



THE HUTT VALLEY ANGLER

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President's Piece

After one of the warmest summers in Wellington for years, the end of daylight saving and the summer fishing season is finally here. Interestingly, the cicada explosion that normally happens in February/March didn't seem to eventuate. I remember hearing the beginnings of chirping in early December and was expecting a bumper year, but it just didn't seem to happen. However, I have heard accounts of good numbers of fish rising to terrestrials all through the summer months.

Many thanks to Strato Cotsilinis for his excellent presentation on fishing in Argentina at the April club night. It certainly is inspiring to learn about fishing in other countries, but interesting to note that Strato and his fellow Kiwi anglers did very well, using our standard NZ flies and fishing methods. It just goes to show that here in New Zealand, we must be doing something right.

As a result of Colin Thomson's article in the last newsletter, Mike and Maxine from the Kakahi Adventure Lodge in Owhango have kindly donated a prize of night's free accommodation which will be raffled at the May club meeting. The prize is valued at \$130 and proceeds will go to HVAC. The local Whakapapa River will be closed after 30 April, but the Whanganui River is close by and offers excellent fishing all year round. And of course, the lodge at Owhango is well located for skiing, tramping and general relaxing. The winner of the raffle will be able to contact Mike and Maxine to negotiate timing of their overnight stay.

On Sunday 20 May, in conjunction with the normal casting clinic at Belmont Domain, a workshop will be held, primarily aimed at helping new members or who are getting back into fly fishing. In the past, we have covered a wide range of skills and topics and will probably follow suite this time too. However, to get the most value from the workshop, those interested are asked to register their interest at the May club night and indicate any special topics they would like to learn about. That's all from me. Looking forward to seeing you all at the May club night. All the best.

Chris Kuchel

May Activities

Monday 14 th	Club Night, King Lion Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 19 th	GJK Shield, Hutt River
Sunday 20 th	Casting Clinic, Workshop, Belmont Domain, 10am
Wednesday 23 rd	Committee Meeting, Stokes Valley RSA, 7.15pm
Wednesday 30 th	Fly Tying Night, Stokes Valley RSA, 7.15pm

Club News

Next Club Meeting – King Lion Hall – Monday 14th May 7.30pm

At the May club night, St John Wakefield will give a presentation on preparing for a back-country trip, looking at issues such as equipment, safety and navigation. This should be of interest to all those who are looking at expanding their fishing horizons.

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 30th May 7.15pm

This month we are asking members to tie their favourite fly and share the pattern. We will also use this meeting to work on essential skills required for neat and good quality results. Topics such as: dubbing - whip finish - wings - or any other problem areas that our members wish to cover.

The picture is a fly from Tim Trengrove called the Red Hare.



Materials for the Red Hare are:

Hook. Grip 14582 #12

Thread. Veevus GSP 50

Rib. Red wire x-small

Tail. Moose flank

Body. Red tinsel

Thorax. Whiting midge saddle

Wing. Snowshoe hare foot fur

Front hackle. Grizzly hen.

This is an attractor pattern and there's nothing subtle about it.

When trout take in fast water or in poor light there isn't a clear image of the food item. Rather, there are suggestions of what might be food. Rainbows can shoot up through deep water to grab such a fly and

browns can be moved to take as well. Present this to Hutt browns in Taita and you'd expect them to flee to Alicetown. This is a big water/quick water fly and not suitable for spooky trout.

Twenty years ago, I fished the upper Waitaki River where visibility was poor and the water was big and fast. Up to 20% of a trout's stomach contents could be mistakes. That is bits of stick or leaf material. Seeing this got me thinking about the value of the general patterns and to move away from exact imitations of insects. The Red Hare does not imitate any one food type but is still attractive to trout in the right conditions.

Having got an acceptable pattern, the next thing is where to present it. Snowshoe hare foot fur is buoyant so if the fly is kept dry with false casting, it floats quite well. There is no buoyancy to the body and tail and this tends to dip through the surface film. That is where I think the pattern fishes best, low in the film. Prospecting upstream, dry, works well. Alternatively, it can be saturated with water and fished wet either downstream or in tandem with a weighted nymph. That is a lot of versatility. My favourite size to tie a Simulator is #12, using this hook. It's the same for this pattern. Tied smaller and yes, it'll get some fish but why fish a secret to the trout? This is a bold statement so make sure trout see it in fast water.

Bound Shield Challenge for May

We would like members to tie a small heavy nymph this month such as a Copper John. The hook size should be #14. It is important that the fly should bear a resemblance to a natural insect.

Tip: In order to sink quickly the fly should be slim and with minimal dubbed body or hackle.

Bound Shield Winner for April

The winner of the Bound shield for April is Brian Jones for his rabbit fly.

Photo Competition

Congratulations to this month's winner, Ian Lawson. Ian takes away the \$10 Hunting & Fishing voucher and his winning photo "Morning Mist" is on the front cover of this month's newsletter. Thanks to Grahame Kitchen, sponsor of the photo competition

March Fish of the Month

Congratulations to Ian Lawson who caught a 6lb 10oz brown jack on the Wainuiomata river. Ian takes away a \$10 voucher from Hunting and Fishing, Alicetown.



April Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Dan Waechter for winning the Green Trout Guiding raffle. Ian Lawson took away the Hunting and Fishing voucher and John Millar won a fly box.

