

"Ripples"

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Editors Choice Tippets



Federated Farmers promote irrigation projects

Water will need to play a big part if the Government's plan to double agriculture's value to \$60 billion by 2025 is to be successful, Federated Farmers president Bruce Wills says.

New Zealand had plenty of water, but in many areas there was not enough water at the right time of the year.

To solve this the building of water storage facilities must be encouraged, he said.

"If farmers are going to meet the Government's growth agenda of doubling agricultural receipts then water must form an integral part of this success," said Wills.

Wills said he was encouraged by the Ruataniwha water proposal in Hawke's Bay, but concerned this was the first large water storage project in the last 30 years.

Wills said he was further encouraged by the Government's efforts to ensure it was not another 30 years before another viable irrigation proposal materialised.

Previously, planning requirements had made it difficult for large scale water storage projects to proceed.

Wills said water would keep flowing to minimum standard in a drought and this would be better for fish and for flushing out the river of phosphate problems from urban centres.

"It's not agricultural stuff and it means we can keep the water level and improve management of phosphate in the water system and concentrations will be reduced and not harmful to fish and algae life."

Fly Tying bargains



Steve Gerard from Flyshop has dubbing material on special as he is quite overstocked with a number of fly tying products so that's good news if you enjoy fly tying as he's knocked up to 50% off many of his dubbing materials.

Check out <http://www.flyshop.co.nz>



Around the Club

Heard from a source that big trout have been feeding in the backwaters after the recent spate in the river.

I have spied plenty of spawning fish in the tiny wee streams and culverts on the way to and from work in the back roads to Invercargill.



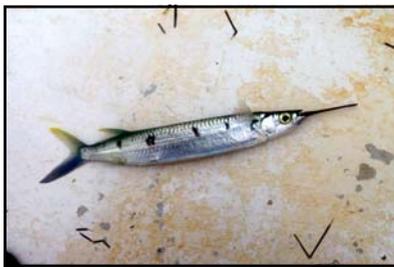
An exceptional fly and very well photographed

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

John Gierach

Fiji Report from Redtag

I was lucky enough to spend 9 days in Fiji recently and got a bit of fishing in. No major catches trolling out on the reefs with not much bait or birds working. In the lagoon we hooked up some mackerel and garfish on lures. Great to get away to tropical climes and do some different fishing.



Presidents Report 2013 by Dave Harris

Another season of fishing is over. Hopefully you all managed to spend plenty of time on the river or lake and caught plenty of fish.

As is usual for Southland there were some difficult conditions to deal with. There were also some good days that provided good fishing conditions. There was a big variation in river flows, from high flood to drought conditions.

Again this year we held a fly fishing course with our usual tutor Mike Weddell from Mosgiel. This year we had sponsorship from Allan White Sports, Invercargill Hunting & Fishing and Manic Tackle. The course was again over subscribed. The weather was somewhat better than some years and the Sunday on the river was not too bad but fish seemed to be a bit elusive. I hope those who took part enjoyed the course and have continued on with their fly fishing. Feedback on the course was positive as usual.

Still on the teaching theme we held our usual casting day at Queens Park just prior to the season opening. Unfortunately the turn out of public was not as great as it could have been. We also ran a 4 day course for a group of 8 Venturers and their leader from Venture South 2013. They were based at Balfour for the course allowing our members to use the lodge. Quite how we managed to fit it in between two flood events, I don't know but the day after the course finished the Oreti River at Lumsden was at 900 cumecs. I do know they enjoyed their course and it was a pleasure to deal with these young ladies and gentlemen.

Chris McDonald continued with his duties as Secretary/Treasurer, doing a good job as usual.

Rick Gerrard continued as custodian for the Lodge and has ensured it is up to scratch. Weather conditions have prevented the fitting of the new roof and this still remains to be done. Unfortunately there now seems to be an annual invasion of cluster flies and this looks likely to continue to be a problem in the future. The Lodge was well used during the season with good patronage throughout the season. The club weekend trips could have been better supported but several members had some good fishing while on these trips.



Johnny Mauchline continued as editor for the Ripples this year with assistance from Les Ladbrook. Les 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. Jarred Martin took over as Librarian.

The Club competitions attracted a little less interest than previous years with a reduced number of fish entered and only three people put in cards every month. The number of big fish was up and the size of the biggest was impressive, a huge 20lb rainbow. Simon Budd's weekend competition was held again this year and attracted about the usual number of members. The fly tying competition attracted about the normal number of entries and was not dominated by any one member as has sometimes been the case in the past and we had a different winner every month but no one managed a fly every month. Again the junior trophy will be awarded this year and there was a bit more competition in this area. It is great to see a junior taking third in the fly tying competition. We again had a three class, one night photo competition at the June Monthly meeting. A good number of photos were entered. Congratulations to those who took out the trophies this year in the annual competitions, Simon's competition and the photo competition.

