

“Ripples”

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Southland Fly Fishing Club

President's Report by Dave

We have had our AGM and prize giving. There are no new people helping with running the Club, mainly because there was no-one keen to take up any of the duties.

The prize giving saw just three people take out the trophies. Congratulations to Isaac for taking the Junior Trophy; this is the first time it has been awarded for several years, and to Chris Cowie for taking out all the fish trophies. I won the fly tying trophy. Thanks to Hunting & Fishing who provided prizes for the prize giving.

We had our August Fly Tying Day on August 10th. There were just four people there. The main activity was tying the flies for the last two months of the fly tying competition. The CDC emerger is pretty easy but I seemed to be the only one that had most of the materials required so these took a bit of a hit. I also demonstrated the Chris's koura which is the fly for September. This demonstration didn't go as well as it could have as I was almost out of black thread and the end of the thread had come loose on my bobbin and this kept getting tangled. Once again, my materials took a bit of a hit as the others gathered up materials to tie the fly.

The same evening, nine of us got together for our Annual Dinner at the Foundry Restaurant at the Waikiwi Tavern. Every one enjoyed their night.

The calendar for the next year should be up on the website by the time you read this. Some dates may change as it is pretty hard to plan 12 months ahead and I haven't found dates for such things as the boat show which should be on in August next year. I also haven't got a date for the Hunting & Fishing Angler's night as they have not set the date for that yet. Hopefully I will get a date to include it in the September Ripples.

Included in the Calendar is the celebration of the Club being 50 years old. We have picked a date but have not yet planned any activity. If you have any suggestions, let Chris or myself know. The date selected is April 5th, 2025.

Competitions by Gerda

The July competition fly was the green stonefly nymph. This is actually one of Dave's patterns and fittingly he scored the most votes on the night.

The fly for August is a CDC emerger and was shown in the July Ripples.

The fly for September is called Chris's koura as Chris is the one who requested this fly. The tying instructions are on page 6 of this Ripples. Dave will demonstrate it at the August meeting and he has some hooks so try and get some off him. I have my hooks from him already. This is the last fly for the off season.



Dave's winning green stonefly nymph

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due. Adult \$30, Family \$40 & junior \$10. These can be paid into the Club bank account 03 1355 0796655 00 using your surname and initials as reference.

If you are a new member please use the form on the Club website www.southlandflyfishingclub.org.nz

Cover Photo by Gerda

Isaac receiving the Junior Trophy from Club President Dave.

Annual Prize Giving

2024 Competition results

Junior Trophy

First	Isaac Coburn	45 points
Second	Zanda Johannson	30 points

Fly tying - Arthur Gorton Trophy

First:	Dave Harris	21 points
Second:	Gerda Johnstone	9 points
Third:	Chris McDonald	6 points

Largest Brown - Presidents Cup

First:	Chris Cowie	6 ¼ lb
Second:	Chris Cowie	6 lb
Third:	Julie Cook	5 ¾ lb

Largest Rainbow - Allan White Trophy

First:	Chris Cowie	4 ½ lb
Second:	Chris Cowie	4 lb
Third:	Julie Cook	3 ¼ lb

2023 Masters Cup

First:	Chris Cowie	32 lb
Second:	Dave Harris	22 ¼ lb
Third:	Julie Cook	21 ¼ lb

Best Condition Factor - Bill Brown Trophy

First:	Chris Cowie	56.35
Second:	Julie Cook	50.57
Third:	Dave Harris	45.89

Photo Competition

Scenic	Gerda Johnstone
Trophy	Dave Harris
General	Dave Harris
Action 1st=	Dave Harris (2), Chris McDonald



Trophies and prizes ready for presentation at the 2024 AGM and Prize Giving.



Competition co-ordinator Gerda presenting Dave with the Arthur Gorton Trophy for fly tying



Competition co-ordinator Gerda presenting Chris with the Presidents Cup for the heaviest brown trout.



Competition co-ordinator Gerda presenting Chris with the Allan White Trophy for heaviest rainbow trout

Annual Prize Giving (cont)



Competition co-ordinator Gerda presenting Chris with the Masters Cup for season total.



Competition co-ordinator Gerda presenting Chris with the Bill Brown Trophy for the best condition factor.

Fish & Game by Dave

There are no regulation changes for the coming fishing season. Fish & Game Southland did propose to make the Mataura upstream from Ardlussa bridge and all of the Wakaia River (both including tributaries) designated waters for the months on February and March. However, the Minister of Hunting & Fishing declined this for reasons best known to him. There was a fair bit of pressure from the tourism industry against this proposal. Seems the wishes of the resident anglers don't matter much.

There will be a voluntary beat system on the Wakaia River this year. This is the same system as the beats on the Upper Oreti and Upper Mataura rivers. Hopefully this will help with reducing the conflict on this river but the system is voluntary, so can't actually be enforced. If you are fishing where there is a beat system please follow the system.

