



# Southland Fly Fishing Club

July 2010

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## [Cover Photo...](#)

Ben and Liam, two of three juniors who attended our fly tying day in July, practicing tying nymphs. See pictures on page 5



## [Around the Club](#)

June and July are typically quiet months on the calendar, with thoughts of fishing starting to emerge in August / September, often starting with a pre-season trip or two to local estuaries in the month or two before the season opening. But for now June is the month when our annual fly tying day and dinner is held.

The fly tying day was very successful (photos later), with several new faces. A warm welcome to the three very keen young lads Ben, Liam and Myah, and to our new member Kevin Whitney. The young lads quickly picked up some new skills and produced several good flies by the end of the day, and Kevin was eager to put his newly purchased gear to the test, to learn what all those materials were used for and what he might be able to make from them that would catch a nice trout or two. It was very evident, that Kevin had been doing quite a bit of homework on the subject of flies and materials, so I think he is going to be the dark horse to watch out for the year.

The **annual dinner**, as usual was at our favorite restaurant, Aino's, where the small group of ten of us, enjoyed a very friendly and cosy evening. With things being a bit quieter at the restaurant this year, we were in a much smaller and cosier room than previous years, adding to our comfort. The meal was up to their usual very high standard, in all a very pleasant evening, and one that more members really should join in on. As usual the night ended up on a rugby test, we always seem to manage that, no matter what date we choose. We were sorry to miss the usual presence of Gordon & Wilma Capil, Norman Capil, Ken & June McKellar, Brian & Barbara Nicholson and Allan & Bernice Carlene and others, hopefully we will see them at the next one.

The usual parcel game was played and enjoyed, with one male member going home with a pair of red knickers in his pocket (without being assaulted by his partner I might add), it was all good clean fun!

**Club Elections**—July is the month we hold our annual election of officers, and we need **“you”** to put your name forward for any position you may feel you can contribute to, in the club.

It is always good to have changes in the elected officers in the club, as it brings new ideas and vitality to the club. While you may consider the current officers are doing a fine job, this is the best time for you to “have a go” because these people will still be in the club, and can offer guidance and assistance until you find your feet.

We are fortunate that we have a lot of members who can turn their hand to anything, and readily offer support and advice when needed. So—“Have a go Now”, even if you start by putting your name on the committee to start with.

**Constitution**—Notice of changes to be made to our Constitution at our AGM, see page 4.

**Fly tying day**—June, turned out to be another good day with several members attending, and enjoying sharing the day while mainly discussing topics mainly around fishing. Three nice young lads also turned up for instruction, they were Ben, Liam and Myah, learning the art of making your own flies. The basic flies needed for giving out at our Fly Fishing course on the 12/13th Feb 2011, have been tied during the day, so that is another job done.

The **Lodge**—by the time this newsletter gets out, there will be less than three months before the new 2010-11 fishing season starts, and there is some work needing to be done at the Lodge, and we hope that as many as possible can attend a working bee to get some much needed maintenance done. The date has been set for 21st/22nd August, if you can help please contact Linz Withington.

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Do not miss this film evening

READING CINEMA

Invercargill,

Thursday, 15th July 2010

(7:30—9:30pm)

Tickets \$25 - Available on-line [here](#) or at cinema door

Criss crossing the globe, RISE - Fly Fishing Film Festival 2010 showcases a variety of stunning movies from Broome, New Zealand, Mexico, California and Iceland. Gin-Clear Media's The Source – **New Zealand is the feature movie of the festival**. Part of a series, The Source exposes the best fly fishing destinations from around the world. Nick Reygaert, The Source – New Zealand's director, says, "New Zealand offers a seemingly limitless amount of variety for fly fishers yet each person enjoys and values the fishery in their own unique way. With The Source – New Zealand we set out to capture those special moments that define a fishing trip and through these get a glimpse of what the Kiwi experience means to each of the featured anglers. For some, it means casting size 18 emergers to delirious brown trout during a blanket hatch, for others it's the triumph of catching a 10lb + fish on a dry fly, for others it's a jet boat ride into a remote fiord!"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bx3OTU7K9Vo> (Check out this **new** [since last issue] video teaser)

RISE - FLY FISHING FILM FESTIVAL, the world's largest fishing film festival, hits theatres on its NZ & Australian tour throughout July & August 2010. Fanatics will be electrified by fly fishing footage presented in crystal-clear high definition. Gin-Clear Media brings you this event spectacular, saturated with exotic destinations, award-winning cinematography, epic adventure and big fish.



