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President's Annual Report 2023 by Dave

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Another season of fishing is over. We saw a return of the overseas anglers on our premium rivers. The weather was variable and again we had low river levels late summer but they were too high towards the end 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 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 under subscribed again this year but the Mataura River was low and in good condition for the course. Fish were very hard to find during the course with only a couple being landed. Thanks go to all those who helped out on the course.

Thanks also go 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, Julie Cook for her duties as Vice President, David Murphy continued as custodian for the Lodge and has ensured it is up to scratch and Chris Cowie who continued as Club Librarian.

The Lodge working bee was just a bit of a cleanup this year. The Lodge was used late summer by our overseas members returning with the borders reopening.

The number of fish entered in the Club competition was well down on last year. There were two members who put in a card every month. The number of big fish was down on previous seasons as was the size with the largest being 6¼lb. The fly-tying competition attracted less entries than last year. Two members entered a fly each month, the same as 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. A reasonable number of photos were entered this 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.

As normal, 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. A couple of trips were moved due to river conditions and both these trips were successful.

All four weekend Lodge trips received little support and the May trip turned in to a one-day trip due to river conditions.

We had fly tying days in August and June. There was an acceptable turnout for both. Those who attended the fly tying managed to tie a reasonable number of flies.

Julie Cook organised a casting day with Peter Morse after the end of the season and this was well attended.

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

Dave Harris

President 2022-2023.

Cover Photo by Dave

Julie and Cole getting ready to go fishing at the top of North Mavora Lake. This photo was 1st= in the general section of the Annual Photo Competition.

Fly Tying Day - August 5th

We are holding a fly tying day on August 5th at Fish & Game, 19 Eye Street, Invercargill starting at 9:00am and going until 4:00pm. You don't need to come all day, just pop in when you have time and leave when you are ready.

If you have not tied flies before but would like to have a go this is a good opportunity to learn from scratch. You don't even need to have your own gear and materials as the Club has three sets of gear and quite a few materials. There will be members on hand who can run you through fly tying from the start.

If you have tied a few but would like to learn a bit more there will be some experienced fly tyers there who should be able to help you out.

Club Dinner - 6:30pm, August 5th

The Club Annual Dinner will be held at the Foundry Restaurant, Waikiwi Tavern, starting at 6:30 pm. If you are coming please let Dave know (027 201 6722) by the prior Thursday evening so he can confirm the booking with the restaurant. No gift exchange this year under orders from..... See you there.

Click here for menu www.the-foundry.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/restaurant-menu-March-2022-1.pdf

Boat Show - August 13th & 14th

We have a stand at the Southland Boat Show on August 13th & 14th. We will be setting up on the Friday afternoon and help is required to get all the display panels and equipment from Fish & Game to the Stadium. We also require members to man the stand and to give fly tying demonstrations throughout the weekend. Finally we need assistance to pack up and get everything back to Fish & Game. If you can help at any time give Dave a call on 027 201 6722.

2023 Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Southland Fly Fishing Club (Inc) will be held at the Fish & Game Office, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill at 7:30pm on Tuesday 25th July.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Matters arising from correspondence
6. President's Report
7. Annual Accounts
8. Subscriptions
9. Librarian's Report
10. Lodge Report
11. Editor's Report
12. Competitions Report
13. Election of officers
14. Signatories to bank account
15. Most valuable member
16. General Business
17. Prize giving

Chris McDonald Secretary/Treasurer

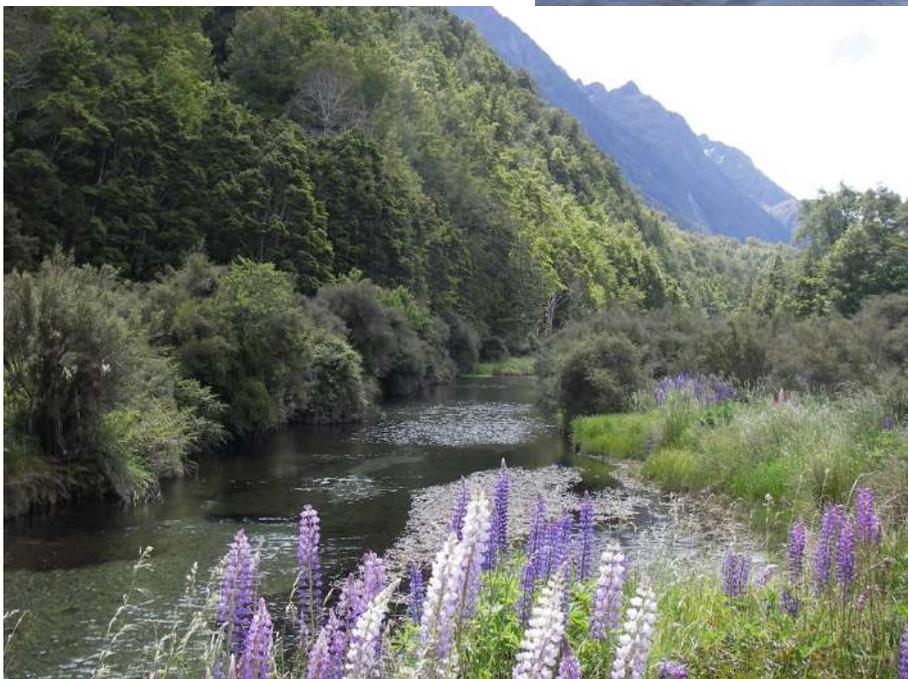
We need you all to come along to ensure that we have a quorum for this meeting.

