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Next Meeting
Weds 6th November
Club Meeting at the
Fishermans Loft
19:30

**At Cotswold Preschool Hall,
7 Colesbury St, Bishopdale**

Our November meeting we are fortunate to have as speaker young fisherwoman Emilie Servais. Those frequenting the loft she will be a familiar face and is an accomplished fly and spin fisher as well as fly tier we look forward to hearing from her.



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Message from the Editor

What an opening month... Seth and I managed to get out for the club trip to Lake Opuha with a personal thanks to both Wayne and Bones for kindly allowing us some time on the water (See review later). For those liking the surf, rig and Elephant fish are showing up in good numbers all along the coast with reports from south of the Rakaia through to Kaikoura just ask Anna... The Take a kid fishing was well attended by young anglers, with the pond we tend firing in the first 20 minutes before the calm period. It was disappointing to see photos and videos on instagram and social media of some anglers fishing when the Groynes is closed!! November we have Emilie as our guest speaker and I've added a background article for members (thanks Emilie) The high country opens this weekend both in the North Canterbury and CSI F&G regions so I'm expecting most folks to be out especially with the favourable



forecast. Just wanted to inform members for those who may not know F&G send out a weekly fishing report, you can sign up to this by simply visiting their website on the link –

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/news/category/weekly-report>

Tight Lines - *Gavin*

A message from the committee



Firstly, we hope those who travelled down to Lake Opuha for the day all caught fish and had a good time, we're looking forward to reading the trip report. Our speaker as mentioned this month is Emilie from the Fisherman's Loft. She comes via at least 4 continents so it will be interesting to hear what she has to say and where she has enjoyed her fishing. Many thanks to all those

who took part in helping, at the Take a kid fishing it was another lovely warm day and was again well attended with many of the children catching fish. Unlike previous years the tangles are getting less with our main jobs netting and dealing to caught fish and retying hooks and floats for those new to our sport.

This month sees the High country open, so the Lakes will be a popular spot for the next couple of weekends and F&G run a competition for anyone into that kind of thing. When fishing the High Country, it is always advisable to check regulations as the taking of salmon and fishing in some of the feeder rivers to these lakes is often different and may start in December. The club have the black forest trip at the end of November so if you haven't already and you are wanting to attend please get your information down or contact Della/John on the details further down. Gavin will also be putting one last shout out for volunteers for the clean-up down at the canals and Finally, a reminder our December meeting will be the Xmas dinner Shirley will be providing details at the meeting this month.

Many thanks
The Committee

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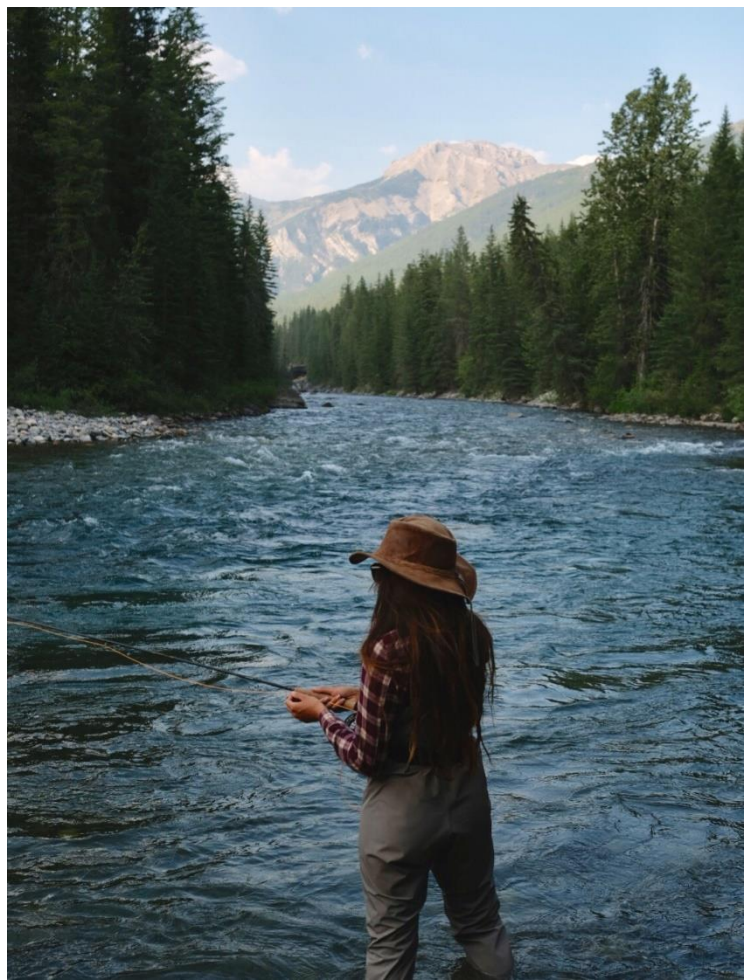
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| 9 th November | Canal Clean Up | Gavin Atkinson |
| 22 nd -24 th November | Black Forest Trip | Della Collins |
| 4 th December | Xmas Dinner | Shirley Salisbury |
| TBC December | Surfcasting | Gavin Atkinson/John Arps |

