



**THE HUTT VALLEY ANGLER**  
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## From the President



As I write this piece, the AGM is only 6 weeks away and we are still looking for members to come forward to serve on the incoming Committee. So far there has been no response to previous calls, so I would urge all members to seriously consider whether this is a way they could make a contribution to the club. In addition, we are looking for someone to take over the important role of Treasurer. Mike Nansett is prepared to mentor someone into this role, so if you have some basic understanding of financial record keeping, please contact Mike to express your interest.

In recent years, the demand for a printed monthly newsletter has dropped to the point where the effort involved in producing it has to be questioned. Understandably, there are still some members who do not have internet access and would like a printed copy. At the June AGM, the continuation of the printed newsletter will be an item on the agenda for discussion. For the printed newsletter to continue, someone will have to step up to take over this role. So if you are passionate about the printed newsletter, please consider this carefully.

On that note, the HVAC website is going from strength-to-strength. Steve Doughty and John Olds are jointly managing the website and constantly updating it with relevant and timely information. In particular, a new link called "Latest News" has been added under the "News" topic. We are now at a point where all relevant information can be found on the club website, without the need for it to be duplicated in a newsletter.

Finally, an advance notice that during the months of June and July, the Hardwick Smith Lounge will be undergoing extensive renovations to increase the size of the meeting area (a good thing) and to improve the heating and cooling system. **The May club meeting will not be affected and will be held in the Hardwick Smith Lounge as usual.** The City Council has offered us the use of an alternative venue for June and July, which the committee is considering at present. As soon as arrangements are confirmed, members will be advised.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the May club night.  
Cheers, Chris Kuchel

## Club Notices for May

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Member's meeting at the Hardwick-Smith Lounge in the Belmont Domain at 7.30pm. This month's theme "Favourite Flies"   |
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> | GJK Shield - Hutt River competition. Register on club website.  |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Casting clinic from 9am at the Belmont Domain. Please register with Kathryn Vinten <a href="mailto:kvinten@gmail.com">kvinten@gmail.com</a> so she can advise you if there are any changes generally caused by weather. |

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee meets in Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.15pm.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Fly Tying meeting in the Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.15pm

### **Club night – Monday 13 May – Favourite Flies**

This meeting will be an interactive session. All members are encouraged to bring along a fly box containing a selection of their favourite flies. After an initial introduction, we will break into small groups where members can discuss with each other, their favourite flies and how to fish them. Every 10 minutes or so, we will rotate the groups to get good coverage.

### **Fish of the month**

Fish of the month, caught during the month of March and announced at the April club night was a 4lb 4oz brown jack by Fraser Gibbs, who takes away the \$10 Hunting and Fishing voucher. The Fish of the Month competition is kindly sponsored by Fraser Gibbs and Ross Goodman.

Fish of the month, caught during the month of April, will be announced at the May club night.

### **Photo of the Month**

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

### **Club Raffle**

The April raffle winner to go into the Green Trout Guiding draw was Colin Thomson. Second place went to Grahame Milestone and third place to Chris Kuchel. A reminder that \$2 buys you **one** number which will give you 3 chances at a prize. Of course you can buy additional numbers at \$2 each.

### **Advance Notice – June AGM – Notices of Motion and Remits**

The Annual General Meeting of HVAC will be held on Monday 10 June. Under clause 21.1 of the Constitution, Notices of Motion and Remits for consideration at an Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than twenty one (21) days prior to the date set for the meeting and shall be signed by not less than two (2) current financial members of the CLUB. Likewise, recommendations to the incoming Management Committee must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than twenty one (21) days prior to the date set for the meeting and shall be signed by not less than two (2) current Management Committee members of the CLUB.

## 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.

## Fly Tying Meeting – Wednesday 29 May – 7.15pm Stokes Valley RSA.

Fly of the month – Copper John



The Copper John is a handy nymph to have in the fly box. It doesn't look very like a natural fly but is a proven fish catcher. Because it is composed mainly of wire it sinks really fast and so it can reach fish that may be lying deep in fast water or where a short drift is necessary because of snags in the river. This fly is best tied in smaller sizes and can be used very effectively in combination with an unweighted, 'bobbing' fly tied off the hook in truck and trailer fashion.

To view a demonstration of the dressing go to either (or both) of the following

<https://youtu.be/S88AFBUuOk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on6tnuje1SY>

**Bound Shield Fly Tying Challenge for April** was won by Agit Jogi for his set of three different size and style Pheasant Tail variants.

**Bound Shield Challenge for May** is to tie Woolly Bugger (your choice of colour) on a size 8 hook. Bring your fly to the May fly tying meeting for judging.

## Last Supper for Ian Lawson

Popular club member Ian Lawson was farewelled by a group of friends from the club and several others who have been associated with Ian over the fifteen or so years that he has been a club member. The informal gathering took place in Stokes Valley 'Brewd' bar and restaurant where the group enjoyed good company and fine food. We wish Ian well and hope to see him again in the not-too-distant future.

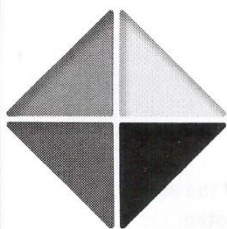




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