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Editors Choice Tippets

Fish & Game backs call for farming sector to face environmental responsibilities

Fish & Game is backing calls for the farming sector to properly tackle the environmental challenges it is facing, saying farming leaders must face up to their responsibilities.

The call is being made by prominent rural economist Peter Fraser, who says the leaders need to wake up to the environmental challenges confronting them.

Fish & Game Chief Executive Martin Taylor is supporting Peter Fraser's call, saying the farming sector needs to realise change is here.



Mr Taylor says it is time for strong action by farming leaders.

"Agriculture is facing major change and at such times, strong leadership is vital."

"I was disappointed to see Federated Farmers' new president claiming on national television that the environmental toll farming is having on the environment is being blown out of proportion," Mr Taylor says.

"Farmers have to abandon this culture of denial". Modern, progressive farmers understand they must work with the environment, not against it.

"Agriculture's long-term future must be environmentally sustainable if it is to win back its social licence to operate."

Martin Taylor says it's time farming looked at the bigger picture.

"New Zealanders are fed up with having their rivers, lakes and streams degraded and that frustration is why water quality became one of the defining issues of the recent election," he says.

Mr Taylor says all farmers need to get on board now.

"Kiwi families want their rivers and streams to be clean enough to swim, fish and gather food in."

"Farmers have lost these families' confidence and they need to regain this trust by showing they will act to restore the environment."



Cover Photo — Johnny Mauchline

Excellent fly and photograph by Aleksandra Stojanovic Sanja

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

John Gierach

Fishing Report By Redtag



A good start to the season with only one flood event so far which is not normally the case in spring so no complaints here.

Stream fishing has been excellent with fish taking duns off the top during steady trickle hatches. Parachute Adams size 14 proving once again to bring success in the early season streams.

The river has been dour at times especially in North Easterly conditions which were prevalent early on in the month but have now settled to prevailing South Westerlies.

Hatches have been steady during the day and are now occurring in the evening with fish keying in to emergers and duns.



Interestingly for the first time in years there is a large pod of small trout at the tail of the pool. They are average size around the 2 pound mark. I cannot believe the strength of these wee fish. Built like rugby balls they take line off the reel like a big 5 pounder. Good fun hooking these wee trout in shin deep water on the fan. It shows to me that the health of the river and the fish are in good order. CDC emergers and duns have been the go.

Unfortunately I have come across much litter on the river bank lately. In the most part it is beer bottles and packaging from KFC and McDonalds. It would appear from observation that a fair proportion of this rubbish is left by young people after sitting in their cars drinking beer and eating takeaways.



I have discussed it with the local community groups and intend to approach the managers of both KFC and McDonalds to see if we can campaign to educate people to not leave litter by the river.

Tight lines

Swift FLY Fishing Lunar Hubless Fly Reel



Hubless - Simple sophistication.

4 years in design and development, the remarkable LUNAR AC2 is the result of a design collaboration between bespoke reel maker Alex Kaplun and Swift founder Carl McNeil.

Fully CNC machined from cold forged tempered 6061-T6 aluminum, the unique LUNAR AC2 is a large arbour hubless fly reel suitable for freshwater.

The LUNAR AC2 features a new take on the click pawl drag, a large arbour spool with exposed rim for palming, a unique three pillar full cage frame which will not snag or jam fly lines and comes in a ballistic nylon presentation case and includes a neoprene field pouch.

The best drag in the business - You.

The LUNAR reel features a smooth asymmetric two tone click pawl mechanism and is easily swapped from left to right hand wind. The large exposed reel edge makes for easy palming - the ultimate & infinitely variable drag system that will never let you down. The LUNAR is not "waterproof" but does feature a sophisticated stainless steel 4-way thrust bearing that is certainly water resistant - i.e it's OK to give your reel a dunking.

The quick change spool that actually is.

The "quick change" spool that actually is quick to change, simply pop the spool off the main hub and slide another spool on.

Not hungry.

