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Southland Fly Fishing Club

President's Report by Dave

The daffodils are out and that means it is nearly spring and the next fishing season is not far away. It also means that we are almost to September and September is actually our busiest month for club events. I will get to those later.

Since the last Ripples we have had our AGM, the Executive Meeting to sort out the calendar for next season (on the Club website), a fly tying day and a Club fishing trip. All are covered elsewhere in this Ripples.

I was fortunate enough to receive win the Fly Tying Trophy at the prize giving at the AGM but all the other trophies went to a member who had not won any before. Chris Cowie completely dominated the fishing trophies winning all four trophies. Congratulations to Chris. He obviously put a lot of effort into his fishing for the past season.

Our August Monthly Meeting will be at Invercargill Hunting & Fishing. This will be a chance to see what is new for next season and also to stock up on the supplies you need.

September is a very busy month for the Club with a lot of activities. We have two fly tying demonstrations planned at Hunting and Fishing. These on Saturday 3rd September and Saturday 17th September. We will sort out who will be doing the demonstrating at the August Monthly Meeting. Julie has the International Women's Fly Fishing Day on the 10th of September (details later in this Ripples). We have a Club Fishing Trip on the 11th of September, probably to Te Waewae lagoon. There is a Lodge Working Bee planned for the 18th of September. This will be discussed at the Monthly meeting to sort out what work is needed and who is going up. Our Casting Day is on September 25th at Queens Park Cricket Ground starting at 1:00pm. This is a chance to get your casting arm going again after the winter off season as well as a chance to get some assistance with your technique if you are struggling with your casting.

Finally I would like to see us have some guest speakers at future meetings. So far I have arranged for a speaker from Fish & Game for the September Meeting and for Tony Harvey to speak on fishing the canals for the October meeting. If you know of anyone else who would be an interesting speaker at our meetings please let me know.



Trophies and prizes at the AGM

Cover Photo by Dave

Competitions Co-Ordinator (and Vice President) Julie Cook presenting the Presidents Trophy to Chris Cowie at the 2022 Prize giving.

2022 Annual General Meeting

We had our AGM and Prize Giving at the end of July. The election of Officers saw the same members returned to their existing positions.

President	Dave Harris	
Vice President	Julie Cook	
Secretary/Treasurer	Chris McDonald	
Editor	Dave Harris	
Librarian	Chris Cowie	
Lodge Custodian	Dave Murphy	
Competitions	Julie Cook	
Committee:	Gerda Johnstone	Ken McKellar

Most Valued Member for the 2021-2022 season was Dave Harris.

2022 Competition Winners

Arthur Gorton Memorial –Fly Tying

1 st	Dave Harris	13 points
2 nd	Chris McDonald	11 points
3 rd =	Julie Cook	8 points
3 rd =	Gerda Johnstone	8 points

Allan White Trophy – Heaviest Rainbow

1 st	Chris Cowie	5¼lb
2 nd	Dave Harris	4½lb
3 rd	Julie Cook	3½lb

Presidents Trophy - Heaviest Brown

1 st	Chris Cowie	7¼lb
2 nd	Chris Cowie	7lb
3 rd	Chris Cowie	6½lb

Masters Trophy - Best total

1 st	Chris Cowie	42½lb
2 nd	Dave Harris	27¾lb
3 rd	Chris McDonald	19½lb

Bill Brown Trophy - Best Condition Factor

1 st	Chris Cowie	52.83
2 nd	Chris Cowie	48.16
3 rd	Dave Harris	46.96

Julie Cook presenting the Arthur Gorton Trophy to Dave Harris



Fly Tying Day—August 7th by Dave

We had our second Fly Tying Day of the off season at Fish and Game on August 7th. Once again not a great turnout but enough members (five) to make it worth while. A number of flies were tied, some for personal use and some to give to participants in next years Fly Fishing Course.



August Club Day by Dave

After a week of poor long range weather forecasts, the weather came right for our August Club Trip. I had already arranged to pick up Murray and Dayne on the way out of town before heading to Fish & Game to see who else was coming. Only found Tony there. As I already had a full car, Tony headed off to Te Waewae on his own while I picked the others up and headed west.

When we arrived good weather and a northerly breeze. That meant that the wind was off shore along the edge of the lagoon. The lagoon was a bit cloudy.

Tony was ready to go and headed off along the edge of the lagoon to the east while the rest of us got ready. Once set to go Murray and Dayne headed off around the top of the closest inlet to the west while I started right at the car but also heading west.

Once I had reached the first inlet I fished the east side of it before heading around the top to fish the west side on the inlet. The going was really tough with a lot of the area very wet with a lot of surface water. There was quite a bit of weed so I had to clear the fly often. At the lagoon end of the inlet, I finally hooked up on a small brown, having had one light take before that. By this time I could see that Dayne was back near the car and decided to head back to the car for lunch. I found Murray also heading back and we arrived just as Tony was leaving. He hadn't caught anything but had had a big swirl at his fly on one occasion as he lifted it from the water. Murray and Dayne hadn't had any action.

