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August Fly Competition Winner—Dave Harris

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[Fish and Game introduces new fishing licences for non-residents](#)

Fish & Game New Zealand is launching new licences for overseas anglers who visit the country to fish for longer than a day or so.

The non-resident season licence (NRL) will cost \$160 – a third more than Kiwis pay.

The new licence is aimed in particular at the dedicated overseas angler who comes to New Zealand to fish for trout intensively for days, if not weeks.

Non-resident licences will go on sale from Thursday August 21, 2014, and must be purchased by any visitor from another country who wants to fish for trout for an extended period. 24-hour licences will still be available to them, but they'll no longer be eligible for NZ adult whole season, family or winter licences.

If a non-resident is caught angling using anything other than an NRL or a 24-hour licence, they will be treated in the same way as an un-licensed angler. Prosecution could follow.

Fish & Game CEO Bryce Johnson says the non-resident licence has been introduced to ensure that such anglers pay their "fair share" towards the management of our fisheries.

"Non-residents have been getting a bargain - the benefit of a fishery they haven't really paid for – compared with the Kiwi angler who has contributed to the ongoing management of fisheries both through fishing licence fees and taxes.

"Resident anglers who've bought licences over a number of years feel they've made a substantial and consistent contribution to the management of the fishery.

"They also make contributions over time through taxes and council rates to environmental research, freshwater ecosystem management, monitoring and public access."

Mr Johnson says that up until now overseas anglers, who put pressure on New Zealand's fragile back country fisheries, have had access to our world-class fisheries without really contributing to fishery management, or habitat protection such as Water Conservation Orders.

"So it's not surprising that New Zealand anglers are really supportive of the increased fee for non-resident anglers."

The additional revenue gained from the non-resident licence is ring-fenced to be used on back country fisheries – which are favoured by non-resident anglers.

Mr Johnson says the management of world-class back country fisheries is expensive, and issues such as crowding on some of these waters needs to be managed carefully to maintain the experience and the country's reputation as an angling destination.

"All we're doing now is bringing New Zealand in line with countries like the U.S. We are not penalising this group – we're certain they'll still find our trout fishing and outdoor experience excellent value for money."

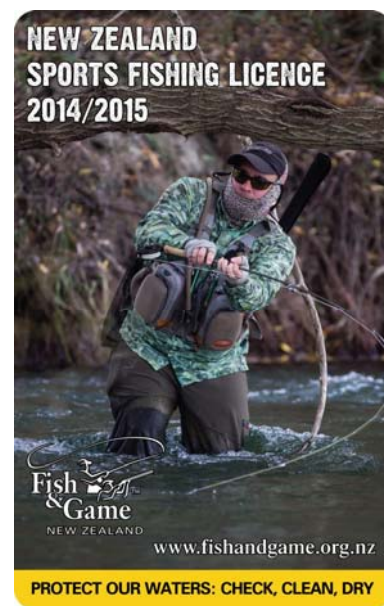
Mr Johnson notes that the new licences won't impact on the tourist who plans a casual day's fishing – as noted they will still be able to buy a 24-hour licence at no extra cost.

Around the Club

The club manned a stand at the Boat Show, back this year after 5 years away with no stadium to hold it in.

There was good interest at the fly tying table.

On the 6th of Sept, Ken McKellar and Les Ladbrook tied flies in Hunting & Fishing. There was good interest in our fly fishing course for 2015. It was also a good opportunity to give something back to the club sponsors, by doing this in their shop.



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

John Gierach

Johnny's Report from Scotland

It's Autumn in Scotland and the trout are fat after feeding intensely through the long summer days. I have been river and burn fishing with my father catching plenty of wild brownies of up to 1lb freely rising to dry flies especially wee size 18 Adams and dad's favourites. We also caught some dace on dries on the Endrick river near Loch Lomond. Permit for the day for 6 miles of river fishing for salmon, sea trout and brown trout was 6 pounds. Dad lost a good fish of 5 lb or so possibly a grilse or sea trout.



Jason Leishman & Chris McDonald



Te Wae Wae 6 September

When you know you can't make the club trip the best thing to do is go the week before. Chris and Jason headed out to Te Wae Wae lagoon last weekend. Jason had never been there before and it had been a while between visits for Chris.

