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Excellent fly and photograph by Paul Slaney

CLUB NEWS

Competitions

The first fly for the fly tying competition needs to be with me either before or at the May meeting. It is a madame X as described in the April Ripples. Have fun with the deer hair and don't forget to clean up the mess you make when you have finished.

The June fly is a black foam blowfly and is shown in this edition of Ripples.

I will still take fish cards to the end of this month for the annual fishing competitions. I have noted there are virtually no rainbows in this year so if you have caught a good rainbow put a card in by the May meeting and you could be in with a good chance of the best rainbow trophy.

Dave Harris

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

John Gierach

Fishing Report by Redtag



I was away overseas again for part of the month so missed out on some good fishing. It is now the final month on the Lower Mataura below Gore before closure on 31 May.

I didn't get a lot of fishing in locally however had the odd evening after work with some success.

Biggest issue has been the North and Easterly winds which the Mayfly wont readily hatch in and therefore no rising fish. Two evenings were different with a light South Westerly bringing on a 30 minute hatch before sunset. The fish in the photos to the left are all from the same pool on the Mataura caught in the last 2 weeks.



Top flies have been Parachute Adams in the run and riffle and a CDC collar emerger on the flat.

The fish are in terrific condition and are especially strong fighters. They will soon be looking for spawning opportunities in the tributary streams.



With the end of the season looming I have been taking stock of fly tying materials to tie up patterns over Winter.

I managed to procure some good CDC from a duck hunter last week and am awaiting some Deer Hair from a hunter who is currently in the Greenstone. I will be concentrating in tying up CDC emerging mayfly nymphs that just ride in and below the surface film. Hopefully improvements and variations to patterns that have been successful this year.

Tight Lines.

Fish and Game calls for Ecan to lift its game

Fish & Game says it's high time that Environment Canterbury (Ecan) met its obligations to the region's ratepayers – after failing dismally to provide effective responses to many reports of cattle damaging waterways.

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council says that as managers of the freshwater sports fishery and habitat, it is recommending immediate steps that Ecan should take to meet its obligations to ratepayers.

“As a starting point we have prepared a report using Ecan's own data sourced via an Official Information request,” says the Chairman Trevor Isitt.

The report titled *An Analysis of Environment Canterbury's Enforcement of Waterway Protection Rules* provides evidence that supports the points we have made, and includes recommendations for action.



The North Canterbury Fish and Game Council will be discussing this report and its recommendations directly with Ecan commissioners at a meeting on Thursday May 12.

The report demonstrates that after investigating 382 complaints of stock in waterways, Ecan took enforcement action in only 15 cases, demonstrating a reluctance to set a high standard.

There are also numerous examples of incident response times taking weeks rather than days to address.

At a recent Hurunui Waiapu Zone Committee meeting, ECan promoted its compliance efforts by stating that it got better results by talking to land users rather than being overly strict on enforcement.

Mr Isitt understands the merits of working with land users. “However, in reality, ECan's approach to controlling serious or repeated breaches of stock access and the resulting degradation of waterways has at best been casual and permissive and at worst negligent,” he adds.

“It is clear from these findings that ratepayer-funded Ecan has failed to adequately protect our streams, rivers and lakes from the negative effects of heavy stock damage,” Mr Isitt says.

“ECan now claim that stock damage in waterways is their top ‘compliance’ priority, yet we see an obvious lack of annual funding and staff to carry out this work in an expedient manner.

“This makes a mockery of the claimed successes under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, when you don't enforce the fundamental rules in your regional plans”.

Fish and Game knows New Zealanders value their streams, rivers, lakes and sports fishery highly, he says.

“The compounding negative effect of intensive land use practice on our streams, rivers and lakes is undeniable, and was a key factor in our decision to close the winter sports fishery east of State Highway One in North Canterbury. ”

It is time to put ECan on notice that it must account for its failure to properly protect these waterways, and turn over a new leaf, he says.

Mr Isitt says he intends to have a frank and honest discussion with ECan's appointed commissioners and will be seeking assurances that some positive changes will be made so that breaches of stock access rules are properly dealt with from here on.

Editors Note: The SFFC is currently reviewing documentation from SDC gained under the RFI Act 1987 in response to our questions on the management of willow eradication on our Southland rivers and streams. Watch this space.

