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Editors Choice Tippets

BARBLESS HOOKS

I have found these barbless hooks to be excellent for tying up Klinkhamer type patterns and emergers.

Varivas 2200 Curved Shank Barbless (now also in black) are available from lakelandflytying.com. 30 per pack.

They also have a great selection of fly tying materials and accessories and provide excellent service.

Check them out.



RESPONSE TO DOC OTAGO ANTI-TROUT TIRADE

The New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA) is asking DoC to get their own house in order before identifying trout as the scapegoat for loss of native fish. DoC's recent review of threatened fish identified three species of native fish found only in Otago which are 'nationally critical' and Pete Ravenscroft, DoC's freshwater ranger for Otago, stated that trout are having the 'most devastating impact' on these fish.

"To suggest that trout have a greater adverse impact on freshwater life than irrigation, abstraction, dairy pollution, untreated sewage discharge by Councils and sediment run off from clear-felled forestry land is unqualified emotive bunkum." Said David Haynes, President of the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers. "I think it highly unlikely that there is even one iota of evidential data to support this outburst and it smells of the 'all native is good, all introduced is bad' fundamentalism we hear all too often from DoC." Said Haynes.

He continued "Carniverous behaviour is not the sole domain of trout, big fish, unsurprisingly, eat smaller fish, whether it be native longfin eels preying on bullies or native kahawai devouring smelt, this is nature – red in tooth, claw and fin". DoC's press release states that streams of less than one metre width (where the threatened fish typically live) 'provide no recreation benefit to anglers'. "Where do DoC think trout spawn – on the moon?" asked an incredulous Ken Sims, a Federation executive life member. The Federation believe that instead of seeking to paint trout as the reason for the decline in our native freshwater fish, DoC would be better positioned to put their energies into fighting for our rivers to be maintained in their natural state. "I find it hypocritical that DoC purport to care about native fish yet failed to bother joining the Federation and Fish & Game in the protection of the Makororo River from the Ruataniwha Dam, took \$20M from



TrustPower in lieu of submitting against diverting two thirds of the Wairau river into a canal and not submitting against a dam on the Nevis River, home to a native galaxid only found in that river."

The NZFFA advocates for the protection of the natural environment of New Zealand and, in particular, its freshwater ecosystems.

www.nzffa.net

Cover photo: Les Ladbrook

Excellent flies and photograph

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

John Gierach

Fly tying Competition - August Spotlight Fly by John Day



The Spotlight fly brought 6 creative entries this month. The joint winners by popular vote were Dave Harris and Chris McDonald.



Chris Macdonald's Madame X



Dave Harris's Crazy Bug

August club meeting at Hunting & Fishing Invercargill



Once again we had our August meeting at Hunting & Fishing's Invercargill store. A big thanks to Gerald for hosting us and providing club members with a gift and an overview on some new tackle and equipment.



Club member Paul Incani had a wee play with a toy bow and arrow and tried to shoot club photographer Les Ladrook. If you look at the photo you will see the sucker of the arrow he fired on its way toward Les.

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H&F Manager Gerald McRae points out some of the specials he has in store for Fly Fishers!

West Coast Spring Creek by Ken Browne



Annual Fishing Competitions by Dave Harris



The Club Fishing Competitions this year take the same form as in the past. 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.

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.

SUBS for 2015-2106 are now due, please keep our secretary happy

From the President by Dave Harris

At last it is September and next month the fishing season opens on the rivers. The weather as I write this is nasty and hopefully the nasty weather will be over by October 1 instead of starting then.

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? 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. Depending on the weather and where I go I have a new rod to try but only if it is calm (unlikely) and I decide on a small stream (I have one in mind) rather than a significant river. I will decide where to go a couple of days before once I know what river levels are likely to be and what the weather is forecast to do.

Don't forget your licence. There are some new licences available this season. If you only fish in one Fish and Game region (eg Southland) you can get a single region licence (but this can't be upgraded if you want to go somewhere outside the selected region). There is also a reduced price licence for older anglers. If you are 65 or over and have held a licence for the past 5 years you can get a reduced price licence that covers the whole country except Taupo. There are also a couple of short period licences, 3 days and 9 days but these are not available to non-resident anglers.

On a totally different theme, we have been talking to the farmer that owns the land which the lodge is on. He has a few things he would like us to do and we still need to sort a couple of items out with him. There have been changes to the electricity supply at the lodge but we are still connected to the grid even if it is by a different line. The old line has been removed to make way for a centre-pivot irrigator and a new line has been installed. There were also some questions regarding the water supply as the farmer thought it was coming from his stock water supply that is doped with some chemicals but it actually comes from a separate supply from his pump shed. This will be back on once we replace the valve on our tank (frost damage). I will put a permanent label on the supply valve next time I am up there so everyone knows where it is supplied from. The owner has also indicated he would like to use some of the land we have fenced off and wants out fences improved. We will need to get this done as putting in the posts will be difficult in this very stony ground. He is also keen on some work on the building to make it look better. This was already planned so will go ahead. However this work will require some working bees and it will be the more the merrier so if you are asked to come and help please do your best to get there.

Finally, if you are on the Fish and Game electoral roll don't forget to vote in the Council Elections. There are 16 people standing for the 12 positions and you should recognise some of the names on the list.

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

Name This Stream Competition

Two correct answers last month by Chris MacDonald and Sarah Smith. Sarah won the draw and correctly identified Poolburn and wins a \$10 Hunting & Fishing voucher. So again this months photo is 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 & 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)

19/20th Sept		Lodge Working Bee (to be confirmed)
26th Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
27th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park cricket ground 1pm
29th Sept	[MM]	Fish & Game speaker
1st Oct		Opening Day (Thursday)

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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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