

"Ripples"

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Editors Choice Tippets

SP Sunny Fly Fishing Shirt

I can personally vouch for the quality of this shirt. Top quality Japanese design. Really strong and tough for all season fishing.

Best shirt ever!

Available from ipresents.com



Cover Photo: Johnny Mauchline



Excellent fly and photograph by Wlodzimierz Janowicz

AROUND THE CLUB

Some overseas anglers have been around the Mataura lately in particular Mike from England and Yuji from Japan who were both given local flies and tips from two club members.

For all you Facebookers our club FB page achieved 500 likes on the 19th April. A milestone of sorts I reckon.

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

John Gierach

Fishing Report by Redtag



I was away overseas for most of the month so I didn't get a lot of fishing in locally however reports from fellow fly fishers have been good with visiting anglers from England and Japan being very happy with the results they got on our local river. Both were given instruction, flies and techniques as well as best times and locations of hatches on the river.

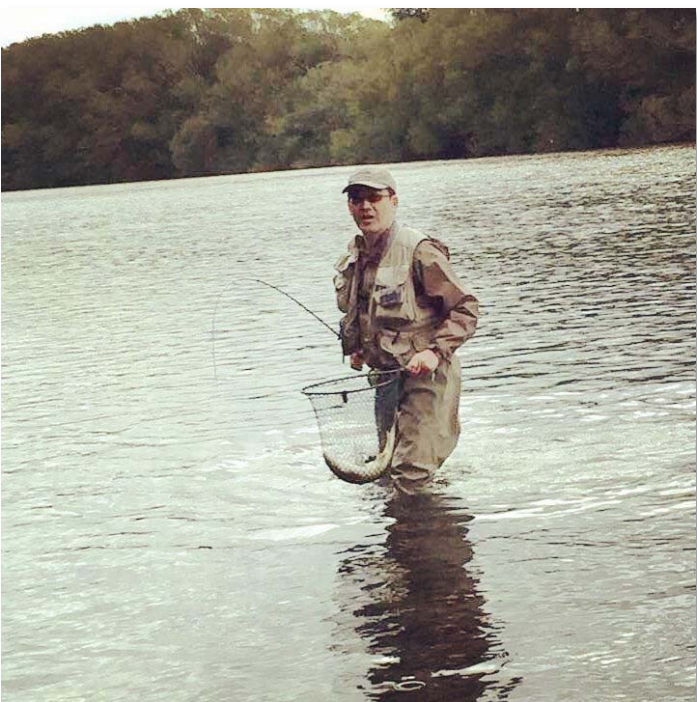
Local fishing identities have confirmed that there is a small run of Chinook Salmon in the river. I saw one jump right out of the water at a good lie in the corner pool.

Speaking of Salmon, when I was in Scotland recently I spent a day on the Tay at the Murthly 2 beat near Dunkeld fishing with my father who is 86 years old. We had a fantastic day in exceptionally beautiful surroundings and were well catered for by the Ghillie, Tony Black.

Dad spent most of the time in the boat fishing traditional Harling style while I kept to the banks of the pools. Water level was at a good height and clear and there was a fair bit of cloud cover so we were very lucky with the conditions. To top it all off Dad caught a splendid 16 pound fresh run Atlantic Salmon still with sea lice attached.

Yuji Sugiyama from Japan had a great time on the river and even though he remarked initially that the fish were difficult he soon got into the swing of it when he was given the secret fly! If only it could always be like that. Certainly the fish are difficult at present and are ultra selective like you wouldn't believe but that's all part of the mystery and challenge.

Tight lines!



Keep Fish Wet for Photographs by Taylorcreek, Aspen, Colorado



There's a movement afoot in the fly fishing world — and it's a terrific one.

Whether you fish or not, you're familiar with the classic photo of a fisherman (or woman) and their catch, holding the fish proudly out of the water, smiling for the camera. We all have those pictures hanging on our walls (including social media walls), myself included. The problem with these shots is that more often than not these proudly held fish get dropped on the bank or the bottom of the boat either before, during or after the picture is taken. This isn't doing the fish any favours.

"Keep 'em wet" photographs are the way of the future for fly fishing. There is far too much over handling of fish these days, keeping fish out of water for endless photographs. The hope is that some day in the future, as many people practicing catch and release will be practicing "keep 'em wet." Just think of the profound positive impact on all trout fisheries if most people never even took their catch out of the water. Despite popular belief, trout can't breathe out of the water. Some of the best guides here in the valley catch and release hundreds of trout over their seasons and rarely touch a single one. Soft nets and release tools make this a snap.

You will hopefully notice Taylor Creek is only posting "keep 'em wet" photographs of trout on all social media and print media now. Changing so many hearts and minds is going to take a while, but it has to start somewhere. The next time you are perusing your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram feeds, take a moment to notice the difference a wet fish makes for a quality photograph versus a dry one out of the water. Trout simply look better in their own environment versus being held out to the camera. You'll also notice the river bottom and swirling water make for a perfect backdrop for your trophy fish.

"Keep 'em wet" shots are especially effective if you are fishing solo. Photographing the release is quickly becoming a classic, as well as macro shots of the individual beauty all trout possess. These are easy to take when you are by yourself. We hope you join us in taking a stand against the over handling of fish here in the valley and beyond. We are confident that all trout fisheries will benefit from this new movement; just think of the positive impact it could have. Keep 'em wet.

