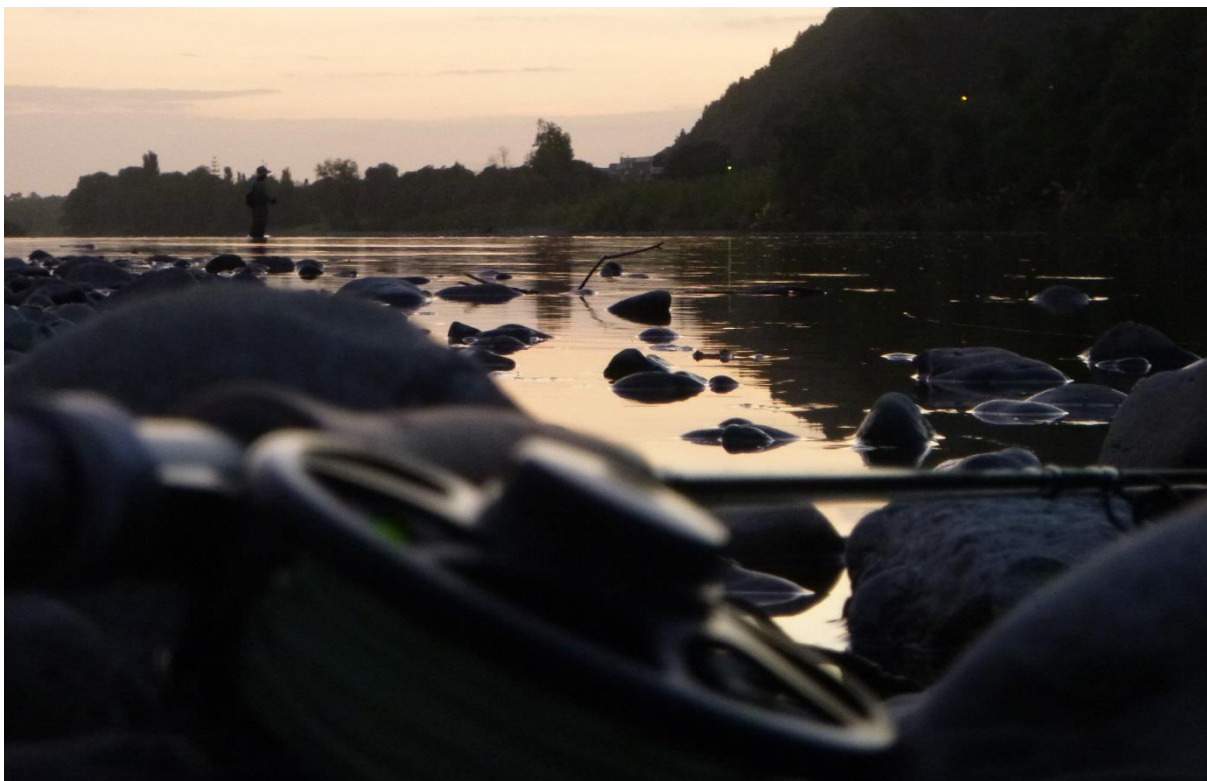




**THE HUTT VALLEY ANGLER**  
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### **From the President**

What a great summer we have had this year. The cicadas have been prolific and the Hutt River has been in top condition, making for some excellent local fishing. We are now into March and the temperature has dropped noticeably, but I'm sure we still have some great fishing ahead of us before the end of the season.

Also very pleasing is the recent influx of new members to the club, some new to fly fishing and some very experienced. Thanks must go to Steve Doughty who while doing his Fish and Game ranger duties, is promoting HVAC to local anglers as he checks their licences. So to all new members, welcome to the club and I encourage you to take full advantage of the buddy programme, casting clinics and fly tying meetings.

At this month's club night, we will be skyping Tony Orman who is a well-known fisherman, hunter, author and outdoorsman. It should be an interesting and informative session. If you have any questions or topics of discussion for Tony, please email them to me in advance.

