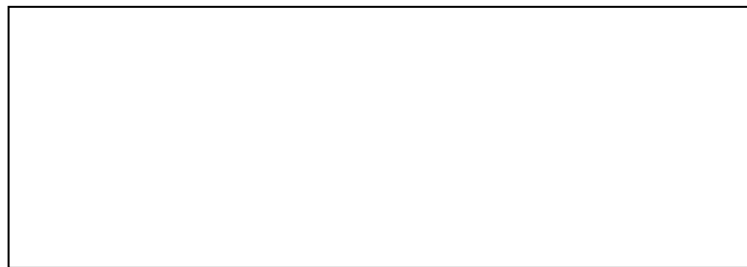


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General club meetings: 7.30 pm on 3rd Tuesday of each month except December & January

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>
Schedule for 2024			
Combined Ferrymead Trip	Lake Collieridge	27th April 2024	Garry Hill
Alf Palmer Combined	Otematata	May 31st -Jun 3rd	Bill Bennett
Kaikoura Sea Fishing	Kaikoura	One weekend in May	Dave Sherriff
Papanui Mid Winter	Lake Coleridge	2nd 3rd August	Gary Batchelor
Turangi Fly Fishing	Turangi	September	Dave McDowell
Take a Kid Fishing	The Groynes	29th September	Fred vanSlooten

The (Anglers') Angle

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Editors bit

It seemed to have been simply ages since I'd had an opportunity to get out there, wet the boat and get out after a fish. My belief is that if you commit to any of our Club trips then you need to be there. Despite my standing upon the moral high ground, matters were taken out of my hands when someone not to be mentioned, sorted a social event which clashed. Not wanting to offend any interested party I arranged to stay one night in Duvauchelle, go to the vaunted social event, then come back in time to assist with the bringing in of the nets the next morning. Good plan I thought, but one never knows what is around the corner, or in my case at the bottom of the launching ramp at low tide!? Not only is a learning curve offered here, but it never ceases to amaze me how everyone simply pitches in to mitigate such issues thrown up to challenge us. Advice and diagnoses were freely offered from all directions, thank you all. Down to three boats and our desire to adhere to the ridiculous rules about nets we coped ... it didn't matter who caught the most fish as it was all divided equally amongst everyone before we all headed home. To fill in the afternoon when news of a function cancelled at last minute meant the offer of a berth on a boat heading out to open ocean was welcomed. A combination of members I'd not fished with before, but totally enjoyable taking in their company and the breathtaking scenery out there. Sadly, the catch failed to measure up to a full house of positives. We caught plenty but most went back to fight another day. Is it any wonder I come away from these trips with a grin on my lips!

Garry Hill Editor

[Closing date for articles and info in the next issue: 7th May2024](#)

President's Report

Greetings of the Presidents musings...

Greetings once again.... Don't know why but these months seem to be getting shorter as I get older – or that's the perception. I made up for my lack of Xmas holidays by heading off to Wanaka for Easter. Sitting high in the bus you get a great view of the countryside and of real concern was the condition of all the streams and rivers. While it is the end of summer and levels are REAL low (or non-existent), the concern must be for the dry/drought conditions forecast for the winter season. The Rakaia and Rangitata braided rivers are mere shadows of their past selves, and the interior rivers and streams are mostly non-existent on the surface. The huge farm irrigation pond heading into Geraldine is dry, - presumably been used. With our Hydro lake levels low now, this can only put great pressure on our fish stocks in all our 'open all year' Lakes and Canals over the next few months.

To prove it's 'a small world', what are the chances of this. Three Club members standing on an obscure bend on the Upper Clutha River – and the only jet boat that goes past has two Club members in it heading off to their fishing hole. Instant recognition and cell phones made it easy to arrange an afternoon catch-up. Thanks John and Margaret.

The Club calendar has been quite busy since the new year with a trip to the Chatham Islands, another to Pohara Beach, Nelson Bays, with last weekend being our annual flounder weekend trip over to the Akaroa bays. All these trips are well supported and it's nice to see some newer members participating.

Train spotters – this time in 2017 we were on a Club trip to Te Anau.

Lake Coleridge. April 26th -27th Ferrymead Fishing Club run the revised mid- winter Competition.

August 2nd-3rd Papanui Fishing Section – **new** mid- winter competition.

November1st -2nd High Country opening.

For all these events we have been invited to be guests of the Papanui Club Fishing Section who have been able to secure a booking at the Glenthorne Station shearer's quarters. For these events it is not necessary that you stay the night (or two) but we must be mindful of our good fortune to be invited to this accommodation and not mess our host around – if you book - then turn up.

Tight lines.

Garry Batchelor.

