

“Ripples”

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Next Club Meeting - August 25th - 7:30pm Fish & Game Office, 17 Eye Street



Southland Fly Fishing Club

President's Report by Dave

We have held our AGM and most of the Club officers have been returned. The only exception is that Kim Jensen has taken over as Librarian. Her contact details are in the list on the last page of this Ripples.

We had our prize giving at the AGM and we had a first-time winner for the fly tying with Gerda winning narrowly. Thanks go to Invercargill Hunting & Fishing for donating prizes for the prize giving.

The only Club events for the past month were the Fly Tying Day and the Club Dinner, both reported below.

The new Club calendar is up on the web site. There are a couple of Club activities coming up in the next month. We have Club trips to Te Waewae scheduled for August 23rd and September 6th as well as two fly tying demonstrations at Hunting & Fishing on September 5th and 26th. Our Casting Day is scheduled for September 27th at Queens Park and this is a chance to get your arm familiar with casting again if you didn't make either of the trips to Te Waewae.

Of course, opening day is October 1st so you need to be getting ready for that. The new season licences should be on sale this month. Unfortunately, there is a small increase in price but it is only a couple of dollars. I am sure Hunting & Fishing will be giving away a nice gift if you purchase your licence there.

August Fly Tying Day & Dinner by Dave

We had our second fly tying day of the off season on August 15th. Not a great turnout with just Chris and Dave there for most of the day. Kim and Asher popped in to see a demonstration of tying the royal wulff for the August competition and Gavin called in to say hello as he was passing.

Dave tied a couple of royal wulffs before tying one as the demonstration and then concentrated on parachute adams to give out at the 2027 Fly Fishing Course. Chris tied a few nymphs and then concentrated on a royal wulff for the competition.

We had our annual club dinner at the Foundry Restaurant on August 15th following the fly tying day. There were 11 people there and the meal was good although the restaurant was busy and it was a bit noisy.

Competitions by Gerda

The July competition fly was Chris's wooly bugger. There were five flies entered and Gerda's fly was judged the winner. Chris won the draw for the Hunting & Fishing gift card.

The August fly is the royal wulff as described in the July Ripples and the September fly is Dave's hare and peacock nymph as described in this Ripples.



July competition flies

Cover Photo by Dave

The Eglinton River. Just to get you thinking about rivers and the beauty of our landscape again.

Club Library Report by Kim

Introducing the Club Library

I am pleased to be taking on the role of Club Librarian and look forward to helping members make better use of the Southland Fly Fishing Club library. The library is a valuable club resource, with books, DVDs, magazines, and VHS tapes covering fly fishing techniques, fly tying, casting, trout behaviour, entomology, conservation, and fishing knowledge built up over many years.

Getting the Library Organised

At this early stage I am reviewing the existing library list and working through what books the club holds, how they are recorded, and how we can make borrowing easier and more visible for members. As the system is refreshed, I will begin by stream-lining the recording of loans, returns, member requests, and possible new additions.

Because I am just beginning in the role, there are no loan statistics to report this month, and I am not yet ready to feature a Book of the Month. Once the catalogue and borrowing records are in better shape, future reports will include highlights such as popular loans, recommended reads, new books, and member suggestions.

My aim is to make the library a more active part of club life and to use this newsletter space each month to remind members what is available, encourage borrowing, and link books to club activities, seasonal fishing, and member interests.

This Month's Report

Loan statistics	Book of the Month	Library focus
No loan data is available yet. Loan records will begin as the refreshed library system is put in place.	No Book of the Month this issue. A featured title will be added once the catalogue has been checked.	Reviewing the current library list, checking the collection, and preparing a more streamlined borrowing record for members.

Looking Ahead

In future newsletter reports I hope to include short features on useful books from the collection, reading suggestions for beginners and experienced anglers, fly tying and technique resources, member recommendations, and updates on any new additions or donated titles.

Member Input Welcome

If members have borrowed books from the library in the past, have suggestions for titles we should highlight, or would like to recommend useful books for other members, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Member recommendations will help make future library reports more useful and relevant.

Library Notice

Members are encouraged to make use of the club library. If you are looking for a book, DVD, magazine, or VHS tape on a particular topic, please contact me on 027 723 2305 or email kim@xunil.co.nz before the next meeting, or speak to me on club night and I will check what is available. Suggestions and donations of useful fly fishing, fly tying, casting, entomology, conservation, and local waters books, DVDs, and magazines are also welcome. Please contact me before bringing donated items so I can check whether they are suitable for the library collection.

