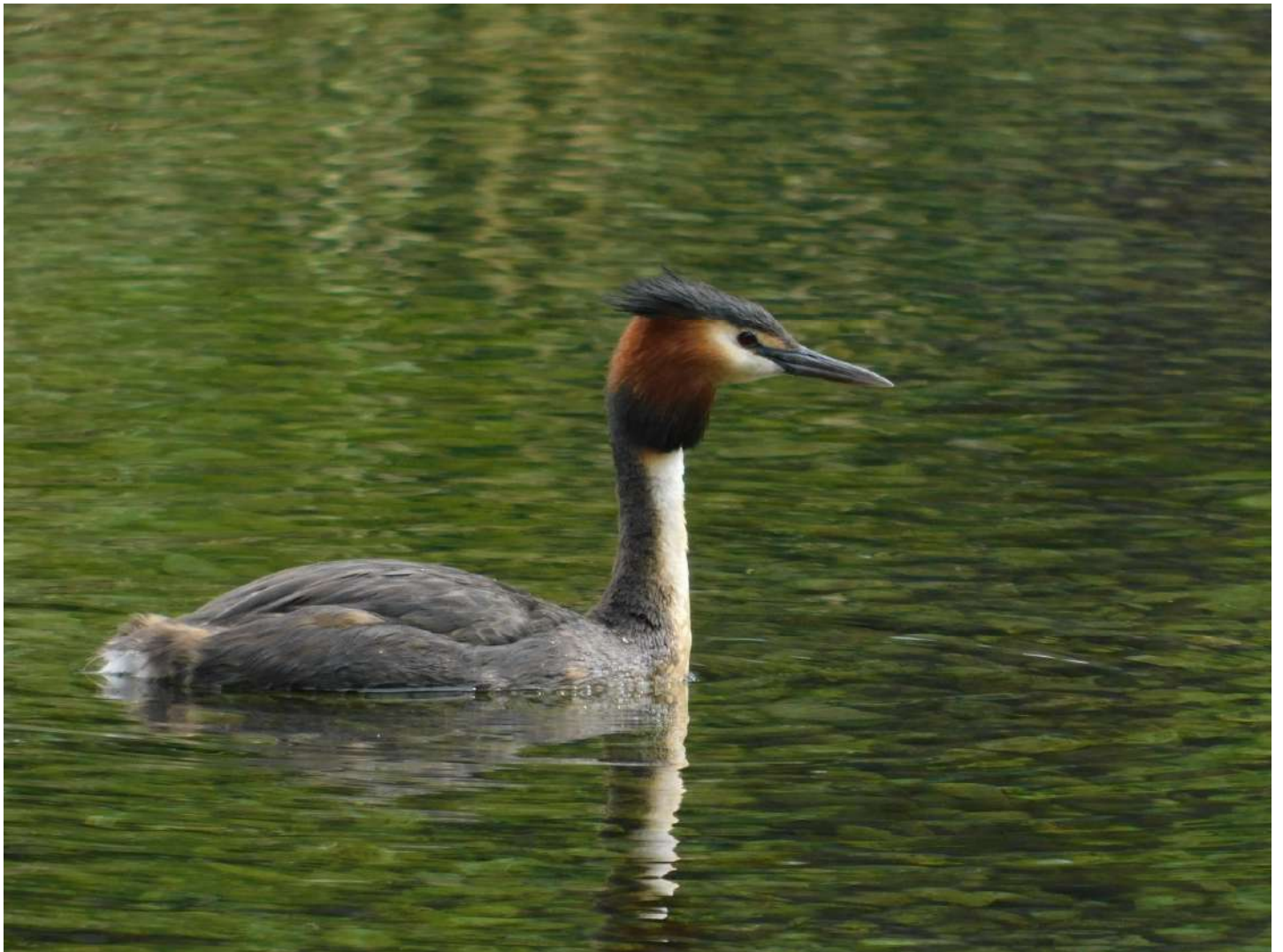


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## President's Annual Report by Dave

### President's Annual Report 2022

Another season of fishing is over and again we had no overseas anglers on the high country rivers. The weather was variable and but later in the season river levels were low as Southland endured a drought. 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 situation.

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 a stand at the boat show in August but the numbers attending the show were down except on the Saturday morning. We had some interest in our fly tying and our fly fishing course coming up. Thanks to those who helped set up and man the stand.

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 under subscribed this year but the Mataura River was low and in good condition for the course. A few people managed to hook and land fish during the course. Thanks go to all those who helped out on the course.

Thanks also go to those who helped out with the running of the Club - Chris McDonald continued his duties as Secretary Treasurer, doing a good job as usual, Julie Cook for her duties as Vice President, David Murphy continued as custodian for the Lodge and has ensured it is up to scratch and Chris Cowie who continued as Club Librarian.

The Lodge working bee was just a bit of a cleanup this year. We had further water issues at the Lodge, this time due to the farmer's bore running dry. The Lodge was hardly used during the season with our Australian members unable to enter the country.