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May Competition Fly - Madame X by Chris McDonald

Hook - Black Magic B12
Thread-Yellow tying thread
Body-Yellow Tying Thread
Tail & Wing-Deer Hair

Legs-Brown Round Rubber (ex one of Les's dolls. Will be available at April club night.)

The Madame X is a useful hopper or cicada pattern without having to trim deer. So far this season it has worked on both small and large streams. I will demonstrate it at the April meeting.



Step 1 ---- Tie in Deer Hair Tail and Body



Step 2 ---- Tie in Deer Hair Wing with tips sticking out over the eye of the hook



Step 3 ---- Draw wing back over the top of the body and tie thread round off about a quarter along the hook to form the head. Wing should stand straight above the end of the tail.



Step 4 ---- Tie rubber legs in where the head is formed.



Step 5 ---- Whip finish

Fish Competitions

April will see the final draw of the fish catch cards for the season so get your cards to Chris McDonald before or at the April meeting if you want them in the draw. (Chris is looking after the competition for me as I am away for the last two weeks of April.) I will still accept cards after this for the competitions but they won't go in any monthly draw.

Fly Tying Competition

The Fly Tying Competition starts at the May meeting. The flies are:

May	Madam X	Chris McDonald
June	Blowfly dry	Dave Harris
July	Green caddis	Les Ladbrook
August	Spotlight fly	John Day
September	Mataura flymph emerger	Johnny Mauchline

Instructions and photos will be in the previous month's ripples (except Spotlight fly) and the fly will be demonstrated at the previous monthly meeting. This means somewhere in this ripples you should find Chris's Madam X instructions and photos.

Remember when you enter a fly in the competition you go in the draw for a \$20 Hunting & Fishing voucher no matter how good or bad your fly looks. If you find you don't have the required materials there is time to buy them and this will help build up your stock of tying materials.



Lodge trips in April

There are two Lodge trips scheduled for April.

The first is for ANZAC weekend (April 23-25) and the second is the following weekend (April 30- May 1).

There are none of the usual organisers going on the first weekend. If anyone wants to go on this trip please contact Chris McDonald as he has the food box. If it is going to go ahead someone will need to co-ordinate the trip. Please let Chris know if you are able to do this.

Chris will be co-ordinating the second trip, heading up on the evening of April 29 and returning on May 1. If you are keen for this trip let Chris know.



Fly Tying Day

We will be holding the first of our winter fly tying days on June 11th at Fish & Game in North Road starting at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome and if you are just starting out there will be someone there to help you. You don't even need your own tying gear as the Club has some gear you can use. If you are an expert you can come along and teach us all a couple of things. You can come for the whole day or just pop in when you have some time. We will be there until about 4:00pm.

Annual Dinner

The Club dinner will also be held on June 11th. Time and location to be confirmed in the June Ripples.

There is also a funny gift night involved in this so you and your partner (if you are bringing one) will each need to bring along a gift valued at about \$5. For further information/ booking contact Chris McDonald.



From the President by Dave Harris

On the last Club monthly trip (April 9th) I was fishing the Oreti just above Dipton with Ken Browne when we were surprised by four jet boats coming up the river. The first of them made some crazy decisions and finished up well aground in very shallow water. This meant they all stopped to check he could get out. This gave us the opportunity to have a few words with them (the words weren't all polite!). I thought that they were required to have identification on their boats under Environment Southland rules and also that they should not have been above the Dipton bridge. The identification rule was apparently withdrawn in the last update of the ES navigation rules but I was right that they should not have been where they were. Jet boats are allowed to operate on the Oreti anytime between the Winton and Dipton bridges and during August and September are allowed as far up as Lumsden.

We tried to get hold of someone to give us the ES after hours number to make a complaint but failed. However once the jet boaters got the stranded boat afloat and saw us on the phone they hi-tailed back down the river. I am fairly sure that at least some of them knew they were somewhere they shouldn't have been. I did report this to ES but with no ID on the boats there is really nothing they can do as these were plain aluminium jet boats like most of them. It is unfortunate that the ID rule was removed but apparently it was too difficult to administer. Sounds like typical ES to me. Interesting that ECAN are looking at requiring identification on boats in the next update of their navigation rules for Canterbury.

How did our days fishing go? It was quite windy and partly cloudy and this made spotting difficult but we did find a few fish. Unfortunately Ken was having trouble with some rubbish tippet and kept breaking them off and for some reason I just couldn't keep them on the hook but that is the way it goes.



It looks like my fishing for the season in the lower rivers is pretty much over as I am away for a couple of weeks to visit family in Northland. However I hope to get in some snapper fishing while up there as my brother has a 39' cruising yacht and we are planning to head out in that for a few days.

Name This Stream Competition

No correct answers last month.

Hint, near Lake Mavora

So a new picture this month by Johnny Mauchline.

Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz

Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$20 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)

23rd-25th April
26th April



Lodge Trip (Almost End of Season)

[MM]

30th Apr/1st May
3rd May



Lodge Trip [Weekend at the Lodge]
Fly Tying

(CM)

8th May
31st May



Club Day Trip. meet at Fish & Game 10am, to the lower Mataura

[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 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 Les Ladbrook.

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