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Mishnish Lochans—The Isle of Mull



The Mishnish Lochans are a series of 3 interlocked waters. Lochs Peallach, Meadhoin and Carnain an Amais.



Although I didn't catch any large fish I was pleased to get a hat full of wild trout all caught on a dry fly.

The lochs are home to aquatic plants including water lilies and passage birds are often seen on their waters. Little Grebe, Red-Throated Diver can be seen year round with Goldeneye, Gooseander and Whooper Swan in winter.

The three freshwater lochs are managed by the Tobermory Angling Association. A day permit costs \$30. The lochs are shallow and have excellent littoral zones which can sustain wild brown trout of up to 4lb.

I was fortunate to fish them on a superb day of bright sunshine with a slight ripple on the water.



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

John Gierach

End of Season Lodge Trip

Yes we have two of these, one at the end of April for the season in the low country rivers and the other at the end of May for the high country rivers.

Just Chris and Dave down for the April trip although Julie was keen to come up Saturday morning and join them for the day. It was Chris's turn to take his car so he picked up Dave and they headed to the Lodge via the supermarket to stock up on food.

No early rising on Saturday as the river fishes best later in the day. Julie arrived about 8:00am from town and they were away about 8:30am. They headed to Riversdale to walk down the Mataura to the Waikaia confluence (a bit further than Julie was used to walking). Both Dave and Chris decided to have a quick look at the bottom of the Waikaia in spite of another angler walking down, crossing the river and heading away as they got there. Dave went right to the bottom while Chris explored the next pool up. Chris soon spotted fish and landed three nice fish in quick succession so decided to continue further up the river. Meanwhile Dave headed back to see what Julie was up to and found a couple fish that were now rising in a pool he had had success previously. He managed to hook up two on a parachute adams and landed both. There were a few fish rising occasionally but the wind was slowly starting to make its presence felt. This made things a bit more difficult, especially for Julie.

Chris finally re-joined the other two having failed to catch anything further on the Waikaia. They worked their way back up the river spotting a few fish, some rising and fishing blind here and there but not many came to the net although Julie finished up with one to go home (that Chris had landed). By the end of the day the wind was straight down the river making casting a bit of a challenge and also making it difficult to spot fish in some places. At one stage both Dave and Chris were yelling instructions to Julie as she tried to cast to a fish she could not see but in the end it disappeared.

Once back at the cars Julie headed back to Invercargill while Chris and Dave headed to the Lodge and then on to Mossburn for dinner. They were asked to go to the dining room early as a busy night was expected so didn't stick around to watch the rugby this time.

The weather forecast for Sunday was not great with southerlies and showers forecast (and snow higher up). Chris and Dave headed back to Riversdale, to head up from the bridge this time, but there was another car there so they went a bit further upstream. Conditions were not too bad but there didn't seem to be a lot of fish about. At least most of the showers were going around them (not all there was hail at one stage). As the day wore on the mayflies started to come off and the fish finally started to rise. Lots of mayflies but still not many trout. They did manage a few fish on dries before it was time to head back to the Lodge, clean up and head home.

All in all another good weekend and there would have been plenty of room for more members.

Hare & Copper.

Competition Fly for June—Fairlight Caddis

Fairlight Caddis

A couple of seasons ago Chris and I headed to the top of the Mataura on opening weekend. Chris fished the first pool but could not get the fish to take. I spotted one in the fast water just above and soon had it in the net. It was to be my only fish for the day while Chris landed three. I could not get the fish to take my fly and two of them went across to the other side of the river where Chris caught them. I enjoyed the trip however and made a couple more trips up here on my own, fishing different bits of water each time. The outcome was the same each time, one fish early and then no more for the day. I had a look under a couple of stones and found a caddis that was a greeny cream sort of colour. By the next trip I had tied two flies to my new pattern. The first fly was taken keenly, so keenly the third fish kept it. The next fish decided to keep the second fly so I had no caddis left and caught no more fish. I have since used the fly as far down as Garston and caught fish with it.

Materials:

Hook	Black Magic G14
Bead	3mm black tungsten
Thread	Olive 6/0
Tail	Brown hens feather
Rib	Olive copper wire (brassie size)
Dubbing	Superfine blue dun dubbing
Collar	Peacock herl

Tying:

Put the bead on the hook and put in vice.

Run the thread down the hook and part way around bend

Tie in and trim tails (4 bits of feather)

Tie in olive wire

Dub on dubbing, stopping 2 mm before bead

Wrap on wire ribbing and tie off

Tie in one piece of peacock herl wrap three times and tie off.

Whip finish.

Photos on the next page...

Fairlight Caddis



Competitions

Fish Competition:

I can still accept fish cards for the season up to the May meeting and these will be included in the annual competitions. If you need extra cards talk to Chris.

Fly Tying Competition:

The fly was May is the orange bodied parachute adams, size 16, shown in the last Ripples. Bring this along to the May meeting or get your fly to myself or Chris before the meeting.

The June fly is the fairlight caddis. Full instructions in this ripples.

Dave

From the President by Dave Harris

Well the local season all over now, although the high country rivers and the Mataura (below Gore) and Waiau Rivers are still open until the end of May and we still have another Lodge weekend before the end of the month. If you haven't been on a Lodge weekend, they are good fun and we don't get distracted by anything other than fishing (except if the weather or rivers are really bad we may tie flies instead). There is always a couple of people on the trips who know a fair bit about where to go fishing from the Lodge so it is a chance to find some new places.

I had a really good April with more days out than planned (due to an Easter event I was going to being cancelled) and caught a reasonable number of fish although none were very big. However I did have three outings when I didn't land anything but that what happens with fishing. Some of my April trips I was on my own but on others I fished with Chris, Julie and Jason. Most of the trips were to the Mataura and most of the fish I caught were on #16 nymphs hung below a parachute adams dry fly. Even when the fish were rising they still seemed to prefer the nymph except for the last weekend when all but one took the dry. The last Sunday was the only day I saw a good hatch of mayflies but even then I was disappointed at the low number of fish rising. This makes me think the Mataura has changed and we are not going to see the mad Mataura rise in the future.

I had my first May trip with the Club day to the Mataura. There were three of us there although Chris was late to arrive and couldn't stay long. No sign of any fish activity on the surface but I did find one that was happy to eat a nymph. Unfortunately light conditions made seeing the indicator difficult and that didn't help.

Now it's on to fly tying and we have a fly tying day coming up on June 10 at Fish and Game in Eye street, starting at 9:00am. There should be some of us there all day so if you are interested in having a go at fly tying call in any time during the day.

The same night we will be having our annual dinner and if you are keen to come along to the dinner you need to let Chris know. We normally have a silly present swap with presents worth about \$5.00. It is all good fun. Please contact Chris McDonald if you are going to the dinner, he needs to book Aino's, 2173733 or email mcdonald.ccnd@kinect.co.nz

Dave

Name This Stream Competition

No correct answer last month. There was some entries that were all incorrect. So the completion goes on.

A clue is this stream is in eastern Southland.

Answers by email only please to info@eis.co.nz Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$30 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)

27/28 th May		Lodge Trip – End of Season run, close Lodge
30 th May	[MM]	
6 th June	(CM)	Fly Tying
10 th June		Fly Tying for club members by club members - Meal at night, (\$5 funny gift)
27 th June	[MM]	Members Video & Photo night plus photo competition
4 th July	(CM)	Fly tying

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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, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill (just off Clyde Street). [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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