Club President CAC

[April Meeting on the 16th will be held observing the latest regulations concerning Covid 19](#)

Club Trips & Activities

Entertainment Schedule

April 16th 2024: We have a very exciting speaker in the person of James McMullan from Dead Eggs, a company based in Leeston / Dunsandel that is manufacturing softbaits locked in for our April meeting. James will present this month focusing on best methods with an experienced focus on boat fishing. These softbaits are coming onto the market now and are made here in Canterbury. James' knowledge and insights into fishing softbaits promises to be a great listen.

May 21st meeting: We'll have Philip Muson from F&G Council who will present about the role of F&G council and "goings-on" around the North Canterbury region.

Andrew Young

Club Trips

Trips and Events 2024:

Apr 27th: Coleridge Trip - This was originally named the Brass Monkey, however safety issues raised have meant a change in dates for this event. Ferrymead Club will be organizing this trip and we're looking for a strong CAC contingent to travel. Ray Hill has organized accommodation at Glenthorne Station shearer's quarters offering CAC 1st right of refusal to stay there nice ! Gary Batchelor will be in Australia and therefore not able to do organize this trip. Fred ran it last year as a contingent of us were in Pelorus Sounds. Anyone wanting to join us at Coleridge can contact Garry Hill to book some accommodation.

May Mid Month: Because of the unpredictable weather conditions in Kaikoura at this time of the year, it was suggested that all those who may want to go at short notice would put their names into the book and Dave Sherriff would monitor sea conditions and make a call perhaps a week out and co ordinate the trip. Always a great trip away for just a weekend away.

May 31st -Jun 3rd: Otematata trip -Alf Palmer combined clubs fishing competition—details will be following closer to the time. If you are going to need accommodation, please contact Bill Bennett.

August 2nd—4th: Brass Monkey Papanui Mid-winter at Lake Coleridge

September at Turangi: Dave has made contact with Auckland Fly Fishing Club for accommodation. Email going out soon.
Accommodation booked for 2 weeks – Need another house for one of those weeks. A deposit will be required to secure your position in due course.

Take a Kid Fishing 29th September: Rainbow Trout will be the catch of the day, at least it will be held this year – fish coming from Nelson/Marlborough

Fish of the Month

Barry Smith

New Canterbury Angler's Club Members

The only new member we have for April newsletter is Tony Cambie who came away with us on the floundering weekend. A first time Flounder fisher and certainly a starter for future trips and events. His parting words when leaving Duvauchelle Camping Ground was "See you at the April meeting" Great stuff Tony, do make yourself known to him on the night.

Dave Sherriff

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee of the Canterbury Anglers' Club, held on 26th March 2024, at Avon Retirement Village at 7.30pm

There were 8 x committee members present and 4 x apologies. These were presented and accepted

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

Matters arising from the minutes:

Treasurer's Report: Barry presented the Financial Statement for the month. These were accepted and accounts as presented were all passed for payment. Unpaid subscriptions: Barry chased them up and had resignations – Peter Dwight, Richard Stancliff and Kevin Elliott. Some other members had either paid part subscriptions or have been unable to be contacted or replied to.

A Round up from our Club Huts:

Rakaia: TV has expired – we need a donation of a new TV – Ian thinks he might be able to find one around the rest home.

Lawns have been mowed. Two taps outside are working, one on either side of the house. Showed Jim Knight around.

Cass: Fred has done some tidying up and spraying. There is a water leak in the main water line – Fred has this under control. Fred has paid the annual fee to the Companies Office.

Clearwater: Tank needs emptying – Allen's have been contacted to empty it.

Entertainment:

As Andrew wasn't present at this evening's meeting a number of ideas were tossed around with a view to being able to fill the gap if Andrew had not been able to find a speaker. It was suggested that we held a cooking demonstration to spotlight different methods of cooking our catch—maybe even invite significant others who would normally be tasked with cooking duties.

We do actually have a very exciting speaker in the person of James McMullen from Dead Eggs, a company based in Leeston / Dunsandel that is manufacturing softbaits locked in for our April meeting. James will present this month focusing on best methods with an experienced focus on boat fishing. These softbaits are coming onto the market now and are made here in Canterbury. James' knowledge and insights into fishing softbaits promises to be a great listen.

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General Business:

There is now a new dinner set at Clearwater.

Our Website is having issues – Andrew has sorted this out.

It was noted that there were a number of key issues not covered in any form at Rakaia. Dave and Liz are going to make a folder for Rakaia with all the required information to ensure all people staying there are well informed about our facilities there.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.12pm.

Club Welfare

At the committee meeting we had a bit of a round up of all those who have featured in past magazines and it seems that most of our more mature members are doing just fine at this particular point in time.