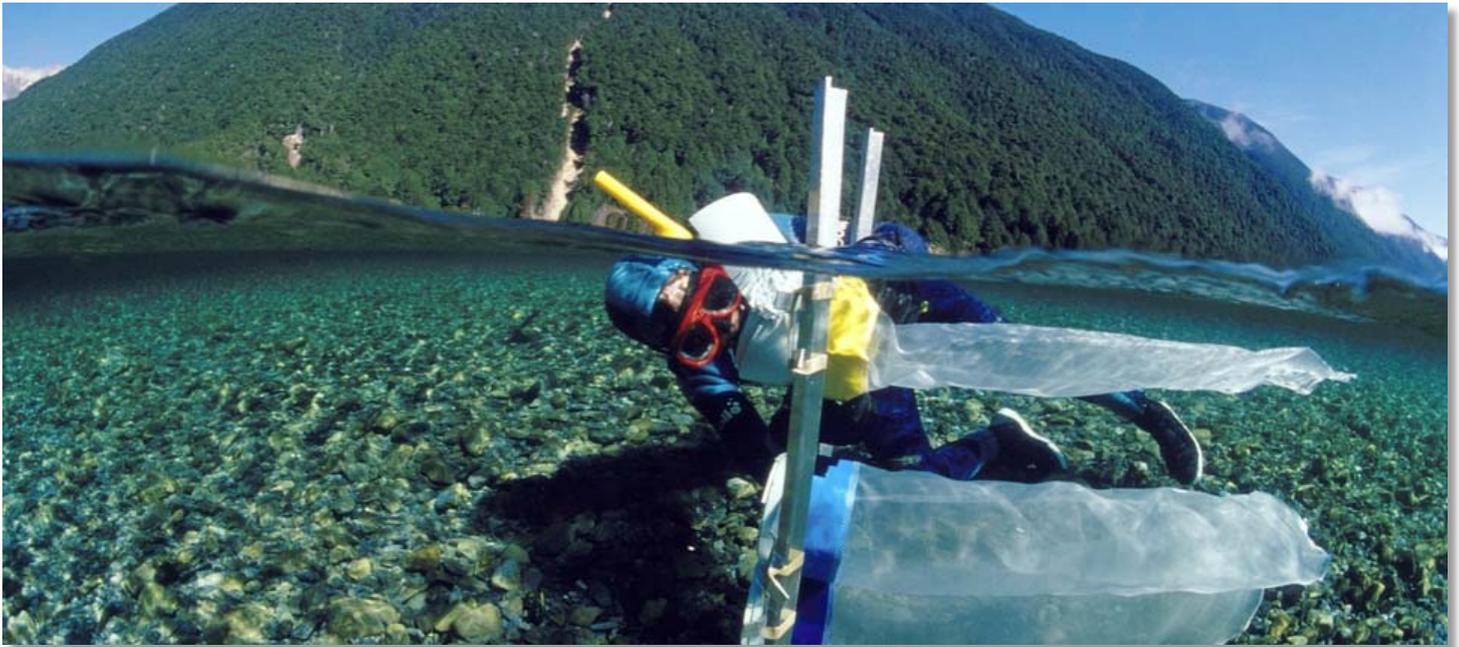
The fly reel that does not eat fly lines. The LUNAR's full frame construction makes for an extremely robust and stable fly reel. It's much more difficult to execute, but fine machining tolerances and full cage design mean that there is nowhere on the LUNAR reel that will jam or catch fly lines. Full frame is also well suited to shooting heads and fly lines with thin running lines.

Weight: 168 grams

Recommended line: 5,6 or 7 (50 to 100 metres of backing dependant on line and backing type)

Check it out at www.swiftflyfishing.com

The Macroinvertebrate Community Index



Cawthron Institute Freshwater Ecologist Robin Holmes explains in a new 3 min video clip how organic enrichment of a river can be assessed using its macroinvertebrate community.

MCI is important for understanding freshwater health. The video also explains the Trout Prey Index.

