

“Ripples”

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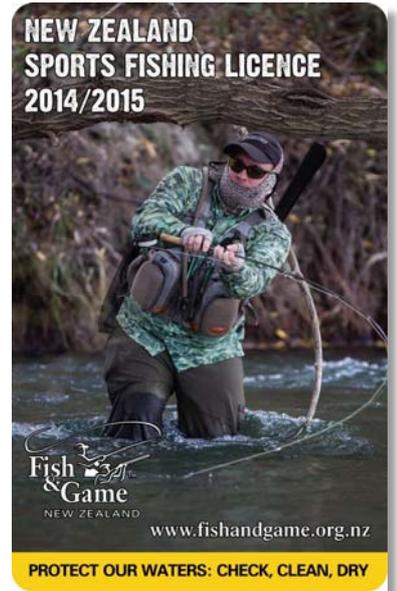


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Editors Choice Tippets

Fish and Game Introduces Non-resident License

Fish & Game New Zealand is launching new licences for overseas anglers who visit the country to fish for longer than a day or so. The non-resident season licence (NRL) will cost \$160 – a third more than Kiwis pay. The new licence is aimed in particular at the dedicated overseas angler who comes to New Zealand to fish for trout intensively for days, if not weeks. Non-resident licences will go on sale from Thursday August 21, 2014, and must be purchased by any visitor from another country who wants to fish for trout for an extended period. 24-hour licences will still be available to them, but they'll no longer be eligible for NZ adult whole season, family or winter licences. If a non-resident is caught angling using anything other than an NRL or a 24-hour licence, they will be treated in the same way as an un-licensed angler. Prosecution could follow. Fish & Game CEO Bryce Johnson says the non-resident licence has been introduced to ensure that such anglers pay their "fair share" towards the management of our fisheries. "Non-residents have been getting a bargain - the benefit of a fishery they haven't really paid for – compared with the Kiwi angler who has contributed to the ongoing management of fisheries both through fishing licence fees and taxes. "Resident anglers who've bought licences over a number of years feel they've made a substantial and consistent contribution to the management of the fishery. "They also make contributions over time through taxes and council rates to environmental research, freshwater ecosystem management, monitoring and public access." Mr Johnson says that up until now overseas anglers, who put pressure on New Zealand's fragile back country fisheries, have had access to our world-class fisheries without really contributing to fishery management, or habitat protection such as Water Conservation Orders. "So it's not surprising that New Zealand anglers are really supportive of the increased fee for non-resident anglers." The additional revenue gained from the non-resident licence is ring-fenced to be used on back country fisheries – which are favoured by non-resident anglers. Mr Johnson says the management of world-class back country fisheries is expensive, and issues such as crowding on some of these waters needs to be managed carefully to maintain the experience and the country's reputation as an angling destination. "All we're doing now is bringing New Zealand in line with countries like the U.S. We are not penalising this group – we're certain they'll still find our trout fishing and outdoor experience excellent value for money."



Cover Photo— River Cledwen —Johnny Mauchline



An exceptionally well tied fly and photograph

Around the Club

We had a good talk from Environment Southland at the October meeting. They discussed their river management strategy which was very interesting. Plenty of room for thought.

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

John Gierach

Fishing Report by Redtag



A difficult start to the season is an understatement. As incessant rain and brisk North Westerly's made fishing impossible at worst and marginal at best.

Just when I thought the River was coming good the rains would fall again and put it back up and it has been much the same all over Southland.

Still there has been moments of time when mayfly have been hatching and the trout have responded all be it patchy at best.

Some of the wee streams have been fishable in the headwaters and have been fishing well when conditions have been good.

I fished one local stream and had a great day casting in a gale force wind catching 7 quality browns on wee tungsten nymphs suspended under a red humpy with both flies being successful.

Small hatches of large mayfly have covered some of the flats for short periods with trout onceing now and again but not really keyed in.

I did have a good hatch on the lane with rising fish taking duns with gusto for about 15 minutes before a storm hit and then it was all over.

Time to tie up a few more tungsten nymphs. Some black ostrich and some dark green ones seem to be the go in the perpetually clearing water.

Really hoping this blustery spring weather will settle down soon and the river returns to normal levels.

