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Club Night : August 15th
Club Auction Early Start 7pm.
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| Alan Lynn | Bryan Coulter | Graham Cargill | Ken Twyman | |
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General club meetings: 7.30 pm on 3rd Tuesday of each month except December & January

Meeting venue: Waimairi Lions Club, 338 Avonhead Road, Avonhead, Christchurch 8042 (the cricket club/ tennis club entrance).

Committee meetings: The Committee meets on the Tuesday following the Club Meeting at the community room at Avon Life Care facility on Stanmore Road. There is also a Committee meeting on the last Tuesday in January.

Club Trips, Events

| <u>Trip</u> | <u>Based at</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Convenor</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mid Winter Fish | Lake Coleridge | 4th—5th August 2023 | Gary Batchelor |
| Sea Fishing Weekend | Kaikoura | 15th—17th September 2023 | Dave & Liz McDowell |
| Take a Kid Fishing | The Groynes | 24th September 2023 | Fred van Slooten |
| Richard Marles | Lake Benmore / Aviemore | 6th—8th October 2023 | Bill Bennett / Ian Joseph |
| High Country Opening | Lake Coleridge | 4th November 2023 | Gary Batchelor |
| Annual Brunner Outing | Lake Brunner | 17th—19th November 2023 | Fred van Slooten |
| Club Christmas Picnic | Kaiapoi Lakes | 10th December 2023 | Dave & Liz McDowell |

The (Anglers') Angle

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Editors bit

As I stood at my work station today, my mind kept wandering well, even more than it would normally! Many would venture that I've lost my mind completely —not to that extent though, on this occasion.

My mind's eye kept conjuring up visions of fishing trips passed, places and people who shared these adventures. As opposed to being a bad thing, I think that it is a good thing, despite the fact that I was wielding a kinda large knife at the time!? Fear not all fingers are accounted for !

What, you may ask brought on this whimsical state of mind? I can only suggest that it is because we haven't had any organised club trips in July. Now, I've been roundly criticised for talking about "the journey" ... some say "sod the journey, it's about catching fish". I do beg to differ. Part of the enjoyment of being a part of this Canterbury Angler's Club, for me, is the monthly schedule of organised trips laid out like a veritable smorgasbord of options for all of us to choose from and an equally diverse bunch of people who attend and lend voice to each respective event. All our members have the choice of coming with us and later, being able to allow your mind to wander, just a bit, to places and people lodged with in your happy place too! I look forward to joining you there.

Garry Hill
Editor

[Closing date for articles and info in the next issue: Tues 5th Sept](#)

President's Report

Greetings All.

Welcome to the Presidents musings for August 2023. While this is my first report to you, I am not new to this, having previously been the President. I see my last AGM report was back in July 2017. I have remained on the Club Committee since then because it has been a pleasure to be involved with the Club and the great people in the Club and on the Committee. I let my name go forward as President, for this year, as it seems people are reluctant to take an official position. The Club **needs** people to stand for President and Vice President, to guide the Club forward.

Fortunately for the membership of this Club, we are well served by Liz McDowell and Barry Swaney who have held the other two official positions – (for some time), **and** the great team of Committee people that have been involved over the years. Join the Committee and experience the enjoyment to be had, then think about putting your hand up... it is rewarding and there is plenty of help along the way.

All Clubs must continue to evolve, with new members and ideas, and we are no different in that respect.

Please do not shy away from getting involved... it is rewarding for you and for the Club.

To justify the huge outlay in our three huts, and to retain them, members need to use the facilities. To this end renovations have and are being done to encourage this. Rakaia, as an example, is sometimes booked for family weekends. Warm fire – well stocked – tidy bedrooms – children's playground – park – walking – are just some of the activities available here.

I would like to acknowledge here the passing of our Life Member E J (Ted) Gilliver, in July.

Ted was one of the first people I had contact with on a Club trip. It was a sea fishing trip out of Oamaru, and Ted took me under his wing and made sure my gear was up to scratch, (it was not, so Ted rectified that) and ensured my weekend went well. Not Teds fault he chose a landlubber to look after.

Ted was really a bit ahead of his time in his thoughts – our magazines had regular, interesting, articles on Sea / land warming, and water management, before it became fashionable to talk about these things.

From me, and from the Club, THANK YOU TED.

Garry Batchelor
CAC President

[Aug Meeting on the 15th is the Annual Club Auction and will be held observing the latest regulations concerning Covid](#)

Club Trips & Activities

Entertainment Schedule

August 15th at 7pm Please note there will be an early start for the night of the Annual Club Auction. The doors will be open at 6.30pm to allow for people to bring in and display goods donated and for those who will, to set their sights on items of interest they will enthusiastically bid for.

September: Nothing concrete at this time, however, a number of options are being explored so that we may balance off previous speakers we've had speaking about our changing environment and potential reasons why

Bill Bennett

Club Trips

August 4th—6th: Lake Coleridge Mid Winter Fishing Trip with Papanui Club. 13 persons intending to go at this stage Accommodation is at the Glenthorne Station (this event has been held and report is later on in the magazine).

September 15th—17th: Kaikoura Sea Fishing. 14 names to date in the book. If you would like to go on this trip, you will need to get your name put forward so that a booking may be made at the Kaikoura Dive Club Lodge. This needs to be made ASAP. The booking process is somewhat different from other trips. Contact Dave Sherriff This trip is rapidly gaining traction and members are locking the dates in to be there. Usually plenty of spare positions on boats or if you prefer, fishing off one of the beaches.

