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2020 President's Report by Dave

Another season of fishing is over but it was a very disrupted season with significant floods in February and then the covid-19 lockdown from late March to near the end of April. The weather was poor for a lot of the season and this made the lock down feel even worse when we were not able to go fishing in the best conditions of the season. Hopefully you all managed to spend plenty of time on the river or lake and caught a good number of fish in spite of the situation.

Our annual casting day was held at Queens Park as usual on the Sunday before the season opened and attracted an acceptable number of people, both members and nonmembers.

We had a stand at the boat show and there was quite a lot of interest shown by the public.

We had fly tying demonstrations on two Saturdays in September at Hunting and Fishing and also took part in the Hunting and Fishing Annual Fishing night. On the night we had a promotion in conjunction with Hunting and Fishing but did not attract any new members that night. Thanks to those who helped out with these.

We held our normal fly fishing course with our usual tutor Mike Weddell from Mosgiel again this year. Once again, we received generous sponsorship support from Invercargill Hunting & Fishing and Manic Tackle, we thank them for their support and trust that people will support them in return. The course was poorly subscribed this year in spite of considerable interest at the boat show and Hunting & Fishing fly tying demonstrations. The Mataura River was in good condition for the course but the fish were not very co-operative with only a few landed all day. Thanks go to all those who helped out on the course.

Thanks go also to those who helped out with the running of the Club - Chris McDonald continued his duties as Secretary Treasurer, doing a good job as usual, John Day for his duties as Vice President but is stepping down from this role, David Murphy continued as custodian for the Lodge and has ensured it is up to scratch and Simon Budd who continued as Club Librarian.

The Lodge working bee saw the installation of new flooring in the kitchen. The Lodge was well used during the season with good patronage.

The number of fish entered in the Club competition was well down on last year and again probably reflected the fishing conditions during much of the season, with rivers often too high to fish as well as the loss of fishing time due to the lock down. There were three members who put in a card every month. The number of big fish was up on previous seasons as was the size with the largest being 8¼lb. The fly-tying competition attracted a few more entries than last year. Three members entered a fly each month, up on last year. The junior trophy will not be awarded this year due to the lack of juniors. The photo competition was held as usual at the June meeting. Numbers were a little higher last year. Congratulations to those who took out the trophies this year in the annual competitions. Sponsorship of the fish and fly tying competitions was from Invercargill Hunting and Fishing.

The lockdown prevented any Club activity from late March until late May. Also, some of the monthly day trips were cancelled due to weather or river conditions. Those who did go on the Club trips enjoyed themselves and caught fish in all sorts of conditions. This year we had several shift worker/retiree mid-week trips but support could have been better.

The weekend Lodge trips received reasonable support but the weather was not great for some of the trips.

We had fly tying days in August and June. The August day attracted about the usual number of members and the turnout for the June day was also about normal. Those who attended the fly tying managed to tie a good number of flies including most of those required for next year's fishing course. The annual Club dinner that was to follow the June fly tying day was postponed and will be held in August.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors –Corys Electrical, Invercargill Hunting & Fishing and Manic Tackle for their support.

Dave Harris

2020 Competition Report by Dave

Fly-Tying

Entries in the fly-tying competition were up a little on last year with a total of 27 flies entered over the five months. We had nine people who entered the competition and three of those managed a fly every month. As usual there were some fine flies produced by the members. The votes were spread around and although one member managed first on three of the five nights it came down to a single vote in the end.

Fish Competition

Fish numbers entered in the last season's fish competition were well down on the previous year's entry with just 29 fish entered, 26 browns and three rainbows. Late season was affected by the covid 19 lockdown and the competition was reduced to six months rather than seven, and a single fish was accepted from either March or April. There were 11 fish 5lb or over this season caught by five members. These fish were nine browns and two rainbows. These came from the Wairaki River, the Oreti River (4), the Waikaia River, the Mataura River, the Upukerora River (2), Mavora and Te Anau. These fish were caught on a green stonefly (5), pheasant tail, royal wulff, hare & copper, blow fly, crt worm and an unspecified fly.

Only three members entered six fish for the season. The winner's total was 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs, which was quite good considering it was for six months rather than the usual seven. Second was well behind. The winner's fish came from the Oreti River (4), the Upukerora River and Wairaki River. They were caught on green stonefly (2), hare & copper (2), blow fly and royal wulff.