The two hour show features 5 stunning films from the world's best fly fishing media companies. The global destinations visited include Broome, New Zealand, Mexico, California and Iceland. The highly anticipated film, THE SOURCE - NEW ZEALAND will make its big screen debut at the festival as the feature movie and is guaranteed to be worth the price of submission alone.

The festival is a truly interactive experience, hosted by film makers, including a question session and prize give-aways. RISE 2010 visiting Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington, Palmerston North, Brisbane, Sydney, Bowral, Canberra, Melbourne, Launceston, Hobart, Perth and many more.

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## Constitution—notice of changes

This is notice, that due to requirements from the Inland Revenue in order to maintain our “non-profit body status”, we are required to make some amendments to our constitution.

(1) New clause 3.14 (below)

*“Any income, benefit or advantage shall be applied to the objectives of the organisation.*

*No member of the organisation or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the organisation, in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever. Any such income shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arms length transaction (being open market value).*

*And the provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.”*

(2) New clause 5.1 (below)

*“No addition to or alteration of the non profit aims, personal benefit clause or the winding up clause shall be made which affect the tax exempt status.*

*The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.”*

(3) Amend clause 7, to change the commencement of our financial year from 1st August to [1st July](#).

(4) Delete clause 9, (we no longer have a common seal)

(5) Re-number clause 10 as clause 9

(6) Add new clause 9.1 (below)

*“If upon winding up or dissolution of the organisation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the organisation but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or body with similar objects to the first organisation that also has an income tax exemption or for some other charitable purpose, within New Zealand.”*

## Labour Party Meeting Invite

Trades Hall, 32 Jed Street Invercargill, on the [12th August at 7pm](#)

Hon David Parker is holding a meeting to discuss New Zealand's **key environment and recreational issues**, seeks our views on what is important to us. They are interested in the following issues, water quality, coastal policy, mining national parks, heli-hunting, fishing, tramping, hunting, water conservation orders, climate change, energy (efficiency & renewable), green house gas reduction, tenure review of South Island high country, resource management act, changes to city/regional councils, pest control, soil conservation, native forest protection, marine reserves and seabird protection.

I do hope some members of SFFC will be able to make this important meeting—Ed.

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## [Fly Tying day](#)

It is planned to hold another fly tying day on the 7th/8th August, Dave Harris will confirm at the AGM, which day this will be, it is normally held at the Fish and Game rooms, starting around 9am and finishing about 4pm, either bring your lunch or go out for lunch.

Pictures from the last fly tying day



Myah



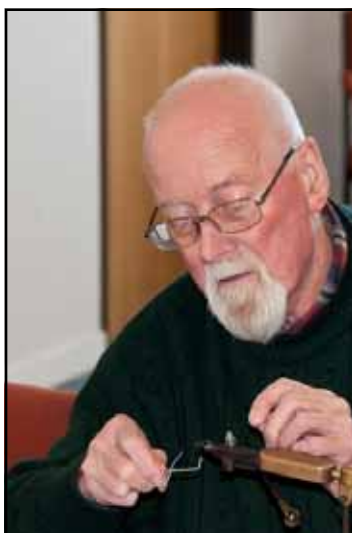
Ken McKellar



Kevin Whitney, new member, helped by Chris McDonald



Ben, Liam and



John Day



Dave Harris

## [Didymo Update](#)

The following rivers have been listed as Didymo positive recently.

Wairaki, probably in the lower part

Makarewa

Lillburn

We do still need to **Check, Clean** and **Dry** our gear, and use recommended cleaning methods to hold the spread of didymo for as long as we can.

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Fish Smoker (used 3 times) \$10

King size, top line Ther-A-Pedic bed.