Winning Photos from the Annual Photo Competition



1st Trophy Section
Chris with a fine rainbow on the Von River by Dave Harris

1st Action Section
Chris Reygaert playing a fish on the Whitestone River by Dave Harris



1st Scenic Section
A small Fiordland Stream by Dave Harris

Winning Photos from the Annual Photo Competition (cont)

1st= General Section

Southern crested grebe on its nest at the outlet of Lake Alexandrina by Dave Harris



Annual Competitions 2022-2023

Fly-Tying

Entries in the fly-tying competition were the same as last year with a total of 27 flies entered over the five months. However, average flies submitted were between 5 and 6 per month. Only two members entered a fly every month. As usual there were some very nice flies produced by the members. There was a clear winner this year with four points higher than their next competitor. There was only one point between the next three entrants. So it was very close. This is a great competition to build up flies for the next season and for newcomers to learn the art of fly tying.

Fish Competition

There were 16 cards entered in this season's fish competition. 15 Brown and only 1 Rainbow. The fish size appeared improved on last year with only three under 3lbs; most were in the 4-6 1/4lb range.

Opening started well this past season with good weather and river conditions and members catching good-sized fish on opening day. The smallest being 4lbs. Five of the 15 Browns were caught in October. There were two in November, two in December and two in January, three in February, there were three in March.

The fish caught came from Aparima, Coal Pit Road, Lake Dunstan, Sth Mavora, Oreti, Riversdale, Upukerora, Von, and Whitestone.

The fish were caught on the following flies and nymphs: Parachute Adams, (1) Hare and Copper (6), Cochybondu (1), Pheasant Tail Nymph (2), Stonefly (2), Willow Grub (2) and Royal Wulff (2).

Only two members entered a fish for each month of the season. The winner's total was 23 1/4lbs for the year and runner up caught 21lbs. So top two were very close. Total weights for the year was 61 1/4lbs of fish.

The heaviest brown was 6 1/4lb. The heaviest rainbow was 5 1/4lb also same as last year. Best condition factor was down on last year at 45.89 and was a 21inch 4 1/4lb brown caught on the Aparima river.

Photo Competition.

The annual photo competition was held in June with a good number of entries. Some lovely photos were to be seen. This year Dave Harris was the winner of every section. Congratulations Dave.

Julie Cook

Competitions by Julie

Just two flies entered in the fly tying competition for June. Dave was the clear winner.

The July fly is Chris's parachute adams as described in last month's Ripples and the August fly is the diving beetle as detailed below.



August Competition Fly by Julie & Dave

The August competition fly is Mike Weddell's diving beetle. This is a still water fly and imitates the black diving beetles common in New Zealand still waters. It should be pretty easy to tie but uses materials that can be a bit challenging with goose biots (which always have a mind of their own) and glister dubbing which doesn't wrap around the thread as well as most dubbing. Fly will be demonstrated at the August Executive Meeting and the August Fly Tying Day

Materials

Hook Black Magic A12
Thread Black Uni-thread 6/0
Dubbing Golden olive glister dub
Wing case Black body stretch
Legs Black goose biots



Run the thread to the bend of the hook



Tie in the body stretch.



Tie in the legs midway along the hook.



Dub from the back almost to the eye of the hook. Leave enough room for a head



Pull the body stretch forward and tie off. Body stretch needs to be quite tight so it forms the wing case correctly.



Trim the body stretch, wind on a few turns of thread to form a head and whip finish. Coat head with cement.

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

25 th July	AGM	Election of Officers, MVM, Prize Giving - (Supper)
1 st Aug	CM	Arranging the calendar for the next season
5 th Aug		Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am - Meal at night
13/14 th Aug	Demo	Southland Boat Show
20 th Aug	Fishing	Club Trip (winter) Fish & Game 9:00am
29 th Aug	MM	

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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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