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Editors Choice Tippets

National Governments 'Double Whammy' To Public Over Pollution

A national trout fishing advocacy organisation has condemned the National Government's budget announcement of money to remedy polluted rivers as "double dipping" into the public purse. In the recent 2016 budget, \$100M was allocated for the Freshwater Improvement Fund.

But NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA) President David Haynes of Nelson said this was tantamount to the tax-paying public having to front up on multiple occasions to bail out polluters who were not held responsible. "The \$100M is on top of other tax funded clean-up ideas such as the 2011 Fresh Start for Freshwater Fund of \$265M and the 2014 commitment of \$100M to retire farmland adjacent to rivers."

The bitter irony of these succession of payments is that such funds were a direct result of the \$900M tax payer funded subsidies for irrigation for intensive farming operations" such as corporate dairying in low rainfall regions. "So the poor old tax payer pays twice – once to help create pollution and then again to try to clean it up. This is a cynical use of public money to subsidise uneconomic land use, and unsustainable agricultural practices."

Mr Haynes said the NZFFA wanted a clear "polluter-pays" principle and an end to the "externalising the costs" of polluting on to the tax payer.

"Continuing to publicly fund irrigation, such as the recent \$7.5M subsidy for Central Plains Water Schemes, and then asking both the taxpaying and ratepaying public to pay again to fix the pollution such intensification schemes produce doesn't just fail to address the cause, it subsidises and encourages it. "It is like asking the starving to pay for a fat cat's lunch" said David Haynes.



Cover Photo: Les Ladbrook. This image was taken in 2007, will this summer be as good?



Excellent flies and photograph by Stefano Tieri

Troutline Catgut Biothread

This fantastic fly tying material has an opacity aspect when is dry and when gets wet become milky translucent. When dry the material is stiff and a little bit difficult to work with so we recommend to be used wet.

The colour will change from the opaque to milky transparent. Excellent for nymphs and emergers.



From troutline.ro

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

John Gierach

Fishing Report by Redtag



A reasonable start to the season with the river just fishable over the first week. Since then it has been in spate and discoloured due to heavy showers and snow melt. The first week was good with some steady light hatches of mayfly coming off the ripples and runs during the day and on the pools of an evening. The trout were not quite keyed into them as yet however there were the odd rising fish taking duns and emergers. Patience being the key to await the right moment to cast to the rise. Successful patterns were CDC flymphs, duns and emergers all size 16.



Plenty of kids fishing also which was good to see and catching fish on lures and worms. I fished a wee tributary stream and came across a number of fish actively taking duns in the little pools. I stood under the bridge and watched them for a while whilst deciding on the appropriate fly to use which was a Parachute Adams. The best of them of about 4lb (top left corner) was quite a challenge as he was sitting feeding under a Willow. Thankfully third cast I got the side cast right and he came up and swallowed the fly. Always the best sight to see in fly fishing for trout.



On a more sombre note it was a shock to discover that the local 'Catchment Care' authority has once again been destroying fish habitat and removing willows on the riverbank for no logical reason. I have asked Fish & Game to investigate but so far no result. It would appear after asking many times that Environment Southland are a law unto themselves and have no management plan in place that ensures the sustainability of our river and stream habitat and the future of our fisheries in Southland. A sad state of affairs indeed.

Redtag

Four Springs Lake, Tasmania (a Moral) by John Morwood#



Recently I've been fishing my local lake, Four Springs, which is about half an hour from home. Mayfly hatches usually start late September until mid November when they die away due to increasing temperatures then its time to head up to the cooler Highland Lakes.



The Springs has great sight fishing for large browns and rainbows.

Not easy though as trout tucker abounds in this shallow, weedy water with extensive hatches of Red spinner, Beatids and caenid mayflies, plus sedge, midge, mudeye and damselfly. Plus ample supplies of frogs, tadpoles, corixa and snails. The trout are fat and complacent.

But sometimes you can fool them.



This a unique water as it was created solely for use as a public fishery. In the 1990's, a group of dedicated anglers alarmed by the decline of the Lowland rivers caused by intensive agriculture [irrigation, nitrate/phosphate runoff, pesticides,etc], banded together and organised the land donation and government grants to construct the lake. Like most good things it was community driven not a government initiative. Just as well as the rivers are now a shadow of their former glory of the 1980's and earlier.

So I hope Southland anglers and club members fight for what you have, a World class treasure which should not be taken for granted.

It can slip away so easily...

Jason's Leishman's Story

It was the Sunday before our last meeting, there was a break in the weather, being on a short time frame I decided to go check out the lower Oreti and to my surprise it was higher than normal but reasonably clear and fishable.

