



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



Recently, we announced a new Fishing Group initiative. Its aim is to link up members who may have some free time and want to go fishing with others. So far, the response has been positive with 8 or 9 members putting their names forward. Kathryn Vinten, who is co-ordinating the group, passed on this great email from Ken Simpson. It captures the spirit of what a club is all about.

*Hi Kathryn,*

*Can you please kindly add me to this list, however with a qualifying remark - "that I are currently are unable to fish" because I don't have a Licence.*

*I'm a long time HVAC member with considerable experience of most fresh water fishing methods and I would be happy to provide company, spot or sight fish for other members who want to go out but not on their own. I also have considerable fresh water fishing gear I would be happy to bring along if required or if someone would like to try another method.*

*Regretfully, it's my age and a few health issues that are preventing me being an active freshwater fisherman (hence the no current licence) but I would love to get out sometimes and also enjoy others' company when they are fishing.*

*Best regards  
Ken Simpson*

What a fantastic attitude! I'm sure that Ken will have no trouble finding members keen to take him up on his offer. And many thanks to Kathryn for getting the group up and running. If you want your name and phone number added to the list, (confidential to those who choose to participate) just contact Kathryn. Her contact details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

This month's guest speaker will be our good friend Bryce Johnson. Bryce has a wealth of experience and will be able to give us his perspective on the past, present and future role of Fish and Game. Looking forward to seeing you all at the April club night.

Cheers, Chris Kuchel

## Club Notices for April

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| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Member's meeting at the Hardwick-Smith Lounge in the Belmont Domain, next to the Scout Hall at 7.30pm. Guest speaker Bryce Johnson.                            |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Casting clinic from 9am at the Belmont Domain. Please register with Kathryn Vinten so she can advise you if there are any changes generally caused by weather. |

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Burgess Shield surfcasting competition, Lake Ferry. Register for this competition on the club website. Further details will be emailed to those who have registered their interest.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Committee meets in Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.15pm.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Fly Tying meeting in the Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.15pm

### **Fish of the month**

Fish of the month, caught during the month of February and announced at the March club night was a superb 6lb 3oz brown jack caught by Ben Connolly on the Hutt River. Ben 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 March, will be announced at the April club night.

### **Photo of the Month**

The (anonymous) winning photo "Beats Working" is shown on this issue's front cover and its owner will be announced at the April club night. Many thanks to Grahame Kitchen for sponsoring this competition.

### **Club Raffle**

The March raffle winner to go into the Green Trout Guiding draw was Colin Thomson. Second place went to Jerry McKay and third place to Ross Goodman. 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.

### **Urgent call for new committee members**

**Calling all HVAC Members**



**Your committee needs you**

At the June AGM, Mike Nansett will be stepping down from his role as Treasurer, so we are looking for someone to take over that important and essential role. Mike has offered to take someone under his wing now to mentor them for the job, so if you have some basic knowledge or experience in that area, please contact Mike or one of the committee.

We are also calling for members to fill other gaps on the committee which will become vacant in June. As a club, we rely on people 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. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact one of the existing committee.

### **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.

### **Correct contact details needed for AGM.**

With the AGM coming up in June, it is important (under the rules of our Constitution) that relevant documents be distributed to members in advance of that meeting. For that reason, it is important that we have an up-to date membership list with correct contact details. This is particularly important for those members who do not have email addresses.

If your contact details have changed, please email your new details to [huttangler@hotmail.com](mailto:huttangler@hotmail.com) If you do not have email, just call Chris Kuchel on 021 0367639.

### **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 24 April at 7.15pm in Stokes Valley RSA clubrooms.**

Fly of the month – Woolly Bugger



This month we will tie an olive bead-head Woolly Bugger and a few other style lures. The origin of this lure is a little uncertain and has been disputed. Some think it is derived from Frank Sawyer's Woolly Worm pattern.

The Woolly Bugger is a great searching pattern for all freshwater game fish and has been produced in a wide variety of colours, but the three versions – olive, brown and black would be the most popular.

A video showing how to tie this fly can be found at <https://youtu.be/7Ku1-lnkKzI>

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

Members are to tie 3 variations of a Pheasant Tail Nymph at home. The flies should be on 3 different hook sizes # 12, #14, #16 and should be variations that do not look alike. For instance, one fly may have a bead head, one a wing case, another with legs of some kind or any combination of different features. Bring your 3 flies to the Fly Tying meeting in May for judging.

### **Last Supper**

Ian Lawson is going back to England for family reasons and may not return to New Zealand. Members and friends are invited to come along to an informal gathering at the "Brewed" bar and restaurant in Stokes Valley (at the main shopping centre) to wish Ian a fond farewell.

We will meet on **Thursday 18 April at 7.00 p.m.** and attendees can pay for their own food and refreshments. The establishment offers an extensive choice of dishes from simple snack style bar food to restaurant fare.

This is not an official HVAC club event but simply a meeting of friends who have enjoyed an association with Ian over the 15 or so years that he has been a club member.

Ian has served on committee for most of this period and there would not be a more enthusiastic participant in ALL club activities. His influence is still maintained today as he runs the monthly casting clinic.

Ian has the distinction of winning more club trophies than any other club member and this is testament to his skill as an angler.

Members intending to come to Ian's Last Supper are asked to notify John Millar by email [john.millar@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.millar@xtra.co.nz) or phone by 10<sup>th</sup> April (latest) so that the Brewed bar/restaurant will be able to cater for a fairly large group.

## **Slack line casting**

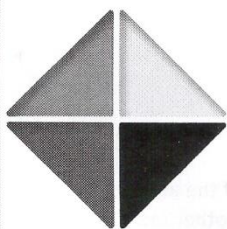
Members are encouraged to check out the “Simpson Fly Fishing “ website. He has some good articles on techniques etc. His line control article on slack line casts is particularly good because it deals with common scenarios of variable flow across a stream or river and how to deal with these. It is good food for thought if a person wants to practise these techniques on a day when the fishing is less than exciting. Thanks to John Millar for passing on this tip.



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