

“Ripples”

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Next Club Meeting - AGM - July 28th - 7:30pm Fish & Game Office, 17 Eye Street



Southland Fly Fishing Club

2026 President's Annual Report by Dave

We started our year with our August Fly Tying Day. We had Mike Weddell down from Mosgiel and there were six members present. The day was followed by our 50th Anniversary Dinner with a reasonable turnout of present and past members. We also had a winter outing to Te Waewae Lagoon in August but the second trip in September was cancelled due to the weather. The Women's International Fly Fishing Day trip was also cancelled due to the weather.

Prior to the fishing season we managed fly tying demonstrations at Hunting & Fishing as well as our casting day at Queens Park. There was some interest in the Club at the fly tying demonstrations and we had a good turnout at the Casting Day including two members of the public that had found us at the fly tying demonstrations at Hunting & Fishing.

Once again the season was off to a bad start with high and dirty rivers. However those that tried managed to find clear water. This resulted in little fishing to start with and the October Lodge Trip was cancelled. The November Lodge Trip did go ahead with five members on the trip. The end of season Lodge Trips both went ahead with good fishing on the April trip but tough going on the May trip.

Several Club trips were also cancelled due to weather conditions and those that did go ahead were poorly supported. Those who did go on the Club trips enjoyed themselves and caught fish in all sorts of conditions. This year we had several mid-week trips but support could have been better.

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 fully subscribed this year but heavy afternoon and overnight rain resulted in the Mataura River being far too high on the Sunday so the day on the river was postponed. The day was rescheduled but not all were able to attend. Fish were very hard to find during the day with only a one being landed. 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, Gerda Johnstone for her duties as Vice President, David Murphy started out as custodian for the Lodge but was replaced during the season by Isaac Coburn and Chris Cowie who continued as Club Librarian.

The Lodge working bee was just a bit of a cleanup this year. The Lodge was used late summer by our overseas members and there was more use by other members than has been the case for the last few years.

The number of fish entered in the Club competition was again low this year. There was only one member who put in a card every month. Fish were generally not very big with the heaviest being 5lb. The fly-tying competition attracted less entries than last year and was very close with only one point separating the top two. Only one member entered a fly each month. The junior trophy will not be awarded this year as we didn't have any juniors partaking in Club activities. The photo competition was held as usual at the June meeting. A lower than usual 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 & Fishing.

We had our second fly tying day June. Turnout was average.

Overall not a great year of Club activity. I am not sure if people have lost interest or that they are simply not getting involved in clubs as much as they used to.

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



President 2025-2026.

2026 Annual Competition Report by Gerda

Annual Competitions 2025-2026

Fly Tying

Entries received in our fly tying season this year were only 12 averaging between 2 and 3 flies per month for the 5 month season.

The flies tied in this period were the big hair bugger, the dobsonfly, the parachute pheasant tail, coloburiscus nymph and Gerda's spinner.

The outcome of this years competition is very close with only one vote in it.

The votes received for these flies totalled 41.

It would be very good to see more interest in this activity; there is always someone experienced to show beginners the way, is very creative and a new skill.

Fish Competition

This fishing season I received 16 entries for our competition well down on last year. Of these entries there were 13 browns caught and 3 rainbows.

These fish came from the following waters; 3 from the Mataura, 2 from the Oreti, 1 from the Aparima, 1 from the Hamilton Burn, 2 from the Waikaia, 5 from Lake Dunstan and 1 from the Tomogalak.

The heaviest brown came from the Aparima, caught on a royal wulff fly weighing in at 5lb.

The heaviest Rainbow came from Mavora and was caught on a hare & copper fly it weighed in at 3.1/2lb.

The best condition fish that came to the net was a 4lb brown from the Waikaia with a factor of 37.57.

Annual General Meeting - July 28th

Southland Fly Fishing Club (Inc)

Notice is hereby given that THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Club will be held on Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 7:30pm.