They arrived just before a very high tide. The water was discoloured but the weather was calm. Pity that didn't last long as the wind soon came up making casting very difficult. Chris missed a take in the inlet close to the car park and that was it for quite a while. Due to the wind the best approach was to head down to the Holly Burn and fish back with the wind behind us. The white baiters at the Holly Burn had caught nothing. Not so the guys who were fishing the Holly Burn. They had a trout each. Bit of a query there as I thought the Holly Burn was closed. They advised that according to a Fish & Game staff member was open up to the bridge.

Jason waded out in the shallows to fish with the wind behind him. Jason was on the course earlier in the year and has started tying his own flies so he was very happy to see a good fish have a go at

the large bling lure he had tied. Not so happy that it didn't hook up and vacated the area after it spotted him. He wasn't upset for too long as he was soon attached to a small rainbow that didn't want to be landed. All smiles as it was Jason's first fish on a fly he had tied himself.

After a late lunch it was over the cliff and further up the lagoon. Not as easy to wade and cast there so they didn't stay long but Chris managed to spot and land a skinny brown trout.

The weather has been pretty settled since last week so hopefully the water will be clear for those who get out on the club trip

Chris

August Boat Trip to Lake Mavora



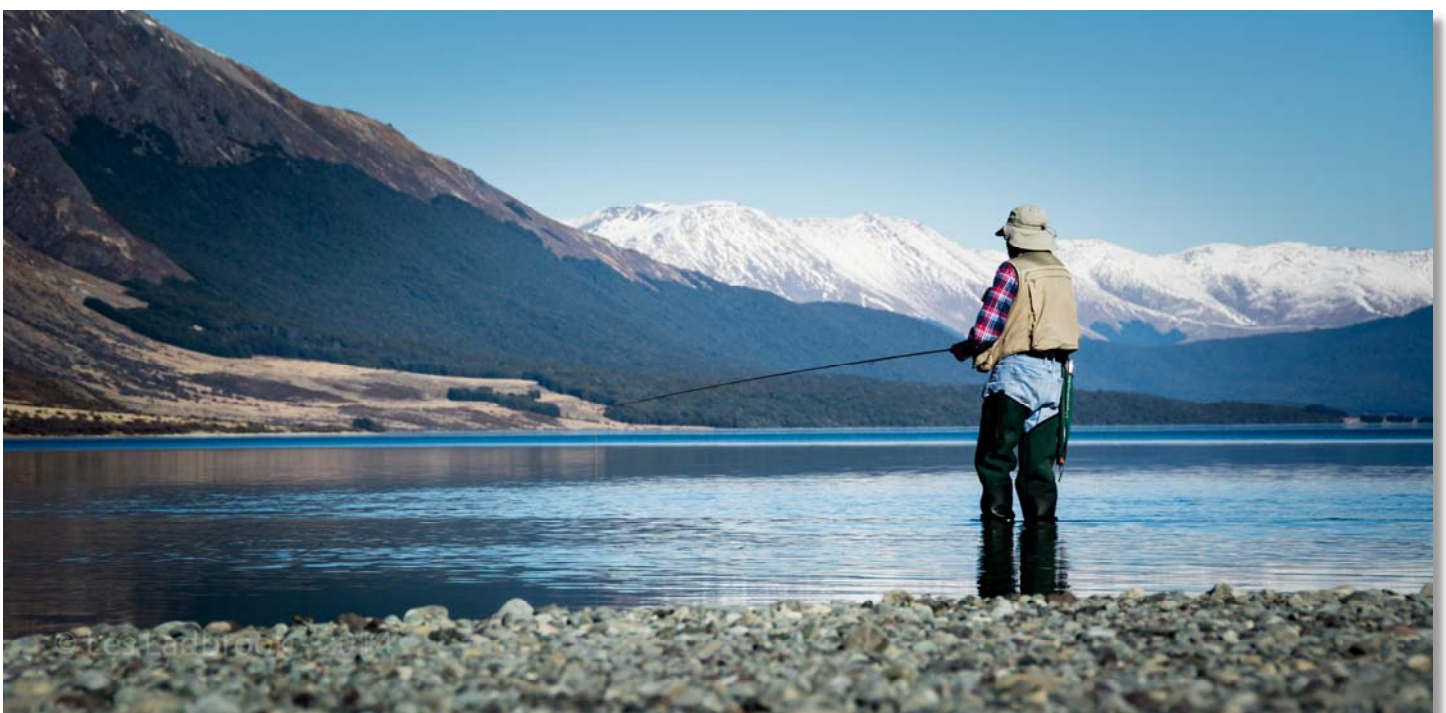
07:30am 30th August, Les Ladbrook and Josh Moore arrived at Dave Harris home where we packed our gear into his boat for a winter trip to Lake Mavora, staying in Carey's hut, as the weather turned out it was more like a spring trip.