Disclaimer: All articles we receive are looked at closely to ascertain the appropriateness, relevance and perceived reception by our members of these articles. Any articles published are not necessarily the values or ideals held by the Canterbury Angler's Club. Facts within these articles are published in good faith, trusting that they are true and accurate. We aim to inform and entertain, not to offend.

Club Flounder Weekend to Duvauchelle 6th and 7th April 2024.

We needed to change the dates of this trip for this year because of issues surrounding commitments for organisers of this trip. Some of our members took the opportunity of making their way over to Duvauchelle on Thursday meaning that they got a bit of a head start on the rest of us heading over on Friday. Conditions were absolutely fantastic for netting flounder and the fish did not fail to impress! Let's talk first about the side catch in our nets no crabs to pry away from strands of net, very little foliage either—very manageable! There were a number of species to be counted too ... Doggies, Mullet, Silveries, Starfish, Skate, Rig and I'm sure other species I've neglected to

mention. On to the stars of the show, the reason we were all there! The catch of Flounder was, as I've not seen before. Nets with very good catches, some eaten out as usually expected by the ever present sea lice but in general quite nice sized fish with some as big as I've ever seen before. Lots of happy faces and plenty of fish to



share amongst us all at departure on Sunday morning. Fish filleting lesson's conducted by maestro Pete, showed a number of the newbies to floundering how it is done. The regulations regarding the transporting of nets meant a bit of toing and froing at the jetty but mission accomplished. When one boat was ruled out of net duties others stepped up and made it all a seamless process—team work indeed. Because Saturday offered such good sea conditions Dave took Reel Busy Again out with a crew of four beyond the Akaroa Heads and beyond Flea Bay in search of bigger fish to fry ... certainly some of the fish we caught were just that—fry !!? Wrass were caught but put back as were quite a number of small Blue Cod. Towards the end of our trip out, the skipper had called for 5mins, Grant pulled up a magnificent 500

plus fat Blue Cod ... now, everyone knows how big a grin a cod has ... well, I'm here to tell you Grant's smile was even bigger! On the way back to the jetty we stopped by to relieve our nets, three in all of the flounder catch of the day, lovely large, clean fish, all of them. Meal times are always a feature of these trips. First thing is nets in / reset then in to the camp kitchen for breakfast and the regulation telling of stories. Friday night pot luck dinner saw the tables groaning under the weight of our shared food, surprisingly with no duplications at all—pudding to boot, a lovely Peach Crumble and a Chocolate Self Saucing Pudding to round it all off—oh lashings of cream too. Saturday night we made our way down to the local hotel for a pub meal and a look at the sport on their tele. This year we didn't have as many members in attendance but we did have some new people attending which is really good. The fishing at this time of the year was very good and perhaps we may opt for an earlier date next year?



A Salmon Angler's Lament

We have heard a lot of our rivers' plight,
Of belligerent anglers demanding their rights,
But this is an issue that hasn't happened before
Now the anglers are livid, they can't catch fish any more.

To the bulk of these folk it was the best way,
Every week in the season they'd be on their way,
And down to the river with time than was won
By clearing the chores lined up by dear mum.

But the salmon have gone and I'm asking you,
Since there is no fishing what can a fisher do?
At the Rakaia and Waimak no comps will be held
The sponsors aren't happy, with prizes withheld.

Now just yesterday on my way home from work
The mate said to me, some fishing wouldn't hurt
What's wrong with you I said, have you gone blond
He said the wife claims there's still perch in the pond.

A tourist popped in to our work today
Said he was Herman from the old USA
He said that his catch rate was never so great
Then I noticed his creel was full of whitebait.

For the salmon have gone, so I'm asking you
Since there is no fishing what can an angler do.
I've hung up my waders and stacked up my rods
My tigers are rusting and I've mothballed the quad.

I went to the club with my card to get in
When approaching the door I heard a violin,
With a hat on the ground, and his big car standing by,
Was my tackle shop guy with a tear in his eye.

A Salmon Angler's Lament continued.

They've hung up their braid, their reels and their priest
The whole salmon business is now de-ceased
I'll go into town and book my seat to cold Can-a-da
And hope that their salmon match the old Rangita-ta.

Our salmon have gone, so I'm asking you
Since there is no fishing what can an angler do
I've sold up my truck, there're no trips to the river
So I'm drowning my sorrows and killing the liver.

Yes, I'm drowning my sorrows and killing my liver.

By Rex N. Gibson

With apologies to the Web Brothers ("The Jockeys are Striking", 1960)

Tony's Friend Misha and his 5.5lb Brown Trout he caught perhaps in the lower Hurinui River area?



