



RODD & GUNN TROPHY – STILLWATER SECTION I LOVE FLY FISHING TROPHY

The Stillwater competition for the I LOVE FLY FISHING Trophy and the Stillwater section of the RODD & GUNN Trophy (*combined Stillwater and River*) will be held on **Saturday, 19 November 2022** see details below. This is the weekend after the next club meeting, 15 November 2022. To be eligible for the Rodd & Gunn trophy, a competitor must have competed in both the Stillwater and River sections.

The Stillwater competition is to be held on Lake Rerewhakaaitu with the competition base at the **(DOC) Rerewhakaaitu Bretts Road Camping Area**. This is the second lake access point and reserve on Brett Road which runs up the western side of the lake. If you wish to camp here you need to book and pay online <https://bookings.doc.govt.nz/Web/Default.aspx> The cost per person is \$10.00 per/ni. There are toilets, parking, and a shore-based boat launching area. A concrete boat ramp and camping is also available at Guy Roe Reserve, (where the competition was based last time) and camping at Ash Pit Reserve also DOC. Depending on the lake level there will be varying shore based fishing however it would be help if you have a float tube, belly boat or boat.

This not a super-serious competition and all club members are urged to participate if able too. Please see **Registration** below as there some important info that is needed. Please treat this as a social club event and have fun. For any questions call Barrie Barnes, 021 925 006 or email barrie@iloveflyfishing.kiwi who will be onsite from the evening of Wednesday 9th.

A FEW POINTS & RULES

- The competition is open to all financial members of the Club. Intending participants must register with Barrie Barnes, by email barrie@iloveflyfishing.kiwi by Tuesday, **15 NOV22**. When you reply please provide the information that is requested below under **Registration**. Of course, late entries will not be excluded, it's so we can get most of the admin tidied up.
- The competition base will be at the **Rerewhakaaitu Bretts Road Camping Area** see above. There's no briefing as such as most of what you need to know is in this document and all participants will be added to the WhatsApp chat group for further communication. If you need anything please be there by no later than 0730hrs as lines in the water is 0800hrs.
- Fishing must cease at 1700hrs and competitors need to be back at the competition base by 1800hrs with their verified catch data. This time is marginally flexible considering if a fish is caught, say at the northern end of the lake, at 1659hrs and, for some, this may take a few minutes to land and measure.
- Fishing may be from the shore or a flotation device e.g. boats, belly boats etc. All competitors using any form of flotation device, must always wear a life jacket and comply with all relevant F&G, Council and Marine regulations.
- **IMPORTANT:** All fishing inside the Homestead Arm (inside the float barrier), Guy Roe Reserve, where you may launch a boat, is specifically excluded from the competition **unless** fishing from the shore or jetty. No fishing in the Homestead Arm is permitted using any form of flotation device.
- Members are encouraged to get into the spirit of this competition. It is a fly-fishing competition and as such so long as you're using a fly, fly line and fly rod any method not excluded may be used. **Excluded:** All forms of fishing whilst under motor power.
- Ideally competitors will have paired up, or if necessary be paired up, and fish together or be close by as scoring (fish measuring) requires validation by another fisher where possible, see **How To Score**. There will also be a team competition put in place to encourage the buddy fishing. Each competitor will nominate their buddy prior to the commence of the competition or one will be provided.

- Competitors will be required to have their own measuring tapes and be trusted to measure their fish and record the lengths in accordance with **How To Score below**. If a competitor doesn't have the means to record the length of a fish caught with room for validation a score card and tape measure will be available and must be collected before 0730hrs. Measuring must, always where possible, be witnessed by another competitor or if another member is not present then photographed against a tape measure e.g. with a phone.
- The competition organiser, in the event of any dispute, shall be the sole and final adjudicator and may require supporting evidence to be provided. If, the competition organiser is a party to a dispute, the parties may choose a mutually agreed adjudicator.

DATE and FISHING TIME

0800 ~1700hrs on Saturday, 19 November.

WEATHER

Currently, there's no bad weather fall back. If considered necessary, this will be reviewed closer to the date.

HOW TO SCORE

- The winner of the stillwater section will be the person with the highest aggregate number of points.
- One point is allocated for each cm length of fish, as outlined below.
- The fish will be measured from nose to **V of tail** *note this is a departure from all previous competitions. This is a fun competition and F&G measuring rules will apply.
- Length will be rounded up to the next full cm. For example, a 31.4 cm fish will be scored as 32 points. No fish less than 18 cm will be measured (a 17.5 cm fish is not rounded up to 18cm.)
- Foul hooked fish must not be measured and recorded.
- Measurements are to be verified by another competitor or by a photograph of every fish against a tape measure.
- Remember you can measure as many fish as you can catch **HOWEVER** if you catch and kill the limit, 8, you must stop fishing.
- This lake is only stocked with Rainbow Trout.

REGISTRATION

When you register your interest and that you will be attending please help us to by replying to the following:

- Name and contact details.
- Will you be bringing a flotation device (boat, belly boat, etc)?
- If you are bringing a boat, do you already have a buddy, or do you have a berth available?
- If you already have buddy on you boat what is their name?
- If you are using a belly boat, float tube or other single person device have you made any arrangement to buddy with another for the duration of the competition?

POST COMPETITION

- It is planned that all competitors will be back at **Rerewhakaaitu Bretts Road Camping Area** by 1800hrs and meet socially at 1830hrs 19NOV22 to maybe, weather willing, enjoy their own refreshments and tell lies.
- If all goes to plan, scores will be checked, recorded and individual winner and winning team determined and announced at this social get-together.

ANY OTHER MATTERS & ISSUE

Any other matters or issues that may occur or arise before, during or after the competition will be decided on by the organiser. The organiser may or may not consult with others who would be of the organisers exclusive choosing. The final opinion and/or decision delivered by the organiser will be final.

