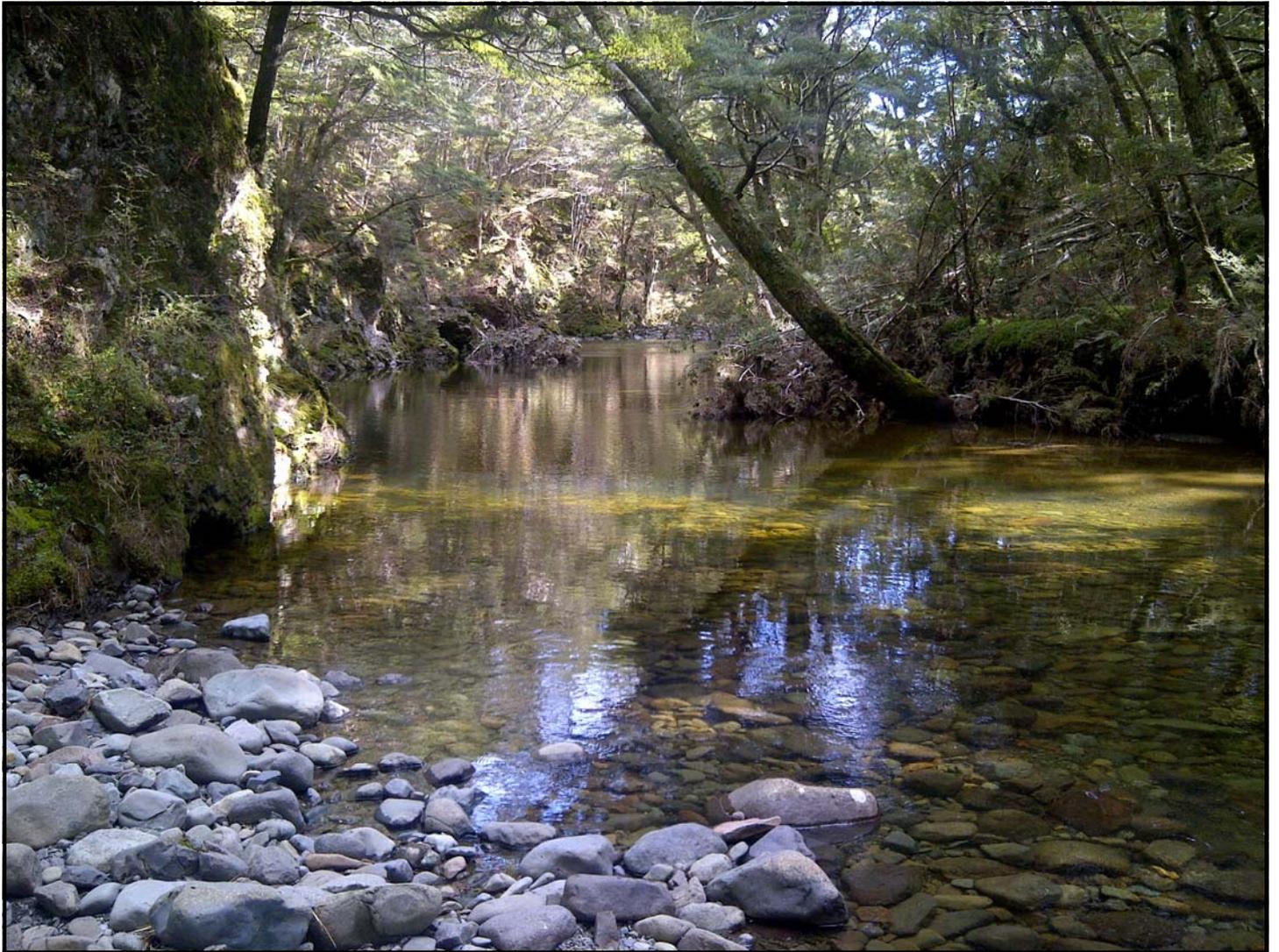


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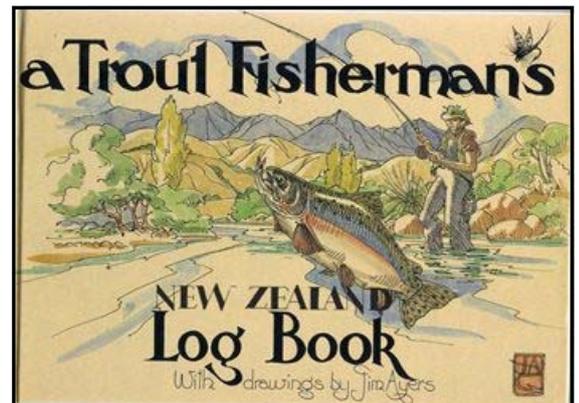
Ruataniwha Mega Dam Proposal