To give folks a wee bit of background Emilie has kindly penned the following - Ed

Guest Speaker Emilie

I was born in Ostend, Belgium. My parents both hated fishing, so I when I was a kid I bought myself a cheap telescopic rod in the supermarket with a set of random floats and hooks and weights. I'd go fish off the rocks or from the pier in my hometown. I had no idea what I was doing, used bacon as bait and never caught a thing.

When I got my first car I travelled around France and Spain and I "upgraded" to a more expensive, but still very crappy telescopic rod that the guy in the tackle shop sold me and a box of live Korean



worms. All I did was spooking salmon in the rivers and clumsily breaking worms in half. I lend the rod to a friend and he snapped the tip off and tangled all my line, so I decided to give up fishing and focus on surfing instead.

I met my partner in 2017 when we were both surfing in Australia. He was a more of a keen fly fisherman than a surfer to be honest. He was still a beginner, but he was so motivated to explore and go fish. It was painful to watch him, snapping flies, casting into trees on the other side of the river and getting very frustrated in general. I followed him around with a camera in hand ready for that trophy photo, 100% convinced that fly fishing would never be for me.

I got intrigued by the entomology side of fly fishing and how every fly tries to replicate a certain insect in a different stage of life - with feathers, fur and thread. Soon enough I was tying little nymphs and stocking up my partner's fly box.

How I ended up loving fly fishing so much and working in a tackle store in Christchurch - is a story I will be telling on the club night. Since I started fly fishing, I've fished on 4 continents and finally caught some fish.

Emilie W. Servais



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Lake Opuha Trip

The lake is a giant irrigation pond. It covers an area of 700 hectares or, to you oldies, that is 1,730 acres. It is held back by a 50m high earth dam.

Left = the lake empty



Right = the dam today



It collapsed in 1997 and was rebuilt. On 4 October this year there were questions about its current safety due to some “internal erosion” (not specified in the news article). The company managing it stated that the dam was perfectly safe, but they would be lowering the level until an international expert look at it. On 13 October sixteen club members and partners made the trip down to sample its fishing.

Lake Opuha is one of the few reliable October fishing venues north of the Waitaki system. It has brown and rainbow trout as well as a population of land-locked salmon. The lake has been popular now for over twenty years with the

exception of the year, about a decade ago, when irrigation almost drained it and the trout largely disappeared. They are back now as was witnessed by the catches.

The trip was originally billed as a day trip. Club members put their own interpretation on that with people staying in Fairlie on Friday and Saturday nights, Saturday night, or just Sunday night.

In all about 10 fish were landed, the best being a 4 lb brown. It looks like soft baits were the most popular choice. My info is that Seth, Wayne, Alan, Hemant, and I all went home with fish. It was great to see kayaks and a boat being available, as much of the lake is inaccessible by road. Our thanks to the “ferryman”.



Above left + Bones shares his knowledge
Below left = two of our intrepid boaties



Right = Seth shows how it is done
Right = Typical 3 lb Opuha brown



November 2nd sees the rest of the Canterbury lakes open for fishing. We hope the weather is kind to those who tackle them.