Disappearing Rivers from the pen of Rex Gibson.

Two of the respected Gurus of South Island angling have recently joined the highlighting of the conjuring efforts of commerce to whip away our public waterways from before our eyes. These Gurus I refer to are Steve McNeill and Peter Robinson. Both have contributed to angling for years; especially in the raising of water and angling issues. Like me they are no strangers to protests to ECan. The staffs of ECan, DOC, and others probably grumble over their lattes "Not them again?"

Letters to the editor of the Christchurch Press lately, led by Sir Kerry Burke himself a former ECan Councilor, have taken the current management of ECan to task about their "flouting" of their responsibilities for the Water Conservation Order on the Rakaia River. Steve and Peter have added the plight of the Waimakariri; New Zealand's most fished river. A river that normally carries about 50 cumecs over summer has lately been down to as low as 25.6 cumecs. This is not drought. This is the result of ECan not requiring irrigators to immediately turn off the taps when the river gets below a sustainable "ecological" flow. Why don't they? We can only speculate.

The consequences of these record low flows are three fold; (1) the gravel and other river debris does not get moved downstream and thus slowly raises the level of the river bed increasing flood danger, (2) the remaining water heats up and thus changes the biological composition of the aquatic flora and fauna, and (3) the salmon stay away. Warm water and low flows are major deterrents to salmon entering the river. Many a time I have chatted and "moan bonded" with both gentlemen as we fish the Waimakariri mouth. This year has been, to date, "a disaster" for salmon fishers. Not only have the fish been few and far between but they are generally much smaller. To highlight the issue I offer you a poetic effort of mine. Feel free to sing along if you recall the tune that it was based on. It is dedicated to Steve, Peter, and all those other anglers who keep up the fight. Sadly currently virtually every waterway in South and Mid Canterbury (Central South Island) has a health warning attached to it – those that still flow that is. There are significant areas in the North Island similarly affected; especially Hawkes Bay and Wairapa. Is this price for the current levels of irrigation worth it? Is the lack of access to safe public waterways an important part of the reason why our youth no longer seem interested in water-based outdoor pursuits?

Lake Clearwater Lodge Wood

Ross Speirs and Alister Bolt kindly donated a tandem trailer load of firewood and nine bags of cones which we delivered to Lake Clearwater lodge today, guaranteeing warmth throughout next fishing season. Stunning day in the high country.



Photo. Another well-known agitator for anglers, Ron Stewart, in the "Good Old days". Photo ex Fishing Mag (fishingmag.co.nz)

Lake Clearwater Hutholders Assn Inc

Planting Day - Saturday 27th April 2024

Start: 9.30 - Meet at the hutholders hall.

BBQ lunch supplied

Please bring a grubber/trench spade and your gloves

Lots of plants to get in the ground – 1700 in fact

- so yes we really do need your help - however much of the day you can spare.

- Thank-you

Planting Day - Saturday 27th

Pohara 12th—17th March 2024

It's a pain in the arse when people withdraw from a trip, however when a pain in the arse is the cause then anguish turns to sympathy. (this is a for "those who know" deep down thought).

Day 1 – Travel

Lost wallet, cancel cards, raid the cash stash and set up a tab with a fellow fish'o...sorted, and that's all before leaving home!

Shared whitebait dinner, numerous netted small fish gelled together with egg, hopefully all our pending catch will be significantly bigger and the largest my even require netting.

Day 2 – Fishing

Both boats fished the mussel rafts and caught plenty of snapper and even some Trevally. The newly fabricated mussel buoy / line boat hook worked a treat. Ladies visited nearby galleries. Filleting, bagging, freezing and cleanup then Happy Hour at motel 2. The daily quiz was provided by Speights stubby bottle tops followed by a shared BBQ dinner.

Today's finding – VHF Channel 8 works and CH6 does not.

Day 3 – More Fishing at the mussel rafts in challenging NE conditions. Fishing was hot so we didn't have to suffer for too long and everybody managed to keep their breakfast down. Graham caught a 4.59kg snapper, the largest for the trip. However, the churning sea claimed a rod tip on Reelbusy and Meeko had lots of fun (not!) setting and retrieving a longline, including a crew members cap lost overboard.

Meeko also caught the first of two Kingfish, which would have been fab had they been legal size. Grant excelled cooking crumbed snapper for all for dinner and some trevally was turned into sashimi. Oh, and boy did those pot lids get hot! Our ladies visited Ligar Bay, Tata Beach and beyond, enjoying barrister coffee enroute.

Day 4 – Pit stop day for Reelbusy to rest the crew and maintain tackle, rods and reels. Bruch and a little retail therapy in Takaka on a stunning Golden Bay day.