The heaviest brown was up on last year at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. The two heaviest rainbows were both 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Best condition factor was up a little on last year at 69.64 and was a 6lb brown from Te Anau.

Photo Competition.

The annual photo competition was held in June with a reasonable number of entries. Three members took out the four sections with two of the sections having tied results.

Photo Competition Winners



1st= Scenic Section by Simon Budd



1st Trophy Section by Simon Budd

Photo Competition Winners



1st Action Section by Dave Harris



1st= General Section by Dave Harris



1st= General Section by Chris McDonald

Cover Photo by Simon

1st= in the Scenic Section of the photo competition by Simon Budd

Annual General Meeting

Southland Fly Fishing Club (Inc)

Notice is hereby given that THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Club will be held on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at Fish & Game Office, 17 Eye St, Invercargill

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of the 2019 AGM

Matters Arising

Chairman's Report

Annual Accounts

Election of Officers

Signatories to Cheque Account

Presentation of Trophies

General Business

C McDonald
Club Secretary

Annual Dinner - 1st August

The annual dinner will be held at the Cabbage Tree Restaurant on Saturday 1st August starting at 6:30pm. Contact Chris McDonald (0274237016) if you are coming. Each person to bring a small gift (about \$5, no chocolate).

Fly Tying Day - 1st August

We will be holding a fly tying day on Saturday, 1st August at the fish & Game Office, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill. We will be there from 9:00am to 4:00pm. If you are a beginner come along and have a go at fly tying. If you are an expert come along and show us some new tricks. You don't need to be there all day, just when it suits you.

Competitions by Dave

Last month's competition fly was Simon's flashback nymph. We had five flies entered in the competition and it couldn't have been closer with Simon's, Chris's and Dave's flies all receiving 3 votes and Julie's 2.



Simon's fly



Chris's fly



Dave's fly

This month's fly is the stimulator dry that was featured in the June Ripples.

August Competition Fly - Black Beetle by Dave

This is a new fly for me. I tied the first of them during the lock down after receiving a request from my Canadian mate Cole. He asked for a black beetle like my brown beetle but with a white post "so I can see it", so that is almost what I tied. The brown beetle used a round piece of foam for the body but this beetle uses a standard piece of flat foam. I actually tried some oval foam that I had got from E Hayes & Sons but I liked the look of the fly with the sheet foam better. I have not tried this fly but I am sure it will work.

Materials:

Hook: Black Magic E12
Thread: Unithread black 6/0
Abdomen: Peacock herl
Wing: Black 2mm foam
Post: White poly yarn
Hackle: Black saddle hackle.



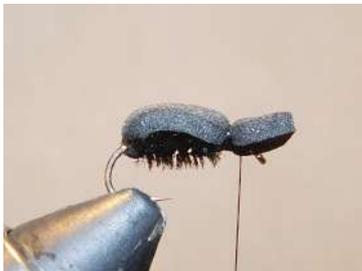
Run the thread to the bend of the hook and then back two thirds of the way to the eye.



Put a small amount of tying cement on the thread and tie a 5mm wide strip of the foam over the thread and out the back of the hook. Tie down tightly.



Tie in two strands of peacock herl and wind forward to cover the tied down foam



Pull the foam back over the peacock herl and tie off. Trim the foam so it sticks out just past the eye of the hook and wind a few turns under the loose piece of foam to lift it off the eye.



Tie in the poly yarn where the foam is tied down and run the thread up the poly yarn to form a post.



Tie the hackle on to the post sticking straight up.

Wind three or four turns of the hackle down the post and tie off. Whip finish around the post under the hackle and trim thread and hackle.
Finally put a drop of fly tying cement on the whip finish.



Coming Events (MM=Monthly Meeting, CM = Committee Meeting)

28 th July	AGM	Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
1 st August		Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am
1 st August		Annual Dinner (postponed from June) book with Chris McD 027 423 7016
4 th August	CM	Arranging the calendar for the next season
8/9 th August		Club day out, fishing practice – Dave Harris 027 201 6722
25 th August	MM	At Hunting & Fishing

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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 St, West Invercargill, Invercargill 9810. [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 Chris McDonald.

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