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(The Friendly Bunch)

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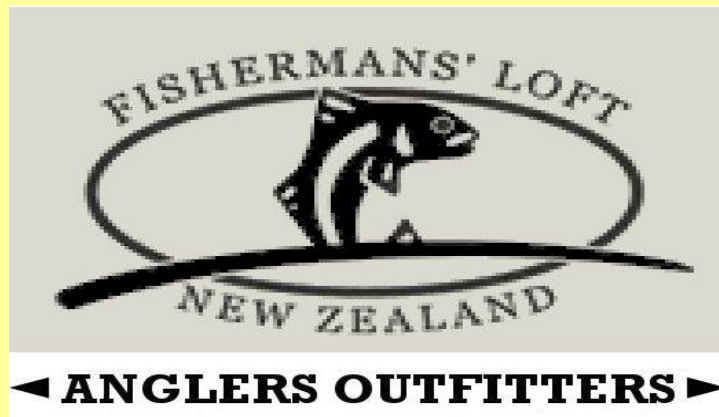
Next Meeting
Weds 6th
December
06:00pm onwards
Speight Ale House,
Tower Junction,

Decembers meeting, is our annual Christmas Dinner. This year we will head to the Speights ale house in tower junction for a bite to eat and a chat on how the fishing has been going so far. See you there!

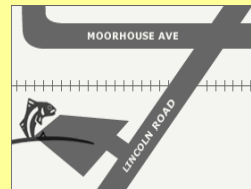
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Message from the Editor

Well Christmas is upon us once more and I must confess I am looking forward to some down time and hopefully getting out on the Kayak or into some surfcasting as this season has been rather broken up. It's that giving time of year and I would like to give a big thanks to the many contributors to the newsletter, who have provided information, trip reports, photos and articles. Rex, John, Brendon and Greg as well as other committee members. Many thanks too to all those with encouragement and thanks it really does help when work almost gets the better of me and the newsletter still needs to get out (A bit like this one). With work commitments the Newsletter is suffering and while I will continue until the AGM the club will be looking for someone to take up the mantle of editor so please if you think you want to give it a try get in touch with either myself, Brendon or one of the committee. I'll be there to help while whoever it is finds their feet.

Lastly a thanks to the members whom have come on trips, attended meetings and coped with late newsletters and for those heading out over the festive period tight lines and stay safe. *- Gavin*

Presidents Report

Hello Members

It's hard to believe another month has passed us by and Xmas is just around the corner. The weather at the moment still seems to be in a frustrating weather pattern which has made it hard to try and get out for a fish of late, but I'm hoping some members have managed to get for a fish. With the high country opening I have heard a few mixed reports on the high country fishing front. I have only managed to get out a couple of times myself surf casting one was with fellow member Greg "The Rig Slayer" Gilbert with us getting 26 rig for the day!! Greg getting 23 to my 3 I believe sometimes it's good to let others catch a few fish lol. The difference was the use of fresh crab over frozen as was very last minute for me, so it's worthwhile to put the effort in to catch fresh crabs if you're thinking of heading out.

The second trip was a club surf casting on Sunday 12th which found myself and Greg being joined by new members Kaye and Sandra who were keen to learn



about surf casting so Saturday me and Greg headed to our normal crab spot the pier to make sure we had a supply of fresh crabs. Sunday turn out to be a good day for surf casting but unfortunately the fish didn't read the script so was slow fishing with only 6 rig landed tagged and released. I received two lovely emails saying that both enjoyed it so hopefully we can get them out again soon and can help catch a fish or two or anyone else that is keen to go surf casting let us know. Lastly I hope members can get out over the next month or so and enjoy some fishing

Brendon

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CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact Details
February 9 th – 11 th	Kaikoura	Committee
March 22 nd – 24 th	Waitaki	Brendon
April 26 th – 28 th	Twizel	Shirley
September 6 th – 8 th	Twizel	

DAY TRIPS LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

Alongside this there will be day trips planned either for a surfcasting session or into the high country although the weather has meant these have been difficult to plan.

Tip of the Month

With it starting to get warm it a good reminder to keep your fluids up while on the water, along with applying and re applying sunscreen. With early starts the sunscreen can often be forgotten until it is too late. SLIP, SLAP, SLOP!!



In a SPIN

Hello Members

Welcome to In A Spin, where we talk spin fishing. What a great time to be out with the spinning rod as the first of the salmon turning up in some of the rivers on the East Coast. With some of these early salmon they are often the bigger ones, so now is the time to get your salmon gear out and sort

though it. Replacing old braid or mono, checking to make sure hooks on lures are sharp (File them) or even need replacing to give you the best chance to hook and land a salmon. Salmon are often referred to as “the fish of a 1000s cast” you would not want to lose it and have to wait another 1000s due to unkempt gear. Moving on to targeting kahawai around river mouths going forward should be a goodtime to target them. Ideally pick the tide and when the rivers are clear kahawai can be good fun on light tackle using silver lures in the 10 to 18gram range. I like to use single hooks on my lures as it makes it easier to release and does less damage to the fish. If the Waimak is your preferred river 2 hrs either side of low tide is good at the mouth. If chasing trout or soft baiting, I like to use dead egg soft baits and use jig heads in the 1/16th to 1/12th oz for rivers and sometimes for lakes I use 1/8th and 1/6th oz for when you are fishing deeper water. Always count from the lure when it hits the water when you are fishing deep water to make sure the lure is getting down deep and sometimes I can count up to 25 when fishing Lake Coleridge. Taking a note book with you can also be a good idea to start making a diary on spots you fish and how you fished it, what has worked and what hasn't can be documented. If you don't want to soft bait I like black and gold lures of varying types and rapalla types as my go to.



