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This is one of the most important weekends on the club trip calendar, because this is the weekend we fish for the Fly Fishing Cup.

Over the past few years this trophy has been fished for in the Ohau Channel, but it actually originated as a lake competition. I understand that the move to the Ohau Channel was instigated by the dwindling numbers of club members willing to fish the lakes, and the insatiable drive to catch the big one.

However, the number of fish caught in the Ohau Channel has diminished recently, which has meant many club members no longer wish to fish on this weekend. I don't like to see the weekend and the Cup ignored simply because the venue is no longer producing the number of fish it once did.

So for this year only, we will be opening the gates to Lake Rotorua and its tributaries and channels. Some may see this as a controversial move - but it will only be for this year while we decide on a more productive water to hold this weekend competition.

Club members will have the freedom to fish the entire lake from the shoreline, the Ohau Channel, the Ngongotaha Stream and the Waiteti Stream. According to recent reports, winter shoreline fishing is getting off to a promising start. Spawning trout are hugely stimulated by cold, wet weather and there has quite literally been a flood of fish accumulating at the stream mouths and their liberation points.



**Accommodation:** We are booking into the Paradise Lodge which is located in a peaceful country setting on the banks of the spring-fed Ngongotaha stream.

The Main Lodge has two lounge areas with full kitchen / dining facilities, and 3 bunkrooms accommodating up to 12 people.

The larger lounge is the ideal place for a group get together or to catch up and compare notes with other guests at the end of the day. The smaller lounge is ideal for reading, a bit of quiet time, or even a kids play area. A cosy wood burning fire keeps you warm in the winter months, and large french doors open to a sunny barbecue area.

The kitchen is fully equipped with double oven and hob, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, and microwave allowing you to do your own cooking if desired. Two 8 seat dining tables provide plenty of room for group dining. There is a large bathroom which has twin basins, two separate showers, two separate toilets, heated towel rails, and washing facilities.

<http://www.paradisevalleylodge.co.nz>

**Pricing & Availability:** The trip will cost \$95 per person, and this includes accommodation on the Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and a traditional BBQ for dinner on Saturday night. There are only 14 places available, so please email me as soon as possible if you're interested.



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