Fish & Game Council Elections

There are Fish & Game Council elections this year. If you had a resident full season licence this fishing season (or game bird licence) you are eligible to stand for election and also eligible to vote for your local council. If you ticked the box when you bought your licence you will be on the roll and if you didn't tick the box you can still enrol. If you are unsure or didn't tick the box when purchasing your licence you can check up by going to the Fish & Game website <https://www.fishandgame.org.nz/about-us/elections-programme/election-updates/>. Details on how to stand for the election are also found here. If you feel you have something to offer, put your name forward.

Election Timeline

Timeline for the election is:

- From Saturday, 10 August, Public Notice of Election - Call for candidacy/registration for electoral roll.
- Monday 12 August Nominations open
- Thursday, 29 August Nominations Close at 5 pm
- Wednesday, 11 September Electoral Roll closes at 5 pm
- Thursday, 19 September Lodgement of Voter Packs with NZ Post
- Friday 11 October 2024 Election Day - Voting closes at 5 pm
- Saturday 19 October Official Declaration - Public Notice of Results in regional dailies.
- Wednesday, 30 October: Elected members to take office.

International Women's Fly Fishing Day - 14th September by Julie



The fifth International Women's Fly Fishing day will be held on the 14th September, 2024.

The aim of the day is to encourage women throughout the world who fly fish or would like to fly fish to get together for camaraderie and to celebrate the women in the sport.

We are asked to post a picture on the IWFFD social media sites to share our day's Fly fishing activity. This can be anything to do with fly-fishing. Women are encouraged to post photos at 11am (relevant to the time zone they live in) from countries all over the world on what they are doing. The day starts from New Zealand and spreads across the world to the west coast of the USA over a 20-hour period. It's great fun following, and connecting with women all over the globe who love this sport.

So on the 14th Sept 2024 Southland Fly Fishing Club are again encouraging women to join in the activities. If you are keen on fly-fishing and cannot attend but would like to participate, please post a picture of your activity on the IWFFD facebook or Instagram page. It can be anything from a write up of your favourite fishing story to pictures of fishing, fly tying, or even making fish related jewellery.

This year Southland women are joining with the Wakatipu Anglers Club (WAC) at the Queenstown Events Centre from 10am to 2pm at Frankton. WAC are also planning a social event on the Friday night with a fishing forum on the Saturday. Guest speaker is to be Corina Jordon, CEO of the NZ Fish and Game Council. A fly tying bar will be available with help if you need it. There will be all types of activities including casting clinics and you can be sure of a warm welcome and a fun filled day.

Any enquiries please contact Julie on either 0276302949 or juliecook@actrix.co.nz

Casting Day - 29th September

We will be holding our annual casting day on Sunday, 29th September at Queens Park cricket ground starting at 1:00pm. All are welcome, both members and non-members. We hope to have Mike Weddell down from Mosgiel to help out anyone that needs casting tuition.

If you know someone who is interested in fly fishing this will be a good opportunity for them to have a go at casting so let them know. The Club has a number of fully setup rods and this will be available to people who don't have their own.

September Competition Fly by Dave

Chris's Koura

This is called Chris's koura as he asked for a koura so I have tied it for him. After a very easy fly in August this one is quite a bit more complex but it is not too difficult.

Koura is a freshwater crayfish and is likely to be found in lakes, Onslow and Poolburn are a couple of places. They swim backwards, hence the pincers sticking out the back and the tail at the eye of the hook. Hopefully the marabou tail will flick like the tail on the real thing. Chris has caught a fish on this pattern.

It has to sink to the bottom as that is where the koura are and it probably requires a sinking line, or at least a sink tip. It should be cast out, allowed to sink and then retrieved with short pulls. I have some of these hooks so come and see me and ask nicely for some.



Materials:

Hook	I Love Fly Fishing #8 jig hook
Weight	.020 lead wire
Thread	Unithread 6/0 - black
Pincers	Supreme hair - black
Dubbing	Hareline dubbin - dark olive
Hackle (legs)	Black saddle hackle
Tail (at the eye)	Black marabou



Prepare the pincers first. Use the supreme hair and bind for about 5mm leaving 12mm beyond the bind. Trim to get even.



Run the thread to the bend in the hook.



Wind on the lead wire. Stop short of the bend to give space to tie in pincers



Bind over lead



Tie in pincers with some of the binding clear of the tie. This will allow you to bend them out. Coat tie in with head cement to keep them in place.



Tie in hackle.



Dub about 40% of body.



Wind hackle forward and then dub almost to eye.



Tie in marabou sticking out over eye of hook. Trim marabou.



Dub the rest of the way to the front of the fly.



Whip finish and trim thread.

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

27 th Aug	[MM]	
3 rd Sept	(CM)	Fly tying
7 th Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing*
8 th Sept	Fishing	Club Trip (winter) Fish & Game 9:00am
14 th Sept	Fishing	International Women's Fly Fishing Day*
15 th Sept		Lodge Working Bee
21 st Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
24 th Sept	[MM]	Fish & Game speaker
29 th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park 1:00pm

* to be confirmed

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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.

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