

# "Ripples"

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# Editors Choice Tippets



## Irrigation project approved

A North Canterbury water scheme has been granted resource consent.

The Waitohi irrigation and hydro scheme was developed by Hurunui Water Project Ltd (HWP). It claims the project could generate \$470 million for the local economy. The consents allows for Hurunui River water to be used for irrigation and for it to be held in four dams along the length of the upper Waitohi River, supplied through two main intakes on the Hurunui River, one below Surveyors Stream and the other below the Mandamus River.

The scheme has the potential to irrigate nearly 60,000 hectares as far south as Waipara and north to Cheviot, with capacity to generate electricity. HWP chairman Mike Hodgen said the irrigation scheme announcement marked the end of a long process of collaboration and consultation for its backers.

"The project team, farmers supporting the scheme and our founding shareholders have worked tirelessly with Environment Canterbury, the Hurunui-Waiapu Zone Committee and interested groups to deliver a scheme design that met with community approval," he said.

"The project will now be able to commence detailed site investigations, and North Canterbury residents can finally look forward to progress on the ground."



*The Press*

## UFO Cold Smoker

The UFO Cold smoke Creator produces cold smoke and has been designed to be retro-fitted to any structure that can contain smoke . When fitted to a unit with a heating source i.e The burners on a hooded barbecue , The burner on a UFO cooker or the meth trays of a smoking box you can turn on the heating source while smoking to then be "hot smoking" your food - thus this unit is a cold smoking unit and can also be used to "hot smoke" if coupled with unit / vessel with a heating source .

Check it out at [ufocooker.co.nz](http://ufocooker.co.nz)



## Around the Club

Some brave souls have been out fishing wintery waters. Sea trout are on the run in the estuaries and Lake Mavora has produced some excellent rainbows in top condition. Apparently two club members admitted in public that they caught their rainbows on spinning tackle.



An exceptional fly and very well photographed

"People get the Politicians and fishing tackle they deserve."

John Gierach

## News Brief by Tony J Sisk of waywardflyfishing.com

**Suspicious bug found in soup** According to the AP Wire Service, a man found a fisherman's fly in a restaurant cafe near the famous Henry's Fork of the Snake River in Southern Idaho. According to a waitress, the restaurant patron nearly fainted, thinking the fly was a cockroach that ended up in the soup, or placed by a disgruntled employee. On closer inspection, however, the cockroach turned out to be the famed Woolly Bugger, which a local fly shop owner admitted, "looks pretty much like a cockroach, and pretty much any other small creature in the water." How it ended up in the cafe soup is anyone's guess, but local police are interviewing a number of "fly fisherman of interest." Unfortunately, upon further investigation all the fly fisherman on the river were found to be carrying Woolly Buggers, including the chef of the cafe, and most of the police.

**Wife kills man for dirty socks** According to the Los Angeles Times, a man returned home from a fishing trip and had a loud argument with his wife about the stink of his clothes. Claimed a neighbour, the man screamed out, "You don't wash fishing clothes, everybody knows that's bad luck." More screaming continued. According to reports, the man stuffed the offending socks under his wife's pillow that night and then went to bed. In the morning, the police found him with a fly line wrapped around his throat, but still breathing. During the trial, the socks were entered into evidence. When the jury smelled the socks, the wife was acquitted and the case thrown out.

## RMA reform an attack on Kiwi values says Fish & Game

Analysis of the Government's RMA reforms by Sir Geoffrey Palmer QC points to an alarming attack on the nation's recreational and environmental values.

"Few people better understand the RMA than Sir Geoffrey, one of the original architects of the Act," says Fish & Game NZ chief executive Bryce Johnson.

"In his report for the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, Sir Geoffrey's expert analysis clearly shows that the Government's proposed changes 'will significantly and seriously weaken the ability of the RMA to protect the natural environment and its recreational enjoyment by all New Zealanders'.

"From the outset Fish & Game has been concerned that the Government's so-called moves to 'simplify and streamline the RMA process' was a Trojan Horse for major changes to the Act to enable greater exploitation of New Zealand's remaining finite natural resources. Our fears have been confirmed."

Mr Johnson points out that while the RMA is often demonised by the Government and corporate industry for "creating delays", Part 2 of the Act is a critically important foundation principle of "sustainable management" – it protects New Zealand's recreational values, the environment, and the economy by underpinning the '100% Pure, clean green' brand.