There was some change to our sponsorship arrangements as a result of Alan White Sports relinquishing the Hunting & Fishing franchise and a new Invercargill Hunting & Fishing store taking over the Hamills premises. The new store is keen to work with us and have taken on both competitions that were sponsored by Allan Whites as well as the photo competition that was sponsored by Hamills. I would like to thank David White for his long term sponsorship in the past and wish him luck with his changed focus. I would also like to thank Mike and Gerald from Hunting & Fishing for coming on board with their support.

Presidents Report—continued

Unfortunately the Club day trips were again poorly supported although again we had an encouraging number of juniors on these trips. Those who did go on the Club trips enjoyed themselves and caught fish in all sorts of conditions.

Annual Competitions 2012-2013

We had fly tying days in August and June. These attracted about the usual support but there was room for plenty more. Those who attended the fly tying managed to tie a good number of flies including most of those required for next year's fishing courses. The annual Club dinner that followed the June fly tying day with the usual participants and those who attended enjoyed their dinner and exchange of gifts.

The Club again 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, Johnny Mauchline for keeping us all informed with his excellent newsletter, Les Ladbrook for looking after the web site, Rick Gerrard for looking after the Lodge and Jarred Martin for managing the library. Thanks also to all the other committee members for their support during the year and to the members who helped out on the fishing course.

Last I would like to thank our sponsors – Allan White Sports, Corys Electrical, Invercargill Hunting & Fishing, Manic Tackle and EIS.

Dave Harris

President 2012-2013.

Fly Tying

Entries in the fly tying competition were very similar last year. We had on average 9 people who entered the competition including one junior but nobody managed a fly every month. As usual there were some fine flies produced by the members. This year we had a different winner every night. The final tally was reasonably close with only four points between first and second and only two more back to third.

Fish Competition

Fish numbers entered in the last season's fish competition were down on the last year with a total of 68 fish entered, 61 browns and 7 rainbows. There were 16 fish over 5lb this season and another 4 fish of 5lb. These fish were 16 browns and 4 rainbows. The fish came from the Upper Oreti, Oreti, Wairaki (2), Borland, Spey River, Von River, Central Otago (2), Waiau (North Cant), Poolburn (3), Mataura, North Etal Creek and a Mataura tributary. They were caught on stonefly (2), bead head pheasant tail, copper john, hare & copper (2), royal wulff (2), blowfly (2), adams, cicada(2), stimulator, black nymph and an unnamed nymph.

Only four members entered a fish every month and this was one up on last year. The winner's total was again this year at 44¼ lbs with second and third a little way down. The winner's fish came from the Mataura (3), Von River, Central Otago, the Waimea, and the Oreti River. Flies used were blowfly (2), stonefly, pheasant tail, emerger, grey parachute and a para dun.

The heaviest brown was a bit lighter than last year at 8½lb with second close behind at 8 lbs. The best rainbow was an unbelievable 20lbs. Best condition factor was also well down on previous years at 55.52 and was a brown from the Mataura River.

The big fish were caught all through the season this year although there were more caught in the middle months especially February when 7 were caught.

Junior Angler

We had a number of juniors who took part in Club events and competitions this year for the first time for a number of years. The Junior Trophy is awarded to an angler who entered both the fishing and tying competitions as well as taking part in a number of Club activities.

**“Parents don't take photos of their kids playing video games”
- Take them Fishing -**



Photo Competition.

For the second year we had a one night photo competition at the June monthly meeting. Members could enter up to two photos in each of three classes, trophy, scenic and action. This attracted a good number of entries and winners were decided by member votes.

Annual Club Photo Competition

34 photos from the photo competition are at Hunting & Fishing on boards with the winners. If you get the chance drop in and view the display. This months cover photo is the winner of the Scenic section. A view of the Borland by Les Ladbrook.

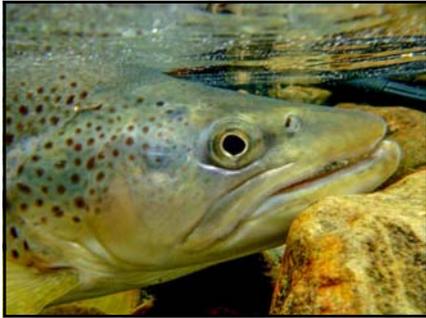


No doubt as to the Trophy section winner. Linz Withington's magnificent 20lb rainbow from the Von River.