Like new, no marks

\$395 ono

Contact Les on 027-283-8894



## The Last Cast

Kevin Rudd goes on a state visit to Israel. While he is on a tour of Jerusalem he suffers a heart attack and passes away. The undertaker tells the Australian Diplomats accompanying him, 'You can have him shipped home for \$5,000,000, or you can bury him here, in the Holy Land, for just \$100.'

The Australian Diplomats go into a corner and discuss for a minute. They come back to the undertaker and tell him they want Kevin shipped home.

The undertaker is puzzled and asks, 'Why would you spend \$5,000,000 to ship him home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$100? With the money you save you could help pay back some of the deficit, help pay for the Emissions Trading and get a face job for Julia or help the elderly'.

The Australian Diplomats replied, 'Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. We just can't take the risk.'

## Presidents Report 2010.

Another fishing season is over and I hope you all had a good season with plenty of exciting days and good fish. Again the weather presented a significant challenge with a lot of wind and as the summer wore on, some low river conditions. However autumn was notable for its high and dirty rivers. However those who got out, caught some exceptional fish. My feeling was that the fish were both big and in good condition.

Our first event of the Club year was a stand at the bi-annual boat show. This stand attracted a lot of attention and was used as an opportunity to start advertising our annual fishing course and was partly responsible for the numbers on the course.. Thanks to those who helped to set up, man and dismantle the stand.

Again this year we held a fly fishing course with our usual tutor Mike Weddell from Mosgiel. The course was again over subscribed and we unfortunately had to turn people away. The weather was not co-operative for this course and the casting training was mainly held indoors and the Mataura was high and dirty for the day on the river. This resulted in only three fish being caught during the course with even Mike unable to hook anything. Feedback on the course was again positive and the course fees contributed a significant amount to the Clubs bank balance.

Still on the teaching theme we held our usual casting day at Queens Park just prior to the season opening. Unfortunately this only attracted one member of the public.

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Clearly we need to look at our advertising for this casting day.

The Club Lodge attracted a reasonable amount of attention with some good maintenance work being carried out by members. Thanks to those members who helped out with this. Unfortunately there is still some outstanding work that needs to be done in the near future. The Lodge was very well used during the season with better patronage than in recent years including some non-members who made significant contributions to the Club's funds. The Club weekend trips could have been better supported but several members had some good fishing while on these trips. Several of these trips stick in my mind as great weekends of fishing and it is a pity a few more of the new members don't come along and enjoy the company and the fishing. There is no better way to improve your fly fishing skills, to learn new ideas and to get away to some new and interesting places.

Les Ladbrook continues to look after the club web site, keeping it up to date. This web site contains vital contact information, newsletters and the club calendar. Our newsletters can also be found with some other club newsletters on the Fish & Game web site.

Les has also continued with the newsletter and it seems to go from strength to strength in spite of Les continuing to have some difficulty getting articles from club members.

The Club competitions attracted slightly lower interest than previous years with only three people putting in cards every month. However the number of big fish was up and the sizes of the biggest were very impressive, both browns and rainbows. This was the second year of Simon Budd's weekend competition, held a little earlier in the hope of finding some better fishing. Unfortunately it coincided with low river conditions and, especially on the Saturday, quite windy weather. We had six anglers this year but not many fish were caught. Thanks to Simon for organising this but in spite of my request last year he again forgot to invite some fish. Congratulations to those who took out the trophies this year in the annual competitions and the two day competition.

Unfortunately the Club day trips were poorly supported. I don't know whether this was due to the higher price of petrol or the less than ideal weather. Those who did go on the Club trips enjoyed themselves and caught fish in all sorts of conditions. Hopefully the weather will be better in the future and we will be able to encourage more members to come out on these trips. They provide an excellent opportunity to fish with people you don't normally fish with and to learn from them.

We had fly tying days in August and June. These attracted reasonable support and the June day was notable in that four novice tiers were present including three very keen juniors. Those who attended the fly tying managed to tie a good number of flies including most of those required for next year's fishing course and there was a lot of tutoring at the June course. The annual Club dinner that followed the June fly tying day was not well supported but those who attended enjoyed their dinner and exchange of gifts.

The Club also supported the Environment Southland web site by providing their fly of the month during the season. Thanks to those who contributed to this by tying flies and providing details to Environment Southland. Hopefully we will be able to do the same next season.

