

“Ripples”

The Official publication of the Southland Fly Fishing Club. The club was founded in 1974

July 2017



www.southlandflyfishingclub.org.nz



*Southland Fly
Fishing Club*

Editors Choice Tippets

WATER NOT FOR SALE

Water and rivers surely is destined to become a major election issue at this year's election And rightly so because water is so vital for us all whether town or country. It therefore is important that all New Zealand pursues a policy to have "sustainable" use of water and that essential quantity for the ecosystem and essential quality is maintained and in some cases restored.

One aspect which must be paramount in debate is not let water go the way of fishing quotas where quotas are tradable. Your last issue featured about the flaws in the tradable quota fisheries system.

Being tradable opens the way – as has happened in fisheries – for bigger players, i.e. corporate companies to buy up smaller players' allocation and thus emerge as monopolies in the use of the resource. Despite the self-promotion by MPI that our fisheries quota system is the envy of other countries it has been revealed to be seriously flawed. No wonder fish stocks are often struggling. However the offenders, corporate companies wield strong political influence by way of donations to political parties resulting in their interests being paramount rather than the best public interest. Above all the resource suffers from mismanagement.

It is imperative that water not be allowed to become a victim of "wheeling and dealing."

Each election year the Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations (CORANZ) puts out an election charter which is sent to political parties. Water and rivers feature strongly. One is that "residual flow must be adequate for wildlife and fish and recreation such as fishing, swimming, canoeing etc." Water is for multiple use by the community at large.

Despite John Key's nonchalant shrug that "water belongs to no one" line, water belongs to the people. Water is essentially a public resource, regardless of wealth, ethnicity or social class. Law should be enacted now to make it crystal clear that water cannot be sold and hocked off to the highest bidder.

Andi Cockroft CORANZ (Council of Outdoor Recreational Associations of New Zealand)



Cover Photo: "Winter" by Les Ladbrook



Excellent fly and photograph by Julio Javier Sanchez

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

John Gierach

Club Fly tying Day - Photos by Les Ladbrook



June Fly Tying Competition



Six flies were entered in the June competition which all were of a good standard . The pattern was Dave Harris's Fair-light Caddis. By popular vote Jason Leishman got first prize (bottom left)..



September Competition Fly - Pheasant Tail by Jason Leishman

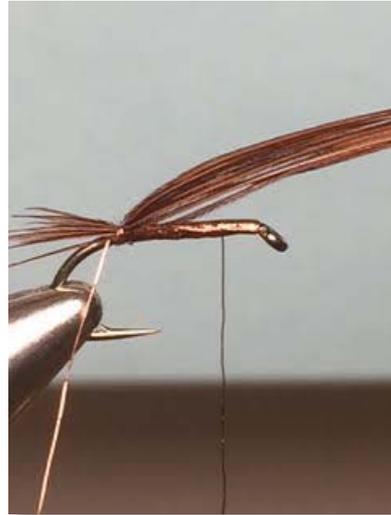
Please Note: The August fly is the one you have been waiting for, "**The Spotlight Fly**"

This is a very simple fly but it does present some challenges ie proportions and tying with the copper wire. The fly sinks very fast and will catch fish on all the major rivers so have fun and tie heaps.

Materials: Hook. Size 12 Kamazan b175 or similar. Thread. Copper wire med or small Body. Natural pheasant tail



Step 1 Tie in the copper wire down the shank of the hook to the barb. Touching turns. Keep your waste piece



Step 2 Grab some pheasant tail material don't be stingy 8 to 10 fibers and tie in tail with 2 copper wire wraps then quickly make your way back up to the 2/3rd point and varnish or super glue the copper. (Copper on copper will slip otherwise)



Step 3 wind your pheasant tail material the opposite way you wound your copper wire up to the 2/3rd point and secure with 1 copper wire wrap. Then varnish or super glue will help hold it in place (your pheasant tail material should be on the top of the hook)

Step 4 Use your waste piece for the ribbing and make your way to the 2/3rd point and secure with 1 copper wire wrap .



