

# **Christchurch Fishing & Casting Club Inc**

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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Happy New Year**

**Our first meeting for 2013 is on Waitangi day.**

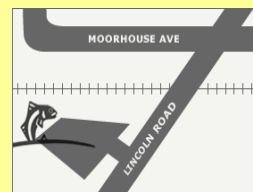


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### ***Content for newsletter***

This newsletter is created for the members of our club. If you have a story, image or other content you like to share with our members, please send this to;

[j.m.princen@gmail.com](mailto:j.m.princen@gmail.com)

alternatively it can be posted to: PO Box 78303, Pegasus 7648

***Thank You,  
Monique***

## ***2012/2013 Events Calendar***

16 – 17 February      Lake Taylor  
Organiser John Collins  
Supporting Keith Gibbs (Bones)



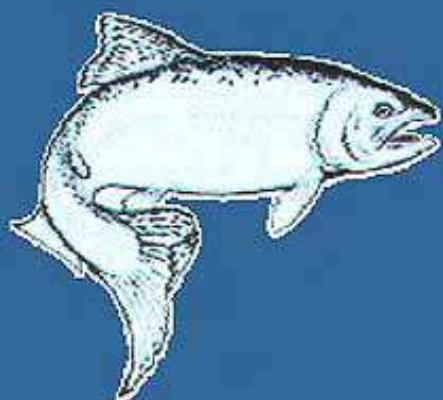
16 – 17 March          Otematata  
Organiser Shirley Salisbury  
Supporting Sheredyn Berg

13 – 14 April          Black Forest trip  
Organiser Rex Gibson  
Supporting Colin Meese  
*For this trip 3 venues have been booked:*  
*Shearers Quarters \$25 per night*  
*Twizel House \$30 per night*  
*Archibald House \$40 per night*  
*Archibald House is around the corner from the*  
*previously used Lake House and had a fantastic view*



**Saturday 16 March 2013**

# **WAIMAKARIRI SALMON FISHING COMPETITION**



**COMPETITION AREA:**  
All river below Railway Bridge,

**START TIME:** First Light  
**FINISH TIME:** 3.00pm

**WEIGH STATIONS:**  
Located river mouth & Macintosh's.  
Open 7.00am. Close 3.00pm.

**MAJOR PRIZE**  
**3-day big game fishing trip**  
**for 4 people out of Tutukaka, Northland**

**ENTRY FEES**

Adult \$20  
NZ Salmon Angler member \$15  
NZSAA membership + entry fee \$40  
Junior (16 yrs or under) Free

Entry Forms  
available  
late January

**SOCIAL EVENT & PRIZEGIVING**

3.30pm: Prizegiving Kairaki Beach Camp Hall  
BYO drinks and \$2 sausage sizzle BBQ.  
Partners and friends welcome.

Competition organised by NZ Salmon Anglers Assn  
PO Box 1113 Christchurch 8140

## ***Fly of the Month***

### ***Dragon Fly***

**Hook:** 8  
**Tail:** Peacock Herl  
**Body:** Black Foam  
**Wings:** Fashabo  
**Hackle:** Black



#### **Method:**

Bind hook to bend then back to eye. Take eight peacock herls tie them on, put a drop of glue on shank first as the fly tends to twist around hook shank. When you reach the bend of hook keep winding up herl for another four centimetres, make four tight turns to make it firm. Cut off herls behind bindings.

Cut a strip of black foam about 5 millimetres wide, put a drop of glue on hook shank. Tie foam on with excess over the eye. Bind down firmly tying over three or four times. The foam will tighten down quite tightly and make a firm base for the wings and hackle. Tie on three black hackles at the tail then about halfway along hook shank tie on ten pieces of flashabo with xing pattern, cut to length. Take a thread to eye and wind hackles to eye and tie off. Bring foam back over hackles and tie down. Whip finish and put a drop of glue on whip finish, as it is not very tight on foam.

