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Editors Choice Tippets

National Government Failing New Zealanders On Clean Water

Fish & Game says the government has failed all New Zealanders with its refusal to commit itself to higher freshwater standards, such as making it safe to swim in rivers. Environmental organisations, including Fish & Game, have been campaigning for the government to improve the country's water quality standards by lifting the present "wadeable" requirement to "swimmable". But in a keynote speech last night, the Environment Minister Nick Smith said that a swimmable standard is impractical. Dr Smith said most rivers breach the technical swimmable standard during heavy rain and suggested that the only way to make some waterways swimmable would be to cull the birds living there. The Minister's comments came while delivering the 2016 Lincoln Environment lecture at Canterbury's Lincoln University. Fish & Game chief executive Bryce Johnson says the government isn't aiming high enough and the minister's comments let down all New Zealanders. "The government is out of step with the public when it comes to protecting our waterways. People have made it clear that they want rivers, lakes and streams which are safe to swim in and gather food from," says Mr Johnson. "Havelock North's water contamination has brought the issue into sharp focus and should be a wakeup call to the government about the dire consequences of contaminated water, Mr Johnson says. Bryce Johnson is critical of the minister's claim that the government can't have a swimmable standard for fresh water because of flooded rivers. "I am flabbergasted by the minister's claims. He is trying to hoodwink the public by claiming that because flooded rivers aren't swimmable, we can't have a swimmable standard for water quality. "We should be having this conversation about rivers outside of when they are flooded as this actually when most people go swimming. "This is cynical politics. Who in their right mind wants to swim in a raging flooded river? "What people want is to be able to swim in that river during summer while relaxing with their friends and family. Surely, that isn't too much to ask?" says Mr Johnson. Bryce Johnson also dismisses the minister's claim that the only way to make some waterways safe for swimming would be to cull the birds that live there. "This is the flimsiest and environmentally unsound of excuses and does not stand up to even cursory scrutiny. New Zealand is unique because it evolved as a land with only birds and now the minister wants them killed to preserve water quality? Mr Johnson says the scientific evidence shows birds are not the main problem in lakes. "A 2014 Cawthron Institute study looked at pollution sources in 27 Canterbury High Country Lakes and found birds only contributed between 2% and 10% of the problem. Agriculture was the predominant cause. "Why does the minister make no mention of the large number of introduced four legged mammals already implicated in lowering water quality?" asks Mr Johnson. "Under the government's present proposals, stock don't have to be totally excluded from our waterways until 2030. That is too long to wait and the government could do something practical right now by shortening that time frame." "The damage caused by waiting another 14 years before it is illegal to keep stock out of waterways is too much for our rivers, streams and lakes to bear", says Mr Johnson.



Hon Dr Nick Smith

Cover Photo: Johnny Mauchline



Excellent fly and photograph by Lucian Vasies

Cortland Precision SL Trout Boss Line

I bought this line and very pleased with it. Weight-forward floating line, Moss Green colour with white dyna-tip. Made in USA



"Universal weight-forward taper and 64-foot head does extra distance, mending and roll casting"

Was \$129, now \$69 so great value

Check it out at centrefire.co.nz

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John Gierach

Increase the Visibility of your Dry Flies by Lucian Vasies

After 40 year age is starting to be more and more difficult to follow small flies on water. Our first step is to increase the size of the fly. Sometimes is very frustrating because the number of catch is reduced drastically but dry fly fishing is our passion and is difficult to renounce. Grayling fishing with dry flies is more demanding compared with trout fishing and small flies are imperative. I tried to use parachute flies but not all the time these flies work.

When I go in Poland for Autumn and Winter fishing with dry flies I need to use flies I need to use flies tied on size #16 down to #22. When the light is poor these flies are almost invisible. So in tying evenings I tested different ways to increase the visibility for dry flies.

For parachute fly I started to use wing post made of coloured CDC in yellow, pink

For Classic hackle flies instead of wing I add a small bunch of CDC as wings. Will create a good contrast, good enough to be noticed on the water.

For dun flies tied with CDC, usually the smallest flies used and tied down to #22 I add at the CDC wing a few barbs of white CDC or yellow CDC.

The fly became rapidly very visible on the water. Another one that I like a lot to use for grayling fishing is detailed photographed for beginners to understand better how I increase the visibility for my range of dry flies.