The number of fish entered in the Club competition was up on last year but this was partly due to a number of small fish entered by one member. There were three members who put in a card every month. The number of big fish was up on previous seasons as was the size with the largest being 7½lb. The fly-tying competition attracted about the same number of entries as last year. Two members 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. A good number of photos were entered this year. Congratulations to those who took out the trophies this year in the annual competitions. Sponsorship of the fish and fly tying competitions was from Invercargill Hunting and Fishing.

As normal 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.

All four weekend Lodge trips received some support but it was from the same few. The weather was good for three of the trips but the three day April trip was challenging weather/river condition-wise. Most trips had some members who were only there for one day.

We had fly tying days in August and June. We had Mike Weddell down for some tuition at the August Fly Tying Day and this resulted in a slightly greater attendance than usual. There was also a reasonable turnout at the June day. Those who attended the fly tying managed to tie a reasonable number of flies.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors – Invercargill Hunting & Fishing and Manic Tackle for their support.

***Dave Harris***

**President 2021-2022.**

## Annual Competition Report by Julie

### Fly-Tying

Entries in the fly-tying competition were up by just one fly on last year with a total of 27 flies entered over the five months. However, we were up on the number of people who entered flies with eight people entering flies but only two of those managed a fly every month. As usual there were some fine flies produced by the members. Other than the first month, points were close each month although the overall winner did not enter a fly every month.

### Fish Competition

Fish numbers entered in the last season's fish competition were up on the previous year's entry with 49 fish entered, 44 browns and five rainbows. Entries were well spread through the season. However, there was a large entry in March with one member entering a number of fish. There were twelve fish 5lb or over this season caught by two members. These fish were 11 browns and one rainbow. They came from the Wairaki River, the Oreti River (9), the Mararoa River and the Aparima River. These fish were caught on a Royal Wulff (5) hare & copper, hares ear nymph (4), a blood worm and a wooly caddis nymph.

Only three members entered a fish for each month of the season. The winner's total was 42½lbs, which was much higher than last season. Second was well behind. The winner's fish all came from the Oreti River. They were caught on hares ear nymph (3), Royal Wulff (2), blood worm and a wooly caddis.

The heaviest brown was up on last year at 7¼lb. The heaviest rainbow was 5¼lb also up on last year. Best condition factor was up on last year at 52.83 and was a 5¼lb rainbow from the Wairaki River.

### Photo Competition.

The annual photo competition was held in June with a good number of entries. The scenic section was close and two members were tied for this section. The other three sections had clear winners, with two of those being members who had also tied for first in the scenic section.

## 2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Southland Fly Fishing Club (Inc) will be held at the Fish & Game Office, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill at 7:30pm on Tuesday 26th July.

### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Matters arising from correspondence
6. President's Report
7. Annual Accounts
8. Subscriptions
9. Librarian's Report
10. Lodge Report
11. Editor's Report
12. Competitions Report
13. Election of officers
14. Signatories to bank account
15. Most valuable member
16. General Business
17. Prize giving

*Chris McDonald*

Secretary/Treasurer

## Competitions by Julie

There were six flies entered in the June competition. Winning fly was tied by Chris McDonald. The July fly is the Klinkhamer as shown in the June Ripples and the August fly is muddler minnow as shown on P6 of this Ripples.



Chris McDonald's winning mouse fly.

## Photo Competition Section Winners



1st equal Scenic Section by Chris McDonald



1st equal Scenic Section by Julie Cook

## Cover Photo by Dave

Winner of the general section of the Club photo competition. A southern crested grebe at Lake Alexandrina taken by Dave Harris.

## Photo Competition Section Winners



1st Trophy Section by Chris McDonald



1st Action Section by Julie Cook

## Muddler Minnow by Jim

The muddler minnow can be fished in a number of ways. It can be pulled back fast or slow with an occasional twitch. It can be cast out like a dry and fished static. Favourite way cast into the wind and left to float around this often produces smash takes. It can be tied in sizes 8 - 12.

### Materials

Hook	#10 wet fly 2X long
Thread	Uni-thread 6/0 dark brown
Tail	Slips of mottled turkey feather
Body	Gold tinsel
Wing	Grey squirrel hair or substitute, mottled turkey feather
Collar & head	Deer hair



Start thread almost at the bend of the hook



Tie in tail



Tie in tinsel and run thread almost to the eye



Spread some cement over binding and wind tinsel forward.



Tie in the wing fibres. Deer hair has been used here in place of squirrel.



Trim fibres.



Tie in wing feather,



Trim feathers



Tie in deer hair and pull tight to spin around hook. Whip finish through deer hair and trim thread.

Remove from vice and trim head and collar.



## Coming Events (MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

26 <sup>th</sup> July	AGM	Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	CM	Arranging the calendar for the next season
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fly tying	Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am

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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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