Kim's Contact Details 027 723 2305 kim@xunil.co.nz

Casting Day - September 27th

We have our annual casting day at Queens Park Cricket ground on September 27th starting at 1:00pm. Come along and get your arm ready for the new season.

If you don't have gear come along and try one of the Club rods.

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.

2026 Competition Winners

2026 Trophy Winners

Masters Cup

Season Total

1 st	Dave Harris	22 ¼ lbs
2 nd	Chris McDonald	16 ¾ lb
3 rd	Isaac Coburn	4 ¼ lb

Presidents Trophy

Biggest Brown

1 st	Dave Harris	5 lb	Aparima River
2 nd	Isaac Coburn	4 ¼ lb	
3 rd	Chris McDonald	3 ½ lb	

Allan White Trophy

Biggest Rainbow

1 st	Dave Harris	3 ½ lb	Mararoa River
2 nd	Chris McDonald	3 lb	
3 rd	Chris McDonald	2 lb	

Bill Brown Trophy

Best Condition Factor

1 st	Dave Harris	37.6	Waikaia River
2 nd	Isaac Coburn	30.7	
3 rd	Chris McDonald	28.8	

Arthur Gorton Trophy

Fly Tying

1 st	Gerda De Bruyn	18 points
2 nd	Dave Harris	17 points
3 rd	Chris McDonald	6 points



Trophies and prizes
at the 2026 AGM

2026 Competition Presentations



President Dave presenting Gerda with the Arthur Gorton Trophy for fly tying



Gerda presenting Dave with the Master Cup



International Women's Fly Fishing Day in September 2026 is commemorated on September 12th. It is a global day to celebrate women who fly fish, encourage more women to join the sport, and build community through shared stories, photos and videos.

How to Celebrate

- Share photos, videos and stories on the official International Women's Fly Fishing Day Group.
- Post your updates at **11AM** in your local time zone so the celebration rolls continuously around the world.
- Connect with your local groups or organise a beginner-friendly outing on the water.

Locally The Southland Fly Fishing Club is interested in organising a women's event on the day. Please contact Julie Cook 027 630 2949 or emailing her juliecook@actrix.co.nz.

If you would like to take part or help and what you would like to do?

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- There is no cost unless travelling to a river then petrol costs would be shared.
 - Bring something for a shared lunch.
 - Fly fishing and tying gear can be made available.

Suggestions:

- If the weather is suitable can go to a river that we can fish in out of season and try your luck. (Need to have a 2025/2026 licence for this.)
- Try your hand at tying a fly for the forthcoming season.
- Watch a training video on fly fishing.
- Do a tour of some of the local fly fishing spots ready for the season ahead.
- Meet the local fishing ladies and plan some fishing trips.
- A prize for the woman who has caught the biggest trout in the 2025-2026 season. (Must supply photo.)
- Beginners welcome.
- Look at gear and what you need.
- ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS WELCOME.

Attending this day automatically enrolls you for a afternoon's fly-casting practice at Queens Park Cricket Ground at 1pm on the 27th September.

Competition Fly for September by Dave

Hare & peacock nymph

I started out to tie a hare's ear variant as the competition fly. The plan was to have a darker thorax with some dark brown dubbing but when I opened my fly box there was a peacock feather sitting there waiting to be used so I used that for the thorax, hence hare & peacock nymph. Unfortunately the gold wire didn't show up very well in the early photos (when I used the flash on the camera) so the later photos are without flash and the peacock looks very dark.

Materials:

Hook	Black Magic B14
Thread	Black Unithread 6/0
Weight	.015 lead or lead free wire
Tail	Brown cock hackles
Abdomen	Hare's fur dubbing
Rib	Fine gold wire
Thorax	Peacock herl
Wing case	Pheasant tail



Run the thread to the bend in the hook.



Wind on a few turns of lead or lead free wire.



Bind over the wire.



Tie in tail.



Tie in gold wire at the tail.



Dub the abdomen with hare's fur dubbing.



Wind gold wire forward in the opposite direction.



Tie in 5 or 6 strands of pheasant tail.



Tie in two strands of peacock herl.



Wind peacock herl forward and tie off.



Pull pheasant tail over the top of the peacock and tie off.



Build up a head, whip finish and coat with cement.

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

23 rd Aug		Club Trip (winter) meet at Fish & Game 9:00am
25 th Aug	MM	Fish & Game speaker
1 st Sept	CM	Fly tying
5 th Sept		Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
6 th Sept		Club Trip (winter) Fish & Game 9:00am
13 th Sept		Lodge Working Bee*
26 st Sept		Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing
27 th Sept		Casting Day at Queens Park 1:00pm
29 th Sept	MM	
1 st Oct		Opening Day (Thursday)

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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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