Rex

Having been away recently and had to bare witness to the mess left behind by others enjoying the fishing and scenary on offer. Was quite disgruntled and along with a few fellow anglers enjoying the beach conditions that day we ended up tidying up after them (tookus 10 minutes so why they didn't take it how I have no idea?? Point being I've re-published an article written in 2012 by life member and frequent contributor Frank Cartwright which resonated with me over that weekend.-Ed

It Ain't Cute To Pollute!

I detest pollution. I become quite disheartened when I find foreign objects despoiling a stream, riverbank, lake, estuary, seashore or the very sea itself. Without exception, any time I go out to fish, I invariably return home with a bag not necessarily containing fish, but stuff cast away by thoughtless folk.

Down the ages, waterways have been treated as convenient conduits for flushing away waste regardless of toxicity levels but in our 'enlightened age', education and publicity are gradually bringing about more environmentally friendly practices.

It's not cool to pollute these days

In recent times, dirty dairying has received a great deal of media attention and the resulting publicity is bringing about greater awareness of environmental responsibility and appropriate remedial action by the farming sector.

Awareness and responsibility are watchwords relevant to New Zealand's clean, green image but much, much more needs to be done.

A few years ago I was quietly spotting for trout near a railway bridge when I witnessed a maintenance workman dumping lengths of steel cable into the stream.

I challenged him to stop, was called a 'bloody greenie' for my trouble but responded by reporting the incident in a letter to the local paper. The resulting publicity prompted the appropriate authorities to educate their staff to be more eco-friendly, making it well worth the trouble of a letter to the editor!

However, that particular river incident pales to insignificance compared with what happened to the Cuyahoga River in the USA which flows into Lake Erie. It was actually declared a fire hazard. It defies logic that a river could be declared a fire hazard - but it actually happened! The Cuyahoga had become a dump for chemicals, oil, paint, old tyres, logs, human waste and anything and everything nasty until the decomposing muck produced flammable gasses that eventually ignited and caused the river to go up in flames, burning down two bridges in Cleveland in the process.

The resulting public uproar prompted pollution reforms and an overdue clean up got underway, but it graphically illustrates the extent and horrors of wanton, wilful pollution.

Here in New Zealand, we are gradually becoming more mindful of the environment and how it impacts on our lives. We have made considerable gains



regarding environmental awareness but much, much more needs to be done before we can truly say we are 'Clean Green New Zealand'.

Become pro-active and responsible. If you take it in, take it out and if you didn't take it in, take it out anyway.

Mother Nature will surely appreciate the gesture.

Frank Cartwright

9/9/12

The Following are a series of knots used in a variety of situations and each angler will have their own favourites however with education in mind after having several fail at the beach I have put together a few I found and if you type the knot itself into YouTube there's probably a video or 3 out there. All the best with the tying!

Albright Knot

The Albright Knot is most commonly used for joining monofilament lines of unequal diameters, for creating shock leaders and when Bimini Twist is tied in the end of lighter casting line. It is also used for connecting monofilament to wire.



2. Slip tag end of lighter line under your left thumb and pinch it tightly against the heavier strands of the loop. Wrap the first turn of the lighter line over itself and continue wrapping toward the round end of loop. Take at least 12 turns with the lighter line around all three strands.



3. Insert tag end of the lighter line through end of loop from the bottom. It must enter and leave the loop on same side.



4. With the thumb and forefinger of left hand, slide the coils of lighter line towards end of loop, stop 1/8" from end of loop. Using pliers, pull tag end of lighter line tight to keep coils from slipping off loop.



1. Bend a loop in the tag end of the heavier line and hold between thumb and forefinger of left hand. Insert the tag end of the lighter line through loop from the top.



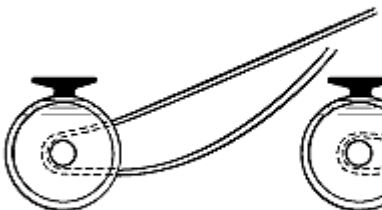
5. With your left hand still holding the heavier line pull on the standing part of the lighter line. Pull the tag end of the lighter line and the standing part a second time. Pull the standing part of the heavy mono and the standing part of the light line.



