

# “Ripples”

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# Southland Fly Fishing Club

## Photo Competition

The annual photo competition was held at the June Club Meeting. Winners were:

Trophy Dave Harris (Cover photo)

Action Dave Harris

Scenic Dave Harris

General Dayne Haslett



Above - Winner Action section

Below - Winner Scenic section



## Photo Competition continued



Winner General section

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

### **Southland Fly Fishing Club (Inc)**

Notice is hereby given that THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Club will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Fish & Game Offices, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill.

#### AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Matters Arising

President's Report

Annual Accounts

Election of Officers

Signatories to Cheque Account

Presentation of Trophies

General Business

**C McDonald**  
Club Secretary

## President's 2019 Annual Report by Dave

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 in spite of the often poor river conditions.

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 almost fully subscribed but many of the registrations were quite late. We had to move the Saturday afternoon casting to the Gala Street Reserve to try and find some shelter from the wind. The Mataura River was in good condition for the course but the fish were not very co-operative with only a few landed all day. Thanks go to all those who helped out on the course.

Our annual casting day was held at Queens Park as usual on the Sunday before the season opened and attracted an acceptable number of people, both members and nonmembers.

We had fly tying demonstrations on two Saturdays in September at Hunting and Fishing and also took part in the Hunting and Fishing Annual Fishing night. At the night we had a promotion in conjunction with Hunting and Fishing and signed up a number of new members that night. Thanks to those who helped out with these.

Thanks go those who helped out with the running of the Club.

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.

Johnny Mauchline continued as editor for the Ripples for part of the year. I have been preparing it since and we are still looking for someone to take this on.

Simon Budd continued as Club librarian.

The Lodge working bee saw the installation of a satellite dish and work continued on painting the window frames. The Lodge was well used during the season with good patronage.

The number of fish entered in the Club competition was down slightly on last year and again probably reflected the fishing conditions during much of the season, with rivers often too high to fish. There were four members who put in cards every month. The number of big fish was down on previous seasons but the size was slightly up with the largest being 7lb. There were no rainbows entered in the competitions, only browns. The fly-tying competition attracted a few less entries than last year from one less member. Only one member entered a fly each month, down on last year. The junior trophy will not be awarded this year due to the lack of juniors. The photo competition was held as usual at the June meeting. Numbers were about the same as last year. 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.

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 Lodge trips received reasonable support but the weather was not great for some of the trips. The trip to Lake Alexandrina had good support with six people there for some or all of the time.

We had fly tying days in August and June. The August day attracted about the usual number of members and the turnout for the June day was also about normal. 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. There was a good turnout to the dinner.

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

***Dave Harris***

**President 2018-2019.**

## Cover Photo by Dave

Photo competition Trophy section winner. Cole Shirvell with a nice brown that was rising to cicadas at North Mavora.

# Annual Competition Report by Dave

## Annual Competitions 2018-2019

### Fly-Tying

Entries in the fly-tying competition were down a little on last year with a total of 27 flies entered over the five months. We had eight people who entered the competition and but only one person managed a fly every month. As usual there were some fine flies produced by the members. The votes were spread around although one member managed first on four of the five nights to come out a clear winner for the year.

### Fish Competition

Fish numbers entered in the last season's fish competition were down on the previous year's entry with 41 fish entered, all browns. No particular period of the season was much better than any other period. There were 9 fish 5lb or over this season caught by 5 members. These fish were all browns. These came from the Wairaki River, the Oreti River (2), the Waikaia River (3), a Mataura tributary (2) and Te Waewae. These fish were caught on adams, dads favourite, green stonefly, stonefly, pheasant tail, parachute adams, royal wulff, hare & copper and an unspecified nymph.

Only four members entered a fish every month, the same number as last year. The winner's total was 34½lbs, up a little on last year but still well below some previous years. Second was not far behind. The winner's fish came from the Waikaia (3), Winding Creek (2), the Wairaki and the Oreti. They were caught on stonefly (3), hare & copper, dads favourite and royal wulff (2).

The heaviest brown was up a little on last year at 7lb. There were no rainbows entered in the competition this year. Best condition factor was about the same as last year at 65.74 and was a brown from the Wairaki.

### Photo Competition.

The annual photo competition was held in June but again the number of entries was a little disappointing.

### Dave Harris

## Competitions by Dave



June fly was a pheasant tail nymph. There were seven entries and the winner was Chris McDonald. He also won the draw for the Hunting & Fishing voucher.

Winning fly



All the pheasant tail nymphs entered in the competition.



The July fly is an olive woolly bugger. See June Ripples for details.

The August fly will be the spotlight fly. Materials and instructions will be available at the July meeting.

## Fly Tying Day - August 3rd

We have our August Fly Tying Day on August 3rd at Fish & Game, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill.

We will be there from 9:00am to about 4:00pm (except for a break for lunch).

If you are a beginner this is a chance to improve your tying with plenty of help on hand. If you want to start out this is also a good chance for you. Club gear is available if you don't have your own.

Come along and have a go.



## Boat Show - August 10th & 11th

We will have a stand at the Boat Show that is being held at the Stadium on August 10th & 11th. We will need help setting up the stand on Friday afternoon, manning the stand both days and taking it all away on Sunday afternoon. We will have members tying flies but you can help out even if you aren't going to tie flies. If you can help contact either Dave (027 201 6722) or Chris (027 423016).



## A Reminder From Seasons Past

Just a couple of early season photos to get you thinking about the up coming season.



Hooked up on an early season trophy.



Early season on the upper Mataura.

## Coming Events

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

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|----------------------------|------------|--|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> July      | <b>AGM</b> | Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> August     |            | Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am               |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> August     | CM         | Arranging the calendar for the next season         |
| 10/11 <sup>th</sup> August |            | Boat Show.   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> August    | MM         | Meeting to be at Hunting & Fishing                 |

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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 Chris McDonald.

## Club Sponsors



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