As we were eating lunch the breeze started to die down. Once lunch was out of the way we all decided to fish along the edge to the east, none of us being keen to head back into the very wet area to the west. Murray had a hit on his fly but failed to hook up.

Relatively early we decided it was time to head home. While we were packing up the noise from the surf became a lot louder and this was due to the wind changing to the opposite direction. This would have made casting a lot more difficult so our timing was good.

It was good to get out as this was my first outing since the end of May.

Women's Fly-Fishing Tournament May 2022 by Julie

This tournament is based at Turangi. An awesome little town with a focus very much on fly-fishing. The Sporting Life Turangi and Creel Tackle House & Cafe were tremendous shops. Staff at both went out of their way to assist me with purchases, things I needed and things I didn't really need. I do think the economy of Turangi must have taken a tumble when I came home.

I discovered there are 50 pools on the Tongariro, most of them no more than 10 minutes from the Tongariro River motel where we were staying. I didn't get to all of them but made a good attempt.

I found the story of how this tournament came into being told by Ross, the Motel owner to be interesting. He said after a Taupō lodge advertised a fishing tournament 4 years ago, one of the male entrants' wives also applied to participate but she was told it was for men only. So Ross and other local club members ran a separate tournament for the ladies. It was so successful that the event now occurs annually.

This year the registration numbers were closed at around 35 entrants. I was one of two participants from the South Island, Serena McDonald from Timaru was the other. Had a lovely early 5am dash to the river with Serena on the second morning of the tournament. Cold, but she knew of a very beautiful pool and it was. We had to be back at the motel to go fishing with the team at 8am. I found overall to be a very friendly group, and provided a great opportunity to find more about fishing different areas; to make new fishing buddies; reacquaint with others and to learn more about fly fishing.

One of the major highlights for me was meeting Aotearoa's first all female fly-fishing team. Rachel McNae is the Captain of the team and other members are Suzie Foggo, Sarah Delany, Heather Carrington, Louise Stuart Wendy Lu. (pictured right)



International Women's Fly-Fishing Day September 10th, 2022

This Day is about encouraging Lady anglers globally to share one day on the water, tying flies, teaching, artistry, guiding, anything and everything fly fishing.

The first two years we have had a good turnout from New Zealand lets do it again this year. Lets share the love of the sport. Last two years we have had over 14 countries take part so lets do it again and even more this year.

This year Julie is proposing a day trip to Te Waewae lagoon with a potluck lunch meeting at the end of Fishing Camp Road at 11:00am.

If the weather is unsuitable for fishing, Julie will host a fly tying, video and casting day at her place, 11 Ruru Ave, Otatara.

You can contact Julie at juliecook@actrix.co.nz or 027 630 2949.

Tag and post International Womens Fly Fishing Day on FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/573597536965118/>

Join the group, mark it in your calendar.

Join Julie in the South to celebrate. She taking names now.



Competitions by Julie



Last month's fly was the klinkhamer. Seven flies were entered but there was no clear winner with several flies receiving one or two votes.

This month's fly is the muddler minnow (see July Ripples) and the September fly is the highland dun variant as below. This is the final fly for this year's competition.

Highland Dun variant by Gerda

Materials:

Hook	Black Magic E12
Wing	Duck feather
Body	Dark brown dubbing fur
Rib	Fine gold tinsel
Tail	Dark brown cock hackle fibres
Hackle	Dark brown cock hackle
Thread	Brown dark

1. Run thread from front to back tie in the tail and gold tinsel

2. Select two slips of opposing wings place together silver side in and points facing the eye, so that their tips are level and feathers curve away from each other.

Place approx quarter of hook size back from the eye. Then catch duck feathers with a winging loop, tie in making sure its upright. Leaving thread at the back.

3. Wind close turns of thread over waste ends of the hackle fibres and tinsel to provide an even base for the body. Dub on a pinch of dark brown fur and wind it on to form a slim body.

4. Wind on four turns of gold tinsel along body and secure.

5. Prepare a dark brown cock hackle with fibres twice the length of the hook gape. Catch it in the wing base, and make three turns behind and two in the front of the wing. Secure and tie off using cement as needed.



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

30 th Aug	MM	Meeting to be at Hunting & Fishing 7:30pm
3 rd Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
6 th Sept	CM	Fly tying
10 th Sept	Fishing	International Women's Fly Fishing Day
11 th Sept	Fishing	<u>Club Trip (winter)</u> Fish & Game 9:00am
17 th Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
18 th Sept		Lodge Working Bee
25 th Sept	Casting	Casting Day at Queens Park 1:00pm
27 th 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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