June Competition Fly - Black Foam Blowfly by Dave Harris

In the past I have only had blue bottle type blowflies and decided I needed a black blowfly. I have been told there are more blowflies around now with the spread of dairy farming and that the trout were taking them in farming areas. I tried several different ties before I found one that I liked. Initially I was using an E12 hook but found this was just too short once I decided to add the white wings. I was looking for a shiny black body and tried a couple of things before settling on ultimate dub which is not actually very shiny. I don't generally like synthetic dubbings but it is black and should not get water logged. The white wings are so you can see the fly easier on the water. I hope the trout like it.

Materials:

Hook—Black Magic B12, Thread—Black 6/0 Uni-thread, Tail—Black dyed moose body hair, Body—Black 2mm foam, Abdomen—Black Ultimate dub, Wings—White poly yarn, Hackle—Black Saddle



Step 1 ---- Run the thread to the bend of the hook and tie in the tail. There should be about 8 – 10 moose hairs in the tail.



Step 2 ---- Cut a strip of foam about 5mm wide. Tie in the foam starting about 1/3 of the way down the hook. Tie in tight and go to the bend.



Step 3 ---- Use the dubbing to build up the abdomen. Don't go too close to the eye as you have to fit the hackle and head in front of the hackle.



Step 4 ---- Tie the foam body over the top. Trim allowing for a short head. You may need to put a few turns of thread under the head to get it to sit up a bit.



Step 5 ---- Tie in the poly yarn wings with a figure of eight on top of where the foam is tied down. Trim to length.



Step 6 ---- Tie in the hackle and wind on three turns, two behind the wings and one in front. Tie off hackle. Finally whip finish under the head (immediately behind the eye).



The finished fly

From the President by Dave Harris

The season is over for most of the rivers and now in the middle of May, those that are open are all in flood. The weather has also taken a turn for the worst so not much fishing to be done.

I went on the Lodge trip at the end of April. Two groups of us fished the Mataura on the Saturday without a great deal of success. There was no afternoon rise and everything I caught was on nymphs. The Sunday of the trip was in May so three of us went to Te Anau and fished the Upukerora River. The river was quite low and very clear. We had a good day with a reasonable number of fish, mainly browns but we got one rainbow each. I did manage one afternoon trip to the Mataura at Wyndham in the first week of May. Again, not much action. I only saw about six rises and only one fish that rose more than once. There just doesn't seem to be the number of mayflies there used to be. Prospects are not looking great for the rest of May but there are still a couple of weeks to go as I write this so you never know.

The other fishing related matter for me during the past month was a trip to the IF4 Fly Fishing Films in Queenstown hosted by April Vokey. This was very poorly publicised and I only found out about it from Julie Cook a couple of days before. Unfortunately the show was poorly supported, probably due to the poor promotion. I took Julie up and it was an enjoyable collection of short films. I talked to April during the intermission and will see if I can get her to come and talk to us next season. She is from North America but will be in New Zealand for a fair bit of the next fishing season. They are going to try and shoot a film in New Zealand during October so that could be challenging for them.

With the colder weather and closed rivers it is fly tying time. I have spent some time preparing the photos for the June competition fly as I photographed three different versions of a foam blowfly, taking over 200 photos to get those few that you see. I have also spent some time tying a madam X for the May competition. It just reminded me that I don't like deer hair but I have tied one that I am happy with.

A reminder that we have our **first fly tying day on June 11th at Fish and Game**, followed that night by the Club dinner. Let Chris McDonald know if you are coming to the dinner.

Fish and Game are moving their office to Eye Street and this means we will have to shift all our gear. They have purchased the building that EIS is in at present but can't move in until EIS move to their new building. I am not sure what the date of their move is but will find out shortly.

Name This Stream Competition

Two correct answers last month. The answer was the Windon Burn correctly identified by Michael Harstonge who won a \$20 H&F voucher. The photo was by Cole Shrivell. So a new picture this month by Johnny Mauchline. Precise location required. Answers by email only please to 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)

31st May	[MM]	
28-29th May		Lodge Trip – End of Season run, close Lodge
7th June	(CM)	Fly Tying
11th June		Fly Tying for club members by club members - Meal at night, (\$5 funny gift)
28th June	[MM]	Members Video & Photo night plus photo competition

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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

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