

# “Ripples”

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## Editors Choice Tippets

### Save recreational access plea by Fish & Game and Federated Farmers

Federated Farmers and Fish & Game are asking Parliament to ensure proposed health and safety legislation does not lead to restrictions on recreational access to farms and forests.

The Health and Safety in Employment Amendment Bill is presently being considered by the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee, which is due to report back on 24 July.

The bill is aimed at improving safety in all workplaces, including farms, but Federated Farmers and Fish & Game are concerned it will also inadvertently prevent people enjoying farms for recreation.

"We are all for making workplaces safer. New Zealand workers deserve nothing less," said Fish & Game chief executive Bryce Johnson.

"But there are growing fears this bill could put at risk long-cherished access across farms to rivers, lakes and mountains. This could well mean people are unable to go tramping, fishing or hunting, or even have a swim in the local swimming hole on a hot summer's day", Mr Johnson said.

Fish & Game has received numerous reports from outdoors enthusiasts who have been denied recreational access across farms because they believe WorkSafe has told the landowner the law requires everyone, including recreational visitors, to report to the farmhouse for a full hazard briefing and to sign a hazard identification form.

"Farmers are telling Fish & Game staff they have "have had a guts-full" and find it simply easier to deny all recreational access," he said.

"New Zealanders love their outdoor recreation and it would be a disaster if their ability to enjoy the countryside was restricted. However, the unfortunate reality is this bill is creating such a climate of fear that many farmers now think it would just be easier to prevent all access to their properties.

"New Zealanders have a long and proud tradition of enthusiastically enjoying outdoor recreation. Not only is such activity good for the body and soul, but it also plays an important role in bridging the gap between urban and rural communities," he said.

Federated Farmers agrees.

"It would be a disaster if all that recreational and social benefit was suddenly thrown out the window because parliament failed to consider how a desirable and well-intentioned effort to improve workers' safety would unwittingly prevent those same workers relaxing in the outdoors," Federated Farmers' Health and Safety spokesperson Katie Milne said



An exceptionally well tied fly and photograph

*Cover photo : Chris McDonald (front) and Dave Harris, inspecting the river for pre-season conditions.*

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

John Gierach

## Fly tying Competition - July



There were 7 entries for the July competition which was to tie a Orange & Partridge to a Les Ladbrook pattern



The winning fly by popular vote was by Jason Leishman



## September Fly — Red Damsel Dry Fly by Dave Harris

When we were discussing the flies for this year's fly tying Ian Michelson tossed a red damsel fly down on the table and suggested we tie it as one of the competition flies. He assured us that it is irresistible to trout when there are damsels around. Unfortunately he was unable to tell us anything about what it was made of. I had a good look at the fly and clearly the wings were krystal flash and the body was made with CDC with red foam over the top. The body was red metallic braided string but the problem was where to get this. I checked out Spotlight but they didn't have any braided metallic string only spun string and this would unravel immediately if used with one end free. I finally found some on the web and purchased 100m from China. That will make a hell of a lot of damsel flies, so don't buy any. I will send some along to the August meeting for anyone who wants to tie this fly. I will also supply some red 0.5mm foam as I found some of that as well.

Materials: Hook - #14 short straight or grub (I have used Black Magic E14, F14 & G14), Thread - Red, Abdomen - 1mm red metallic braid, Wings - Krystal flash – rainbow sparkle, Dubbing - CDC, Legs - CDC, Wing case - 0.5mm red foam



Run the thread about 6mm down the hook from the eye. This short run is why you can use any hook as there is nothing tied beyond this.



Tie in the red braid abdomen letting it curve up from the hook. It should be about 25 to 30 mm beyond the end of the binding.



Now tie in two lengths of krystal flash on each side of the braid to form the wings. These should be the same length as the braid.



Tie in a strip of red foam about 3mm wide



Then tie in a CDC feather suitable to wind palmer hackle style along the body



Dub the body with CDC and wind the CDC feather forward palmer hackle style



Pull the red foam over the top and tie off behind the eye and whip finish. Now trim the off the CDC that is sticking down and trim the bits sticking out the sides to form the legs..



