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Editors Choice Tippets

Vote and stand for our waterways

New Zealanders are being urged to do their bit for the environment by standing in October's local body elections.

The elections to be held on October 8 will provide the opportunity for all voters to choose who will best represent their communities on regional and district councils.

Nominations to stand as a councillor are now open and Fish & Game wants people who care about the environment and water quality to put their names forward as candidates.

Fish & Game Chief Executive Bryce Johnson says voters need high quality councillors to represent their interests.

"Throughout the country, water quality is declining and people are becoming increasingly concerned about unrestricted development. The solution should lie with the regional and district councils responsible for making the rules and enforcing them," Mr Johnson says.

Bryce Johnson believes local government bodies should be at the front line protecting our waterways and environment, but the reality is that isn't happening in many areas.

"Unfortunately, many of these councils are dominated by environmentally unsympathetic councillors more interested in water resource development or paralysed by the fear of a backlash from vested interests.



Cover Photo: Dave Harris



Excellent fly and photograph by Wlodzimierz Janowicz

ECHO Rods

Tim Rajeff, the man behind every rod that bears the ECHO name, has long been swimming upstream by scoffing at the idea that a



good fly rod has to cost a month's rent. And Tim has delivered many ECHO rods that cast and fish extremely well and do so at a price point that drastically lowers the barrier to entry for newcomers to the sport of fly fishing and allows experienced anglers to expand their quiver of rods without going broke in the process. ECHO's two-handers are skagit and scandi-throwing staples on steelhead rivers across the northwest and beyond, and their single hand offerings such as the ECHO 3 and 3s have become go-to workhorses for many guides and other anglers — all without breaking the bank. But if early feedback from testers, fly shops and so forth is to be believed; one of ECHO's latest offerings, its \$159 ECHO BASE fly rod, may have taken Rajeff's philosophy to the extreme.

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

John Gierach

Rise Fly Fishing Film Festival

Be inspired this autumn as RISE Fly Fishing Film Festival, the world's most extensive fishing film festival, hits theatres on the Australian leg of its 2013 world-wide tour.

In its 8th year, RISE is on a quest to revel in the diverse world of fly fishing, to connect anglers through shared experience, and to create public awareness of fly fishing's new vibrant emergence. The festival allows the fishing community to share their passion for the sport by attending film screenings across the country. It's the biggest kick-off to the fishing season there is!

RISE showcases exclusive premieres from the world's best fly fishing film makers. Cinema audiences will be gripped by stunning footage from Australia, New Zealand, Guyana, Argentina and Boliva presented in high definition on the big screen.

Gin-Clear Me-

dia's *LEVIATHAN* is the feature film of the festival and the follow-

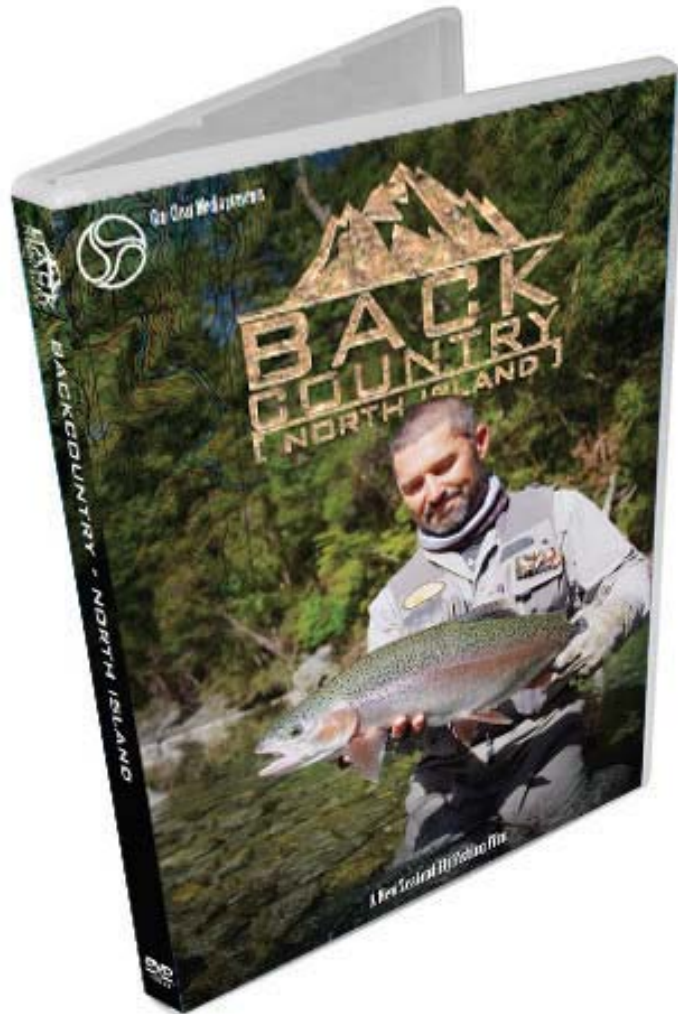
up to the highly acclaimed *PREDATOR*. For humankind, water is the source of eternal wonder, so too the creatures that dwell within this mysterious realm. The lure of the unknown is what drives fly fishers to explore and to seek out the largest fish of a species, not for the trophy but for the challenge. *LEVIATHAN* documents epic fly fishing battles with these modern-day aquatic monsters in a global tour-de-force.