The Ruataniwha dam proposal for the Central Hawkes Bay has many people concerned particularly with the process being used to "bully" the consent process to accommodate the Governments economic agenda. While this process is argued over, little information is getting out to the general public and in particular the people of the Hawkes Bay concerning the environmental and economic effects this mega dam will have on the region. This is how the scheme is described by the Hawkes Bay Regional Council. *The Ruataniwha Water Storage Scheme is a long-term sustainable water supply solution for Central Hawke's Bay. It is part of a wider programme to better manage water resources in the Tukituki Catchment. The scheme consists of a 91 million m³ storage reservoir located in the upper Makaroro river, storing water during periods of high flow and over winter. Water from the scheme can then be released improving river flows in the Tukituki Catchment through summer for aquatic life and other river users, while at the same time providing secure water to irrigators. The scheme will be funded by both the public and private sector.* To my mind all of the facts are hidden by a smokescreen that has enveloped this whole project making it impossible for many to understand or comprehend. What is most disturbing for New Zealanders as a whole is that this is to be used by the Government as a template for others all over New Zealand. As soon as this one gets the green light other mega dam projects for the Wairarapa, Marlborough and Northern Hawkes Bay will begin. The process of having the minister call them in as projects of national importance makes them very hard for concerned citizens to object or appeal.

New Zealand Federation of Fresh Water Anglers—Alan Simmons

Log Book

For all you budding Izaak Walton's out there these New Zealand Log Books are excellent for recording you exploits and experiences on the water. I have used them for many years and can vouch for their quality. At \$8 + P&P they are an absolute bargain. Check them out on trademe.co.nz



Cover Photo—Jarred Martin



An exceptionally tied fly and very well photographed

Around the Club

The white baiters are reporting good catches of seatrout in their nets and plenty of action on the river with big fish chasing smelt in the shallows.

Best catch of the month was a lucky young lad who caught a brand new Kilwell 6' trout spinning rod and reel on a hand line off Owaka jetty!

Lots of new young anglers on the river this early season..boys and girls. I have been forced to give them some tips on worm and lure fishing as many of them don't have a clue how to fish. In saying that a wee lad caught a 5 1/2lb jack on a toby right in front of me. His first fish ever. He was ecstatic. Good to see.

"People get the Politicians and fishing tackle they deserve."

John Gierach

Fishing Report by Redtag



Who would have thought that opening day of the season would bring North Westerly's and 21 deg temperatures! Started out at 7am and caught 4 trout blind nymphing in the runs below Wyndham on a wee special size 18 nymph by 8am. The wind came up so moved under the willows in a favourite pool and there was rising trout! taking large blue duns. Hooked up with two good fish one took a humpy and another an Adams. 10am and with the wind gusting to 50km/hr moved again upriver to a sheltered spot. Nothing doing so moved on to the coal seams finding trout rising to emergers. Switched to an emerging nymph short under an Adams and hooked up to 4 good fish and lost 3 to long distance release probably from using barbless hooks. 1pm and 4 big fish spotted in the run at the Mataura outlet. They were taking emergers but I couldn't cast to them due to wind and trees so cut the leader into the 10lb mark and put on a size 10 bomb and lobbed it to them sitting right in front of me within 3 metres of my prone possie on the bank. The biggest fish took it first go and even though he pulled hard and wide there was no way he could escape with hard tackle on him. A quick release and he was on his way. 2pm and with wind now gusting above 70km/hr retired to the abode wind burnt with aching bones!



The following evening after work was extra special with a great hatch on the pool. Fish taking emergers with gusto in pods of 20 or so. A wee parachute Adams was what they were after and a dozen came to the net in quick succession.