I hope that you find interesting these info and I invite you to try this technique. Is not difficult and in my opinion will help a lot on the water!

Editors note: Lucian has lots of interesting articles on his website at troutline.ro



Annual Fish Competitions 2016 - 2017



The Club Fishing Competitions this year take the same form as in the past except we will only accept fish from Southland and Otago (this was decided at the AGM).

This is an honesty competition where hand in your cards at the monthly meetings (or any other time you can find me). You were given 7 cards when you paid your subscription and that is one card for each month of the season. You can put more in but you will need to buy more cards from the Secretary to make it through the season. The cards handed in at each meeting go in a draw for a \$20 gift voucher from Hunting & Fishing. If you have cards from previous

months that you have not put in, they go in the draw when they are submitted. It doesn't matter how big the fish is you can still win the gift voucher. Last draw is at the April meeting but cards can still be submitted after this and are eligible for the competitions.

There are 4 sections to the annual competitions – heaviest brown, heaviest rainbow, total weight and condition factor. The first two are easy to figure out, total weight is the total for one fish per month of the season (hence the seven cards) and the condition factor is based on the length and weight of the fish.

Calculation is:

$$\text{Condition Factor} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\text{length} \times \text{length} \times \text{length}} \times 100000$$

Weight is in pounds and length is in inches

If you use metric instead of imperial measures it looks like this:

$$\text{Condition Factor} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\text{length} \times \text{length} \times \text{length}} \times 3612.8$$

Weight is in grams and length is in cm.

A very good fish gives a condition factor of 60 – 70. If this calculation gives numbers over this I get very suspicious of the data.

There is also a Junior Competition and this is based on taking part in Club activities. Points are awarded for attending meetings, coming out on Club trips putting in fish cards each month, entering the photo competition and entering flies in the fly tying competition.

August Competition Fly - Spotlight Fly by John Day



There were 7 flies entered in the July competition



The winning fly by popular vote was tied by Jason Leishman

Photo Competition

There will be a one night photo competition at the end of the season with 4 classes – scenic, trophy, action and general. Photos need to be from this season so remember to take your camera and take plenty of photos.



From the President by Dave Harris

I was just going to recycle last year's September President's report but that just won't work. Quite a bit of it was specific to last year so I will have to write something new and quickly as Johnny is in a hurry to enable to get the Ripples finished early and get on with other things he has to do.

At last it is September and next month the fishing season opens on the rivers. The weather has had a couple of nasty days but is looking better again. Of course it has plenty of time to get bad again before October. At least we seemed to have missed the worst of the last blast.

Are you prepared for the new season? Have you tied (or bought) enough flies, have you checked your rod and cleaned and lubricated your reel, cleaned your line, checked/replaced the leader and checked the line to backing connection? Do you have enough tippet material and is your landing net serviceable (mine needed a new net in spite of being less than a year old)? If you use waders have you checked them for leaks or fixed the leaks you already know about? What about your boots, are they okay? Have you purchased your licence? There are probably a number of other things to check but that is a start. I still have a bit to do but will be ready for opening day. I have nothing new to try out this season and have already decided where to go on opening day. From there it will be off to the Lodge for Saturday night (and maybe a couple more depending on who is there and the weather)

The first Lodge trip of the season will be opening weekend although I will fishing closer to home for the opening before heading up. We will sort out who is going at the September meeting.

The September meeting will be at Hunting and Fishing and will be on Monday 26th as Hunting and Fishing have a beginners Fly Fishing Night on the 26th. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. Meetings after that will be at Fish and Game in Eye Street. Hopefully they will have their meeting room completed in time for our October meeting although the small meeting room was ok last month.

I am not sure if this will be out in time but we are having a Lodge working bee on the 17th September to reclad the Lodge with colour steel. Contact me for details if you are able to attend.

Meanwhile start planning your trips, beg for permission to go and get ready for the season.

Name This Stream Competition

No correct answers again last month.

So again the same picture this month by Les Ladbook. A clue is, it is West of the Aparima River

Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz
Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$40 Hunting & 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

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

24th Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
25th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park cricket ground 1pm
26th Sept	[MM]	MONDAY —Meeting to be at Hunting & Fishing
1st Oct		Opening Day (Saturday)
1/2nd Oct		Lodge Trip [Weekend at the Lodge]
4th Oct	(CM)	Fishing Stories & Fly Tying

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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

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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