

## **FISHING GEAR 2**

### **STREAMS - RIVERS - LAKES - STILLWATERS**

#### **STREAMS AND RIVERS**

**RAY BUCKLAND**

#### **FISHING GEAR**

We shall begin with the tools of the trade. A 5 or 6 weight rod is a good start and it is good advice to speak to club members when you are about to purchase a rod because they know the good rods and where to get value for the dollar. Also go to the retailer that allows you to test drive the rods.

If you are small stream fisherman a 3 or 4 weight will suit your needs, but if you fish big rivers there will be bigger fish and longer casts required go for the 5 or 6 weights. If you intend to fish the Tongariro River in New Zealand, large trout in lakes or windy places, go for a 7 weight. A good set of rods to cover all contingencies are 3, 5 or 6 and 7 weights. You will probably not stop at one rod; we become collectors as we fish more.

As for reels, go for a reasonable quality because one day you will hook up with the trout of your dreams and you do not want to lose it for the sake of saving a few dollars with the initial purchase.

Buy a good quality floating line and if you are going for distance in large waterways buy a weight forward line for distance, or otherwise a double taper is fine for shorter more delicate and accurate casts.

YVFF members can give you good advice and for training and testing purposes we have a large number of rods and reels which new members can use in our weekly fly casting clinics.

#### **LAKES AND STILLWATERS**

**LYNTON REID**

#### **FISHING GEAR**

##### **ROD**

6 OR 7 weight 2.7m long medium or fast action

##### **REEL**

Reels to hold your line large arbour reel is best

##### **LINES**

Weight forward 6 or 7 weight floating line to start

Sink tip clear 6 or 7 weight float sink tip line later

##### **LEADERS**

For floating line 2.7m tapered leader 3x-8lb with 600mm 5 to 8lb tippet total length approximately 3.3m

For sink tip line 900mm of 12lb plus 900mm of 9lb plus 600mm of 6 to 8lb tippet total length approximately 2.4m best if all is fluorocarbon material

##### **LEADER AND TIPPET STRENGTHS**

2X/10.5LB --- 3X/8.8LB --- 4X/6.8LB --- 5X/4.8LB --- 6X/3.7LB