Since then it has been a bit slow due to dipping temperatures and plenty of wind from all directions with a few 4 seasons in one day for good measure. Still by mid month the river was fishable and only now are we getting some rain to bring the water up. Fish are in the runs and riffles feeding on caddis and a wee green imitation is working well.



Further afield good reports have come in from anglers on opening day with many stating that it was their best start in years. I have to agree having never had such good conditions and fish activity in 7 years of fishing the river on opening day.



There has been inconsistent hatches of mayfly so far but hopefully with the warmer weather and more settled conditions there should be good hatches on the river and the wee streams which will key the fish onto the mayfly.

I am busily tying up more CDC emergers to meet the demand!

Early season delight by John Robertson

On Thursday I got up to go fishing and managed to stand on a size 14 hook and embedded it in the sole of my foot. I rang the doctor at 08:30 but could not get in till 10:15 at the earliest.

Finally I saw the doctor about 10:45 and he prodded around and got it out when I produced my hook remover. \$51 later for only a few minutes work I thought about ACC and its surplus money.

Finally I got to the river after midday and noticed one car there but saw no one so I started fishing upstream and soon had 3 small fish.

One had hooks marks in it, so I didn't wander too far upstream afraid I'd encroach the other person's area.

I got back home at 5pm after catching several fish, the largest 2.5lbs.

Enjoyable afternoon and I know I have a hook that is very sticky.

Aparima tributary outing by Jarred Martin and Josh Moore



A Red Cod on the fly by Jarred Martin



Reroofing the Lodge working bee by Rick Gerrard



Finally it happened, we were able to align the plans of a number of members, and Saturday the 14th of September was chosen as the day for the lodge roof replacement. Les was our eye on the sky as it were, with weather updates on Friday night, as he had gone up early to spend some time with the in-law's a little further up the road, (and run the vacuum around the place before our arrival).

Saturday was cancelled in preference of Sunday due to the look of the weather from Invercargill.

The rest of us departed town early Sunday morning under a not so good forecast, which typically turned out to be somewhat incorrect, as we enjoyed excellent weather over the course of the day. We were a little apprehensive as we began to remove the existing roof, not knowing for sure what we would find. We removed all the iron on the north side to begin with and were generally pretty impressed by what we found from a structural perspective. Apart from the free insulation provided by the numerous nesting birds that have taken up residency over the years, and of course our friends, the cluster flies, everything looked pretty good.

The north side was in place and we had started on the south side by lunch. After lunch we continued on and completed the south side, again without any serious hurdles encountered, other than those also experienced on the north side, and a lone petrified possum. The end result certainly looks the part, and will ensure the weather stays where it should, on the outside. As well as the roof, a window was patched, bathroom floor braced and the surrounding grass was dealt to.

On behalf of the club I'd like to thank Lindsay for taking the time to measure everything up for the new roof, and his help on the day, most of which was spent on the roof, (I understand the body had a few aches for a day or two). Simon for overseeing the project and making sure everything was done properly and as it should. So much easier when you have somebody on hand who knows what they are doing. Also Chris, not only for his help on the day but also the work around accessing the financial grant that allowed us to replace the roof. Also Les, Ken and Steven, who all contributed to make the day a success.

PS: Due to the unexpected condition of the lodge roof, we have a quantity of timber available for sale. This was purchased in case we needed to carry out any repair work to the framing etc once the old iron was removed. There are 12 lengths of H4 treated 75 x 50. Contact Rick 2130920, or Lindsay 0274196400, if you are interested.



Working Bee photos by Les Ladbrook



Dave Harris with a 7 1/2lb Aparima Brown



Yellowstone National Park by John Morwood



In my fishing trip through the Rockies from Montana to New Mexico this July and August my favourite part was definitely Yellowstone. It was the World's first National Park declared in 1872 and has remained in its natural state.

The Yellowstone is its largest river, its packed with fish and has some great hatches making it a mecca for flyfishers. There's no stocking and in line with Park policy its barbless hooks only and mandatory catch and release. While its crowded by NZ standards fishing early in the day and or walking some distance usually avoids most other fishers. A beautiful river.



The size and abundance of some insects can make for spectacular fishing. We experienced the Golden Stonefly hatch on several occasions. The presence of the stones brings a ready and greedy response from the trout, similar to a good backcountry cicada hatch. Are these bugs BIG!!