Action section winner was by Johnny Mauchline of a brown hooked up on the Pomahaka River

A selection of other entries in the competition

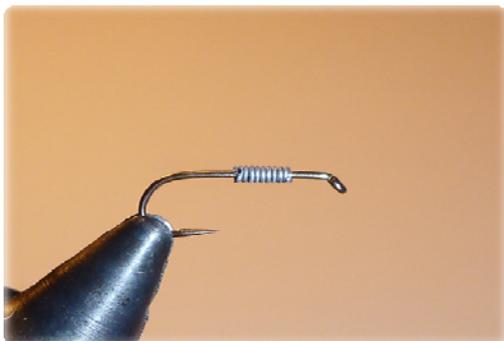


Fly of the month—Zugbug by Rick Gerrard

I had this fly picked out some time ago when I knew I was to provide something for the August “Ripples”. Like a lot of things lately, I left it till the last minute and a reminder from Les, before I sat down at the vice to try my hand.

The Zugbug was invented in the 30s by Cliff Zug of Pennsylvania, as a caddis fly imitation and is rated in the top 10 nymph patterns in the United States, (Google said so...), and to me looks fishy enough to warrant a try on our local waters.

Hook: B16, Thread: Black, Weight: Lead if desired, (helps with body shape) Underbody: Dark Dubbing, Tail: Peacock Sword, Rib: Silver Wire, Collar: Brown Hen Neck, (or in my case something I found in my scraps...) Wing-case: Dyed Mallard Flank



[Step 1] Wind on the desired wraps of lead, leaving a bit of room at the front of the shank behind the eye



[Step 2] Trap the lead with the thread and make tapered stops at each end of the lead as shown.



[Step 3] Dub a tapered under body as shown, this helps shape the peacock over body, (don't forget to keep the space behind the eye clear) then take the thread to the rear.



[Step 4] Select 4 or 5 Peacock swords / herls and tie in to form a tail, length just short of a shank length. Wrap forward and trim off the excess.



[Step 5] Tie in silver wire, wrapping back to tail, return the thread to the front of the under body.



[Step 6] Tie in 4 or 5 Peacock swords / herl, (I used left overs from tail), at the front of under body and wrap tightly back to tail. Return the thread to front of under body.



[Step 7] Wrap the herl forward and tie off about an eye length behind the eye. Clip off excess.



[Step 8] Spiral the wire rib forward and tie off. Make a tapered thread base from behind the eye to the front of the body. Tie in neck feather, (or similar), with the inside of feather facing the body. Fold the feather fibres to the backside of the stem in preparation for the collar. Wrap the feather a couple of times to achieve the desired effect and tie off just behind the eye. Sweep the hackle back against the body and put a few wraps around the hackle to hold feather fibres in a swept back position. (Sorry about the lack of photos through this part, but I was so engrossed in what I was doing and forgot...)



[Step 9] Strip the fibres from the mallard feather and tie in as shown. Clip the mallard stem and build a short head to cover the stub. Whip finish and clip thread.



[Step 10] Clip the mallard feather straight across at the midway point along the shank. Add a coat or two of cement to the head and you're done. **Note:** Be careful to maintain a space behind the eye early on and minimise the number of wraps behind the eye to avoid an excessively large head, (like I did on this one...)



Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at Fish & Game on Tuesday 30 August. All members are welcome to attend. If you have an item for the agenda contact the Club Secretary. Committee members please bring a plate for supper afterwards.

Fly Tying Day

There will be another Fly Tying day on Saturday 2nd Aug from 9am to 4pm at Fish & Game. We welcome member's and non-members to come and join in and share their tying tips and tricks, or just to learn

Subscriptions

Subs for 2013-2014 are now due. When you pay your sub, you will get a card designed by Les Ladbrook that identifies you as a current member of the club, and this card entitles you to 10% discount at H&F when you present it.

August Monthly Meeting

The **27th August meeting will be held at our major sponsors Hunting & Fishing at 7:30pm**, a good chance to have a look around the shop and purchase those necessary items before the start of the season, don't forget to bring your discount card.



*Southland Fly
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Expires - 30 June 2014

Member : _____

Signed: _____

Secretary

Fly tying competition

A good effort from members for the May Competition fly which is a beetle pattern that Chris McDonald developed from a David Murray-Orr pattern. Chris assures us that it has had great success on the Mataura. Chris and Dave Harris both got 3 votes each so shared the honours with the rest of the votes spread across all the other flies.



Dave Harris



Chris McDonald

Name This Stream Competition

Last months photo of a stream brought no correct response. So it will carry over this month. A clue is "a drive towards Gore" would help you to get to this River, and it is also a river mentioned in the photos section of the newsletter

Answers by email only please to 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.



Coming Events

30th July	[AGM]	Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
3rd August		Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am
6th August	(CM)	Arranging the calendar for the next season
10-11th August		Club day out,
27th August	[MM]	Invercargill HUNTING & FISHING

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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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