***This fly can be used anywhere dragon Flies are flying. I don't know whether it will work. I will try it before the next meeting and tell you then.***

**Tight lines**

**Norm Parkyn**



## ***No Fool like an Old Fool***

Arriving in Central Otago in late October, properly prepared and anticipating the usual excellent trout fishing, I was bitterly disappointed with the extreme climatic conditions encountered around the lakes. Snow on the ranges was consistently right down and generally speaking, the weather was the worst I have ever experienced. And if that wasn't enough, the annual run of rainbow trout was virtually a non event. Just the odd fish here and there and a lot of trudging in between to locate a solitary trout patiently waiting for a mate to spawn with. The few that I did successfully track down were invariably taking refuge under overhanging foliage, quite contentedly frustrating my best attempts to properly present a fly. Over the course of two weeks, I managed to catch and release just two rainbow trout, hooked a real beauty which bust me off and for the table, managed to land a solitary salmon. That was it. Fini!

Very disappointed with the paucity of opportunities for fly fishing - thanks to howling gales, sub-polar blasts and scarce trout - I turned to spinning for lake salmon but the run of bad luck continued. Gremlins had sabotaged my reel. The gearbox was trashed. So off I went to Cromwell Sports to buy a replacement reel.

Having made my purchase, I returned to base, filled the spool with 6lb Black Magic mono and headed for the nearby Clutha river. I fished a black & gold Toby in combination with a large wet fly tied behind but wretched didymo fouled each and every cast so I eventually decided to move to the top of Lake Dunstan where there was a measure of shelter to flick a fly.



As I was driving over river flats towards the highway, I noticed that I had left the front passenger window partly open. Dust was swirling in so naturally enough I closed it. Then to my horror, I noticed that the upper section of my Mitchell rod was hanging at a crazy angle outside the window. It had slid through the window gap and innocently closing it ruined the best spinning rod I have ever owned. Roundly cursing myself for being such a clueless clot, I was obliged to return to Cromwell Sports to buy a new rod.

I had a good look over the store's selection and finally opted for a nice little two piece 6 footer. After paying for it I was about to leave when I noticed that it still had the display reel attached. I called the salesman over and said 'You haven't removed the reel'. He grinned broadly and said 'That's yours mate - it's a one-price package deal'.



Gob-smacked, I stared at him, stared at the reel and stone the flippin' crows, it was identical to the very model I had bought the previous day! Ah well, you win some, you lose some but on the up-side, my son now has a brand new reel – courtesy of his daft old Dad!

*Frank Cartwright*

### ***In Memoriam***

Last Sunday our club member Bill Drewitt has passed away. He has lost his battle with brain tumors. Our thoughts and sympathy are with his family.



## ***Black Forest Trip December 2012***

This seems to be the trip to be on as 28 members and family turned up for a great weekend. It had its breezy moments but nothing like the persistent nor' westers that we have had since Christmas.

The organizational headache came because in October only about a dozen people "committed" to go. The third house was cancelled as a result. By the November meeting the two booked houses were overfull. We were so lucky that a cancellation in Lake House allowed us to cater for everybody. On again, off again, commitments will eventually lead to people being left behind in the future. A booking system that records the sequence of booking, plus penalties for late withdrawals should be considered for Black Forest. The Club has another visit planned for April. That is when the trout gather around the lake edge ready to go up river. The fishing can be fantastic.



Despite these "moans", above, it was hugely successful as a club trip. Over 40 fish caught by Saturday night and at least a dozen on Sunday. We believe that Della got the largest. The Tekapo River and mouth areas were the most productive but fish were everywhere, especially around the lake edges on the Sunday morning, before the wind really got up. Despite the wind good fish were hooked on Sunday by fishing "down wind".



The Saturday BBQ was a highlight once again. Dave Palmer does a stirring job as chief chef. The club owes you a lot Dave; thanks for sharing your skills. I hope that Sheredyn and the other committee members kept his supply of throat lubricant going! As usual we over catered but the quality was superb, meat, salads and desserts! Lake House is an excellent venue with its large living rooms and a view to die for.