Step 5 With the pheasant tail material on the top of the hook wind the copper wire up to the eye of the hook and start to build up the head (don't go crazy) making your way back down to the 2/3rd point. Pull the pheasant tail material over the head use your thumb nail to straighten all the fibers and secure with 1 copper wire wrap. Still keeping the copper wire tight whip finish 3x making your way forward, trim the pheasant tail material leaving a couple of millimetres. This imitates the wing buds.

Annual Photo Competition 2017

There are 4 categories in the competition.. Action..Trophy..Scenic and General. The winners were :



Action - Johnny Mauchline



General—John Day



Trophy—Jason Leishman



Scenic— Johnny Mauchline

Presidents Annual Report 2017 by Dave Harris#

Another season of fishing is over. Hopefully you all managed to spend plenty of time on the river or lake and caught a good number of fish. We held our normal fly fishing course with our usual tutor Mike Weddell from Mosgiel again this year. Once again we received generous sponsorship support from Invercargill Hunting & Fishing and Manic Tackle, we thank them for their support and trust that people will support them in return.

The course was fully subscribed until we had a withdrawal at the last minute. The weather leading up to the course had been wet but was okay for the course. However the Mataura River was high and dirty meaning we had to go elsewhere on the Sunday. Fortunately the Oreti River was fishable and we went to Dipton for the day on the river. A few fish were caught but the different conditions and above normal river made it difficult, even for the Club members helping out. I hope those who took part enjoyed the course and have continued on with their fly fishing. Feedback on the course was positive as usual.

Still on the teaching theme we held our usual casting day at Queens Park just prior to the season opening. We had an acceptable number of members of the public and a reasonable number of Club members.

We had fly tying demonstrations at Hunting and Fishing (2) and at an Otautau craft show. Thanks to those who helped out with these.

Chris McDonald continued his duties as Secretary Treasurer, doing a good job as usual. David Murphy continued as custodian for the Lodge and has ensured it is up to scratch. The Lodge was reclad using colour steel and looks much better although there is still a small section to clad and some other finishing work required. The annual invasion of cluster flies occurred again but did not seem to be as bad as previous years. The Lodge was well used during the season with good patronage. Johnny Mauchline continued as editor for the Ripples this year with IT assistance from Les Ladbrook. Les Ladbrook continues to look after the club web site, keeping it up to date. This web site contains vital contact information, newsletters and the club calendar. Simon Budd continued as Club librarian.

The number of fish entered in the Club competition was well down on last year and may well have reflected the fishing conditions during much of the season. There were only two members who put in cards every month. The number of big fish was well down on previous seasons and the size was also down. Largest being 8½lb. The fly tying competition attracted about the normal number of entries but one member dominated this year. Five members entered a fly each month, well up on recent years. The junior trophy will not be awarded this year due to the lack of juniors. Due to late holding of the 2016 photo competition there were two photo competitions held during the year, one in July 2016 and one in June 2017. There were a reasonable number of entries for both but there could have been a lot more. Congratulations to those who took out the trophies this year in the annual competitions. Sponsorship of the fish and fly tying competition was from Invercargill Hunting and Fishing. EIS continued sponsoring the monthly "Guess the River photo".

Again some of the monthly day trips were cancelled due to weather or river conditions. Those who did go on the Club trips enjoyed themselves and caught fish in all sorts of conditions. This year we had several shift worker/retiree mid-week trips but support could have been better. The weekend trips did not receive great support but it was about the same as previous years.

We had fly tying days in August and June. These attracted about the usual support but there was room for plenty more. Those who attended the fly tying managed to tie a good number of flies including most of those required for next year's fishing courses. The annual Club dinner that followed the June fly tying day was the usual fun night and those who attended enjoyed their dinner and exchange of gifts.