We arrived at Lake Mavora and launched the boat in the Lake, with a calmness on the water like I have never seen on Lake Mavora before, this was to be for the weekend. We arrived at Carey's hut 11am, unpacked the boat and settled in.

It was close enough for lunch, so we relaxed and lunch was prepared and dispatched.

After lunch we headed around to the top of the lake where the river comes in to fish the edges and the drop off. As you can see from the photo above we prepared to park the boat in atrocious weather conditions.

The drop off was fished, but not a rainbow in sight or touched, not a good sign. Les was having problems with his casting arm, so decided to give it a bit of a go casting with the left arm, the casts were so-so, while Josh and Dave continued at the drop off. Being such good weather Les soon gave up the casting and took up the camera for a while, Dave



August Boat Trip cont/...

headed off around the flats towards the top of the lake.

He managed to harass a couple of browns and land them, scaring a couple of others, or maybe they were just plain not interested, who knows at this time of year, they may have just come back from spawning.

Eventually heading back to the hut, it was cooling off, Dave lit the fire (chief fire warden for the night). Tea consisted of a very special recipe, sausages, and, and, and, all cooked in one pot, it did the job, filled a whole in our stomachs.

Around 10pm vehicle lights were spotted coming up the lake, could someone be coming to the hut at this hour? Yes, they were, two vehicles of people (crazy people we think doing that track at night, who knows what could happen miles from anywhere). They stopped in to see us, but headed up to boundary hut for the night.

That evening Les and Josh had planned some night photography of the Milky Way. The darkness of the sky and the number stars and clarity is to be seen to be believed, you see double the amount of stars you would see in town. Then there was the excitement around midnight, we managed to capture and aurora as well, popping over the tops of the hills, oh if only we could be helicoptered to the tops of those hills and seen all of the magical display, but we were very happy. There was frost on the ground by the time we entered our sleeping bags, we slept well, thanks to Dave's fire and not a mouse was seen or heard all night.

Next morning we met last night's visitors again after breakfast, heading out. After coming down the step drop by Carey's hut they stopped, a little boy gets out of the truck "Dad there's air coming out of the tyre", cant be said dad.

Sure enough they had a puncture in the left rear of their low profile road tyres, on a Range Rover.

We had a report from some bikers we met, that a vehicle fitting the same description was seen to be jacked up with the same wheel off much farther down the track, could the spare have gone flat as well?.

Then for a brisk walk up the track for some photo opportunities An hour or so later back at the hut, it was time for a morning fish, again the weather was a delight, the fishing not quite the same, Dave managed another fish (we wont mention that Dave had a spotter for some of his fish).

Lunch back at the hut, Mary's bacon and egg pie, nothing left for the mice.

Another fish in the afternoon failed to produce any more fish, soon it was back to the hut, pack up and head back down the lake, then the 2 hour drive home. Did we enjoy the weekend, you betcha, just being there is "wonderful" in the winter, and a fish or two is a bonus, but the views can be spectacular.

Thanks to Dave for his boat, without that we probably wouldn't go, it cuts what is about an hour trip by 4 wheel drive up the side of the lake into a trip of about 15 minutes up the lake by boat.

Fiblet



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August Trips to Mavora

Most years over the last few years I have managed a winter trip to Mavora Lakes. Sometimes a day trip but usually an overnight trip, staying at Careys Hut at the top of the north lake. This year I managed both but was a bit later than usual. The first trip was a Sunday day trip to the South Lake with Jason. The weather forecast was good but not as good as the weather. It was perfect with lots of sunshine and very little wind. We had a good day with a number of browns spotted and fished to but only one take and that didn't hook up. However later in the day we found some little rainbows rushing around and landed one each.