We broke even on the costs. Because of the varying costs for each house and the fluctuating numbers it is often hard to settle on easy amounts for collection but our fees ended

up just right, to the dollar. In 2011 we had a surplus and in 2012 we had an equivalent loss. Host Caroline does a great job in preparing the houses and accommodating us. It is a privilege to wake up in those surroundings under the watchful eyes of Aoraki and his brothers.

I believe that a certain well known fishing photographer and club guest speaker had recently been in residence getting about 75 for the week! That is a good target to aim for.



***Roll on April!***

***Rex***

***Excuse to pollute “appalling”***  
*released 25/01/2013 by Fish and Game*

Fish & Game NZ is appalled that the dairy sector is using the removal of nitrogen inhibiting products from the market as an excuse for more pollution to enter New Zealand’s waterways.



“Fonterra Shareholder’s Council has signalled as much,” says Fish & Game chief executive Bryce Johnson, “practically demanding that regional councils lower nitrate pollution targets. “It is utter arrogance for a sector which is already reaping significant environmental subsidies to use this as an excuse for affected farmers to maintain their artificially elevated stocking rates and further pollute the public’s freshwater resources. “An environmentally and socially responsible industry would employ alternative measures to compensate, not say ‘Oh well, it’s back to business as usual boys’”

The withdrawn products were seen as a means of helping reduce dairying’s impact on water by reducing the amount of diffuse nitrogen pollution leaching off farms and into waterways.

Mr Johnson says in their absence regional councils must not lower pollution targets and instead should put the onus on the farmers to adhere to environmental guidelines and reduce the impact by other means. “If that requires a reduction in production, then so be it.”

Lesser options that could assist include using less fertiliser and using it more efficiently, upgrading irrigation systems and increasing riparian margins adjacent to flowing waters,” he says. “The individual farmers affected by this should meet the costs associated with ensuring that they aren’t polluting the public’s freshwater resource. “That’s what would be required of any other business – the dairy sector should not be treated as a special case and demands for yet more environmental subsidies should be flatly rejected by regional councils and the government.”

- *For more information contact Fish & Game NZ chief executive Bryce Johnson on 021397897*

***John Goddard***

I recently received an email from Jean Marsh (widow of fishing legend Norman Marsh) advising that John Goddard, the celebrated English angling guru, had died in the UK.on Boxing Day. John was a frequent visitor to New Zealand and whenever he was in the Nelson region, stayed with Jean and

Norman at their "Streamside" residence as he particularly loved to fish the Motueka river.

John's excellent books are well worth reading - he wrote at least a dozen - and I have one, kindly given to me by Norman Marsh, titled 'Wilderness Rivers of New Zealand'. See if you can get John's books at your local library as reading them can only add profit and pleasure to your angling endeavours.



*John Goddard, who has died aged 89, was a celebrated fly fisherman and, as an author, did much to promote a knowledge of entomology as a crucial weapon in the angler's armoury. Realising that if he were to catch more fish it would be helpful to invent more realistic patterns, he and a friend, Cliff Henry, decided to take life-size close-up photographs of the species of insect life on the river.*

*These early efforts blossomed into a more ambitious project, a book of angling entomology of the British Isles: Goddard's*

*Trout Fly Recognition was published in 1967. Over the years he also created some 50 original fly patterns, notably the G&H Sedge (or Goddard Caddis). His fruitful collaboration with Brian Clarke led to their book *The Trout & The Fly* (1982), for which they photographed flies' feet from under water at night, to discover how trout, in the dark, could unerringly see flies drifting on the surface above them which were invisible to humans. To solve this mystery, they built large tanks with specially-angled sides and filled them with water; they then, in darkness, dropped in flies and observed them from beneath.*

*"We had our answer at once," Clarke later wrote. "It was that wherever part of a fly — feet, body, wings — touched the surface tension, they dented it slightly. This distortion, when viewed from below, acted rather like a lens — it gathered and concentrated any light remaining in the night sky. The result was that, from the position of a trout looking up, each fly on the surface was brightly outlined against the darkness all about it. It was a fabulously surprising result and it caused quite a stir."*

*Frank Cartwright*

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