understanding on the capabilities and progression of members and will be in a position to advise if a member is ready to go out on the water with a more experienced club member.

It is anticipated that at the casting clinic the organiser will suggest to the member that they have progressed to a level where they could go on the Buddy Programme. The person will then contact the Buddy Programme organiser and they will then be put in contact with an experienced club member and go out on the water with.

It is anticipated that the on the water tuition will take place on the Hutt River when it suits both parties.

### **Interclub Fly Tying Competition Report**

On Monday 9 October the Hutt Valley Angling Club hosted the annual Interclub Fly Tying Competition at the King Lion Hall. Teams from The Wellington Flyfishers Club and the Kapiti Fly Fishing Club joined with HVAC for this three-way competition.

Representing Wellington were Strato Cotsilinis, Paul Baker, Gordon Baker and club judge, Linda Brown. Representing Kapiti were Craig Gutry, Michael Murphy, Tony Jacques and club judge, Malcolm Francis. Representing Hutt Valley were Ajit Jogi, Thomas Fichtner, John Millar and club judge, Graham Odlum.

Within the one hour competition, each team was required to tie and submit a total of 8 flies including the 3 compulsory flies; a dry fly (Twilight Beauty size 12), a nymph (Pheasant Tail halfback, size 14) and a lure (Craig's Nighttime, size 8). Tyers were also given free rein to tie a fly of their own choice. Flies were judged blind by each of the 3 club judges, each with a 20% weighting, and by the head judge Tony Houpt, with a 40% weighting.

After an intense hour of tying, time was up and it was time to collate the scores from each of the judges. Taking out individual honours for the best fly of the evening was Michael Murphy from the Kapiti club. Taking out overall honours, and the Interclub Trophy was the Hutt Valley Angling Club ( 580 points), followed in second place by the Kapiti Fly Fishing Club (562 points) and the Wellington Flyfishers Club (550 points).

Thanks must go to everyone who helped make the competition a success. Special thanks to head judge Tony Houpt, all of the competitors and judges, all of the supporters from each of the clubs and those who worked tirelessly in the background organising the event, setting up the hall, preparing supper and cleaning up afterwards.

So the Interclub Fly Tying Trophy remains in the HVAC cabinet for the next 12 months after which time it will be contested once again . It is very heartening to see that fly tying is in a healthy state, helped along by competitions such as this.



## **Trout Talk**

*Big Jack*

This month I had intended to write about the first Waterstrider raft trip of the new season but the Labour weekend weather in Taihape thwarted the plans of Ross Goodman & I.

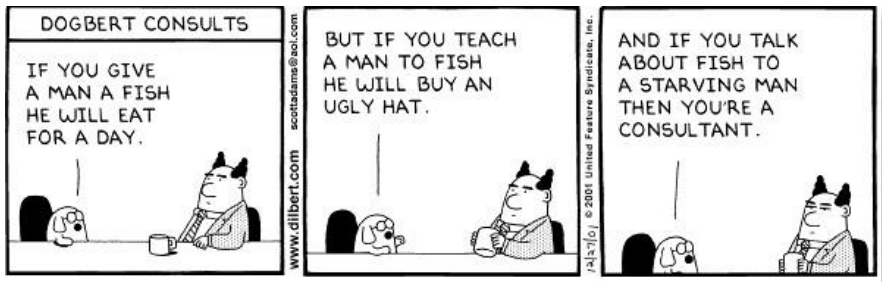
Instead, I'll talk about a problem that many of you have likely experienced to one degree or another. I was talking to an angler recently who we shall call Bert. He had noticed a most unpleasant odour (notes of cat pee I think he said!) emanating from his garage. Turns out all the bacteria that had infested Bert's waders and he had not cleaned out had

come back to haunt him. I recall times when, on the last day (or not even the last day) of a multi-day trip, I bent down to release a fish and found that the crouching position had also released a smell I was sure was not of my making from my waders (but was!). So, the advice this month is to give the waders a good wash after you've worn them for a few days. A quick sniff test will tell you whether they need washing. My method is to put enough warm water in the bath to submerge the waders and mix in thoroughly about half a cup of washing machine powder. Wipe off any outside dirt etc. and then turn the waders inside out and submerge them in the bath. Leave them overnight then rinse them well with cold water. You'll likely be surprised at the colour of the water! Then hang them upside down so they drain, still inside out in a cool spot – not direct sunlight. Once the inside has dried turn them right way out and hang them up again until they are thoroughly dry. This may not be the prescribed method of washing but it hasn't done my Simms Freestone's any harm and I've had them for over 6 years.

Here is another view on wader washing from the Midcurrent website:  
<https://midcurrent.com/experts/washing-breathable-waders/>

Happy de-odorising!!!

And finally, a bit of advice from Dogbert. The Dilbert comic strips are gold!!





## Mexican Style Trout

Preparation time : 15 minutes,

Cooking time : 40 minutes,

Oven : Preheat to 180°C (350°F, gas mark 4),

Calories per serving: 425



2 large 1 1/2 lb (700 g) or 4 small gutted trout

1 large onion

1 red pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 dessertspoon sherry or white wine vinegar

Juice of 2 limes

3 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley

2 dashes tabasco sauce

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Avocado Dip

1 ripe avocado

1 tablespoon natural yoghurt


Preparation

1. Peel and thinly slice the onion. Halve, de-seed and dice the pepper. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the onion and vinegar and cook over a moderate heat for 5 minutes.

2. Add the pepper and cook for a further 2 minutes. Then add the juice of one of the limes, 2 tablespoons of the parsley, and the tabasco. Mix thoroughly and remove from the heat.
3. Brush an ovenproof dish with a little oil, place the trout in the dish and season lightly. Spoon over the onion and pepper mixture. Tightly cover the dish with foil and bake in the oven for about 30 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, halve the avocado and remove the stone, then peel away the skin. Blend the avocado, the juice of the second lime, and the yoghurt together in a liquidiser - or mash them together with a fork.
5. The dip can be gently heated before serving but should not be kept warm for too long.
6. Garnish the baked trout and the dip with the remaining parsley. Serve the dip with the fish or in a separate bowl.

Source: <http://www.cookitsimply.com/recipe-0010-016w736.html>

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