September 24th: This is also the month that we offer our support to the Annual Take a Kid Fishing event at the Groynes. For those who have helped out here in the past, you'll know how rewarding it is to be a part of this event. There is no such thing as too many volunteers so get your calendar out, put a great big circle around the date and organize yourself to be there as a part of the Canterbury Angler's Club contingent.

October 6th—8th: Richard Marles Trophy held at Otematata, Lake Benmore and Lake Aviemore. Probably one of the most well attended trips on our club calendar. Bruce Rule has made this trophy his own for a number of years now Time for someone else to make claim to it. Accommodation is at the previously hired venue which proved so popular at our last visit. If you intend going, please get your name into the book so that we can successfully lock in beds for everyone going, maybe even another buffet dinner?

November 3rd & 4th: Mark it on your calendar, the opening of the High Country fishery. Accommodation has been secured with the Papanui Club at the Glenthorne Station shearer's quarters. For those hardy souls who have historically camped at the Coleridge Camping Ground, here's a total step up in comfort level and also an opportunity to network with others from other clubs as opposed to huddling around a brazier.

November 16th—18th: Lake Brunner Show Week end courtesy of family van Slooten . A totally top weekend. Bookings essential so that Fred might book accommodation which will fit the numbers intending attending.

All trips at the moment are subject to change at short notice – it is up to members' discretion as to whether or not they attend.

Fish of the Month

Here it is, my very first report as Fish of the Month co-ordinator and I've got nothing to report. Perhaps next month? All entries to me please?

Barry Smith

New Canterbury Angler's Club Members

We have a number of people who are considering joining our club, but no applications to report this month.

Dave Sherriff

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee of the Canterbury Anglers' Club, held on 25th July 2023, at Avon Retirement Village at 7.30pm

There were 9 x committee members present and 3 x apologies were presented and accepted

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: were read and were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Barry presented the Financial Statement for the month. These were accepted and accounts as presented were all passed for payment.

Sub committees: New committee member appointments were allocated as follows:

- FOM: Barry Smith.
- Hut Bookings: Andrew Wells.
- Hut building: Dave McDowell, Alistair Bolt, Doug Haitana.
- Club Night Entertainment: Andrew Young.

Huts:

- Cass: Water at Cass. The above ground pipe at the base of the fire hose which burst after a particularly hard frost, has been repaired (thanks Fred). The pipe needs to be buried over summer to reduce the chance of this event repeating.
- Clearwater: Nothing to report at this time.
- Rakaia: Nothing to report at this time.

From the AGM: Missing trophy: The C R Ogier Cup appears to be missing. If anyone has any idea of where this trophy may be, or better still, if you have it, please let Gary Batchelor know and we can have it updated.

Auction: Fred will be reaching out for pickups. If you have any spare time, please contact Fred and he'll surely be happy to allocate you a pickup or two. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Club Welfare

It is with a deal of sadness that we have to advise that one of our Life Members, Ted Guilliver passed away recently. Although Ted had not been to any Club functions or outings for quite some time because of health issues, he has been a true supporter of the Club during his active years.

Graham Cargill has not been at all well however Yvonne is taking good care of him.

A Really Worthwhile Youth Project

One of our Committee Members, Andrew Young has an extremely worthwhile project which he is working on. We need your help to give Andrew's project "wings to fly".

He is hoping to gather around him, a number of Lincoln High School students and introduce them to the fine art of fly fishing.

What we would like to do is to be able to build up a stock of fly fishing rods and reels so that each of them can experience and practice the motions required to present a fly to an unsuspecting fish. These would be held and looked after by Andrew and used by multiple students on an ongoing basis.

If you have a spare / obsolete / unused for ages fly rod and reel and would be happy to donate it to Andrew for his project, I'm sure he'd be absolutely stoked to receive it. I've got one and the thought of a young person getting some pleasure out of it is grand ! Looking even further into the future (may be a far leap, but however) potentially, some junior members coming into the club!?

Presidents Report, presented to the 2023 AGM

I'm pleased to present my 2023 report, my last as President in this stint. I have enjoyed my time at the helm of the committee, over the past 3 years of the term. We have a good bunch of people in executive and committee, who get along, and get down to the task at hand, of managing the affairs of this club.

The past 12 months delivered less intrusions on our activities than the previous 12 months – life is almost back to normal. Looking back at the weather events that have taken place, I wonder how long it will be before we are forced to put off an event due to a weather event brought on by climate change. I also think that here in North Canterbury we are at a cross roads, in terms of the lowland fishery, with habitat degradation becoming more of an issue, and that will likely have an impact on shaping the future of this club – less fish, less fisher people, less club members...

Club events and trips

We ran 23 club events, comprising 10 club nights, and 13 fishing events.

Of the club nights, all except one were well attended. We can blame a large contingent of the regulars being away, and a very wet autumn night for keeping the rest of you away. Those of us that attended enjoyed Grant Holmes explain the gear set up for course fishing. Club nights continue to be a difficult prospect to arrange speakers which interest the masses, with Bill, Graham, and myself and others from the committee continually racking our brains, for ideas of just who we can invite to speak. Looking around the country, a large number of clubs have pulled back on their activities to run club nights, due to the same difficulties, while those with deep pockets pay considerable sums to entice speakers to turn up. I do hope this doesn't become the norm, as I feel there is room for grass-roots engagement. I have to say – seeing the turnout to the meeting Tina Beyer from ECan spoke at was immensely satisfying, and I know she got a kick out of speaking to an appreciative audience.