At first I tried a size 12 pheasant tail but wasn't convinced it was getting low enough so changed my fly to a size 8 ugly imitation (I call mine double uglies).

It worked a treat second cast just downstream from the eye of a pool I managed to land this old girl.

Although looking a bit slim still managed to weigh in at a neat 6lb.

I'd love to see this fish again round February when she's put some conditioning on but it's good to see the big hens making there way back home after spawning letting us know the fishing seasons just around the corner :)

Estuary Fishing - Jarred Martin



September Competition Fly - Flymph by Johnny Mauchline



There were 7 flies entered in the September competition



The winning flies by popular vote were tied by Chris MacDonald and Dave Harris

Fish and Game Anglers Notice

It is three years since Fish and Game asked for submissions on the fishing regulations.

This is due to happen this year and by the time you read this there should have been a public notice in the paper calling for submissions on changes required. The Fish and Game Council will have final discussions on what changes they are proposing on October 13th.

It is likely this will be limited to a bag limit change on the middle reaches of the Aparima River. However if you have some things you think should be changed make sure you put in a submission to Fish and Game. Any changes will be finalised in time for the 2017-18 season.

Members Photo And Video Night

We will be having the member's photos and video night at the October meeting. This was postponed from June as we had a speaker in June. Bring along your photos or videos and tell a story of your exploits from last season.

Working Bee At The Lodge



Good work from the working bee team in cladding the lodge. Still a wee bit to finish off but excellent work from all who attended. Another working bee will be arranged to complete the project.

From the President by Dave Harris

Prior to opening day things had been pretty busy. During September the Club had two fly tying demonstrations at Hunting and Fishing, we had our casting day, Chris had spoken at both the Outdoors and Hunting and Fishing fishing nights about the casting day and I had been to the Manic Tackle fly fishing teaching night at Hunting and Fishing to push our Fly Fishing course in January. We also had a working bee at the Lodge and managed to get most of the colour steel cladding on. This took us two days and there are still 4 more sheets to be cut and fitted. We will need to get these up, some flashing on and repaint the window frames so there will need to be another working bee. The farmer has had the fence moved so it is now a bit tighter for parking and unfortunately he has dug up our water supply pipe. Hopefully this will be repaired in the near future.

I would like to thank John Day and Chris for their efforts demonstrating at Hunting and Fishing and Chris, Jacob, Simon and Dave for spending two days working at the Lodge. This was a great effort. It was also good seeing a number of members out at the casting day, several of who spent time helping out the members of the public who attended.

Well opening day has come and gone. Unfortunately the weather did not co-operate with a lot of rain in the hills on the last two days of September. This put the rivers up and made it hard to find clear conditions. I was out with Chris and we were at our chosen spot well before daylight, but once it was light we could see we were not in the right place. The river was high and coloured and looked to be dangerous to cross. We moved on but when we actually found fishable water it was getting late in the morning and there were quite a few others around. We put in the effort on one river without any joy (just two fish spotted) and moved on to another river. This was at least reasonably clear and there was no-one else around. I eventually landed one fish, had another break off and missed one on the strike. Chris hooked and lost one and that was our day. Sunday saw a bit of a slow start and when we arrived where we had found the fish the previous day there were others there so we looked at another section of the same river. No luck so at the end of the day we went back to where we had planned to start. The other car was still there but the anglers were well upstream so out we went. I went to the pool I had had luck in the previous day and Chris headed up to where he had lost his fish the day before. Not long after we got to the river there was a very heavy shower and I retreated to the car. Chris fished on and was finally rewarded with a fine fish.

Since opening I have managed one day out where we were going to go on opening day. The river was still high and quite a challenge to cross especially as it had been low for a long time and the stones were very slippery. I had a good day, managing to spot a few and land them, then catching some more fishing blind. Hopefully by the time you read this I will have had the chance to get out again but as I write the weather forecast is for heavy rain so who knows what will happen.

In the meantime get out and enjoy yourself.

Name This Stream Competition

No correct answers again last month.

So again the same picture this month by Les Ladbrook. A clue is West of the Aparima, and your cross over it on your way to Blackmount.

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

Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$50 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)

25th Oct	[MM]	Monthly Meeting
1st Nov		High Country Opening (Tuesday)
5/6th Nov		Club Trip [Weekend at the Lodge] - High Country Opening
8th Nov	(CM)	Committee Meeting—Fly Tying
13th Nov		Club Day Trip meet at Fish & Game – 7am
15th Nov		Shift Workers / Retirees mid-week trip – Dave Harris

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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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