I would like to thank those who helped out with running the Club during the past year. Special thanks go to secretary/treasurer Chris McDonald for his ongoing work, Johnny Mauchline for keeping us all informed with his excellent newsletter, Les Ladbrook for looking after the website, David Murphy for looking after the Lodge and Simon Budd for his work as Librarian. Thanks also to all the other committee members for their support during the year and to the members who helped out on the fishing course and fly casting day.

Lastly I would like to thank our sponsors – Corys Electrical, Invercargill Hunting & Fishing, Manic Tackle and EIS.

Fly Tying Day - Sunday August 6

Our second fly tying day for the winter will be held at Fish and Game, 17 Eye Street, on Sunday August 6th. We will be there from 9:00am and should be there until 4:00pm (except for a break for lunch). You can come along for as much of the day as you like. If you are starting out or need some help there will be someone there to help you out. Even if you just want to try out fly tying and don't have any gear, we can still help you out and there will be gear available for you to use.

Rise Film Festival 2017

The Rise Film Festival is on again this year and there will be a screening at St James Theatre in Gore on Monday August 28. For details and tickets go to <https://app.etickets.to/buy/?e=15153c>.

There are some trailers for the films online at:

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?GinClearLtd/b45b0e9047/f0c13da61d/009d43619d>

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?GinClearLtd/b45b0e9047/f0c13da61d/557101c835>

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?GinClearLtd/b45b0e9047/f0c13da61d/1e495de0d6>

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?GinClearLtd/b45b0e9047/f0c13da61d/d78d4c4c69>

Annual Fish Competition 2017

Fish numbers entered in the last season's fish competition were well down on last year's entry with 44 fish entered, 42 browns and just two rainbows. There were 10 fish 5lb or over this season caught by 4 members. These fish were all browns. These came from the Wairaki River, the Oreti River (4), the Waiiau River, the Aparima River, Northern Southland and Maniototo. These fish were caught on hare and copper nymph (3), Adams, caddis (3) and sparkle bomb (3).

Only two members entered a fish every month and this was down on last year. The winner's total was 34½lbs, well down on last year. Second and third were much closer than last year. The winner's fish came from a Mataura tributary, the Mataura (4), Maniototo, and the Pomahaka. They were caught on CDC emerger (4), Humpy, CDC dun and an Adams.

The heaviest brown was down on last year at 8½lb. Heaviest rainbow was also down on last year at 4¼lb. Best condition factor was well up on last year at 98.35 and was a brown from the Oreti.

Name This Stream Competition

Only one correct answer last month. There was some entries that were all incorrect. Les Ladbrook correctly identified the Mokoreta pictured right.

Les wins a \$30 Hunting & Fishing voucher sponsored by EIS.

This is the final Name This Stream competition.

Thanks EIS for your support over the years.



Coming Events

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

- 25th July [AGM] Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
- 1st August (CM) Arranging the calendar for the next season
- 6th August Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am
- 12/13th August  Club day out, fishing practice
- 29th August [MM]

Club Contacts

- Address **Southland Fly Fishing Club, PO Box 1689, Invercargill, New Zealand**
- Website www.southlandflyfishingclub.org.nz
- President Dave Harris, 30 Baxter Street Invercargill (03 215 6068) dcharris@southnet.co.nz
- Secretary Chris McDonald, 334 Racecourse Road, Invercargill (03 217 3733)
mcdonald.ccnd@kinect.co.nz
- Editor Johnny Mauchline, 10 Carlyle Street, Matura (021 2877 323) service@eis.co.nz
Items for publication must be submitted to the editor, prior to the 10th of the month
- Librarian Simon Budd
- Lodge Custodian Dave Murphy, 35 Brown Road, Invercargill dmurphy@southnet.co.nz (03 230 4698)
or (0276752324)

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.

Club Sponsors



Disclaimer:

The opinions or views expressed in this newsletter, are those of the respective authors, and not necessarily those of the Editor or the Southland Fly Fishing Club. The Editor takes no responsibility for the factual content of this publication.