Gore - Monday 31st August - St James Theatre (7:30-9:30pm)

Gin-Clear Media's Backcountry – South Island is the feature film of the festival. The sequel film to the highly acclaimed Backcountry – North Island, we once again explore the stunning fishing opportunities in the New Zealand backcountry. The South Island has vast tracts of some of the most intact, undisturbed natural areas left on our planet—these last truly wild places deliver beauty and isolation in spades but it is the allure of giant trout in crystal clear water that draws anglers from around the globe to this treasured land. For more information, local show dates, movie trailers etc. visit [www.gin-clear.com](http://www.gin-clear.com)

Buy your tickets online at <http://www.gin-clear.com/filmfest/nzschedule/>

If you are interested in car pooling to go up contact Dave Harris on 032156068 or 0272016722

and he will sort out who goes with who. Txt messages are okay on his cell phone but not voice messages.

## Invercargill Boat Show



Ken Browne talking to visitors to our stand while Chris McDonald helps a member of the public to tie a fly.



## From the President - Report by Dave Harris

I am writing this immediately after the Boat Show at the Stadium. Once again we had a stand there and used this to launch the advertising for next year's Fly Fishing Course. There was a lot of interest in the course and already we have two people who have paid up so that only leaves 14 places. Thanks to Chris, Paul and Ken for their assistance on the stand.

It is not long now to the start of the season so if you still have things to sort out it is time to get on with it before you run out of time. To help you out we will again be holding a Club meeting at the Hunting and Fishing shop. This will be the August meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Come along and see what new stuff they have for the new season. Remember Hunting and Fishing provide a lot of support to the Club so they deserve your patronage. Unfortunately I have another engagement that night so won't be able to make it myself so will have to drop in and see what they have some other time.

The Club calendar was discussed at the August Executive Meeting and should be available shortly on the web site. We have added a couple of extra Lodge trips at the start of November and the end of April. In both cases it will mean Lodge trips on consecutive weekends but I don't see that being a problem. We have also programmed a Lodge working bee for September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will sort out what needs to be done and transport at the August Meeting. If the weather looks right some of may stay on and go to Mavora the next day so it should make for a good weekend. There will also be a Club trip to Te Waewae Lagoon on September 13<sup>th</sup>, meeting up at Fish and Game at 9:00am.

In the meantime keep tying those flies for next season and getting all the other gear sorted. Don't forget your reel needs a good clean up and some lubrication.

## AGM Presentations - 2014/2015 Season



Dave Harris (right) won the Arthur Gorton Memorial Fly Tying award. This is a first for Dave.



Johnny Mauchline won the Allan White Trophy Heaviest Rainbow, Presidents Trophy Heaviest Brown, Masters Cup Best Total and the Bill Brown Trophy Best Condition Factor

## August Fly - Spotlight Fly by John Day



Once again John has picked out the materials for the Spotlight Fly. John handed the envelopes out at the AGM.

Tiers have to come up with any design using 5 materials from the list.

## UK fishing trip report 3 by Ian Michelson



Club member Ian Michelson is now on his way home from England to Australia. Ian said "not a fish in sight for a fortnight and nothing of consequence prior to that. In many ways I had seriously had Enough of UK fishing".

Photo: Gore Avon in England

## Name This Stream Competition


One correct answer last month by John Morwood. John correctly identified the Mokoreta and wins a \$40 Hunting & Fishing voucher. So again this months photo is 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 \$10 Hunting & 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.





## Coming Events

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

- 25<sup>th</sup> Aug [MM] Meeting to be at Hunting & Fishing  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept (CM) Fly tying  
5<sup>th</sup> Sept Demo Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept  **Club Trip (winter)** Fish & Game 9:00am  
19/20<sup>th</sup> Sept Lodge Working Bee at the lodge

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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 (as listed above)

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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