Meanwhile Meeko explored Separation Point with mixed fishing results but enjoyed stunning scenery. They topped off snapper quota via mussel raft detour whilst homeward bound.

During Happy Hour the frustration from drinking from the motel vases, provided as glasses, with their corrugated rim, was aired. The consensus was that we needed rubber lips or adopt a tongue-in-groove technique to prevent dribbling.

Day 5 – Back out to X marks the spot. Heaps of snapper landed but they were consistently smaller, however those kept were still a minimum of 100mm over legal size. The wind and tide conspired to prevent fishing longer as the boats aligned with the mussel raft ropes, which would surely claim tackle. Was nice to see the filleting skills improve, both in terms of yield and speed, getting the rhythm going! A generous night cap or two or three meant Meeko's boat covering was a fumbling affair in the dark.

Today's learning – put the burley in an onion bag before putting it in the burley pot, this slows down the release and therefore increases its effective time.



Day 6 – Arguably the best snapper and trevally fishing Reelbusy has experienced both in terms of size and numbers. Meeko experience similar results. After filleting the catch, we turned our attention to cleaning the boats, more done here means less required at home.

Did you know late model Mercury outboards have a flushing port, where you can venturi 'Salt Away' directly into the engine without using earmuffs?



An eager cleaner chirped away like a cock sparrow strutting around the boat requesting a scrubbing brush, which just happened to be in the bucket he was carrying!

Another fisherman told of dropped a new ledger rig, complete with a shiny lead weight, into the deep. Before it bottomed out a fish grabbed it, ran and then leaped right out of the water snapping the line in the process. As told and subsequently conjuring up mind images, lacking photographic evidence, one can only assume marlin exist in Gold Bay!

Some people are good at pinning a target on themselves.

Farewell dinner was enjoyed at Nikau restaurant and bar, just across the road.

Day 7 – Homeward bound via various interim destinations.

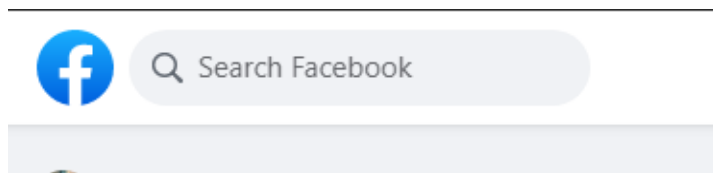
Summing up – Great companions, comradery and banter, fab facilities, stunning climate and excellent fishing. What more could one ask for.

The wallet was found on the back seat of their vehicle.

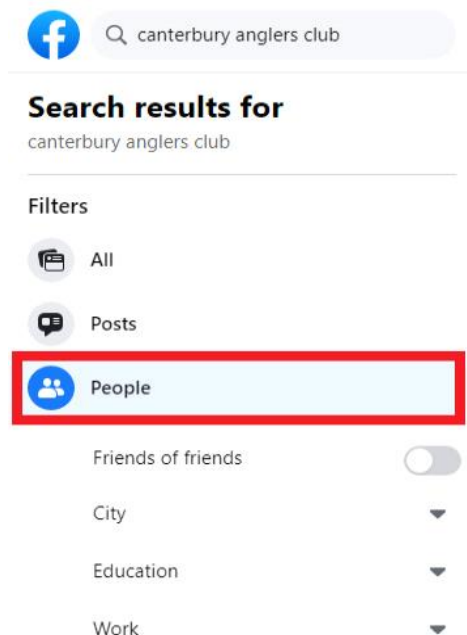


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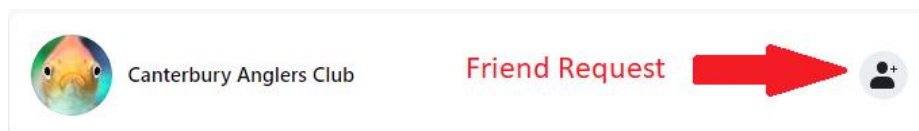
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2. When results come up ensure you select the **People tab** or you won't find us. Tabs are along the top if you are searching on your cell phone.



