



Twizel April Trip 2022

With COVID still being around a few dropped out and the decision was taken to have members source their own accommodation. Seth Greg, Brendon and I headed down on the Thursday evening to get an early start in on the Friday without too much travelling. Fair to say the day was tough with Seth and me managing a small brown trout and Greg and Brendon having similar luck with no keepers. Friday was an early start and a trip to the Tekapo canal. As we left Greg claimed he'd be hooked in before we got there and I could not stop

laughing as we approach the spot we were fishing to see him with a fish on. Unfortunately that was the only fish of the morning for us but we did spot and have a brief chat with both Ben Booth and Jacob Willetts who guide in the area to see if we could pick up any hints, tips or location info. We drifted back to the accommodation for a brief rest and to sort out supplies. John and Della joined us for an evening fish on the Friday and it was John who struck Silver first on Ohau C with his trusty soft baiting techniques and a nice keeper will be finding its way to the smoker. Jacob also appeared and seemed to be catching Salmon with some regularity by drifting eggs very close to the cages, on several occasions offering his rod to Seth to play. Seth in the car confirmed he was worried he would break Jacobs rods and therefore had said no to the offers (but really wanted to say yes). Saturday Morning Greg and Brendon headed back to the Tekapo canal again to have a go at some egg rolling and target the bigger fish in that canal system. Seth and I decided to head to Ohau C with John and Della given the salmon being caught on arrival a lady was landing one and hooked up again 10 minutes later to bag out. Seth Finally got the fight he was after landing a 7lb salmon. That was it for the morning but it appeared silver at the time was the go. That afternoon I was keen to show Seth the Sockeye that were spawning in the Ohau River. The work done to the Ohau river is commendable and it looks quite the fishery for those wanting a go on the fly (or spin) whenever up in the Twizel region. We then hit the Ohau lake which was calm, Seth flicked out a couple of lures and 5 minutes in he was hooked up to a wee rainbow. Unfortunately it had attacked the lure so hard we could not release it so that came home. John and Della tried their luck at the junction on the Pukaki canal and attempted to get to the top of Lake Ruatanwha however remedial works meant access was not available so they headed to the Benmore delta. Greg and Brendon headed to



some tips to myself (and I believe Brendon) offering his rod to Seth with a fish on. This time Seth said yes and it was

Ohau A where Greg again landed a nice fish as well as a lovely pigeon that intercepted his lure on a flyby. Was interesting seeing the rod bending in the opposite direction to what you expect and ending up with feathers on the hook. After a brief return to freshen up, we all reconvened from around 4pm for an evening session on the Ohau C canal. Greg, Brendon and I had a go at egg rolling and Seth using some trusty lures. Silver seemed to start appearing out of nowhere with Greg in first and then Jacob whom had been down there a while of passing

very kind and great to see him also offering assistance to the young angler and pointing him in what he was doing as he played the fish. Still firing Della then took out fish of the weekend with a 12lb beauty and still time for Brendon to get on the board and Greg to limit out. That evening we met Jacob in the Top hut for a chat and a bite while discussing a few fishing matters. Sunday we all headed back to Ohau C nice and early. I wasn't long before we were on again this time Seth hitting another bullet and Greg offering me his rod with one on. Della hit another and Greg and Seth landed a couple of smaller fish that went back. The success meant that most headed home around 10am as the fishing quietened down, but all in all a very exciting trip and one I hope can have similar results come the end of July.