New Zealand is recognized as a mecca for giant brown trout, but few realise that the largest of these live in tiny spring creeks hidden deep in the dense forests of the Bay of Plenty, *LEVIATHAN* descends into the jungle to shine some light on these enigmatic beasts. Next are the giant rainbow trout of Patagonia's fabled Jurassic Lake. This desolate and wind swept lake is undoubtedly home the largest trout on the planet. Surprisingly, these brutes readily devour huge dry flies, leading to many heart-in-mouth moments for fly fishers.

In the South Pacific, there is one denizen of the deep that demands instant respect - the Giant Trevally. Amongst fishermen the lore of their strength and aggression is second to none. *LEVIATHAN* follows fly fishers as they lock horns with these mighty fish in the coral reefs of French Polynesia and Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Regardless of location, a fishing adventure targeting the world's piscatorial legends is certain to be a feast for the senses.

As fly fishers, spending time in wild places brings us closer to the natural world. In this soulful place, we are catalyzed to enjoy, learn and protect. This understanding and commitment to wild places is what defines fly fishers: RISE celebrates and shares this spirit by bringing each adventure to life on the cinema screen.

For many, RISE Fly Fishing Film Festival has become so much more than just going to the cinema. These annual fish-fests have become a true celebration of fly fishing, it's an excuse to get together with friends and reminisce about the past season as well as look forward to the season to come.



GORE Venue — St James Theatre Date : 7.30pm- 9.30pm, 29-Aug-2016

20 Easy Questions for 2016 Councillor Candidates to Answer



1. A question for all council candidates – what is your view on the environment?
2. Is water quality important?
3. How do you see a local body's role in protecting the environment?
4. What should be the environmental priorities for this region's council?
5. Do you believe local government's role is to allow commercial interests to exploit this region's public resources?
6. Is this region's economy more important than the environment?
7. Is one sector of the region's economy more important than others?
8. What do you want the council to do to discourage the inefficient or wasteful use of water?
9. Should this council adopt a "polluter pays" policy?
10. Is it reasonable for people in this region to be able to swim in their rivers?
11. Do you believe this region's waterways should be swimmable, drinkable and safe for food gathering?
12. How can this region make the most of its outdoor recreation opportunities?
13. How can this region improve recreational access to the outdoors?
14. How can this region better diversify its economy by developing less environmentally damaging industries such as tourism?
15. If you are a sitting councillor, give an example of a vote you have made as a councillor related to the environment or sustainability.
16. If you are not a sitting councillor, give an example of an environment or sustainability issue you have supported.
17. If elected, what will you do to ensure this region's environment is protected?
18. Is this council doing everything it can to lead by example in protecting the environment? (eg proper sewage schemes, recycling, better water quality monitoring, enforcement)
19. Should this council be spending large sums of money on lawyers and court battles defending poor environmental practices?
20. If elected, will you govern for the whole community or just specific sector groups?

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August Competition Fly - Spotlight fly by John Day



The August Fly Tying competition is the Spotlight Fly by John Day. Materials are selected from the local haberdashery and its up to you to come up with a creative pattern. A size 16 hook of any type and white or black thread are required. You must use at least 4 of the materials supplied.