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



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A Trip to Cass

As we crested the hill just after the Lake Pearson camp ground we pulled over to admire the view. A low slung cloud hung over Grassmere locking in the cold air. It was -3, not a breath of wind and a crispness that had us jumping back in the truck to head off on our chosen destination. A small spring creek on the far side of the valley that beckoned with the thought of gently sipping trout and glimmering mayflies sailing down the current line. After an hour or so of kicking stones, injecting ourselves with dead gorse and matagouri we had finally made it to the entrance of the creek where it converges with the main river. The cloud had burnt off by the time we had rigged up the rods with fresh leaders, tippets and flies we were ready to see what the day had to offer. We hadn't walked far when we spied a dark shape swinging freely in the cool current and as usual it was Paul's shot to tempt an eat. He was already rigged up with a Hi-vis parachute mayfly and a lightly weighted Pheasant and Hare trailing behind. He carefully put a cast out to the side to get the length right when the fish must of spotted the nymph and moved at least two metres to intercept the tasty morsel. The dryfly slowly slide under the surface as Paul lifted to set the hook resulting in a very lively rainbow erupting from the depths and launching into the air multiple times!! We had only been fishing for 5 minutes and we were on! After thrashing the small pool to a foam the fish decided a change of plan was necessary and proceeded to bolt downstream into the main river at an alarming rate of knots. The feet and lungs kept up as we chased the bright rainbow into an eddy and slid the net around him. Paul was on cloud 9 without a cloud in the sky....

We fished on for a wee bit up the creek and spooked a few more, missed a few strikes before deciding it was beer o'clock. We arrived at the Les Moxham Memorial Hut (my favourite hut btw) and proceeded to get comfortable and the beer into something a bit colder. After a quick feed of Ribeye, mashed spuds and fresh beans we were discussing how to solve the world's problems one beer at a time. The next day we woke early to another stunning day. The wind and clouds were nowhere to be seen. Hastily the truck was loaded and we were off to where we had fished the day before. A repeat process of various donations of skin and blood to the gorse and matagouri gods was given before we reached the magical stream. We decided to carry on where we had left off the day before so we weren't fishing already fished water and it wasn't long before I spied a brown smudge swaying softly in the current edge. Watching the fish feeding was hypnotizing as it moved with ease across the current to intercept any morsel worthy of devouring. With the water only being a few feet deep and the fish lifting quite high in the water column I decided to go with my favourite little cdc mayfly pattern and before long it was sailing down the foam line straight towards our target. The moment that the trout saw the mayfly will always stay etched in my mind as he slightly shifted in the current to line up breakfast, time stood still in this moment and before long a large snout pierced the surface to engulf the fraudster. My patience in striking was rewarded with a solid weight felt as the tip went skyward and the big brown woke up and decided that breakfast was ruined and that he wasn't happy about it. He fought like any educated brown with multiple runs into the undercut bank, vigorous head shakes and a dogged determination to not go to the net but eventually he was being worn down and finally rolled into the net to expose his buttery thick sides. I carefully unhooked the fish never taking him out of the water and got a quick photo to cement the moment in time before he was held in the frigid creek to recover. Watching him swim off back into the pool it all felt right. We were meant to be exactly where we were...

After fishing on for a few other fish we called the day and went back to the hut to clean up everything and hit the road. It had been two marvelous days in paradise with great company, fishing and accommodation. Many thanks to the club for the use of the hut. It is truly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Kieran Lee

Fly tyer

Trout Bum

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THE THREAT

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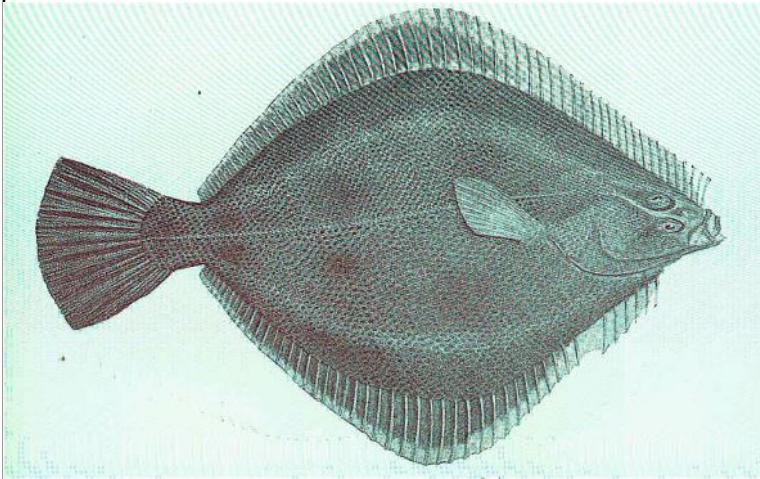
Whole Flounder with Lemon

Cook your whole Flounder in a pan large enough to take the whole fish. To do this drizzle in enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan then drop in a good knob of butter when it's heated well but not smoking—melt it gently and tip the pan to swirl the butter around. Put your Flounder Top side down in the pan, cover with a lid and cook gently for about 5 minutes depending on the size of your fish. Turn it over after this time and repeat cooking process, lid on. Lift the fish onto a plate and allow it to stand.

