

Reminder: Club Meeting 6th March, 7:30pm Sherwood Hotel



Presidents Report

Its been a hectic month for me. I've been away with my relatives on a tour of the North Island. Still I've managed to squeeze in a spot of fishing here and there. Both myself and Yvette loved fishing around National Park near Whakapapa. A very different countryside to our local Otago fishing, and without any of the fishing pressure we see around here. I highly recommend it if you're interested. (see photos)

We enjoyed it so much, that I think we will



return to fish around Turangi and the mighty Tongariro. A great option in winter, apparently.

Which nicely brings me to a bit of an announcement. Last year we talked about a



winter trip, and we held a brief day outing. Well, we have upped the ante and hatched a plan for an amazing winter trip this year.

We are looking at booking in a weekend in late May to head down to Te Anau to fish the upper Waiau River. Obviously, this will nicely appeal to the double handed rod fishers amongst us, but should suit all anglers. The plan is to head down on a Friday for an early

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Member Profile: Daniel(Danny) Flynn

by Conor O'Boyle

How long have you been a member?

I have been a WAC member since the start of the 2018 season. But started coming on trips in 2016.

Where are you from, you sure don't sound Kiwi?

I am Irish, born in Waterford city on the the Southeast coast.

How long have you been a fly fisher?

I have been fly fishing since the start of the 2018 season and had never picked up a fly rod prior.

What's your preference? Brown or 'bow?

Great question but I can safely say 'bow!

And how about your favourite type of water?

I would say lake. Before I had taken the fly fishing up, I liked nothing better then to cruise around on my kayak finding spots on the far banks or trolling along, and casting from the kayak.

Do you have a favourite method?

At this point I don't have a favourite as I am still cycling through the different rigs. Although stripping a streamer while standing up in the inflatable one day, I near cried when I see the fish chasing and taking it. I'm just super pleased to hook up, maybe this time next year I shall have a favourite.

How about a favourite pattern?

I am very fond of the Damsel fly as I had some fun with that.

And your favourite weapon?

Well it's got to be my Scott Flex 6w. Maybe things will change, but so far so good!

Do you have a fond fishing memory?

My most memorable fish will be one I caught on a trip two years ago on the Kawarau. I was in a side stream and seated in the kayak, after reversing and beaching myself onto a bit of bank, I cast out a tazzy, knowing the current would take it around a slight bend - which obscured any fish from seeing me, or me from seeing any fish for that matter! But I had a hunch... Sure enough rod bent over and a feisty rainbow went airborne. I had to shake myself off the bank and fight the fish whilst in the current and dealing with all the obstacles the river had to throw at me. EPIC! Fish to the net.

What is this season's goal?

I had some pretty ambitious goals at the start of the season. Which I may wind down a bit for now. More realistically, I will say I am just keen on reading rivers and lakes and hooking up hands solo. Whilst help from better anglers is really great, I would feel great pleasure hitting a beat alone and hooking up, landing it would be a bonus. Ha!



Fishing Reports

King Fish in the Coromandel

by Mike McCann

Thought I would send through some fishing action from what I have been up to lately.

Not quite flyfishing, but we had an incredible trip up to our place in the Coromandel last week. Only managed one proper day out fishing, but boy it was a good one!

Every live bait we caught was eaten, we caught around 40, of those, we hooked up on about 20 Kingfish and landed only 4. To say we got beaten up, smashed and smoked is an understatement. It was an exceptional day and one that I will never forget.

My brother was home from London for the first time in 4 years and certainly brought some luck with him.

We have very good gear specifically for this kind of fishing and at times had the 50lb braid and 100lb leader on 12kg+ thumb of drag fully push to the limits and still couldnt stop the fish. At times after the fish would try to run around the anchor lines we would actually have to hold on to each other to stop being pulled in. That's real brotherly love. Ha!

During this time our Dad, Shaun McCann, also a WAC angler was quietly catching his limit of snapper. Laughing at his sons constantly getting dusted. All this went on no more than 500m from the beach.

Enjoy the photos!



Good work, boys!



McCann's brotherly love in action.

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morning Saturday start and to be dropped by jet boat off to various locations along the river. We will rent a bach' in Te Anau. We will need a minimum of six people to make this trip work, and we might have to cap numbers at 12 but it should be one rip snorter of a trip. We will send an email out in the coming weeks with details. If you're even half interested, let me know.

I've just returned from the Piscatorial Pot trip that Ronan and Iza so kindly hold at their house in Cromwell. What a great day out we had! For those of you that have attended this trip in the past and didn't this year, you will know what an amazing spread you missed out on. Iza is an accomplished cook, and how Ronan isn't carrying 20kg more than he should is beyond me. This year, not only did she pulled off an amazing spread for dinner, but did it while having a baby to attend to and also an array of relatives staying with them. Congratulation's both Iza and Ronan, your absolute stars!!