Of the fishing trips, we ran four sea events, and nine fresh water events, and we participated at TaFK. The 2022/ 2023 committee made a conscious decision to not appoint a dedicated person to be on top of arrangements for each event, so Liz and Dave McDowall set an ambitious target with a proposed calendar at the start of the last fishing season. We did pretty well, and included a course fishing afternoon. The fish didn't seem willing to participate, so we have plans to run this again on a month when they are active.

The trip to Lake Alex was an example of a trip that didn't really get off the ground, despite the area offering premium water for a fisherperson. This is a trip we will review and we may run it again. The accommodation had some short comings with availability for a weekend, and with the cost of rental accommodation at Tekapo being prohibitive, it means we need to look at other options in the area if we want to run this as a weekend trip. Fairlie is an option, and is close enough to do it all again.

We pitched many events so that members could fish from their boats. Occasionally I hear criticism of that. We are a club with generalised interests - a fishing club that boats, so the events cater to that. I think that gives us a point of difference. If anyone feels they are being left out, my response is that the organisers and skippers always have room for more fisherfolk/ deckhands, so just indicate that you want to go on an event, and the event organiser will find room for you, and most likely arrange suitable tackle too! Whilst speaking about boats at events – my thanks to those skippers (and their forgiving partners). I cannot possibly name them all, so please accept my thanks each and every one of you.

Club Event Safety

One of the short term projects picked up in 2022 by committee, was the event safety program. A small number of the team got together and put in place the foundations to gather the required information together, so that each event organiser has a folder of information to draw on, with the details for the boats/ skippers/ radio call signs/ cell numbers and all the other useful details required. The object is that no boat trailers are left empty at the end of the day, and we are not left wondering where someone and their boat (and crew) might be, come prize giving, or club dinner that night.

Members have asked why we don't go looking for sponsorship of PLB's to hand out for club events. The very nature of how a PLB is assigned to a user precludes this action, but we have options to pursue funding if the situation demands it, on a per-user basis.

Membership

Our membership is virtually unchanged on the previous FY.

We owe a vote of thanks to North Canterbury Fish and Game, for their promotion of fishing clubs in the Christchurch area on their website, and to a small number of fishing stores that allow us to place a display advertising the club. TaFK provides a venue to promote the club as well, but the nature of the audience means that we rarely get new members joining who have attended that event.

The website continues to be the main means for attracting new members, with word of mouth being a close runner up.

Committee

Thankfully, with covid all but past us, we had no problems meeting as a committee each month. A special thanks to Bill Bennett for the use of the meeting venue, and Ian Joseph for being Mine Host.

I have said this before – our committee gets on, and does the job at hand each month, with very little dissention.

My thanks to each of you for your time. All of you have given time and labour freely. In addition, Yvonne and Graham put in a lot of work with hut bookings, and Chrissy Ormandy with managing the Facebook site. Yvonne and Graham have indicated they want to stand down from hut bookings, so we will move that job to another person going forward.

My thanks to the unsung members of committee – that is the wives and partners of those on committee, for putting up with phone calls at inopportune times. Thank you to one and all.

Finance

Once again our finances are close to where we were the previous year. We have an increase on the revenue from the huts overall, but expenditure is well up as well. That is not surprising considering the deferred maintenance program underway. Hopefully we have broken the back of that work, and we can bank some money this season. We have a higher level of savings at present, than the previous FY's. While I am ever hopeful, I don't expect this year's auction to generate the same amount of income as past years.

Club Lodges

After a covid crippled program the previous FY's, during the past year we stepped up maintenance at the club lodges. Dave McDowall put together a budget and submitted it to committee, to complete some projects at Clearwater, get a couple of things sorted at Rakaia, and kick off some long deferred maintenance at Cass.

At Clearwater, on the back of painting by the Chrissy Ormandy crew the previous season, we finished the work to put new mattresses on the bunk beds. The water tank supply has been rearranged to provide the additional space needed to house the BBQ, and the gas supply to the califont – which has been shifted, has been changed to suit. Inside the sink bench and the cupboards under them was replaced, and the area tiled and the inside has been painted as time allows. More work is planned outside when time allows to replace the spouting.

At Rakaia the bathroom got a long awaited makeover with a proper floor covering, and respectable wall linings. When you survey the scene, and understand what we had to work with, then you understand that the crew did pull off a miracle. Outside, some changes have been made to the garage ablutions, which the caravaner's use, with a fish filleting bench planned to finish the work off.

At Cass things are a bit more laid back, with some long delayed changes inside and out. The unsafe railings outside are no more. Inside, the start of work in the kitchen has commenced. We have a new stove onsite, and a new fridge is now in place.

Use of the club lodges has increased – particularly Cass and Clearwater, and while Rakaia is not setting any records, it is well up on the FY's of 3 to 4 years ago.

Goals

Having spent three years taking the helm, and gaining an understanding of the demographics of the club, and watching what is going on around us with membership of sporting clubs in general, I understand the struggle that we face as a club to attract new members. But, the real struggle is really to maintain our membership level where it is. Therefore, expect to see more surveys from us, so that we can understand what events you enjoy coming along to, so we can target that type of event in the future.

I mentioned last year I would like to see more of our members participating in environment matters, and that still stands. The future of the lowland fishery is most likely in the hands of all of us, to do our bit. So, I hope to see more participation from our club, and more photos of you all at planting days, even if it is on the Avon and Heathcote.

I am now looking forward to holding the title of Immediate Past President!