Tight lines



Fishing tales from Wales by Johnny Mauchline



River Conwy on the Bodelwyddan beat



Paul Hughes casting on the River Cledwen



Club signage on the Cledwen

I spent a week fishing in the stunning countryside of North Wales in September on the Bodelwyddan Game Anglers waters. The club has 3 beats on the River Elwy which is a renowned sea-trout fishery, a beat of about a mile on the River Cledwen, a beat on the River Conwy for Salmon and sea-trout and fishing on a number of small lakes. A weekly permit is \$50.

I was very kindly shown over the waters by Paul Hughes the club chairman. Just like me Paul loves to fish the small rivers and streams for wild trout and we had a great time fishing the headwaters of the Cledwen casting wee dries to small trout. An excellent dry fly purists stream the Cledwen has lovely deep pools and riffley runs and a superb wee gorge section that is challenging water to cast through being well covered with bankside trees. Paul has spent a lot of time managing the stream and has worked hard to keep the vegetation at bay and open up some of the best spots for fishing. He has done a remarkable job and the outcome shows his respect and love for the stream. With hot sunny weather and river levels low there were no runs of sea-trout but it was a pleasure to fish and observe Paul expertly casting arrow like under the branches to rising fish. We also fished the Nant Mawr beat of the Elwy which is another of Pauls favourite waters and we both had a hatful of wild browns on dries. I spent a few more days fishing all the club river beats and enjoyed it immensely. Although the brown trout are not large by NZ standards they are feisty and free rising. I did hook and lose a sea-trout in a deep run in the lower Elwy and would love to return another time when these fish are in the system.



Paul fishing the gorge section of the Cledwen



Hooked up on the Elwy



Wild brownie from the upper reaches



A nice fish from the Elwy



Careful stalking is required



Nant Mawr beat

Tacky Fly Box

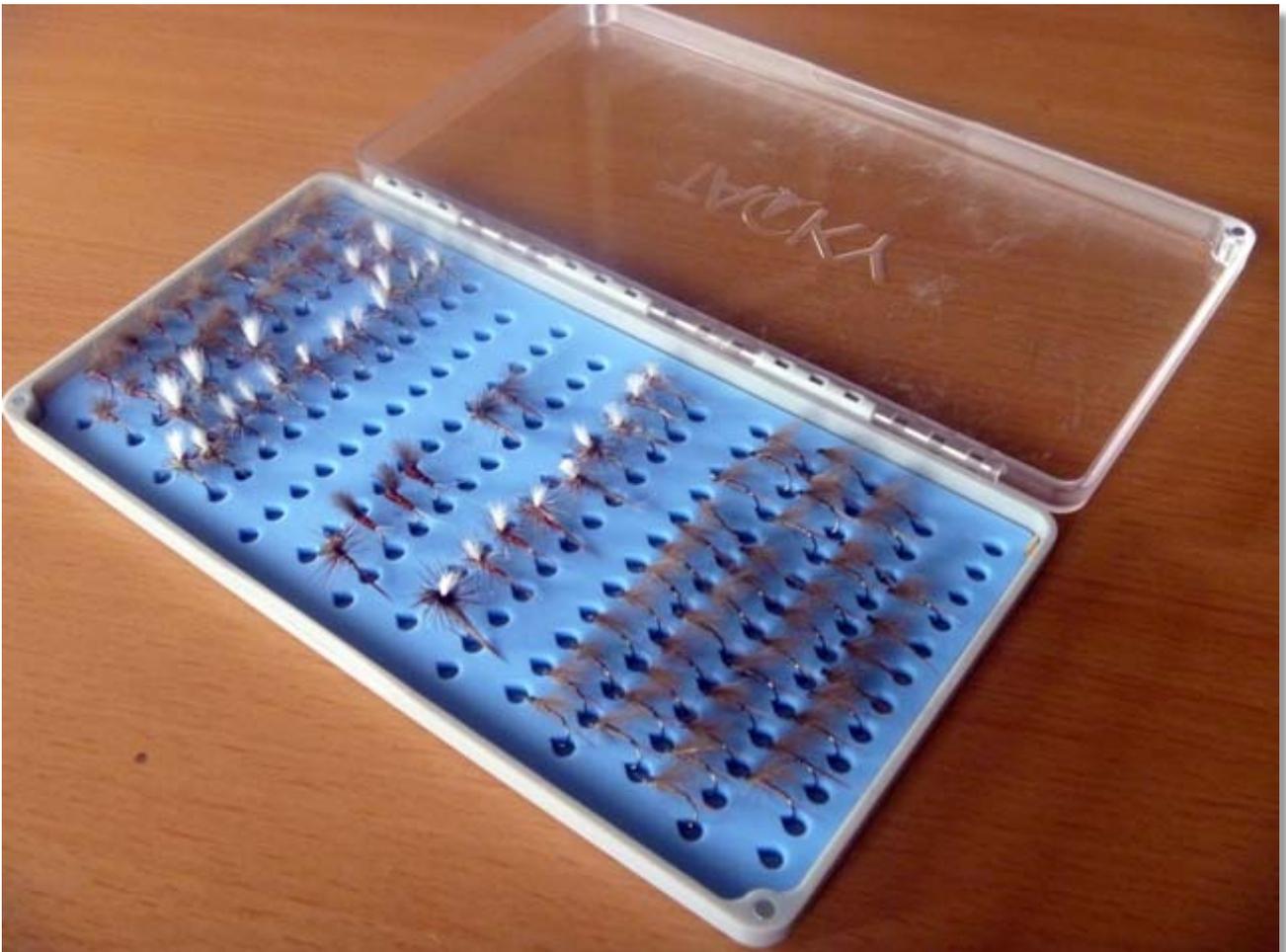
Matthew Brown from Goat Head Sole Spikes who has sponsored our Fly Fishing Course in the past gave me a new fly box to trial in NZ conditions.