The following weekend I took Les and Josh up to stay overnight at Careys Hut. This was to be the first trip away with the boat since I bought a new wagon and wasn't sure how it would go. The Suzuki has replaced the Jeep which is smaller and is only a 2.4 litre four cylinder instead of a 4.7 litre V8. Fortunately I checked things out on the Friday before we went as the safety chain was not long enough to reach. I had expected this but had time to sort something out and was ready to first thing Saturday.

No problems towing and before long we were stopped at the Mavora turnoff to allow Les and Josh to take some photos. Once up to the North Lake we soon had the boat in the water and ready to go. It was about this time Josh realised he didn't know where his phone was. He thought he may have dropped it when he was taking photos. We would have a look on the way home.

With three people and gear on board the boat was a little reluctant to get up on the plane but we were soon heading up the lake in perfect weather conditions. I was a bit concerned about how many people there would be at the hut as there was another boat trailer at the ramp. However this was soon spotted on the shore at the West Burn Hut and there was nobody at Careys when we got there. We unloaded the gear, set up the generator and lights and then Les cooked us some lunch.

After lunch it was time to head out fishing so we took the boat across to the river mouth to try our luck. There did not seem to be any rainbows at the river mouth so I went for walk around the lakeshore and soon found some browns that were moving around. It was not long before I had one in the net but the others were not so keen. The absolutely flat water was not helping with the fly line sending out a lot of ripples and shadows. I then headed back to the river mouth as I was sure there should have been some rainbows there. Meanwhile Les was having trouble with his shoulder and had decided to use a spinning rod instead of a fly rod but was not having any luck with that either. Josh had not touched a fish either. The other two decided they would be better off taking photos so put their rods away. Soon they spotted a couple of fish from where they were up a bank beside the lake. I responded to their calls and soon landed another fish. I then went back to the mouth again and finally hooked into a rainbow. It seemed to be the only one there. The others may have headed up the river with reproduction on their minds.

We headed back over to the hut where I lit the fire and Les put dinner on. We were sitting around after dinner when two vehicles were spotted coming up the lake in the dark. Eventually they arrived at the hut but decided to head on to Boundary hut for the night. One had a little difficulty getting up the steep climb out of the creek next to the hut but made it second attempt. Once the moon had disappeared Les and Josh went out in the cold to take photos. Eventually they decided that they wanted more darkness so I turned the generator off and went to bed, leaving them out in the cold. At some stage they must have come in as they were in their bunks the following morning.

Sunday dawned clear, calm, sunny and cold. The two vehicles from the night before soon came back out but one of them had tyre trouble. They were busy sorting it out when we went for a walk but I am not surprised he had trouble as he was on low profile road tyres that are not designed for going off road at all. When we returned they were gone and we soon had other visitors, four motorcyclists. They had passed a 4WD with one wheel removed on the way in so it looks like the tyre problems continued. Fishing plan was the same as Saturday but nothing was landed. I managed to spook a number of browns once again in very smooth water.

Eventually it was time to head home with a stop planned to try and find Josh's phone. No problems heading down the lake and getting the boat back on the trailer. We stopped to search for the phone and it was found – in the car. The trip home was uneventful and the boat was soon unloaded and the others headed home. It had been a good weekend in fine sunny weather. I don't think I have ever been to Mavora when there has been so little wind. We had had a great weekend and I'm sure the others got some great photos.

Dave



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What is that Fly?

I have been tying a few flies lately, with the two fly tying days and also tying at the Boat Show.

My tying has been flies that I need for next season. A few nymphs in several different patterns and the following dry's; Brown Beetles (David Murray-Orrs pattern), Royal Wulffs (but not in public), Parachute Adams, Klinkhammers and Emergers using aero dry wing instead of CDC.

I started thinking about what I was tying. One of the flies was a Parachute Adams – or was it. I have looked up several places to try and determine what the pattern actually should be. Let's look at what I found.

Tail: moose hair, grizzle hackles, brown hackles, pheasant tail or synthetic fibres

Body: muskrat, rabbit, superfine dubbing (in several colours), brown dyed mink

Post: calf hair or white poly yarn

Hackle: brown and grizzle mixed, grizzle or brown hackle.

