

# “Ripples”

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## Editors Choice Tippets

### Conservation Minister Nick Smith's address to the NZ Fish & Game Council

Graeme Colman from Horizons Research presented the Fish & Game-funded research that confirmed the public perceptions of how intensive agriculture has an adverse environmental impact, as well as data indicating 60% of the public want clean and swimmable rivers. This was in sharp contrast to the views of the second speaker, the Hon Nick Smith, Minister for Housing and Conservation. He was chiding of Fish & Game's actions which challenged polluting activities, such as dairy and specifically cited the billboard campaign showing a dead trout and questioning how much more large-scale irrigation we can sustain. He also described NGO's such as Forest & Bird and the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers as "rabid". Smith said "New Zealand's freshwater is to us what minerals are to Australia" but when challenged to reconcile this with the recently released freshwater standards, which sets nitrates for rivers at levels toxic to life and water which is safe to contact only if in a boat or encased in waders, he said he was "proud" of the standard and that "it is better than nothing". He went on to cite the \$10 million construction of the 1200 metre long wall below the Ohau channel which diverts polluted water flowing out of Lake Rotorua into the Kaituna River as a success and inferred this was an example of how we should accept degradation of waterways if we want others to be clean. Currently 300 tonnes of nitrogen and 20 tonnes of phosphorus are estimated to flow annually along this diversion. The Kaituna carries an estimated 1000 tonnes of nitrogen and 70 tonnes of phosphorus at its diversion channel into the sea. Most of this comes from dairy and cropping, such as kiwifruit. Smith was equally enthused about the Central Plains Water Storage Scheme which will divert the Rakaia and Waimakiriri river waters to canals and pipes to irrigate dairy pasture in Canterbury and said this was needed as there was insufficient groundwater. That groundwater is also polluted with nitrates above Ministry of Health guidelines as a result of the very dairy industry that now wants more of our river water. Smith supported both the \$400m Irrigation Acceleration Fund and the \$350m consequent freshwater clean up tax spend and when it was suggested that a halt on dairy might save both these spends he declared this would result in a loss of 50,000 jobs.

### Demmon Fly Hook

Demmon Fly Hook DGS 900 BL is a new barbless fly hook developed for dry fly fishing and light nymphing. You can tie excellent parachute flies, emergers, light buzzers and light curved nymphs. I have been using them all of last season for tying my emerger patterns. Available from [troutline.ro](http://troutline.ro)



### Cover Photo— Les Ladbrook



An exceptionally well tied fly and photograph

### Around the Club

Reports from those in the know that sea runners are appearing in the estuaries feeding on whitebait and smelt.

The club had a fly tying display at the Invercargill Boat Show. Report to follow next edition.

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

John Gierach

## Annual Competitions 2013-2014 Trophy Winners

### Arthur Gorton Memorial –Fly Tying

1st	<b>Rick Gerrard</b>
2nd	Dave Harris
3rd	Les Ladbrook

### Allan White Trophy – Heaviest Rainbow

1st	<b>Dave Harris</b>	6 ¼ lb	Mararoa River
2nd	Johnny Mauchline	5 ½ lb	Otago
3rd	Chris Lawson	4 lb	Makarora River

### Presidents Trophy - Heaviest Brown

1st	<b>Jarred Martin</b>	8 ½ lb	Oreti River
2nd	Jarred Martin	8 ½ lb	Oreti River
3rd	Dave Harris	7 ½ lb	Aparima River

### Masters Trophy

		Best total
1st	<b>Jarred Martin</b>	43 lb
2nd	Johnny Mauchline	36 ¼ lb
3rd	Dave Harris	33 ¼ lb

### Bill Brown Trophy - Best Condition Factor

1st	<b>Simon Budd</b>	48.59
2nd	Ken McKellar	46.88
3rd	John Robertson	43.83

### R Paulin Trophy – Junior

1st	<b>Chris Lawson</b>
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## Presidents Report by Dave Harris

As I write this we are halfway through the Boat Show. I will be back there tomorrow at the Southland Fly Fishing Club stand. John Day, Les Ladbrook and Chris McDonald will also be manning the stand. The main push is to try and attract people to the Fly Fishing course next year. It is good if we can fill up the course without having to advertise in the newspaper as that is quite expensive. Incidentally the course will be on January 31 & February 1.

The AGM and prize giving has been and gone. The trophies were spread around this year. Congratulations to all the trophy winners.