Well worth checking out on Youtube. Here is the link <https://youtu.be/6SXvHqEx0-4>

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Fly Fishing Course

27—28th Jan — 2018

Day 1—Theory & Casting \$55
Day 2— On the River \$55

Theory & Fly Casting—covers the insect life in a stream or lake that makes up what fish eat, where to find fish, how to fish the different situations and fly casting practice

On the River—Putting into practice what you have learned (bring your fly fishing gear both days)

Enquiries to:

Chris McDonald (3) 217-3733 — After 6pm

Dave Harris (3) 215-6068

For full details go to:

www.SouthlandFlyFishingClub.org.nz



No matter whether you are a beginner in fly fishing or have been fly fishing for some time, there is something in this course for everyone. **Mike Weddell** is a fly fisherman with few peers. As a competitive caster he has not only won the world professional title, but has been British All Round fly casting champion five times as well as setting numerous casting records. The angling columnist of the Otago Daily Times since 1981. Mike Weddell has taught fly fishing and fly tying classes since 1972.

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Presidents Report by Dave Harris



As I write this the weather outside feels more like winter than spring. Today's news had reports of snow to low levels inland and it certainly isn't warm here. Certainly not fishing weather for me although the experts all tell me this is the type of weather conditions that result in good mayfly hatches and accompanying rises on the river. On that theme I have just tied a few flies. The Mataura experts have been talking about compara duns and sparkle duns. These two patterns are very closely related with only the tail of the fly being different. I wasn't sure what they were but after a bit of research found they are a dun/emergent with a deer hair wing. The deer hair almost put me off as I hate the stuff, with a mind of its own and a mess to clean up afterwards. However I found these flies not too difficult to tie so have a couple to try next time I find rising fish on the Mataura. May be we will have one of these as a competition fly next off season.

My fishing has been a bit variable with some good days and some not so good. For the high country opening I went to the Von River with Chris. This river has provided some great fishing in the past but it has been difficult to locate the fish for the last couple of openings. If we thought they were bad we hadn't counted on this year. We only managed three fish (and they were small) between us and only spotted one other in a fishable position plus a couple spooked. Nothing like the 3 or 4 years ago when I can remember two of us landing up to 20 by lunch time. We did speak to Rick Gerard (he stopped to check we were okay when we were changing a flat tyre) and he was off on a steep hilly adventure. He found a lot of small fish but some bigger fish as well but I probably wouldn't have survived his expedition. There are definitely fewer pools in the area I normally fish on the Von and the river was as low as I have ever seen it but I still think there should have been more fish. On the way out we stopped and fished the Mararoa which was also quite low and spotting was difficult but we both managed to land better fish here.

I was going to go to the Lodge for the first weekend of November (scheduled Club trip) but with no-one else keen to go and the weather forecast being very pessimistic I didn't go. The forecast wasn't right and the Saturday was dry over most of the province and I cursed the forecast all day. Saturday night and Sunday were a bit wetter but nowhere near as much rain as predicted.

As well as the normal Sunday and Tuesday trips as listed in the calendar (ring me on 0272106722 if want details of the Tuesday trips) we also have a trip to Lake Alexandrina at the start of February and to Poolburn at the start of March. If you are going to come on these it is time to start thinking about it as the trips will be here before you realise, especially with Christmas coming up as well.

If you are keen on fly tying or want to learn all about fly tying, come along to the committee meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. We generally don't have much business on these nights and it is a chance to talk about and demonstrate how to tie flies.

Finally, we are always looking for speakers for our monthly meetings. If you know of anyone that may be an interesting speaker for one of our meetings please let us know.

Coming Events

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

21st Nov
28th Nov
5th Dec
10th Dec
17th Dec



Shift Workers / Retirees mid-week trip – Dave Harris 027 201 6722

[MM]

Fly Tying

(CM)

Club Trip, Catlins – Meet at Fish & Game 7:00am

Mid-week Trip – Dave Harris 027 201 6722

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16th Jan
23rd Jan
27/28th Jan



Club Day Trip, meet at Fish & Game – 7am

On the River, Tuesday straight after work, Coal Pit Rd

Mid-week trip – Dave Harris 027 201 6722

Fly Fishing course run by Mike Weddell from Mosgiel.

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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 St, West Invercargill, Invercargill 9810. **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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