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Brendon

The Following is a re-edited version of 'Tommy's Trout' by former life member Frank Cartwright whom used to provide articles for the club. This first appeared in a club newsletter in 2005. It won first prize in a short story competition run by the prestigious U.K. publication 'Fly Fishing & Fly Tying', the prize being an Orvis hip flask and a bottle of Glengarioch 10 year single malt. The story is being re-run due to it's Christmas theme - Ed

Tommy's Trout

On his days off law enforcement duty Tommy relaxed with his trout rod quietly fishing the Wairau River. He had located a very large brown trout in a long, deep pool just prior to Christmas but his best efforts to capture it were not successful. He wisely rested the area for a day or two before returning with renewed enthusiasm, but each carefully placed cast failed to bring the slightest response from the big brown. Once again he retired from the river to let the trout settle down before returning on Boxing Day for a further attempt.

Arriving at the pool, he could see the trout lying deep but not feeding. He was weighing up his options on how best to fish to it when a young lad cycled up to him and asked if he could fish beside him and gain a few tips as he had never ever fly fished before. He was the proud recipient of a brand new fly fishing package which he had received for Christmas and was obviously very keen to try it out.

“Have a go lad!” said Tommy, supremely confident that a young, raw recruit to fly fishing would never get a response from a particularly angler-smart trout. Brimming with youthful confidence, the lad set about rigging up his rod and line then selected a lurid dry fly “as big as a budgie” according to Tommy. After several minutes of uncoordinated fly flinging and attendant tangles, the lad finally managed to throw a crude cast of a few metres in the general direction of the trout but suddenly, and against all odds, it surfaced with a great rush and engulfed “the budgie.” The rod bent double and although the tippet must have been on the point of breaking, it somehow held. The lad whooped and hollered in his excitement as the trout dashed back and forth, up and down and around the pool. Very sportingly, Tommy gave advice and encouragement and after a considerable struggle, the trout suddenly tired, was drawn towards the bank and Tommy, acting as the lad’s ghillie, slipped his net under a beautiful trout of eight pounds.

Tommy was flabbergasted that “his” trout had been captured with just one cast by an angling novice but the lad, grinning and flushed

with excitement, simply shoved the trout head-first into his backpack, tied his fly rod to the crossbar of his bike and cycled off. At the end of the track he paused, looked back and called out "Thanks mister! Have a nice day!"

Frank Cartwright

The Fly Box



hello members

Welcome to the fly box where we talk fly fishing and tying. We had a great fly-tying morning on the 11th, always nice to have new members coming along keen to learn we spent the morning tying up nymphs as these are an easy way for them to learn how to tie flies. I mentioned to those that were there it's a really great enjoyment and feeling in tying a fly and catching a fish on a fly you tied yourself. So Please if fly tying is something you could be interested in trying come down to the pre-school, grab yourself a cupper, have a chat and watch, learn and do. This is also a great way to meet other members and ask questions and

we are looking to regularly hold our fly tying mornings through the year. If you are looking to head out here are a few flies with using nymphs would be a caddis or pheasant tail size 14 to 16. Should your trip coincide with a mayfly hatch a CDC emerger or Adams parachute size 12 to 14 are affective. If you need a couple of dry flies my pick would be a royal wolff and coch y buddu which is a good beetle pattern for this time of year in size 12 to 14. Finally, a couple of streamers worth having are the Hamills killer which is good for lakes and a woolly bugger in size 6 to 10. Going forward each month I hope to write up a few tips and info to help members out. And please don't forget the club has trophies for biggest trout on self-tied fly and biggest canal fish on self-tied fly

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Brendon

Given the above I remembered Norm did a variant of a pheasant tail parachute and thought it may be one to look at so please feel free to use the fly below or get the bits and bring it along to give a go – Ed

Fly of the Month

Pheasant Tail Parachute Fly

Hook: 16 - 12
Wing: Squirrel tail any colour
Tail: Pheasant tail
Body: Pheasant tail
Thorax: Dubbing any colour
Hackle: Ginger grizzle
Brill: Any bright flashy material



Method:

Bind hook one-third down the shank. Tie on wing and wrap in front of wing to stand it up. Take four turns around base to hold hackle, cut off excess on angle to smooth body out. Wrap to tail. Tie on four pheasant tail herls to form tail. Wrap pheasant herls and thread to wing and tie off, cut off surplus herls. Dub thorax. At this time of year use some brill. Tie on hackle and wrap around wing base. Each turn is wrapped under the previous wrap to keep it tight. Cut off surplus and tie off.

This fly is made to look like any number of flies. It is useful as a searching fly. It is made with a bit of brill to stand out at this time of the year.

Tight lines
Norm Parkyn