The fly tying competition is still going. Numbers of flies have been a bit disappointing this year. There are still two flies to go, Les's wet fly for August and Johnny has a nymph for us for the final fly in September. Both should be useful flies to have in your flybox (as were the first two flies of the competition).

It is time to start thinking about what you need for the new season and planning the early season trips. With equipment in mind we will be holding our September meeting at Hunting and Fishing in Leven Street. With the last Tuesday in September being the night before opening day this meeting has been brought forward a week to September 23. By then Hunting and fishing should have all their new season stock in so they should have what you need for the season. Remember they give Club members a 10% discount if you produce your membership card. See you there.

Spotlight Fly Competition entries - No Vise Fly by John Day



The winning fly by popular vote—Dave Harris



# Trophy Presentations



R Paulin Junior Trophy  
Chris Lawson



Allan White Trophy—Biggest Rainbow  
Dave Harris



Presidents Trophy—Heaviest Brown  
Jarred Martin



Arthur Gorton Memorial — Fly Tying  
Rick Gerrard



Bill Brown Trophy — Best Condition  
Factor—Simon Budd

## August Fly Competition— 'Les's Wet Fly' by Les Ladbrook



Hook size 14 Dry Fly. Thread 6/0 or 8/0 black  
**Step 1** Lay a base of thread on the hook and tie in a tail of fibre from a grizzle feather



**Step 2.** Take a Peacock herl, (one from close to the eye) and strip the fibre from the edges of the herl with your thumb nail or a rubber. Tie in the thin end of the stripped herl at the tail end. Wind the thread forward to the front. Using hackles pliers, wind the peacock herl to the front covering the thread base and stop 2x eye widths back from the eye.



**Step 3** On the under side of the hook tie in some soft hackle fibres

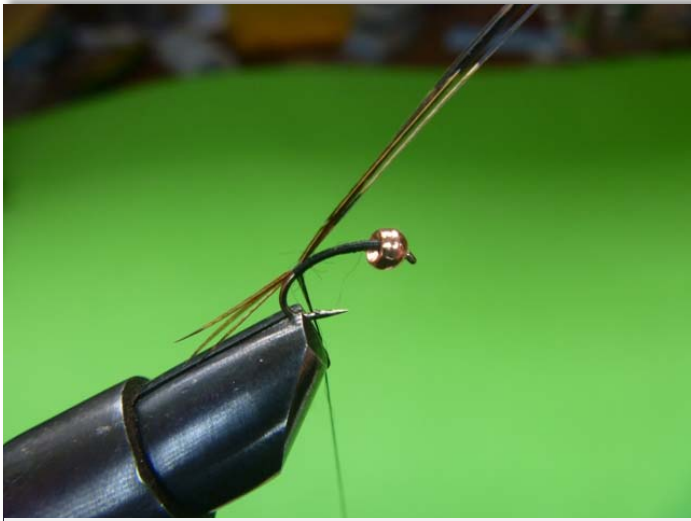


**Step 4** Using slips of duck quill to create the wings tie in with them sloping backwards. Trim off, and whip finish



## September Fly Competition—Black Oyster Nymph by Johnny Mauchline

As I am away over September fishing in the Northern Hemisphere I will include the September fly in this edition. This is an excellent all round nymph but is especially good in the early season casting to sighted fish in the runs when conditions are favourable. A very simple fly to tie I use a Kamasan B110 Grubber size 14 hook, 6/0 black thread, a 3mm tungsten bead ( I prefer copper), pheasant tail, copper wire and black oyster herl from Spotlight.



Step 1 Thread on a 3mm tungsten bead and lay on some thread. Tie in 3 pheasant tails.



Step 2 Build up the thread to produce a good body shape.



Step 3 Tie in some copper wire and wrap in a segmentation pattern up to the bead.



Step 4 Tie in the oyster herl and wrap on 3 or 4 turns then tie of as you will.



## The Findhorn River



I will be travelling to Scotland in a few weeks and will spend time fishing the Findhorn River with my father for Salmon and Sea Trout. The Findhorn rises in the Monadhliath Mountains, (the Grey Mountain Range), and flows in a north easterly direction for nearly seventy miles entering the Moray Firth at Findhorn Bay just to the north of Forres. It drains an area of some three hundred forty six square miles. For much of its course it runs almost parallel to its larger neighbour, the River Spey. Findhorn Bay, itself is a large tidal lagoon of about two and one half miles in width, stretching from Findhorn Village across to the Culbin Forest.