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of the 2025 AGM

Matters Arising

Chairman's Report

Annual Accounts

Election of Officers

Signatories to Bank Account

Presentation of Trophies

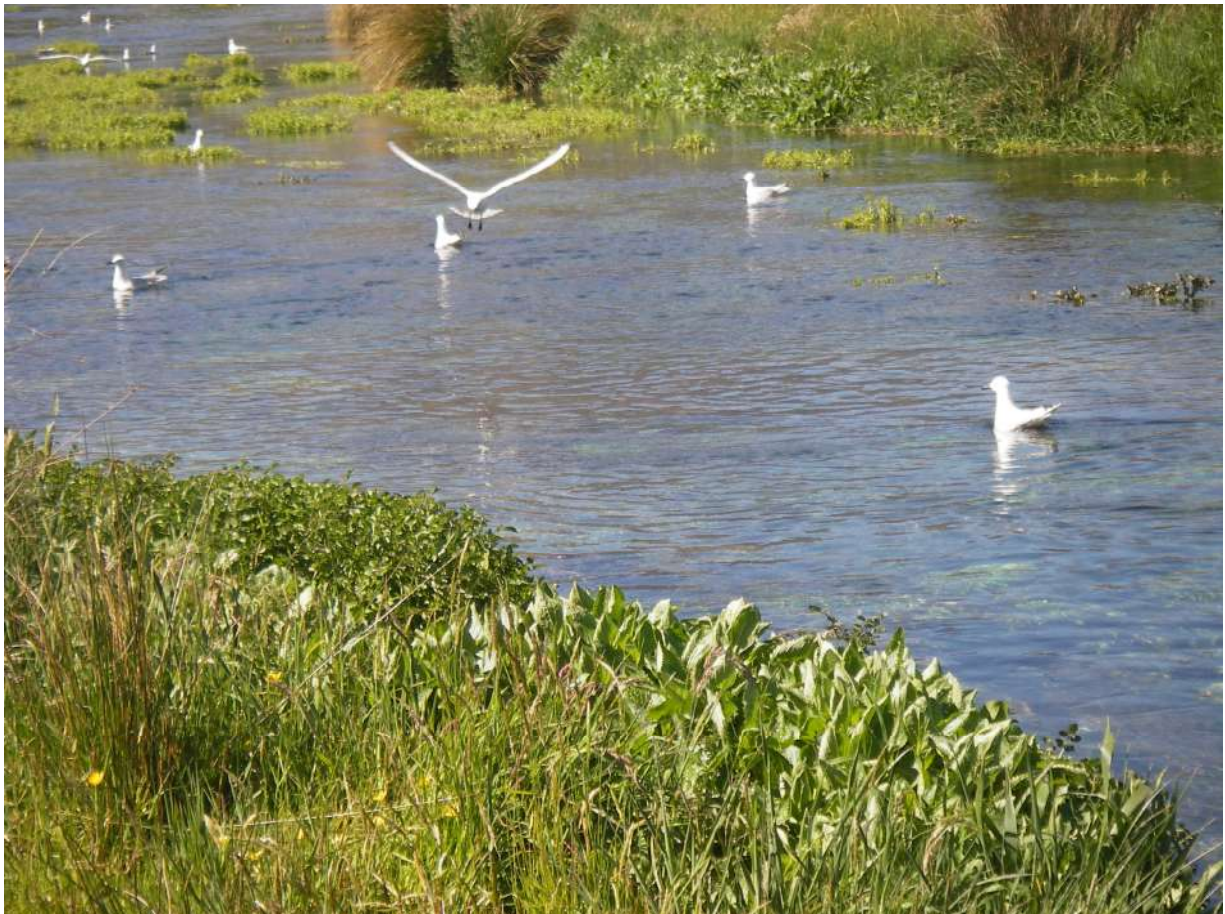
General Business

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Club Secretary

Photo Competition Winners



Trophy section winner by Dave



General section winner by Dave

Photo Competition Winners (cont)



Action section winner by Isaac



Scenic section 1st equal by Isaac

Photo Competition Winners (cont)



Scenic section 1st equal by Isaac

Cover Photo by Chris

This photo by Chris McDonald was one of three that came 1st equal in the scenic section of the photo competition.

Fly Tying Day - August 15th

We have our second fly tying day of the off season on August 15th starting at 9:00am at Fish & Game, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill. We will be there until 4:00pm. Note that this is a change of date from what is in our calendar. Come along for all day or any part of the day. If you want to give fly tying a go and don't have gear, come along and use the Club gear. Plenty of help available to beginners.

Club Dinner - August 15th

We will be holding our annual Club Dinner on August 15th meeting up at 6:30pm at the Foundry, Waikiwi Tavern. Note that this is a change of date from what is listed in the Club calendar. If you are keen to come, let Dave know on 027 201 6722.

Competitions by Gerda

The competition fly for this month is Chris's woolly bugger as shown in last month's Ripples.

The winning fly at the June meeting was Dave's fly, shown here. There were only three entries.

The August fly is a royal wulff as shown in this Ripples.



Competition Fly for August by Dave

Royal wulff

This is the dry fly that I usually use as an indicator above my nymphs in many of our rivers. I also use it on its own especially at Mavora. In January in North Mavora I put it out just past a weed bed and wait for the rainbows to come and take it. This is the version I am currently using, with poly yarn for the wings rather than calf hair as this makes it much easier to get the wings equal and poly yarn is easier to get than calf hair. I will demonstrate this fly at the August Executive Meeting and the August fly tying day.

Materials

Hook	Black Magic B12
Thread	Black Unithread 6/0
Tail	Moose body hair
Abdomen	Peacock herl and red holographic mylar
Wings	White poly yarn
Hackle	Brown saddle hackle



Run thread to bend in hook.



Stack moose hair and tie in tail.



Tie in two pieces of peacock herl.



Wind peacock herl forward and tie off.



Tie in mylar. The long end is over the back in this photo.



Wrap mylar around two or three turns and tie off.



Wrap peacock herl forward to complete the abdomen.



Tie in poly yarn on top of hook using figure 8 wraps.



Figure 8 wrap around the bottom of the wings to pull them up.



Tie in hackle at front of hook pointing forward.



Wrap hackle back and run wraps of thread through hackle to tie off at front.



Whip finish and apply head cement. Trim wings to length (top photo).

Annual General Meeting & Prize Giving

Just a reminder the our July meeting is the Annual General Meeting and prize giving. Please come along to ensure we have enough members present. We also have some positions vacant so it would be good if we could get some more volunteers to help run the Club.

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

28 th July	AGM	Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
4 th Aug	CM	Arranging the calendar for the next season
15 th Aug		Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am - Meal at night
23 rd Aug		Club Trip (winter) meet at Fish & Game 9:00am
25 th Aug	MM	

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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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