Andrew Wells

18/07/2023

Obituary for a recently Passed Life Member Ted Gilliver:

Ted Gilliver CAC Club Member 1997 to 2023

Ted was a shift Engineer at CFM Belfast as it was known back then. I believe he started back in the seventies and finished up about 1998 before continuing at Lowes Industries and retiring some years later.

I first met Ted Back in 1989. A towering figure blocking the Entrance to the Engine Room. His first words to me were "Where are the Salmon?"

Ted Joined the Canterbury Anglers Club in 1997 and joined the CAC committee from 2002 to 2012. 10 years

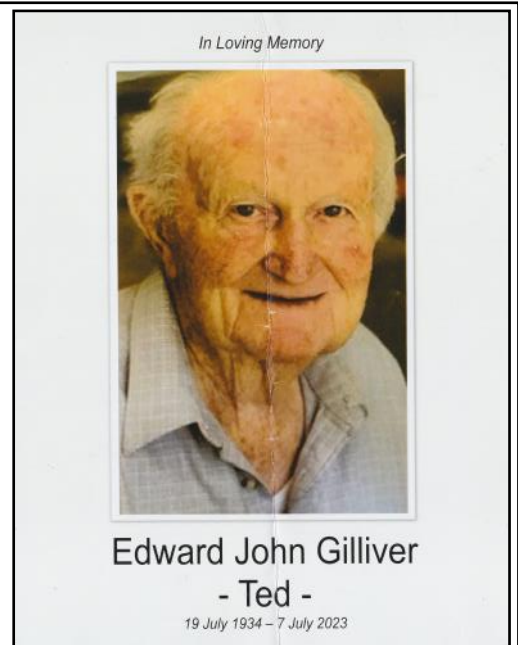
Ted was active on the Environmental front where he made his mark keeping the Anglers Club informed on all matters environmental particularly water as well as putting in submissions. He attended many Ecan and council meetings along with his good friend the Late Murray Lane.

In recognition for all his work on the CAC committee particularly his environmental work Ted was awarded Life membership to the club in 2015

Ted loved his Salmon fishing and spent many years fishing the Rakaia around the Steels Road area. I shared many trips with Ted to The Rakaia, Tentburn and Waitaki. One particularly memorable trip was to the Waitaki. This was just a day trip. A very long day too. Along with Paul Mason it involved leaving CHCH at about 4 am and fishing the Waitaki River from the Hakatarema River near the Waitaki dam and every other possible piece of water all the way down to the Main road bridge. The trip yielded a couple of Salmon however, none for Ted. Ted loved his sea fishing too, supporting many Club trips.

Ted was also involved in Canterbury Athletics in a number of roles as well as a starter. He was a Graded Hockey Umpire where he brought his specific standards to the game.

Ted was a well respected member of the CAC. Our condolences to Leslie and family. *Fred*



Our Annual Canterbury Angler's Club, Club Auction 2023

This has just got to be the Biggest big night on the Club Calendar. **Our Annual Club Auction—Start time of 7pm with the doors open about 6.30pm** for the delivery of your surplus fishing and other assorted gear and of course to get priority seating.

Our outstanding auction team of John Hobson and Martin Heal will be back to battle the bids and clinch the sales. So, don't be tempted to scratch your nose or wave at your friend. Even a wink could land you a bid. Martin & John hate to see items left on the tables, so be prepared to take home more than what you won on a specific bid.

There are promises of some good gear so far, but we need you, the CAC Club members to help make the night a success and you normally do so please sort through your garage and cupboards and bring something along that you think others will bid for.

Club members who can no longer fish have donated terrific amounts of used fishing gear, a veritable potpourri of items which will be hotly contested for on the night. Always stacks of bargains to be had.

I'm told we will also have the famous SAFA tool boxes and plenty of surprises. Please remember that this is our only fundraising event of the year. We don't sell raffles or cook sausages at Bunnings therefore your support of this fun event cannot be understated.



I've been asked if it's okay to bring along a friend on the night? Sure it is, the more the merrier and it always is an entertaining evening.

On the night please see Barry and get your auction bidding number. An eftpos terminal will be available to pay for your purchases too. Tea and Coffee will be available during the night so please help yourself from the kitchen.



Health and Wellbeing fun facts and figures to think about.

1. The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54
2. The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57
3. The world body building champion died at the age of 41
4. The best footballer in the world Maradona, died at the age of 60.
5. James Fuller Fixx credited with helping start America's fitness revolution by popularizing the sport of running died of a heart attack while jogging at 52 years of age.

However

6. The KFC inventor died at 94.
7. Inventor of Nutella brand died at the age of 88
8. Imagine, cigarette maker Winston died at the age of 102
9. The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 in an earthquake.
10. And the Hennessy Liquor inventor died at 98.

How did these doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?

The rabbit is always jumping up and down but it lives for only 2 years and the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So, take some rest, chill, stay cool, eat, drink and enjoy your life!!!!

And after a round of golf (or not) go to happy hour!

The official sports drink
when I was a kid..



A Time Warp from Fred's Club Archives.

This is a good one for the Club History
Written by Richard Marles for the Club Mag in
October 1991.

Below is a really good read from our archives.

Another member who seldom missed a Club trip was Alf Palmer and on the Benmore and Havelock trips he carried out the duties of head cook. Early risers visiting the kitchen would see him labouring over piles of fried eggs and bacon. It was appropriate that the Benmore trip should be named after Alf because he did so much towards its early day success. The winters in those days never failed in their severity so plenty of good food and particularly a hearty breakfast was an essential.