The Findhorn River is one of Scotland's fastest flowing rivers. The upper river is shallow and streamy with stretches of riffles between the pools. For much of its journey, the Findhorn River flows through peat

bog moor land which gives the river a rich and dark peaty tinge. The scenery is stunning with steep mountain outcrops and the renowned heather-clad grouse moors coming along the riverside. The upper Findhorn is also known as Strathdearn, as it flows from Coignafearn and down to beyond Tomatin.

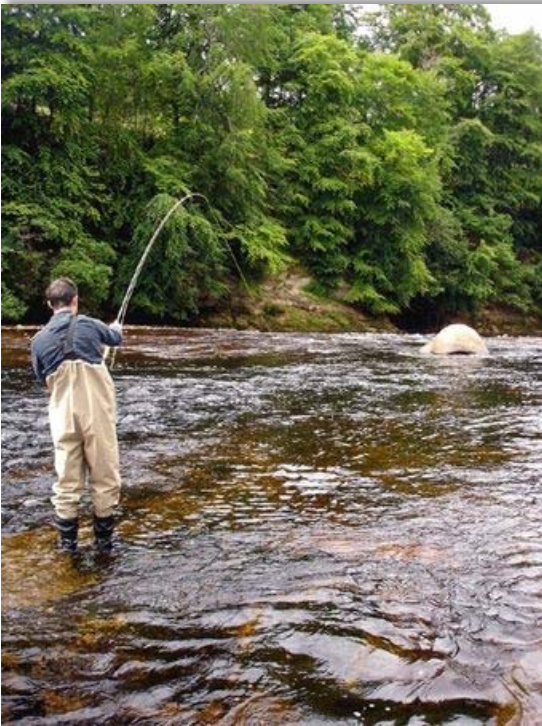
The middle river flows from Drynachan beat and down through the famous Findhorn Gorge for approximately twenty miles through Banchor, Lethen and Glenferness. This spectacular granite gorge is some two hundred feet high in places and becomes quite narrow at certain points; Randolph's Leap at Logie is around ten feet wide at its narrowest point. Great care should be taken when fishing the gorge, as the river is known for flash flooding and can rise very quickly. The main headwaters of the river, rises far to the West and often gathers water from storm fronts hitting onto the West coast. The river, therefore, is subject to sudden rises and falls.

Below the gorge are the Poolie Falls at Sluie, which act as a temperature barrier as fish cannot ascend the Poolie Falls until the water temperature rises in the Spring. The steady snowmelt from the corries of the Monadhliath Mountains generally keeps the river at a good fishing level well into May. The main tributary of the Findhorn is the River Divie, which flows into the Findhorn, just below Ran-

dolph's Leap at Logie. The Divie is a major spawning tributary of the Findhorn for both salmon and grilse and is indeed kept as a spawning sanctuary. The Divie is fed by the Dorback Burn, which in turn is fed from Lochindorb.

Lochindorb is a substantially large loch system and therefore in periods of heavy rainfall, will keep the Divie topped up throughout the summer months thus, sustaining river levels on the lower beats. The lower river flows from Sluie on the Darnaway Beats, through the Altyre Estate and into the Forres Angling Association water at Forres.

September is a good time to be on the water as there is always a chance of good runs of Grilse and 'back end' Salmon ascending the river especially if there is a head of water upstream. However Salmon fishing is never easy and along with changeable water conditions and weather it is always a challenge to get the fish to bite. Here's hoping!





## Club member Ian Michelson fishing the 'Top End' near Darwin



Articles for the Sept Ripples to Les Ladbroke please, while Johnny is away overseas fishing.

## Name This Stream Competition

Last months photo of a stream brought 3 correct responses from John Morwood, Ian Michelson and Sarah Smith. The Mataura River. Sarah Smith won the draw for \$20. This months photo is again by Les Ladbroke. Answers by email only please to [service@eis.co.nz](mailto: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

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

26th Aug 2014	[MM]	Fish & Game speaker
2nd Sept	(CM)	Fly tying
6th Sept	Demo	*** Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing ***
14th Sept		Club Trip (winter) Fish & Game 9:00am
?		Lodge Working Bee
20th Sept	Demo	*** Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing ***
23rd Sept	[MM]	Meeting to be at Hunting & Fishing
28th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park cricket ground 1pm

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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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