Looking forward to see you all at the March club night.  
Cheers, Chris Kuchel

### **Club Notices for February**

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Member's meeting at the Hardwick-Smith Lounge in the Belmont Domain, next to the Scout Hall at 7.30pm. Skype session with Tony Orman.                     |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 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 <sup>th</sup> | Committee meets in Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.15pm.   |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> | Fly Tying meeting in the Stokes Valley RSA rooms at 7.00pm  |

### **Fish of the month**

Fish of the month, caught during the month of January and announced at the February club night was a superb 6lb 9oz Rainbow Jack caught at 10pm on a local river by Ian Lawson using a dry fly emerger. Ian 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 February, will be announced at the March club night.

### **Photo of the Month**

The (anonymous) winning photo “Golden Glow” 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.

### **Club Raffle**

There was no raffle at the February BBQ club night. Normal raffles will resume this month. 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.

### **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 27 March at 7.15 pm in the Stokes Valley RSA rooms.

This month tying parachute style dry flies.

Fly of the Month – Parachute Adams



The Parachute Adams is a great attractor pattern that doesn’t match a particular insect but can be very successful when trout are rising but refuse a fly that is sitting high on the water. It is taken as an emerging insect or a crippled fly. The post on the fly makes it easy to see as the fly sits in the surface layer of the water. Go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLZxMk1q\\_9I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLZxMk1q_9I) to watch a video of how to tie the fly.

We will tie a beadhead nymph as well at the meeting.

### **Bound Shield Fly Tying Challenge**

The winner in February was Peter Zillwood for his realistic Cicada pattern.

The challenge for March is for members to tie a Palmer hackle dry fly at home and to bring your fly or flies to the fly tying meeting in March for assessment.

### **Tukituki Trip Report**

This year’s trip to Patangata had a slightly different format to previous years, in that it included members from the Hastings Angling Club, the Central Hawkes Bay Angling Club and HVAC, with about 5 members from each club in attendance. Colin Lewis, Thomas Fichtner, Paul Davis, Gavin Scott and Chris Kuchel represented HVAC.

It was great to catch up with familiar faces from the Hastings club and meet new guys from the Central Hawkes Bay club, who were all very generous with their local knowledge and tips. The Tukituki River was very weedy and frustrating to fish, but the Waipawa River was in magnificent condition for sight fishing with clear water and a good flow rate. However, this made the fish very spooky and tricky to catch.....and this is where the local knowledge came in handy.

The most successful method for fishing these clear conditions was to use a 20 foot leader with a weighted nymph on the end and then a size 18 unweighted nymph tied truck-and - trailer off that. No indicator, just cast ahead of the fish and watch it take the unweighted nymph.

Another successful method in the quiet backwaters for fish feeding close to the surface was to use a tiny (and I mean tiny) indicator as a visual sighter then a size 18 nymph, either weighted or unweighted off that. The tiny indicator did not spook the fish but gave a good visual clue as to the position of the emerger. Again, just a matter of casting above the fish then watching it turn and take the tiny emerger. Great fun!

The Central Hawkes Bay club took out the Patangata Challenge Cup with the most fish caught. Thanks to Adam Jerram and all the Hastings and Hawkes Bay boys for their hospitality. Looking forward to next year's event.

### **Proposals for new HVAC logo**

Good progress is being made with the new club logo. Currently we are looking at options and costings for embroidered logos on shirts, screen printed T shirts and car stickers.

It was interesting to see that many of the Hastings Angling Club members had the club logo embroidered on their shirts, making them instantly identifiable to land -owners. Car stickers would also help identify club members cars.

### **Call for new committee members**

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 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.

### **Looking for someone to go fishing with?**

The club has an excellent Buddy Programme which is co-ordinated by Ross Goodman, which is designed to teach new members the basic skills and then lead on to applying those skills on the river.

However, many of our members already have those skills and just want to go fishing with others on weekdays, evenings or weekends. If you are interested, just send an email headed "Fishing Group" to [huttangler@hotmail.com](mailto:huttangler@hotmail.com) giving your name, phone number and email address and we will set up a data base on the club website. Once it is set up, any member on the list will be able to check the data base then email others to see who is interested in going fishing. Watch this space for further updates.

### **For sale**

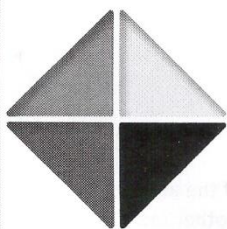
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