If I had the time to spare I could write a book about Don Brown, our Secretary/ Treasurer for many years. Don maintained a very close interest in the Club long after his fishing days were over. Anyone calling at his house on Club business were always sure of a welcome and they also knew that they would not get away in a hurry, at least, not before the latest fishing topics and Club affairs had been fully aired. This and attending meetings enabled him to keep in touch with fishing and his fishing friends. At a committee meeting one of the members present, who shall remain nameless, unwittingly proposed that the Rakaia Hut should be named the Don Brown Memorial Hut. He promptly retorted that there was still plenty of life left in him and that it was too soon to discuss his memorial. He died in office, actually on an auction night. Those who knew him well must feel that he is still looking over us, particularly when we use the Rakaia Hut which is now named after him.

With us until recently, most of you will remember George Bligh sitting inside the door at Club meetings making sure that nobody crept in without paying their supper sub. Seldom missing a Club activity and always ready with a cheery word, particularly in welcoming new members and making them feel at home. On bus trips he made it his business to keep a friendly eye on our junior members and for several years he convened the Junior Days. He was one of the earlier members of the Benmore trips, but after the death of his close friend, Alf Palmer, George went over to the opposition. After a few years with the Woolston WMC he rejoined us for several more enjoyable trips. He served as chief cook and later as caterer for many of the Havelock trips and it is very fitting that we now have the George Bligh Memorial Trip.

Members come and go. Some are missed and some are not. The four I have mentioned above were greatly missed by all who knew them.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following new members are welcomed to the Club.

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| N J Whyte | 10 Kingston Place, Christchurch 5 |
| B Hunt | 9/69A Yaldhurst Road, Christchurch 4 |
| P K Broughton | 185 Springs Road, Hornby, Christchurch 4. |

To obtain the most from your membership join in as many activities as possible as this is the best way to get to know the other members. We have a good Committee, so pick their brains. None of us know everything but all of us know something.

THE NAMING OF HUTS AND TRIPS

You will have noticed that two of our Club huts are referred to as "memorial huts" and two of our regular fishing trips as "memorial trips" so I thought that those who did not know them would like to learn something of those late members who have left us their names.

Only our more senior members will remember Les Moxham to whom the Cass Hut is named. Les, who was a Moriori, enjoyed all the Club activities particularly the working bees and bus trips. I remember him on his last Lake Pearson trip, just sitting at the side of the lake all day without even setting up his gear. When I asked him if he was going to do any fishing he said that he just enjoyed the bus ride and talking to the rest of the members. At that time he worked at the gas works and after becoming overcome by fumes he suffered a chest complaint which led to his eventual death. In his will he bequeathed an ex-Army squad vehicle to the Club. Unfortunately the truck did a disappearing act, so to facilitate the execution of the will we accepted the sum of \$500 offered by the executors. The money was used towards the purchase of the Cass Hut. A use for which we felt sure Les would have been in full agreement. As a token of respect and appreciation we decided to call it the "Les Moxham Memorial Hut".

Winters of content

By *Andrew Young*

By far the best weather we get in Canterbury is in the winter. Those perfectly still days, when lake tops become mirror-glass still, skies turn a perfect blue, and the back-country largely empties of people, make for some fabulous days fishing. Options become more limited, as most rivers are closed and those that remain are almost impossible to sight fish in due to the low sun angle and higher winter flows. It is a great time to focus on stillwater fishing, and there are some outstanding lake fishing opportunities to be had in Canterbury and Otago in the winter.

By far my favourite would have to be Lake Selfe, a small but deep cut lake immediately west of Lake Coleridge. Lake Selfe sits 575m above sea level, and is not for the faint of heart in mid-winter. Happily though, despite thick frosts being the norm around the shore, the lake itself never seems to freeze. The setting could not be more picturesque, with majestic peaks of the Main Divide to the north, beech forest covered Mt. Ida to the west, the brilliantly named Sheep Range to the east, and stunningly symmetrical Mt. Hennah to the south. Lake Selfe is famed in Canterbury for producing very large fish, and for having an ample population of both Rainbow and Brown trout.



The problem with Lake Selfe, is that it does not fish well from the shore, and fishing from motorised boats is not permitted. Most fish it from a kayak, using spinning gear, and trawling lures. My own approach has been to use a float tube, fly fishing gear, and sinking or intermediate line. To be fair, this approach is totally masochistic in the winter, but highly effective. Pretty much every winter I fall into the trap of thinking I can fish it from the shore and save myself painful, frozen feet. And yet, I have only ever caught one fish on the fly from the shores of Lake Selfe, and that was at night-time. Sadly, the only route to success is to suffer the cold. I use a wetsuit and wading socks, over which I pull on waders and wading boots, over which go specialised flippers, then a buoyancy vest, and into the float tube I go.

Did I mention big fish? Rainbow trout of six pounds and Brown trout of eight pounds are pretty standard here, and the lake certainly holds double-figure Brown trout. I have found most success using a Scientific Anglers clear-camo 1.5dpi intermediate line, generic old school lures, and a varied retrieve. Yellow or red Rabbit, Hamills Killer, & Living Damsel are my main go-to flies; tied truck and trailer style about 1m apart on 8.5pound Fluoroflex Plus tippet. The weed beds are substantial in the parts of the lake that fish best, and cold water is well oxygenated water, so going light on tippet is pure folly. At 0.2mm thickness, this stuff doesn't seem to put the fish off. Hooking big fish on a float tube is one hell of a thrill. Last winter, I had just landed the six pound Rainbow pictured below, when I hooked into a much, much stronger fish.