Annual Fish Competitions 2015 - 2016 Results

Arthur Gorton Memorial –Fly Tying

1st	Chris McDonald	11 points
2nd	Johnny Mauchline	10 points
3 rd =	Dave Harris	9 points
3 rd =	Chris Lawson	9 points

Allan White Trophy – Heaviest Rainbow

1st	Johnny Mauchline	5 ¾ lb	Maniototo
2nd	Dave Harris	4 ½ lb	Wairaki River
3rd	Steven Withington	3 ¾ lb	Wairaki River

Presidents Trophy - Heaviest Brown

1st	Paul Incani	10 ¼ lb	Canterbury
2 nd =	Paul Incani	9 ¼ lb	South Otago
2 nd =	Paul Incani	9 ¼ lb	Canterbury

Masters Trophy - Best total

1st	Paul Incani	56 ¾ lb
2nd	Johnny Mauchline	32 lb
3rd	Dave Harris	30 ¾ lb

Bill Brown Trophy - Best Condition Factor

1st	Johnny Mauchline	62.09
2nd	Simon Budd	55.73
3rd	Paul Incani	52.63

July Competition Winning Fly - Green Stonefly Nymph



There were 6 flies entered in the July competition



Two winning flies tied for first place by popular vote. The left fly by Dave Harris, and the right fly by Jason Leishman.

Competition Winners

The annual competition winners were :

Dave Harris — Action (Cover Photo)

Jason Leishman — Trophy, Scenic and General (Photos Below)



Dave Harris congratulates
Chris McDonald on winning
the Fly Tying Trophy



From the President by Dave Harris

The next season is not too far away so if you haven't tied the flies you need and sorted out your gear it is time to get on with it. I still have a bit to do but at least I have tied some of the flies I will need next season.

On the fly tying front we had a disappointing turnout at our August Fly Tying day at Fish and Game. Just two members there plus one of the Fish and Game staff along to learn how to tie flies. Obviously the rest of you had something else to do that day.

The calendar for the next season is well underway and should be up on the website by the time you get this Rip-les. There is provisionally a trip to Lake Alexandrina (pictured) programmed for February which will be something a bit different if we can sort out accommodation with the South Canterbury Anglers. There are still a couple of dates to sort out including the date for a Lodge working bee. A new addition to the calendar are monthly mid-week trips. These will be mainly on the third Tuesday of the month and details like meeting time and place still need to be sorted.

Fish & Game are moving their office and this is happening this month. They have purchased the old EIS

building at 17 Eye Street (Johnny's old office!). They plan to move the week before our August meeting so **our August meeting will be at 17 Eye Street, Invercargill**. I am not sure what the facilities will be there for our meeting but time will tell. If the move does not go ahead everyone will be sent an email or rang if they don't have email.

The September meeting will be at Hunting and Fishing in Leven Street. If you aren't all ready for the season this will give you a chance to buy all the remaining goodies for opening.

This season opening day is on a Saturday. This means the first weekend of the season is the 1st & 2nd October and there will be a Lodge trip on those dates



Name This Stream Competition

No correct answers again last month.

So again the same picture this month by Les Ladbroke. A clue is between the Oreti and Fiordland

Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz

Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$30 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.



September Fly — Mataura Flymph by Johnny Mauchline



Step 1

Tie in some pheasant tail and trim off excess.



Step 2

Tie in 2 strands of ostrich herl and wind on to the front of the hook



Step 3

Tie in a hen hackle and wind on for three turns and tie off and cement the head

Materials:

- Daichi 624 size 16 barbless hook or similar
- Black or Brown thread
- Pheasant Tail
- Black and white Ostrich Herl
- Black or Brown Hen Hackle

A simple fly to tie. The main aim is to get lots of movement in the water. Fish it up or down to sighted fish. Especially good early season. Applying significant movement to the fly can bring results.



Coming Events

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

- 30th Aug [MM] Fish & Game speaker “**VENUE—17 Eye Street, Invercargill.**”
- 6th Sept (CM) Fly Tying
- 10th Sept Demo Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
- 11th Sept Club Trip (winter) Fish & Game 9:00am
- 17/18th Sept Lodge Working Bee*

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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, **17 Eye Street, 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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