



THE HUTT VALLEY ANGLER
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From the President

Welcome to another year with the Hutt Valley Angling Club. I trust that you all had a relaxing break over the summer with family and friends and also managed to squeeze in some fishing during the madness of the holiday season. I can see from the club fishing diary that the Hutt River has been fishing particularly well recently, with many fish over the 4lb mark being recorded. I also see that this month's fly tying meeting will be focusing on large terrestrials and small emergers, which should be just the ticket for success on the Hutt during February and March. So if you want to give yourself the best chance of success, make sure to come along to this month's fly tying meeting.

The first club meeting of the year will be held on Monday 11 February and will be an informal BBQ and a chance to catch up with members and swap stories. Sausages, bread and soft drinks will be supplied. BYO other beverages. We will also set up a "casting golf" course for a bit of fun, so bring your rod. Newer members might also be able to use this as an opportunity to get some casting tips and demonstration from some of the more experienced casters in the club.

During February, we have a competition planned for the Wainuiomata River and a weekend trip to the Tukituki River with our friends from the Hastings Angling Club. Details are in this newsletter and the club website. I would encourage all members to make the most of these opportunities. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 11th.

Cheers, Chris Kuchel

Club Notices for February

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| Monday 11 th | Member's meeting at the Hardwick-Smith Lounge in the Belmont Domain, next to the Scout Hall at 7.30pm. |
| Saturday 16 th | Gibbs Shield Competition - Wainuiomata River. Please register your interest on the club website. Thanks to Thomas Fichtner for organising this competition, which requires a lot of time negotiating with land owners and making arrangements. Thomas will contact those who have registered, with the final details as they are finalised. In the case of bad weather, the alternate day for this competition will be Saturday 2 March. |
| Sunday 17 th | Casting clinic from 9am at the Belmont Domain. Please register with Ian Lawson so he can advise you if there are any changes generally caused by weather. |
| Wednesday 20 th | Committee meets in Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.15pm. |
| Sat/Sun 23-24 th | Tukituki trip. Please register your interest on the club website. |
| Wednesday 31 st | Fly Tying meeting in the Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.00pm |

Death of a former club member

We were saddened to hear of the death of Len Willmer, who passed away peacefully on 21 January. Len was a past secretary of HVAC and highly regarded for his contribution to the club. His funeral was held at Kingswood, corner King and Cairo Streets, Upper Hutt on Friday 25 Jan at 2pm, and was followed by a private cremation. Our thoughts go out to Len's wife, Mary, and the Willmer family at this time.

Call for new committee members

For health reasons, Grahame Kitchen is unable to carry on producing the monthly newsletter. Also, Brian Jones is now providing full-time support for his wife who is unwell and is therefore unable to carry on with his committee role of Membership Manager. Thank you Grahame and Brian for the valuable work you have done in these roles.

I also know that some other committee members will be standing down at the AGM in June after years of valuable service. As a club, we rely on members to come forward and volunteer their time to serve on the committee. It is a rewarding experience which gives members to opportunity to give something back to the club. So at this time, we are calling for members to fill gaps on the existing committee and hopefully continue on with the new committee which will take over in July. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact one of the existing committee members.

Fish of the month

Fish of the month, caught during the month of November and announced at the December club night was a 6lb Rainbow Jack caught on the Rangitikei by Steve Doughty using a #16 bead head pheasant tail. Steve takes away the \$10 Hunting and Fishing voucher kindly sponsored by Fraser Gibbs and Ross Goodman.

Fish of the month, caught during the month of December goes to Ben Connolly with a superb 7lb 4oz Brown Jack caught on a Hutt River tributary, using a parachute Adams.

Fish of the month, caught during the month of January, will be announced at the February club night.

Club Raffle Winners

The winners for December were:

Green Trout Guiding: Peter Zillwood

Second prize: Alan Markham

Third prize: John Millar

Library News

The library is open at club meetings. To keep track of all resources, books and dvds must be checked out and returned through Ajit.

Photo of the Month

The (anonymous) winning photo “Awaiting Action” is shown on this issue’s front cover and its owner will be announced at the February club night. Many thanks to Grahame Kitchen for sponsoring this competition.

Readers with a keen eye will recognise that this is the same photograph that appeared on the cover of the December newsletter. At that time, it was selected for publication because no formal entries for November had been received. Since then, the same photograph has been formally entered during December and judged independently to be the winner.

Tukituki Trip

This joint event hosted by the Hastings Angling will be held on the weekend of 23/24 February at the Patangata clubrooms, 37 kms south of Hastings. Based on the success of previous events with the Hastings club, this is bound to be another “not to be missed” trip. Hastings club president, Adam Jerram tells me that he is keen to make this a great weekend with the emphasis on fun, renewing old friendships and of course, great fishing opportunities.

Please register for this event on the club website. The intention is to meet at the Patangata clubrooms at 6pm of the Friday evening, and return home on Sunday afternoon. Cost to HVAC members will be \$25 per night. Detailed travel arrangements and directions will be emailed to those who register their interest.

Request for help from the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers

Brian Coddington writes....

Hi folks, we are requesting some help here from our fellow fisher folk who are out and about all the time. Legislation is in place that requires all rivers and streams to be fenced however this is not the case with drains .We ask that while out and about can you please take photos of any discoloured or contaminated waterway, including drains which feed eventually into our rivers.

Please email them back to me codsy01@gmail.com with details including:

- date and time taken,
- an indication of where (you may even be able to get the farm's Fonterra No. from the sign by their gate).
- Any visible feature which identifies the location.

We will pass this evidence on to the correct responsible authority on your behalf. We really appreciate it. Also, we would gladly accept photos of any stock standing in or near unfenced waterways and any photos of unfenced waterways or dirty rivers/streams

Kind regards, Brian Coddington

Proposals for new HVAC logo

Progress has been made towards developing a new club logo. The design brief given to MSO Design asked for a logo

- With a more modern feel
- With a clean and bold design
- That retains the feel of the Hutt Valley
- That is not gender specific
- That could be applied to T shirts, caps, car stickers etc in an efficient and economical way



These options will be discussed at the February club meeting. Members are also invited to submit their comments via email to the committee. Many thanks to Mark Whitecliffe who has generously donated the services of MSO Design.

Monthly Fly Tying Meeting February 27 at 7.30 in the Stokes Valley RSA

This month Big Flies and Little Flies incorporating CDC.

At the end of February there should still be opportunities to catch trout on big terrestrial flies such as Cicadas and at this time of year trout can be very fussy when offered smaller patterns. One solution is to change to very small flies by using size

18 hooks instead of bigger hooks. Trout that are continually feeding on minute nymphs or larvae in mid-water or close to the surface are less likely to refuse a small artificial drifted at the correct depth than they are to take a bigger fly.

At the meeting we will tie a large terrestrial Cicada pattern using deer/elk hair and CDC and we will also tie a size 18 CDC emerger/dry fly to fool those fussy feeders.

Bound Shield Challenge for February is to make a Cicada or Hopper dry fly in size 10 or size 8. The fly should float well and be easily seen by the angler. Members are to submit their flies at the February Fly Tying meeting.

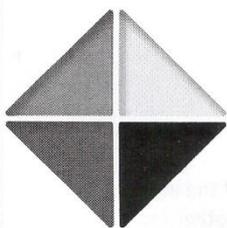


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