As my fly line screamed out and backing started disappearing fast, I needed two hands to keep hold of my rod. I had to ram the butt into my stomach so I could use one hand to crank on more drag. Finally I understood why the rounded rod end is called a "fighting butt". Once the fish stopped, I frantically tried to retrieve line, but the fish went deep. What followed was at least 15 minutes of plucking line, lifting up cautiously, and winding in one metre as I let my rod back down. I've never had more bend in my rod -it was full 180° in the first 6 feet, with the tip section underwater. About halfway into my fly line, I could see a huge silvery shape thrashing about directly below me. I desperately needed to shift my weight as I thought I was about to slip a disk! I loosened the drag a little to make my shuffle, and bzzzzzzzzzz, out went 20 metres of line and I was into the backing again! I'd had enough, so I cranked the drag up to max on my Hardy reel and started hauling relentlessly, until booiinnngggg – the tippet finally snapped.





Lake Coleridge also has a longer season now, open all but the month of October, and offers excellent shore-based or motor-boat based fishing for brown trout, rainbow trout, and salmon. The fish here tend to be smaller, but extremely abundant and usually in excellent condition. At the north end of the lake, constructed diversion canals direct water from the Wilberforce and Harper Rivers, to feed the hydro dam at the southern end of the lake. In winter this area acts as a veritable trout magnet, as (mostly Rainbow trout) fatten up in the nearshore before heading upstream to spawn. A sinking line of 1.5 – 3dpi and a Hamills Killer is all you'll ever need to catch fish here. With recent high lake levels, it is necessary to wade out a long way so as to cast over the drop-off where the lake deepens steeply. Using the Harper Diversion current to hold the fly just off the bottom, and a slow, twitchy retrieve gets results. Night fishing here is extremely productive, with a Craig's Night-time being absolutely ideal.



Left: Nick Moody uses the "Lefty stab" and double hauling to send a huge cast out over the Harper Diversion mouth. Turret Peak, Mt. Gideon and Scarcliffe dominate the Background.

Other popular areas around lake Coleridge include the Ryton River outlet and Ryton Bay. However, any accessible stream outlet or stretch of shoreline will produce fish. The best fishing seems to occur when lake levels are low. At these times a heavy sinking line of 5-7dpi, and casting a small Jack Sprat, Silver Dorothy, or similar such smelt imitation out over a weed bed really gets results. Let it sink way down and retrieve just fast enough to keep it out of the weeds. The fish are down there feeding on snails in the winter, and they will come up for a tastier looking treat. The most stunning Rainbow hen I've seen come out of the lake was caught in the manner just described.



Left: The author with a nice Rainbow hen caught with Hamills Killer on SA Clear Camo Intermediate along the south-eastern shore of Lake Coleridge in winter.

THE THREAT

Didymo is an invasive species that can form massive blooms. Thick growths can adversely affect freshwater fish, plant and invertebrate species by reducing the number of suitable habitats.



If you require more information please visit:

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/didymo

To report a suspected find of didymo please call 0800 80 99 66



Today's catch at Lake Benmore 24/07/2023 Above.
Bill's fish was the biggest at 3lb 8ozs

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A DOG PERSON TO TRULY APPRECIATE THIS STORY

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

"Stay! . Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said,

"Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"

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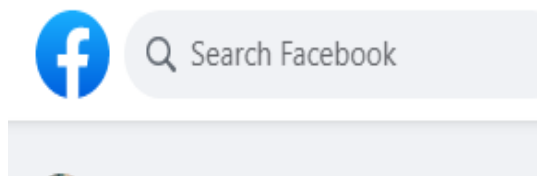
When I am back from overseas I will email you all asking for the money to be deposited in the club bank account.



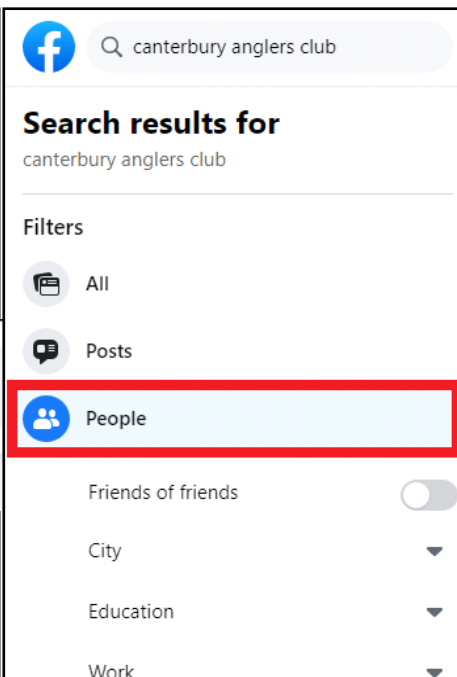
Step by Step Guide to Joining Facebook

Facebook For Canterbury Anglers Club Private Group

1. Go to your Facebook and search Canterbury Anglers Club in Search Facebook top left-hand corner



2. When results come up ensure you select the People tab or you won't find us. Tabs are along the top if you are searching on your cell phone.



3. There should now be Canterbury Anglers Club (has a goldfish face)



4. Click on the friend request button. Once approved you will get an invitation to join The Canterbury Anglers Club private group. Click accept.

All posts, pictures, messages and notifications will be done via this page and can be seen by members only.

Chrissy Ormandy

When I was a kid there were two ways to die,



Natural causes and talking back to your parents

The guy at the furniture store told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems.