I'm VERY proud to also announce that we have (as far as I know) a first in the club, with a female angler taking out club trophy. Ronan signed his sister Aoife up to join the club the night before the completion and she took it out with the only fish landed for the day! Great work Aoife!! Its very inspiring to see quite a few female anglers joining the club as of late and I hope we see more as time goes on! Lets hope that Aoife returns to defend her title next year? Go girls!!

Regards,

Fraser Hocks

El Presidente, Wakatipu Anglers Club



Nice fish!



Member Jess Harkins, Mike's partner, with her first Kingfish.

Education

Car Rod Rack

by Fraser Hocks

You know the story: You turn up to your favourite fishing spot, get all your kit on, rig the rod up and head out with high expectations. Its your sure-fire spot, so how can you fail?

Half an hour into fishing and you haven't seen a fish. This river just isn't firing today! You decide that the best option is to head back to the car and drive to another river which hopefully will be firing. You get back to the car and your left with two options. De-rig your rod and put it back in its tube, nice and safe (dam time consuming), or break it into two pieces fully rigged and hope that it doesn't tangle to high heaven by the time you get to the next river. You also risk the rod moving around the in the back of the car or even worse something heavy rolling onto the rod as you go around a corner.

I've had two rods snap on the first cast after a short drive, and I'm pretty convinced it was something heavy banging the rod and damaging the integrity of the blank, so when I cast it next, it fails at that point. Well I got sick of all the mess around and decided that a rod rack for the car was required. I spoke to numerous tackle shops and scoured the web to find the ultimate flyrod rack for the car. Much to my surprise there wasn't much available. The best I found was a version that either magnetically or via suction cups attached to the bonnet and roof of the car, holding the rods safely on the outside of the car. Much as this product was well made, something just

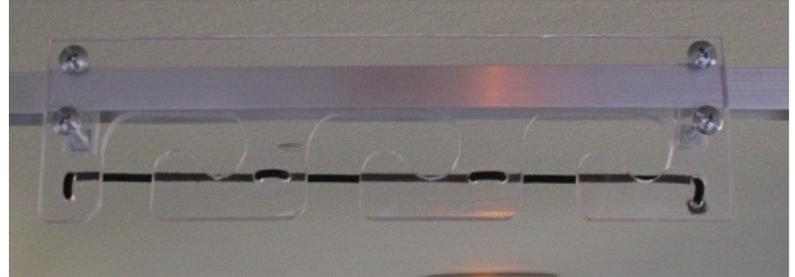


didn't make me feel right about leaving huge dollars worth of rod and reel strapped to the outside for the car while driving about. So I took to the idea of making my own rod carrier.

I checked the inside of my Subaru Outback, and much to my surprise, a standard 9' fully rigged rod fits inside if mounted close to the roof of the car. I purchased a 2.5m length of square

aluminium tubing and a set of four small angle brackets. Once the aluminium tube was cut to length (chamfered ends to match the shape to the roof) I attached the angle brackets to one of the grab handle mounting screws. I then bent the brackets so that I had two flat surfaces to bolt the tube to. I temporarily mounted the tube, marked it then drilled it out and bolted the angle brackets to the tube.

Now I have a pair of roof racks inside the car. I then went along to see a



friendly glazer and purchased some scrap Perspex (6mm thick). I cut this with a fret saw to make the shape up as you see in the photo. I then drilled holes in it so I could mount it to the rack and threaded through some thin bungee cord so that once the rods were seated

As you can see from the pictures, I set mine to take three rods but you could make one wider to take more rods, although you might start to loose headroom for the passenger depending on the car. This rack works a treat as anyone who has come fishing with me will tell you. All up cost was less than \$30, and it means I can travel from fishing spots safe in the knowledge that my rods wont be damaged and I wont have to go through the rigmarole of taking down a rod and putting it all back together again a few mins later.

If anyone fancies building one of these, please feel free to talk to me about mine, and have a look at the one iv built. I can probably supply you with a template drawing for you to cut your Perspex to if need be.



club OUTINGS

Poolburn Outing

by Colin Heath

I arrived on Friday at midday with Rick McKenzie and landed a 4lb brown(on small olive beadhead woolley buggler)within an hr close to bach.



Mike Baltrop landed 2 next morning at sunrise on a dry close by bach (about 2 - 2.5 lb). Rest of Saturday some went out in

kayaks and inflatables. Mike took Nysa out with him on his boat. No fish caught. Others went along shore and some fish hooked but lost . Mark landed one which he thought was around 4 lb.

Sunday there was a strong nor'wester which lead us

to abandon any further fishing.

The one with Badger shows him christening Rick's new inflatable kayak with beer (it goes without saying he did not use much beer!!!!!!). A pleasant and very social weekend was had.



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Club CALENDAR

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	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Web RESOURCES

Main site: <http://www.wakatipuanglersclub.co.nz/>

Club Calendar: http://www.wakatipuanglersclub.co.nz/uploads/1/9/9/7/19973001/wac_2017-_18_events_calendar.pdf (members only - you may have to enter your credentials)

Club forum: <http://bit.ly/2fz5wYQ> (members only - you may have to enter your credentials)