"Matching the hatch" requires a suitably sized fly! Mine was tied with two colours of foam for the body, rubber legs and sparkle yarn wings on a 2 x long shank size 4 hook! Bit different from a Mataura style size18 emerger!



This is a cutthroat trout, a handsome fish. It was hitting every stonefly that came near it with splashy takes' including my foam monster. We caught many trout that afternoon across three species – cutts, bows and germans. American "Troutspcak" for cutthroats, rainbows and browns.



Yellowstone is big and spectacular, as is its wildlife. Bison are plentiful and can be intimidating if you meet them unexpectedly on the river. Steer well clear of these big boys was my policy.

So if you wish to avoid the winter weather with a summer fly fishing experience, my advice is head to the Rockies.

Presidents Report by Dave Harris

Well it was great to get out on one of my favourite rivers on the 1st October with Les. As anyone that was out for opening will know it was windy but after a quick discussion with Les we decided where to go and headed off at 6:00am. As forecast the wind was there but the river was in perfect condition but was quite different to the last time I had fished it due to floods last summer. We also found fish, a good number of them. I was into fish straight away and Les got his first not too long afterwards. Some of the fish were quite small but there were also some good fish.

I followed this up with the Lodge trip the first weekend. I fished both days with a new member, Axel. We fished the Aparima on the Saturday and by lunch I handed a couple of fish but also dropped a couple including one that looked to be at least 6lb. After lunch discussions and supplying Axel with a nymph he got some action as well. At the end of the day I hooked into a good fish on one side of the river and almost immediately Axel hooked into his best fish of the day. Unfortunately I was too busy dealing with my big brown (best for a couple of seasons) to be able to weigh his fish.

On the Sunday we went to the Mataura at Nokomai and had a difficult day. The river had a lot of colour and it was windy again. We went downstream quite a way and fished back to the car. Spotting fish was very difficult due to the colour and also the wind ruffling the surface. There were also no fish rising at all so it was mainly blind fishing. We both managed a fish or two so not too bad a day.

While at the Lodge I was able to check out the great work done at the working bee that had been held in mid-September. Unfortunately I didn't make it to the working bee but there was a good turnout and the new roof looks great. Thanks to all those who went up and carried out the work.

Our next Lodge trip is planned for the first weekend in November. Some of us will be going up on Thursday night for three days of fishing. We would like to see others join us for as much of the weekend they can. Provided the weather is a bit co-operative it will be a great weekend and we expect to catch a few fish.

Meantime get out there and chase those fish. A day fishing missed is a day lost.

Name This Stream Competition

Last months photo of a stream brought one correct response. Once again Ian Michelson correctly identified the stream! The Aparima River. This months photo is again by Les Ladbrook.

Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$10 Hunting and Fishing voucher sponsored by EIS.

If you have a photo of a Southland stream you would like to include in the competition please email the Editor.



Coming Events

29th Oct	[MM]	Speaker – Konrad Richter – Trip to the Antarctic
1st Nov		High Country Opening (Friday)
2/3rd Nov		Club Trip [Weekend at the Lodge] - High Country Opening
5th Nov	(CM)	Fly Tying
10th Nov		Club Day Trip meet at Fish & Game – 9am (Leader is Dave Harris)
26th Nov	[MM]	
2nd – 6th Dec		Shift Workers / Retirees mid week trip – (Leader is Rick Gerrard) – {to be advised}
3rd Dec	(CM)	Fly Tying
8th Dec		Club Trip, Catlins – Meet at Fish & Game 7:00am – (Leader is Rick Gerrard)

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Club items for sale

Metal Badges \$15 ea.



Cloth Patches \$12 ea.



Club Meetings

The club meets at 7:30pm on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Fish & Game building, 159 North Road Invercargill. [The February meeting is on the river.](#)

Executive Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month following the general meeting, except for Dec/Jan, includes fly tying, so come along and bring your gear if you want help with a fly—all members welcome.

Club Resources

The club has an extensive library of Books and Videos, contact the Librarian, Jarred Martin.

A blow up Rubber Boat and a set of five Radio's, which can be borrowed by club members, contact Les Ladbrook.

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