"Like any party involved in RMA processes, Fish & Game supports moves to shorten timeframes, improve planning processes and simplify planning documents, which can be achieved through the Government's proposed process-orientated reforms, however it is totally unacceptable that National is using this as an excuse to attack the core principles of the Act, effectively lowering environmental standards.

"As Sir Geoffrey points out, many of the 'process issues' identified by the Government can be rectified without tampering with the environmental protection provisions.

"The question has to be asked: What is the Government's motivation for taking the wrecking-ball to the environmental safeguards in Part 2 of the Act? Where is the analysis to justify this attack on Part 2? And is the Government representing the best interests of all New Zealanders, or a select minority of resource hungry corporates?"

"Sir Geoffrey couldn't find any justification for the Government's proposals in his thorough analysis. In fact, he notes that 'changes to Part 2 of the Act... are largely unnecessary and will lead to greater uncertainty and cost'."

Mr Johnson says the unnecessary meddling with this prominent piece of legislation, combined with a woefully inadequate public consultation and submission period, is an assault on our environment and economy.

"The Government's proposed changes to Part 2 of the Act will wreck existing case law and introduce massive uncertainty, put at risk an economy progressively built on the foundation of a '100% Pure, clean green' brand now worth \$14 billion; and a major concern for environmental and recreational interests is that it will effectively allow small streams to be turned into farm drains."

Annual Competitions 2012-2013 Presentations by Club President Dave Harris



Presidents Trophy—Heaviest Brown 8.5lb  
Johnny Mauchline



R Paulin Junior Trophy—Chris Lawson



Masters Cup—Best Total 44.25lb  
Linz Withington



Allan White Trophy—Heaviest Rainbow 20lb  
Linz Withington



Arthur Gorton Memorial — Fly Tying  
Rick Gerrard



Bill Brown Trophy— Best Condition Factor 55.2  
Johnny Mauchline

## A selection of flies from the Spotlight Fly competition

Spotlight is a haberdashery store in NZ. Each year club members are given selected materials from the store from which to make a fly. Only the materials supplied can be used. An innovative pattern is encouraged.

The winning fly by popular vote was by Rick Gerrard.



The winner

## Fly of the month competition — September Fly by Simon Budd

### Simon's Killer Nymph

- Size 14 grub hook
- 3mm Gold Bead, 2.5mm Black bead
- .015 lead wire
- Grey tying thread
- Tail, Black Goose biots
- Rib, Small red wire
- Strip on the body, Red Holographic Tinsel
- Body, 4-6 Pheasant Tail
- 2 small black rubber legs each side
- Thorax, CDC dubbing



I will demonstrate tying the pattern at the executive meeting.

Good Luck to everyone.

*Simon*

[August Meeting is at Hunting & Fishing](#)

[07:30](#)



## Life Membership award



Club Secretary Chris McDonald (right) received life membership from club president Dave Harris (left) on behalf of ever grateful club members. Chris has been a stalwart of the club for more years than he can remember.

The award however is conditional on Chris remaining in his position unless he is no longer able to walk, fish or write—whichever comes first???

## Name This Stream Competition

Last months photo of a stream brought one correct response. Mike Harstonge correctly identified the Pomahaka River. This months photo is again by Les Ladbrook.

Answers by email only please to [service@eis.co.nz](mailto:service@eis.co.nz) Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$20 Hunting and Fishing voucher sponsored by EIS.

If you have a photo of a Southland stream you would like to include in the competition please email the Editor.



Name this stream first month prize is \$10 then increases by \$10 per month if not correctly identified

## Coming Events

27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	[MM]	*** NOTE: the club will meet at Hunting & Fishing, <u>not</u> Fish & Game ***
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	(CM)	Fly tying
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Demo	*** Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing *** (Dave & John 10:00 - 13:00 approx)
14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Weekend at the Lodge, putting the new roof on. Rick, Simon Linz, Chris, Dave & Les Lodge Working Bee (Rick Gerrard)
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Demo	*** Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing *** (Les & Chris 10:00 - 13:00 approx)
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	[MM]	Speaker – Fish & Game

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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 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, Jarred Martin.

A blow up Rubber Boat and a set of five Radio's, which can be borrowed by club members, contact Les Ladbrook.

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