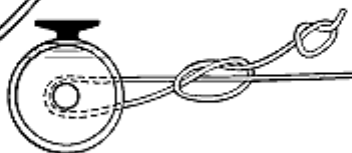
6. Trim both tag ends.

Arbor Knot

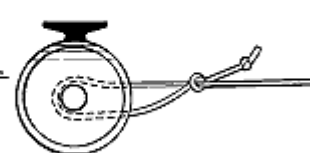
The Arbor Knot provides the angler with a quick, easy connection for attaching line to the reel spool.



1. Pass line around reel arbor.



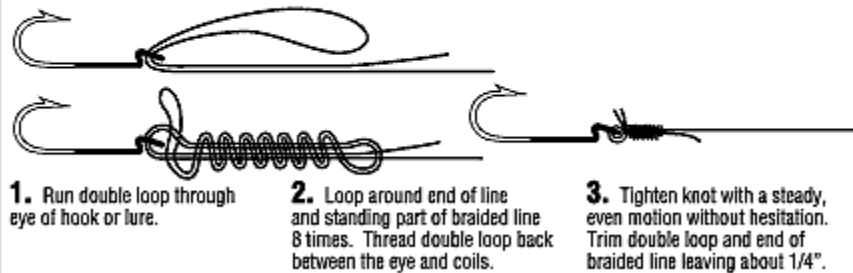
2. Tie an overhand knot around the standing line. Then tie a second overhand knot in the tag end.



3. Pull tight and snip off excess. Snug down first overhand knot on the reel arbor.

Berkley® Braid Knot

This special knot has been extensively tested by the Berkley R&D staff and has proven to be one of the best for use with the new braided lines.



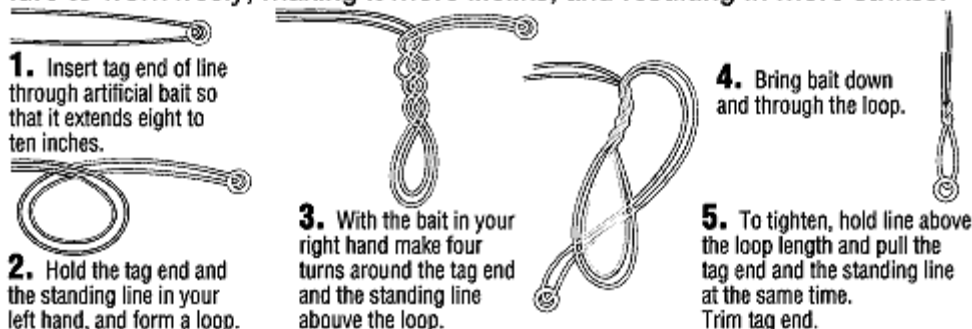
1. Run double loop through eye of hook or lure.

2. Loop around end of line and standing part of braided line 8 times. Thread double loop back between the eye and coils.

3. Tighten knot with a steady, even motion without hesitation. Trim double loop and end of braided line leaving about 1/4".

King Sling Knot

The King Sling Knot offers the angler an easy -to-tie end loop knot which is used primarily as a connection for crank baits. This knot allows the lure to work freely, making it more lifelike, and resulting in more strikes.



1. Insert tag end of line through artificial bait so that it extends eight to ten inches.

2. Hold the tag end and the standing line in your left hand, and form a loop.

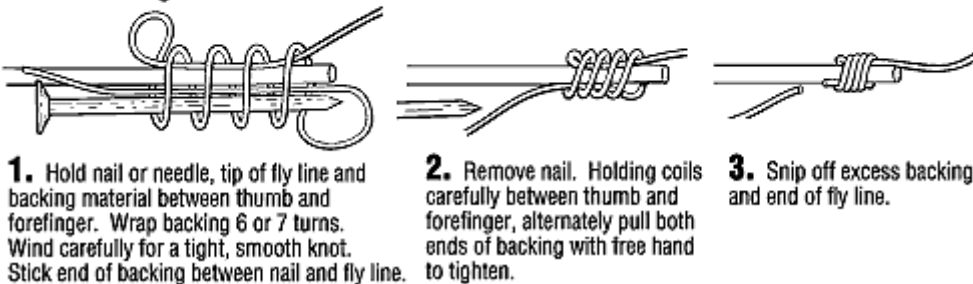
3. With the bait in your right hand make four turns around the tag end and the standing line above the loop.