Meanwhile, return the pan to the element and cook some finely chopped red onions until they are translucent but not browned. Squeeze the juice of a lemon into the pan followed by some finely chopped Capers and finally another large knob of butter.

Strip the skin off the top of the Flounder and spoon over the sauce in the pan.

When you've eaten the flesh off the top part of the fish, simply lift off the exposed bone and tuck into the bottom layer—just delicious!



**I NEVER CALLED YOU
STUPID, BUT WHEN
I ASKED YOU TO
SPELL "ORANGE"
AND YOU ASKED ME
THE FRUIT OR COLOR
IT KINDA CAUGHT
ME OFF GUARD.**

CANTERBURY ANGLERS CLUB

BRANDED CLOTHING:

We have some really nice club branded clothing available for you to purchase.

Polo Shirts and Polar fleeces with an embroidered club logo

This clothing looks really smart when we are all wearing it to an activity where we are in the public eye - great for getting questions from by-standers and maybe some new members.

The costs are:

Embroidered polo shirt = \$33.35 (all sizes)

Embroidered Polar Fleece = \$36.80 (all sizes)

There are also caps available from Barry Swaney.

If you wish to purchase this clothing please email Liz McDowell – with your order including the size (use your normal sizing). I look forward to hearing from you.

If you prefer a Bucket Hat as opposed to a Cap



Liz can source these and Barry will provide a club badge—you'll have to sew it on yourself but the result is well worth the effort.

The Seven Year Itch – An opinion piece.

Every seven years NIWA scratches the surface of the beast that we call Fish and Game. The analysis basis is largely on licence sales and angler usage surveys. These surveys have high credibility. The full report is 142 pages long. Anglers will be interested in the general results.

The key points are probably no surprise to those who follow F&G as it ambles its way towards the mythical goal of “being more professionally run” (as a recent release stated). If we had held our breath after the Independent Review was released in 2021 would have died of asphyxiation long ago.

Consider these details on **Angler Days** per region (2021-2022):

Region	Day numbers	%NZ	Region	Day Numbers	%NZ
Northland	1,180	0.1%	Nelson/Marlborough	39,650	4.0%
Auckland/Waikato	28,340	2.9%	West Coast	44,780	4.5%
Eastern (Rotorua etc.)	118,850	12.0%	North Canterbury	104,120	10.5%
Taranaki	8,240	0.8%	Central South Is.	271,900	27.4%
Hawkes Bay	32,990	3.3%	Otago	175,790	17.7%
Wellington	<u>39,960</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	Southland	<u>125,910</u>	<u>12.7%</u>
Total North Is.	229,560	23.1%	Total South Is	762,160	76.8%

Conclusions;

80.3% of all angling occurs in just five (of 12) regions.

88.8% of all angling occurs in the South Island plus Eastern (Rotorua).

When we look at **Licence Sales** the figures are very similar.

Northland	322 (0.35%)	Nelson /Marlborough	4,353 (4.8%)
Auckland/Waikato	4,462 (4.9%)	West Coast	2,384 (2.6%)
Taranaki	1,107 (1.2%)	North Canterbury	13,152 (14.4%)
Eastern	12,952 (14.2%)	Central South Is.	17,107 ((18.8%)
Hawkes Bay	3,434 (3.77%)	Otago	18,292 (20.1%)
Wellington	<u>4,008 (4.4%)</u>	Southland	<u>9,548 (10.5%)</u>
North Island Total	26,285 (28.85%)	South Island Total	64,836 (71.15%)

The total percentage of licence sales from the four main South Island regions (one quarter of the regions) is thus over two thirds of the income. When you add in Eastern (Rotorua) you are looking at 85% of the funding coming from just five regions. Any examination of their finances however shows that those five regions which provide the bulk of the income get considerably less than that. The worn out argument that is always trotted out is that the other beneficiary regions “NEED” it.

Let’s remember that the regions were set up back in 1990; well before the digital age, quality 4XD transport and electronic communications. If you ran a business with 12 branches, each with a well-paid manager, staff, premises, vehicles plus other equipment and seven of them were really struggling, and had been for decades, then you would take decisive action; amalgamations, staff rationalizations, and closures. There are regions where for many years the salaries alone have exceeded their total income. In paper terms these long-term beneficiary regions are bankrupt.

The Independent Review in 2021 identified the need for amalgamations and streamlining in governance. Part of the problem was listed as an “old boys club” running the organization. F&G had 144 councilors to manage about 65 staff. That’s an awful lot of sausage rolls and club sandwiches over six to ten meetings per year. The old (now politically incorrect) cliché about too many chiefs and not enough Indians comes to mind. The governance changes recommended have progressed slower than the Tasman Glacier’s advance however.