Then it occurred to me, I don't think I know 5 people without any problems.



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Lake Coleridge Brass Monkey combined with Papanui Club Fishing Section.

The Canterbury Angler's Club were invited by members of the Papanui Club's Fishing Section to join them at Lake Coleridge over the weekend of 4th, 5th and 6th August 2023 for a Brass Monkey fish.

It transpired from entries in the Trip Book that there were going to be almost as many boats as attendees, so a bit of reorganising was done, vehicles and boats sorted so that we took a minimum of both and some usual teams were put upon with new blood. We all made our way through to Coleridge on Friday. An inspection of the Lake revealed low water levels with next to no water at all in the boat harbour. The "picket fence" was obvious with the lake edge perhaps 10—15mtrs from the matagourie



bushes on the shore. The only alternative for us all was to launch boats from the beach adjacent to the picket fence. Some put their boats onto the lake for a look around and to get a feel of what to expect over the weekend. Those who chose not to do this got an early start on festivities with beverage and nibbles on the tables and the fire going well.

Our accommodation was arranged by Ray Hill of the Papanui Club, at the Glenthorne Station. Certainly was luxurious compared with a couple of nights under canvas in the camping ground! Andrew Young only spent a single night with us and because of his "nocturnal" fishing habits we saw little of him. The Papanui Club was let down just a wee bit by some members failing to make it, but Gary A brought along two mates, Drew and Pierre who certainly made themselves at home with the varied group of our members. All manner of culinary delights materialised out of all sorts of chilli bins and containers, the kitchen shared by all.

A game of cards was soon started with the noise level ramping up a decibelle or two as the night rolled on. Others moved around the room catching up and / or getting to know people. The recycle bin got a real workout !

There's nothing quite like the aroma of bacon being cooked in a cold pan, but the end result looked to be quite satisfactory. Breakfast was an early event with everything from cooked bacon and eggs, baked beans and other items to cereals and toast. Early out the door and down to the lake before it was really light. We all, in our own ways fished up a veritable storm thrashing the glass like waters of the lake to a lather! The day wasn't without incident with some long range releases, some unexpected releases at the net, gear breakages / failures and knot failures too. Most boats reported reasonable catches with the largest catch, by our Leader Gary B at around the 5lb mark, a really nice Rainbow Trout, returned to fight another day! Most boats were off the water by around 1730hrs. Rosco and Alistair decided to go down at dark to do a bit of shore fishing and came back with some very nice fish indeed.

We had a shared dinner on Saturday night (warm plates all around I'm very pleased to report!) and the pace was once more pushed at the card table. From my part I learned all about such things as Gorilla Bars, Bum Nuts, Strip Grazing, Big Teeth, Pet Lurches, Law and Order, Government / politician shortcomings, and even fishing rigs and some new techniques too. Who would have thought, on a club trip too !! Some decided on the soft option and headed off to bed at a reasonable time (define that??) and left the hardy soles to it.

Another early start (not quite as early as Saturday) but still on the water just on day light. We all fished until just after 1000hrs when we returned to the lodge to clean up, pack up and depart. We all need to offer up a huge vote of thanks to Ray for arranging our accommodation, taking the toll and doing the final cleaning bits and bobs to ensure that our future welcome is assured.

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Club Trophies

The annual trophies competed for by financial Club Members are:

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| Anniversary Trophy | The best photograph taken by or of a club member (all photographs for magazine also considered) |
| C.R.Ogier Cup | The heaviest salmon caught by a club member (Sea Run fish—alt is Lake Fish if no other entries) |
| D.C.Wilson Shield | The heaviest fish caught in surf, on rod & line |
| Drewery Cup | The heaviest trout caught by a club member |
| Canal Trophy | The heaviest fish caught in the Waitaki Hydro Canals (Lake Ruataniwha / Upper Ohau River excluded) |
| Lady Isaac Trophy | The heaviest Salmon caught at Rakaia whilst staying at the Don Brown Lodge |
| Salt Water Lure Cup | The heaviest fish caught on a fly, in the sea |
| Greg Kemp Memorial Trophy | The heaviest trout caught on a fly from shore or non-motorised vessel (New Trophy) |
| Secretaries Trophy | The heaviest rainbow trout caught by a club member |
| Ashby Berg Cup | The best conditioned rainbow trout, caught by a club member |
| Cromb & Merritt Shield | The best conditioned brown trout, caught by a club member |
| NZ Farmers Cup | The best-conditioned trout caught by a lady member |
| Coleridge Brass Monkey Trophy | The heaviest fish caught during the Coleridge Brass Monkey Competition (Only CAC / Combined Clubs) |
| Conservation Cup | For conserving fish population on the Alf Palmer Memorial Trip (Consider % of fish returned per bag) |
| Fly Angler's Shore Trophy | The heaviest fish caught by a shore based angler on a fly, on the Alf Palmer Memorial Trip |
| Kevin Lynch Trophy | The member of the Alf Palmer Memorial trip team who caught the most fish. |
| Marles Benmore Trophy | The heaviest trout caught on the Alf Palmer Memorial Trip |
| Benmore Trophy | The best-conditioned fish caught on the Alf Palmer trip |
| Richard Marles Challenge | The most fish caught on the Richard Marles Challenge Weekend |
| Bryan Coulter Trophy | Heaviest fish on rod & line on a Club boat trip. (For fish caught on boat trips at sea only) |
| Spackman Cup | The heaviest trout caught on a Club trip. (Except club specific trips ie. Alf Palmer & Richard Marles) |
| Junior Delegate's Trophy | The Junior Member who catches the heaviest trout on Junior's Day. |
| Adams Brown Rooster | The heaviest fish, caught by a junior, on a Club Trip |
| P.G. Ellis Cup | The best conditioned trout caught by a junior member. |

