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## President's Report by Dave

The past month has been pretty quiet on the fishing front but I did manage one trip out, taking Julie to Mavora on a glorious sunny (but cool) winter day. The lake was quite low but was absolutely clear and with little breeze, spotting should have been easy. However, there weren't many fish to be seen and many of those spotted were too far away to cast to although returning to the car from the river mouth I almost stood on one that was in very shallow water. We came home empty handed. The planned Club trip was cancelled due to a poor weather forecast. I had a couple of options for this, either Mavora or Te Waewae Lagoon.

We had the AGM & Prize Giving at the end of July and the only change in Club Officers is that Julie Cook replaces John Day as Vice-President. I would like to thank John for his service as Vice-President. Trophies at the prize giving were handed out by Secretary/Treasurer Chris and prizes were kindly donated by Invercargill Hunting & Fishing and Corys. Thanks go to these businesses.

We also had our Fly Tying Day and Club Dinner in August. For some reason the August Fly Tying Day seems to attract less members than the June Fly Tying Day and this was again the case this year. However, those that attended tied some nice flies for the upcoming season. The dinner, delayed from June, attracted an excellent turnout of 15 people. A fun night was had by all although there seemed to be a little less swapping of presents with the no chocolate rule. While the meal was great the service was a little slow.

The August Monthly Meeting is scheduled to take place at Invercargill Hunting and Fishing in Leet Street at the usual time of 7:30pm. We also have two Fly Tying Demonstrations scheduled at Hunting & fishing during September. These will be discussed at the August meeting.

## 2020 Competition Results

### Arthur Gorton Memorial –Fly Tying

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Harris	13 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris McDonald	12 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Simon Budd	10 points

### Allan White Trophy – Heaviest Rainbow

1 <sup>st</sup> =	Simon Budd	5 ½ lb
1 <sup>st</sup> =	Joel Hughes	5 ½ lb
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris McDonald	4 ¾ lb

### Presidents Trophy - Heaviest Brown

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Harris	8 ¼ lb
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Harris	6 ½ lb
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Simon Budd	6 lb

### Masters Trophy - Best total

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Harris	32 ¾ lb
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Simon Budd	24 ¾ lb
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris McDonald	21 ¼ lb

### Bill Brown Trophy - Best Condition Factor

1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Budd	69.64
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Simon Budd	63.84
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Harris	56.10

### Photos

Top: Chris McDonald presenting the Arthur Gorton Memorial Trophy to Dave Harris.

Bottom: Chris McDonald presenting the Allan White Trophy to Simon Budd. Co-winner Joel Hughes was not at the meeting.



## Competition Winners



Chris McDonald presenting Dave Harris with the President's Cup



Chris McDonald presenting Dave Harris with the Master's Cup



Chris McDonald presenting Simon Budd with the Bill Brown Trophy

Cover Photo by Dave

The top of South Mavora Lake on a fine, calm winter's day.

## First International Women's Flyfishing Day (12<sup>th</sup> September 2020)

International Women's Fly Fishing Day (IWFFD), which will happen on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020, is an initiative from 2 women in very different parts of the world - Maddy Kelly from Northern Ireland and Pamela Caldwell Dunlap from West Virginia.

The aim of the day is simply to encourage women throughout the world who fly fish to celebrate what they do. They are asked to post a picture on the IWFFD social media at 11am to share their day's planned activity with other women. With photos being posted at 11am from all over the world the day will unfold from New Zealand to the west coast of the USA over a 20-hour period.

Both Maddy Kelly and Pamela Caldwell Dunlap are committed to encouraging and supporting new women into fly-fishing and their original plan for IWFFD was to attract new women by running tuition days. However, with the pandemic situation as it is worldwide, IWFFD has instead become a day whereby women who are already fly-fishers will undertake a range of activities that are fly fishing related. While some will be fly fishing, either as individuals or with other women, others will choose to tie flies, improve their casting, watch a DVD, read a fly fishing book etc.

Julie Cook, Vice President of the Southland Fly Fishing Club in Invercargill in NZ, is at the moment, the most easterly woman planning for their club to take part which means she'll get the first opportunity to post her club activities on line at 11am NZ time with photos. Julie is very committed to encouraging other women into fly-fishing and fostering friendship between women that enjoy this sport. So the 12<sup>th</sup> September will be a long worldwide fishing day unfolding across social media. At this time NZ fishing season is closed until 1<sup>st</sup> October except for coastal fishing and some lake fishing. Therefore, NZ celebration will be limited to Lakes, coastal or may not happen at a fishing venue in some areas.

Some clubs might prefer to organise other related fishing activities as above. Please contact Julie if you are interested in taking part or organising the women in your club to take part.

Catrina (Cat) White from Los Angeles will be celebrating in blazing sunshine. She will be tying flies in preparation for a week-long fishing trip happening during the following week.

Maddy Kelly has been fly-fishing for over 30 years and has fished throughout Ireland. For 27 years she has been a member of the Irish Ladies Fly-fishing team, and takes part in the International Flyfishing Championships fished against teams from Scotland, Wales and England. She has recently gained coaching qualifications and has been organising events to introduce women and young people to fly-fishing.

Pamela Caldwell Dunlap is a more recent convert to fly-fishing. Prior to discovering the joys of fly-fishing she was not keen on the outdoors at all. She was introduced to it on a first date 5 years ago and enjoyed it so much that since then she has organised camps for women to learn and has been responsible for a number of women becoming anglers.



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## Fly Tying Competition

Only five members entered the Fly Tying competition at the August meeting. Voting was very close and Julie and Dave came out joint winners. Julie's fly on the left and Dave's on the right.



## September Competition Fly by Simon

The September fly is the coch-y-bondhu. This is a traditional Welsh fly, but like most there have been a lot of variations over the years. Some prefer to have it with a tail. It is relatively simple to tie and is an effective fly once the brown beetles have started to fly.

Materials:

Hook	#12 dry fly hook (Black Magic E12)
Thread	Black 6/0
Tag	Gold mylar or tinsel
Abdomen	Peacock Herl
Hackle	Brown



Run thread to bend of hook and tie in mylar.



Wrap mylar to form tag. Go a bit further around the bend than shown in this photo



Tie in peacock herl and build up a base under where the herl will go



.Wrap peacock herl to form abdomen



Tie in hackle



Wrap hackle forward and tie off. Form small head and whip finish.

## Photos from the past

It is not long to the new season so here are some photos to get your mind back on fishing. See if you can guess where they are.



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

25 <sup>th</sup> August	MM	At Invercargill Hunting & Fishing, Leet Street
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	CM	Fly tying
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b><u>Club Trip (winter)</u></b> Fish & Game 9:00am
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		International Women's Fly-fishing Day
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Lodge Working Bee
19 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park 1:00pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MM	Fish & Game speaker

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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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