Thread: black, grey or brown.

Every recipe I looked at was different but which is actually a parachute adams and what are all the others?

My normal tie is synthetic fibre tail (pale grey), adams grey superfine dubbing, white poly yarn, grizzle hackle and black thread. I have tied a few with both grizzle and brown hackles and actually like this but it is quite fiddly on a #16. I have also tried the moose hair tail but I am not so sure about that as it looks quite heavy.

So what I have is a grey parachute dry that catches fish. It doesn't actually matter what I call it and even if I name it correctly you will probably tie it differently. Hopefully you will also catch fish with your version.

The same applies to all the flies we tie. Most a variations on the original tie but still work.

Dave

Future Rivers

[Future Rivers](#) established in 2013, is a website that is promoting taking care of our recreational opportunities both now and for the future, if you care about what is happening to your area, then take a look at this very worthwhile site.

Steve Gerard (Flyshop.co.nz) and Fraser Chirnside are trustees of the funding for projects.

Future Rivers provides funding for projects to preserve and enhance our outdoor recreation industry, projects that make a long term difference – for things that may otherwise not get done. Sponsorship funds are held in a Trust and are allocated on a case by case basis.

Types of projects Future Rivers typically manage sponsorship for can include:

• **Access** • **Public Awareness** • **Environmental Litigation** • **Wetland development** • **Ecological Tourism** • **Stream fencing / weed control** • **Riparian planting** • **Research** • **Education**



From the President

Before starting this I decided to read what I had written last year. I have resisted the temptation to just use the same article but the theme is similar.

The new season is just around the corner so are you prepared and have you started planning your trips.

My gear is pretty well ready to go.

I have done a bit of work on my number one rod. It has a new cork handle fitted and a new tip ring. I never liked the original as I felt it was too small for me and while it looked good when I fitted it, the filler in the cork had all come out and it didn't look that good. I have made up the new handle from high quality corks rings I imported from Portugal (where the cork oaks grow). It is larger in diameter and has no filler to fall out. It has had a couple of spring outings and I like the result.

I have tied quite a few flies so will not be short of what I need at opening and I have some new Shakespeare Worcester braided leaders to try. I used to use Airflo braided leaders many years ago but these disappeared off the market when they started producing poly leaders. My memories of these is good so it will be interesting to see how they go.

Boots, pack, vest etc will be the ones I used last year. Boots are a bit of a worry. I am keen to buy a new pair of wading boots but none of them fit me well enough. They are all very wide fitting (I have narrow feet) and with no half sizes, can't find anything that is suitable. I want something that only requires one pair of socks and that I don't slide around in.

Now all I need is to plan some trips.

Opening day I won't plan until the night before other than finding someone to go with, the first weekend is a Lodge trip so we will decide each day where to go. High country opening is a Saturday this year so will also be a Lodge trip. My feeling is that the Von River, our usual destination for November 1, will be overcrowded so I will probably start in the Te Anau basin where there might be a few less people.

After that I have 10 days at Te Anau later in November but at this stage I am not sure I have someone to come with me. Cole is keen to come from Canada but is not sure he will be able to get away in time. I will have to see what happens. I still have some trips to plan in February as once again I will be on holiday for the whole month. Lots of places are tempting – Mavora, Greenstone, St James (Waiau), maybe somewhere I haven't fished before.

Get your gear ready, get a pass to go and get out and catch some fish.

Dave

Name This Stream Competition

The results of the last photo contest will be reported in the next Ripples when Johnny gets back from overseas.

This months photo is again by Les Ladbrook. Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$10 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.



Please Note: Our meeting for September is at Hunting & Fishing - 23rd.



New Products at Hunting & Fishing

Every angler puts a lot of thought into what he or she brings to the water. The crew at Loon believe it is equally important to think about what is left there.

That is what fishing with a conscience is all about; ascribing value to the health of the water we fish. They develop their products with these values in mind and make sure they are safe for fish, fisheries, and fishermen, without ever compromising quality or performance.

By offering reusable and biodegradable weights and indicators Loon make sure lost tackle doesn't harm wildlife. All floatants, sinkets and cleaners are solvent-free and consist of water-soluble components that perform without polluting the water. And their tying paints, cements and wax are non-toxic and odourless, to keep tying benches free from harmful fumes.