Hut Fees

Fees for the Club huts are as follows:

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| <u>Members</u> | Flat rate: \$30.00 per person per night in all the Club Huts if you are willing to share with other members. To book the facility exclusively for yourself, or your group, then the charge will be \$60.00 (two people) plus \$10.00 each for additional person. Children under 12 yrs. Free. |
| <u>Accompanied non-members</u> | As for club members |
| <u>To book a hut for non-members:</u> p | The rate for non-members authorised to stay at any of the Club Huts is \$35.00 per person for one and two people, then \$15.00 per person for any additional people. |
| <u>Caravans/campervans on site:</u> | Casual = \$15.00 per night, plus \$10.00 for each additional person Long term = by arrangement with the Committee. |

Hut Rules

- Huts may only be booked by financial members of the club.
- Bookings may be made, no more than 90 days in advance.
- The Club member who makes the booking must be in residence when the hut is used and is responsible for the behavior of guests and any damage, should any occur.
- Only one hut booking can be made at any one time.
- Any damage must be reported immediately.
- Empty gas bottles must be returned to the booking convener for refilling.
- At peak times – Christmas to 15th January and all long weekends hut bookings shall be considered exclusive, but will be subject to a ballot if more than one party wants to book. The ballot shall be held 60 days prior to the occupancy date.
- Through the balance of the year bookings shall be on a first come basis.
- Bookings can only be for a maximum of seven days.
- All hut users to take note of specific instructions on the safe use of equipment in the huts as detailed in the manuals provided in each facility.
- Intentions books are placed in each hut, please use them, it may save a life.
- If the lawns need mowing when you are staying at any of our lodges, it is expected that you mow them. Fuel cost for the mower will be reimbursed. The reward for mowing them is that you can shout yourself a beer when they are done.

Application for Membership

Please tick the appropriate box:

Are you ☐ A new member

Or ☐ An existing member

Type of membership (tick one)

Fee: (All less \$10.00 if paid prior to the 1st September)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under 16 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Intermediate senior (16 to 20) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$45.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (over 20) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$70.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (principal adult/partner & dependant junior children attending secondary school up to and incl. Yr. 13) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$75.00 |

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- Require magazine by mail as I do not have a broadband internet connection (tick the box) ☐
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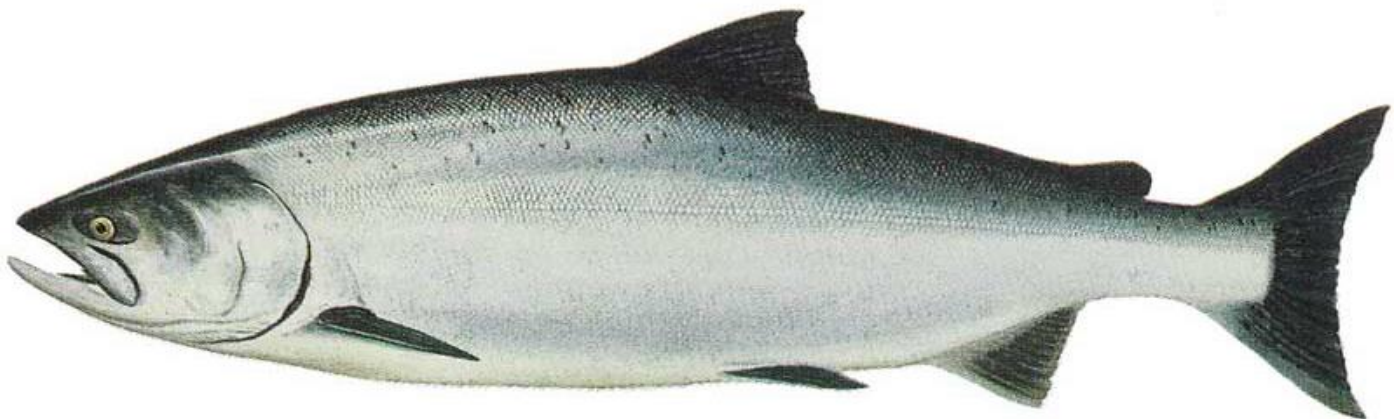
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Which of the following types of fishing do you do?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Trout - spinning | <input type="checkbox"/> | Salmon - spinning | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sea - boat |
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Fish of the Month Competition Entry Form

Name: _____

Date of catch: _____

Address: _____

Species caught:

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| Trout | Salmon | Other F/W |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown trout | <input type="checkbox"/> Quinnet (Chinook) | <input type="checkbox"/> Perch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbow trout | <input type="checkbox"/> Land-locked | <input type="checkbox"/> Tench |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brook trout | <input type="checkbox"/> Sockeye | |

Salt water

Details: _____

Location: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Club trip | Angler signature: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shore fishing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | Witness signature: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canal fishing | <input style="width: 80px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> |

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- Download a copy of the FOM Entry from our Web Site onto your phone for ease of making an entry each month
- Entries for FOM must be in the hands of a committee member before or on Club night each month
- Entries for the current season close on the 3rd Tuesday in June
- Any individual can only win FOM once in each financial year
- All entries are potential Trophy winners even if they are not FOM winners for that month