I would like to thank those who helped out with running the Club during the past year. Special thanks go to secretary/treasurer Chris McDonald for his ongoing work and Les Ladbrook for keeping us all informed with his excellent newsletter and for looking after the web site. Thanks also to all the other committee members for their support during the year and to the members who helped out at the casting day and on the fishing course.

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Last I would like to thank our sponsors – Allan White Hunting & Fishing, Centrefire McCarthys, Master Trade, F Stop, CD Rods and Flysite ([www.flysite.co.nz](http://www.flysite.co.nz)).

*Dave Harris*

President 2009-2010.

### [2010 Trophies—can you guess the Winners?](#)

- Arthur Gorton Memorial—Fly Tying
- Allan White Trophy—Heaviest Rainbow
- Presidents Trophy—Heaviest Brown
- Masters Trophy—Best Total
- Bill Brown Trophy—Best Condition Factor

### [Fly fishing Course 2011](#)

Our annual fly fishing course has been confirmed for 12/13th Feb 2011 with Mike Weddell, we can now start taking enquires/bookings. An advertisement will be on our website in the next few weeks so people can be directed there for information.



### [Competitions](#)

#### **Fly Tying**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Hook size</u>	<u>Demonstration by;</u>	<u>General meeting</u>
July	Spotlight Fly	14	(own design)	June
Aug	Emerging Caddis	18	Linz Withington	July <b>(2 flies this month)</b>
Aug	Elk Hair Caddis	12	Les Ladbrook	July
Sept	Adams Para	14	Dave Harris	Aug

Les has demonstrated the Elk Hair Caddis at the June general and July committee meetings, so if you need any information, please contact Les at the AGM.

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## [Competition Results](#)

### Fly Competition—Card Draw.

Winner of the 'Fly card draw' for June — **Kevin Whitney**

**ALLAN WHITE SPORTS**

### Fly Competition—Most votes.

The best Fly (judged by popular vote) — **Linz Withington**

Winning fly for May



Winning fly for June



Correction: in the initial June newsletter, it was incorrectly listed that Simon Budd won the votes, when in fact it was Linz Withington, which was later corrected in the online version, apologies Linz (Ed).

## [Annual Competitions 2009-2010](#)

### Fly Tying

Entries in the fly tying competition were a little up on last year. We again had 11 people who entered the competition but only 3 managed a fly every month. There were some masterpieces produced by some of the members and most nights the competition was tight. The overall result was also close with only a single point between first and second and the same between second and third.

### Fish Competition

Fish numbers entered in the last season's fish competition were well down on the previous year with a total of 42 fish entered, 25 browns and 17 rainbows. There were 13 fish over 5lb this season caught by 6 members. Seven of these were rainbows. These fish came from the Whitestone, South Mavora, Waiiau (3), Oreti, Te Anau (2), Caples (2), Wairau (Marlborough) and one from a location the angler will not divulge. They were caught on royal wulff (3), adams, hare & pheasant, stonefly, hare & copper (4), pheasant tail, red governor and royal humpy. There were another 2 (1 brown & 1 rainbow) that were 5lb. These came from the Wairaki and the Mataura. They were caught on a pheasant tail and green stonefly.

Only three members entered a fish every month. The winner's total was well up this year at 42  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs and the second place getter was also up on last year's winner at 39 lbs. The winner's fish came from Wairaki, Caples, Whitestone, Mataura (2) and Te Anau (2). These fish were caught on hares ear, green stonefly, woolly caddis, hare & pheasant, hare & copper, pheasant tail and royal wulff.

The heaviest brown was very impressive 11 lb and the best rainbows were two at 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Best condition factor was also impressive at 65.63.

### Photo Competition

Again the number of entries in the photo competition was disappointing. In these days of low cost digital cameras and cheap printing there is plenty of opportunity to enter this competition.

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## Coming Events



27th July	[AGM]	Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
3rd August	(CM)	Arranging the calendar for the next season
7th/8th		Fly Tying day—to be confirmed at the AGM
15-16th August		Club day out
24th August	[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, 159 North Road Invercargill. **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 with 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 the Editor.

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