Club Competition

GJK Shield Hutt river Competition

19th of May 2018

- This competition will take place on Saturday 19th of May between 7:30am – 3pm
- We will meet at Moonshine park entrance 7:30am where we will make draw for the beats and details of the competition will be explained.
- Around 8:30 am we will drive to our spots
- By 11am we will meet again and have a short break/lunch, then we will head out for the last 2 hours of fishing but this time to different spots
- All competitors will meet again at 2:45pm
- Within this competition beats on the river will be assigned
- Competitors can fish 4 hours max.(2x2hours)
- Travel time doesn't count as a fishing time
- Competitors to measure and record their catch, giving their results to the competition organizer at the end of competition or sending their results via email or txt message to the organizer within 2 days
- All entrants must register prior the competition (to register you can fill the form at the club night, call, txt or email the organizer)

Competition rules and awarding:

This is a fly fishing only competition. Anglers can use artificial flies/nymphs only. Spinning, bait fishing or similar techniques are not permitted within this competition. Competitors will receive 100 points per eligible fish + 20points for every cm length of eligible fish (for example, 20cm fish = 100 + 400 > total of 500 points. Eligible fish must have a minimum of 18cm. Recorded length will be rounded up to the next closest cm for scoring purposes (for example, fish of 20.5cm in length will be recorded as 21cm).

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Hutt Valley Angling Club Inc.
Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 43rd AGM will be held on Monday 11 June 2018 at 7.30p.m. Notices of motion and remits for consideration at the AGM must be signed by two financial members and submitted to the Secretary, John Olds (huttangler@hotmail.com) by Monday 21 May 2018. Recommendations to the incoming Management Committee must also be submitted in writing to the Secretary by Monday 21 May 2018.

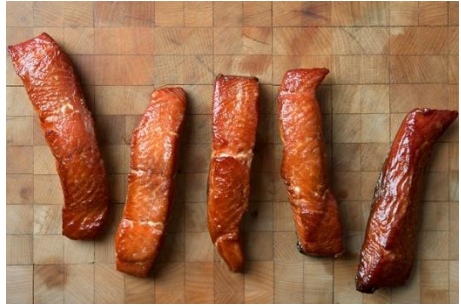
Hutt Valley Angling Club Inc.
Agenda for Annual General Meeting to be held at King Lion Hall, Upper
Hutt, 11 June 2018

1. Welcome to members
2. Apologies
3. Notification of items of general business
4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM
5. President's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Subscriptions for 2018/2019
8. Budget for 2018/2019
9. Presentation of trophies and awards
10. Guiding raffle draw
11. Election of officers
12. Appointment of reviewer of financial statements
13. Appointment of bank account signatories
14. Notices of motion/remits
15. General business

Smoked Salmon (or Trout!) Candy Recipe

Ingredients

5 pounds skin-on salmon collars, bellies or fillets cut into 2-inch thick strips
1 pound kosher salt
1 pound brown sugar
1 cup maple syrup or birch syrup



Instructions

Mix the salt and brown sugar together. Find a lidded container large enough to hold the salmon; a big tupperware works well. Lay down a layer of the salt/sugar mixture about 1/4 inch deep. Put a layer of salmon down on this, skin side up. Cover the salmon with more salt/sugar mixture. If you need a second layer of salmon, make sure the layer of salt and sugar between them is thick enough so that the pieces of salmon are not touching. Basically you are burying the salmon in salt and sugar.

Cover and let cure in the fridge at least 30 minutes, and up to 3 hours. The longer the cure the saltier it will be; I cure for 2 hours.

Remove the salmon from the cure, which will get wet, and briefly rinse the fish under cold water. Pat dry with a paper towel and set the salmon on a drying rack skin side down. Let this dry in a breezy place for 2 hours, or in the fridge, uncovered, overnight. I put the racks under a ceiling fan near an open window with another fan blowing at the fish from the side. You are doing this to form a pellicle on the salmon, which helps it smoke properly. Don't skip this step!

Traditionally salmon candy is cold smoked for several days. If you can do this, go for it. I use a Bradley digital 4-rack smoker, which takes a while to get hot. Regardless, you want to bring the temperature up gradually over the course of an hour or so and let it sit at around 180°F to 225°F for at least 3 hours, and up to 8 hours if you like your salmon candy harder and smokier.

Every 90 minutes to 2 hours, paint the salmon with the maple syrup. This also helps to remove any albumen -- the icky white stuff -- that can form between the fish flakes if your smoker gets a little too hot too fast. When the salmon looks good and lacquered, typically about 4 hours, remove it to the drying racks again and paint it one last time with the maple syrup. Allow to cool to room temperature before storing. Salmon candy will last a week in the fridge, longer if vacuum sealed. It freezes well, too.


NOTES

Smoke likes Fat. If you did not know, adheres better to fat than lean meat, so bellies and collars are better for this.

Vary the thickness. Very thin strips will dry harder and be more like jerky... and will keep longer. I eat mine fairly quickly, so I leave the strips thicker, at about 2 inches wide.

Source: <https://honest-food.net/salmon-candy-recipe/>

<p>Green Trout Guiding Sponsor of the Club's Guiding Raffle Phone Jim Rainey (06) 382-5507 Kawhatau Valley Road, RD7, Mangaweka office@greentroutguiding.co.nz www.greentroutguiding.co.nz</p>
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