Winner of best fly box at IFTD 2014. This is a great low profile box so you can fit several in a your vest and treat your boxes as a modular system.

The Tacky Fly Box is a tough and sleek polycarbonate box with a clear top, a magnet closure system and a patent-pending silicone rubber insert. Box dimensions are approximately 7" x 3.5" x 3/4", with slots for 168 flies.

I have trialled the box since the start of the season and found it to be a great fly keeper. It holds my wee emergers and parachutes really firmly and is very well constructed.

US\$23 from solepikes.com if you want one.



Presidents Report by Dave Harris

I have managed a number of days on the river but it has been tough at times. The weather has not been very cooperative with a lot of wind and some rain. However I managed to catch a few fish and I think I have finally found a setup that I am reasonably happy with in windy conditions. This came from trying different combinations of rods and lines on casting day.

A couple of the trips I have made have been club trips. The November Lodge trip was very difficult. On the Saturday a couple went to the Von River, where there are usually a lot of fish but they didn't find many. Two of us went to the Upukerora and fished in strong winds and three fish were landed. The final member fished the Whitestone where he found a reasonable number of fish. On Sunday we were down to four people, two went to the Upukerora (different group and part of the river to Saturday) without great success, then tried the river mouth before calling quits and heading home early. The other two of went to the Whitestone where we had wind, thunder and rain. We stick it out and managed a few fish before a long walk back to the car.

The November Club day was also affected by wind. We had a good turnout of six people and we headed to the Aparima. Once again it was very windy and only a couple of fish were landed before we split up and headed off in different directions. I chose to go east but didn't get out of the wind and couldn't find any clear water. I should have headed down the Aparima where a couple of others went.

I am hoping the wind goes away soon as I have my annual trip to Te Anau coming up at the end of the month. This year I will be joined by Ken Brown and a young Canadian who is coming to NZ to fish for the summer. Should be interesting although I think I will have a bit of guiding to do for these two. As long as I get to catch a few fish I will be happy, especially if the wind lets us get across to the Worsley River.

On the club front we are very short of speakers for Club Nights. At this stage I don't have any one sorted out for November or January. If you know of anyone who could come and speak to us, let me know so I can organise something.

Name This Stream Competition

The October photo brought 2 responses. Ian Michelson was correct in identifying the Aparima. Ian wins a \$20 voucher for Hunting & Fishing. 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.



This is the last issue of the Ripples for 2014.

The Southland Fly Fishing Club would like to wish you many fine days and tight lines, and plenty of good wine over the festive season.

We will be back in January 2015 with the next newsletter



Cartoon: Seppo Leinonen (supplied free of charge—with thanks)
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Coming Events

25th Nov	[MM]	
2rd Dec	(CM)	Fly Tying
7th Dec		Club Trip, Catlins – Meet at Fish & Game 7:00am
13th Jan 2015		On the River, Tuesday straight after work, Coal Pit Rd
18th Jan		Club Day Trip, meet at Fish & Game – 7am
27th Jan	[MM]	
31 Jan 1 Feb		Fly Fishing course run by Mike Weddell from Mosgiel.
3rd Feb	(CM)	Fly Tying
6-8th Feb		Waitangi Day Weekend Trip to Gunn's Camp

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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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