Loon Outdoors will continue to develop products that help anglers protect the water they love while they are doing what they love.

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Fly Tying Equipment



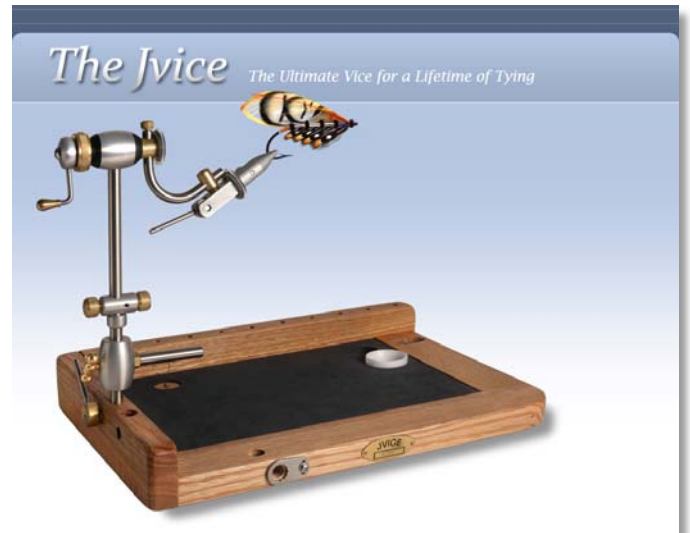
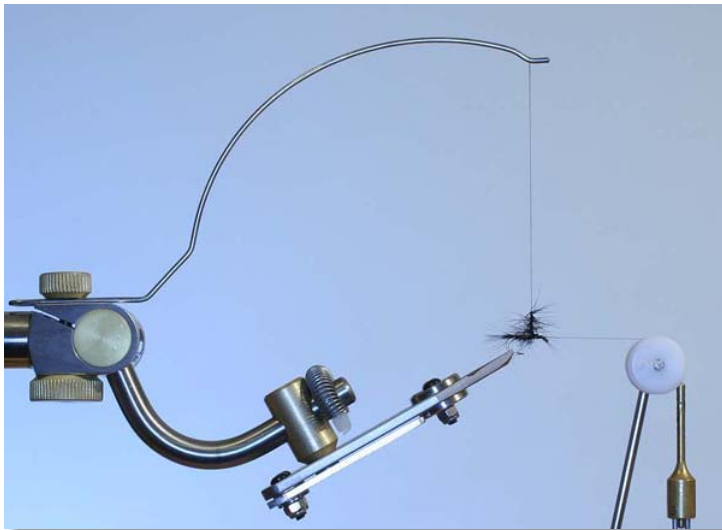
Recently an interesting piece of equipment was brought to the club, it was a small fly tying vice (left) you would consider as something you would take with you on a fishing trip, to be able to tie the odd fly if you needed to.

This interesting little vice is made by J-VICE, superbly cut out and so simple in design it looks very well made and a practical design as well.

It measures just under 13cm high and was very little, could almost fit in your pocket, certainly fit in your fishing bag. All it needs is a way of securing it to a surface by way of a couple of screws, it could be mounted on a small base.

Very interesting and innovative product design and accessories, well worth going to the website and taking a look.

Take a look at the website www.Jvice.com



Casting Day for the Public and club members

Sunday 28th Sept, Queens Park Cricket Ground - 1pm to 3pm approx.

Public are welcome to come and have some casting practice and tuition.

Iron out the technique for opening day, no charge!

All that is required is "you" and if you have a fly rod, reel and line, bring it

Reminder:

Those people who are intending to travel to the Film Festival in Gore on Wednesday evening and would like to share transport, need to have rung Les on 027-283-8894 by Monday evening.

Coming Events

(MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

20th Sept	Demo	*** Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing ***
23rd Sept	[MM]	Meeting to be at Hunting & Fishing
28th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park cricket ground 1pm
1st Oct		Opening Day (Wednesday)
4/5th Oct		Lodge Trip [Weekend at the Lodge]
7th Oct	(CM)	Fishing Stories & Fly Tying
12th Oct		Club Day Trip meet at Fish & Game – 7am
27th Oct		Labour Day

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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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