4. Bring bait down and through the loop.

5. To tighten, hold line above the loop length and pull the tag end and the standing line at the same time. Trim tag end.

Nail Knot

The Nail Knot is generally used to attach fly line to fly line backing. This knot can also be used to attach a leader to the line. This makes a strong smooth knot that rolls out when casting. The nail knot is good for attaching two lines of different diameters.



1. Hold nail or needle, tip of fly line and backing material between thumb and forefinger. Wrap backing 6 or 7 turns. Wind carefully for a tight, smooth knot. Stick end of backing between nail and fly line.

2. Remove nail. Holding coils carefully between thumb and forefinger, alternately pull both ends of backing with free hand to tighten.

3. Snip off excess backing and end of fly line.

Palomar Knot

The Palomar Knot is a general-purpose connection used in joining fishing line to swivels, snaps, hooks and artificial lures. The double wrap of line through the eyelet provides a protective cushion for added knot strength.



1. Double the line and form a loop three to four inches long. Pass the end of the loop through hook's eye.

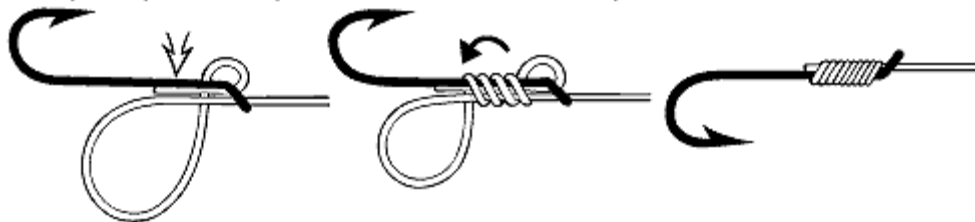
2. Holding standing line between thumb and finger, grasp loop with free hand and form a simple overhand knot.

3. Pass hook through loop and draw line while guiding loop over top of eyelet.

4. Pull tag end of line to tighten knot snugly and trim tag end to about 1/4".

Snell Knot

The Snell Knot provides a strong connection when fishing with bait and using a separate length of leader. You can only use a snell with a leader.



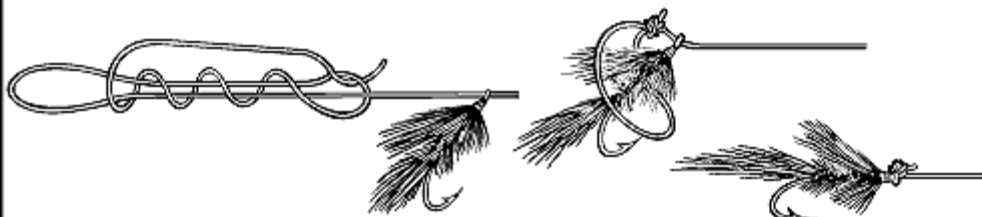
1. Insert one end of the leader through the hook's eye extending one to two inches past the eye. Insert the other end of the leader through the eye in the opposite direction pointing toward the barb of hook. Hold the hook and leader ends between thumb and forefinger of your left hand. Leader will hang below the hook in a large loop.

2. Take the part of this loop that is closest to the eye and wrap it over the hook and shank and both ends of the leader toward the hook's barb. Wrap for 7 or 8 turns and hold wraps with left hand. Grip the end of leader that is through the eyelet with your right hand and pull it slowly and steadily. Hold the turns with your left hand or the knot will unravel.

3. When the knot is almost tight, slide it up against the eye of the hook. Grip the short end lying along the shank of the hook with a pair of pliers. Pull this end and the standing line at the same time to completely tighten the knot. Trim the tag end.

