

“Ripples”

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Next Club Meeting - August 26th - 7:30pm Fish & Game Office, 17 Eye Street



Southland Fly Fishing Club

President's Report by Dave

Well, that is the AGM out of the way and we are now heading towards a new fishing season. However, before that gets here, we have quite a few things on. We have a couple of fishing trips planned. These will be to the Te Waewae Lagoon at the bottom of the Waiau River, August 24th and September 7th. We also have a couple of fly tying demonstrations at Hunting & Fishing on September 6th and 20th. There is a Lodge working bee on September 14th. Finally, there is our casting day at Queens Park on September 28th. From there it is only a couple of days to the start of the season. This all means you haven't actually got much time to get everything sorted out for next season. Don't forget to buy your new licence at the same price as last year.

The AGM saw the same people returned to their positions in the Club and the new constitution was passed. Thanks go to Chris for all his work on the constitution.

There are a couple of other things mentioned in the new club calendar that is on the website. If you can't see the link on your phone you may need to turn your phone to landscape rather than portrait to find the link. The first of these is the Fly Fishing Film Festival that is being held in Invercargill this year on September 8th and the International Women's Fly Fishing Day on September 12th.

At our August Meeting we will have Cohen along from Fish & Game and he will speak about some of the research he has been involved in with regard the wellness benefits of going fishing as well as couple of other things.

I have been contacted by an ex-neighbour about helping her son out with fly fishing. He has bought a fly rod but has no-one to show him the ropes. I will have to start with casting but most of these youngsters pick that up quicker than older folk so hopefully we will be able to getting him casting before the season and then get him out on the river to chase some fish.

Competitions by Gerda

We only had three flies entered in the competition at the July meeting. In spite of it being Chris's pattern I was the clear winner on the night. Dave won the prize draw again.

The August fly is Dave's coloburiscus nymph as shown in the July Ripples and the final fly in September will be my spinner as detailed in this ripples.



Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due. \$30 for adult members, \$10 for juniors and \$40 for family. Please pay into our bank account ANZ #06-0925-0947474-00. Payee is Southland Fly Fishing Club Inc. Use initial & surname as reference.

Under the new rules for incorporated societies you need to give approval to become a member. When paying your subscription please fill in the application for membership form that is on the main page of the web site and send it to Chris. You will only have to fill it in this year.

Cover Photo by Dave

Gerda presenting Julie with the Allan White Trophy for the biggest rainbow trout.

Annual General Meeting - July 29th

We held our Annual General Meeting on July 29th at the Fish & Game Office.

All office bearers were retuned to the same positions and subscriptions remain the same.

We also passed the new constitution with a couple of minor amendments. This can be found on our website.

There are a couple of things that we have to do that we haven't done in the past but no really significant changes.

The annual prize giving was held following the business part of the meeting and finally we had a nice supper to finish the evening. Thanks go the Invercargill Hunting & Fishing who donated prizes for the year.



Prizes and trophies

Link to constitution https://www.southlandflyfishingclub.org.nz/images/Docs/SFFC_Constitution_29072025.pdf



Supper

2025 Competition Results

Junior - R Paulin Trophy

First:	Zanda Johansen	30 points
Second:	Isaac Coburn	25 points

Fly tying - A Gorton Trophy

First:	Dave Harris	17 points
Second:	Gerda Johnstone	11 points
Third:	Chris McDonald	10 points

Largest Brown - Presidents Trophy

First:	Julie Cook	6 lb
Second:	Chris Cowie	5 ¾ lb
Third:	Dave Harris	5 ½ lb

Largest Rainbow - Allan White Trophy

First:	Julie Cook	4 ½ lb
Second:	Dave Harris	4 lb
Third:	Chris McDonald	3 ¼ lb

Best Season Total - Masters Trophy

First:	Dave Harris	31 ½ lb
Second:	Julie Cook	10 ½ lb
Third:	Zanda Johansen	6 ¾ lb

Best Condition Factor - Bill Brown Trophy

First:	Julie Cook	56.35
Second:	Dave Harris	45.20
Third:	Chris Cowie	44.31

Photo Competition

Scenic:	Isaac Coburn
Trophy:	Isaac Coburn
General:	Isaac Coburn
Action:	Chris McDonald



Julie with her three trophies



Gerda presenting Zanda with the R Paulin Trophy

Fly Tying Day - August 9th by Dave

We held our second Fly Tying Day for the year on August 9th at the Fish & Game Office.

We had Mike Weddell down from Mosgiel to help out those who needed help. Mike had quite a lot of fly tying materials with him and this enabled people to stock up on these at good prices.

It was generally a quiet day but we had six members along and some good flies were tied.



Julie and Mike working away at the August Fly Tying Day

Club 50th Anniversary Dinner - August 9th, 2025

We had our fiftieth Anniversary Dinner at the Thar and Feather on August 9th after the Fly Tying Day. We had a reasonable number of members and partners along as well as the previous two Presidents (Lindsay and Les) and their partners. It was a good catch up and enjoyed by all.



September Competition Fly by Gerda

Gerda's Spinner

I came across a fly similar to this and liked it but finding just the right materials was difficult. This is a bit of a variation from the original as the original had a distinct red rib but I couldn't find anything to make the rib.

Materials

Hook	Black Magic E16
Thread 1	Red unithread 6/0 or 8/0
Thread 2	Camel unithread 6/0
Tail	Brown hackle fibres
Abdomen	Red Floss
Underwing	Light blue congo hair
Wing	Deer hair

The hardest material to find will be the light blue floss but Dave has plenty and will bring some to the August meeting where I will demonstrate the fly and to the September executive meeting.



Run the red thread to the bend of the hook.



Tie in the tail.



Tie in the red floss.



Wind the floss forward, tie off and trim.



Tie in the camel thread .



Tie off red thread and trim.



Tie in the under wing and trim.



Stack the deer hair and tie in.



Trim the deer hair then whip finish.

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

24 th Aug	Fishing	<u>Club Trip (winter)</u> Fish & Game 9:00am
26 th Aug	MM	Fish & Game speaker
2 nd Sept	CM	Fly tying
6 th Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
7 th Sept	Fishing	<u>Club Trip (winter)</u> Fish & Game 9:00am
8 th Sept	Films	Fly Fishing Film Festival
12 th Sept	Fishing	International Women's Fly Fishing Day
14 th Sept		Lodge Working Bee
20 th Sept	Demo	Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
28 th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park 1:00pm
30 th Sept	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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