Specialist Fly Knot

The Specialist fly knot is used to attach the fly to leader.



1. Place leader through fly eyelet and slide fly up the leader out of the way before beginning knot.

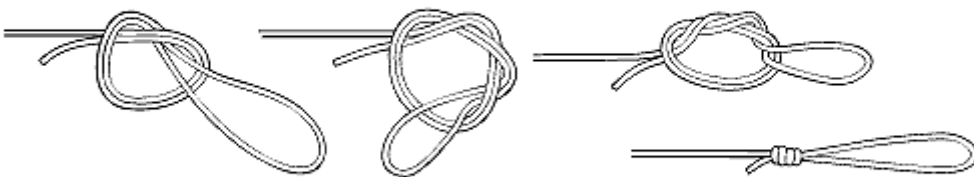
2. Make an oval loop and hold each end while wrapping the leader around the loop center 3 or 4 times.

3. Stick end of leader through loop closest to fly and cinch knot snug.

4. Trim tag end then place the fly through the loop and pull snug.

Double Surgeon's Loop

The Double Surgeon's Loop is a quick, easy way to tie a loop in the end of a leader. It is often used as part of a leader system because it is relatively strong.



1. Double the tag end of the line. Make a single overhand knot in the double line.

2. Hold the tag end and standing part of the line in your left hand and bring the loop around and insert through the overhand knot.

3. Hold the loop in your right hand. Hold the tag end and standing line in your left hand.

4. Moisten the knot in water and pull to tighten. Trim tag end to about 1/8".

Trilene® Knot

The Trilene Knot is a strong, reliable connection that resists slippage and premature failures. This knot can be used in joining line to swivels, snaps, hooks and artificial lures. The knot's unique double wrap design and ease of tying consistently yields a strong, dependable connection.



1. Run end of line through eye of hook or lure and double back through the eye a second time.

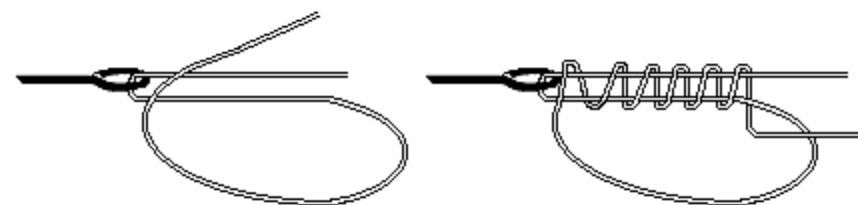
2. Loop around standing part of line 5 or 6 times. Thread tag end back between the eye and the coils as shown.

3. Tighten knot with a steady, even motion without hesitation. Trim tag end leaving about 1/4".

The Uni-Knot

1. Run line through eye of hook, swivel or lure at least six inches and fold to make two parallel lines. Bring end of line back in a circle toward hook or lure.

2. Make six turns with tag end around the double line and through the circle. Hold double line at point where it passes through eye and pull tag end to snug up turns.



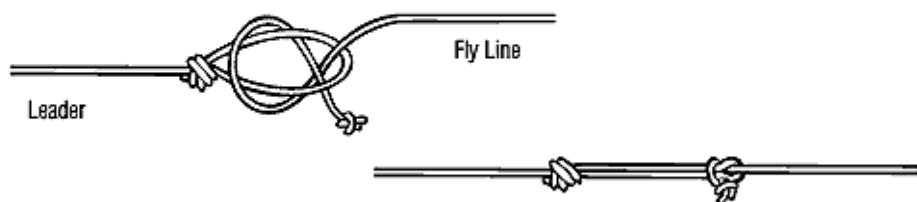
3. Now pull standing line to slide knot up against eye.

4. Continue pulling until knot is tight. Trim tag end flush with closest coil of knot. Uni-Knot will not slip.



Wedge Knot

The Wedge Knot is a general-purpose connection used in joining fishing line to a leader with a loop.



1. Tie a knot in the end of fly line.
2. Pass the fly line and knot through the leader loop and back around to form a simple knot.
3. Pull both ends to cinch up tight.

<http://www.tnoutdoorsmen.com/knots.htm>