The obvious unfairness of South Island and Eastern anglers paying for other North Island anglers to enjoy their fishing is still there.

To cross reference we need to look at the angler usage again. The figures correlate so well. The last figure that I have is that only 1.5% of F&G licence holders cross Cook Strait to fish regions in the other Island; despite having that option. There is a strong argument that each Island should act as a self-sufficient economic unit plus/minus 1.5%. The 77.8% of S.I. anglers must feel this way.

For those who like a visual explanation I have attached below page 27 of the report that quantifies the regional fishing.

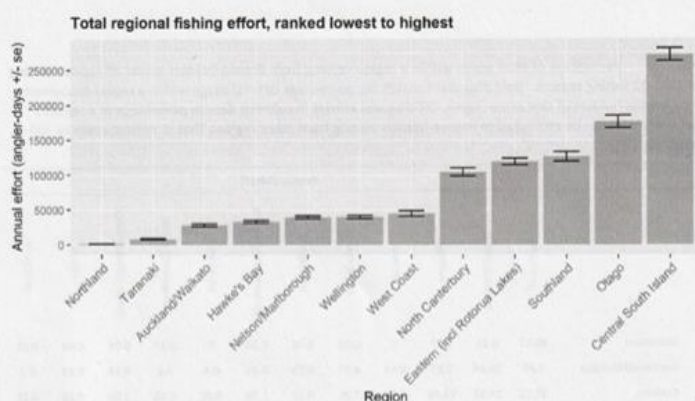
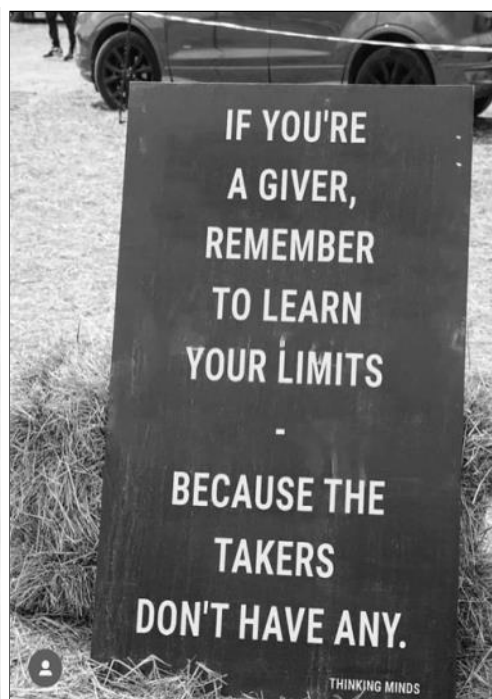


Figure 3-1: Total fishing effort within regions during the 2021-22 fishing season, ranked from lowest (left) to highest (right).

Table 3-7: Number of angler days (thousands +/- se) allocated to lakes and rivers within regions during the 2021-22 fishing season. Regional total angling effort (thousands of angler days) also presented. Numbers in brackets are percentages of column totals (e.g. each number in brackets in the 'Lake' column is percentage of total effort allocated to lakes by that region).

Region	Lake	River	Total
Northland	0.58 +/- 0.17 (0.2%)	0.6 +/- 0.33 (0.1%)	1.18 +/- 0.37 (0.1%)
Auckland/Waikato	7.65 +/- 1.24 (2%)	20.66 +/- 1.44 (3.4%)	28.34 +/- 1.9 (2.9%)
Eastern (incl Rotorua Lakes)	90.95 +/- 3.88 (24%)	27.87 +/- 2.64 (4.6%)	118.85 +/- 4.69 (12%)
Taranaki	2.23 +/- 0.42 (0.6%)	6.01 +/- 0.83 (1%)	8.24 +/- 0.93 (0.8%)
Hawke's Bay	1.11 +/- 0.27 (0.3%)	31.87 +/- 1.96 (5.2%)	32.99 +/- 1.98 (3.3%)
Wellington	3.8 +/- 0.81 (1%)	36.15 +/- 2.44 (5.9%)	39.96 +/- 2.57 (4%)
Nelson/Marlborough	10.81 +/- 1.05 (2.9%)	28.81 +/- 2.14 (4.7%)	39.65 +/- 2.39 (4%)
West Coast	18.16 +/- 2.71 (4.8%)	26.62 +/- 2.76 (4.4%)	44.78 +/- 3.87 (4.5%)
North Canterbury	24.06 +/- 2.01 (6.3%)	80.05 +/- 5.24 (13.1%)	104.12 +/- 5.61 (10.5%)
Central South Island	93.37 +/- 5.34 (24.6%)	178.39 +/- 7.48 (29.2%)	271.9 +/- 9.19 (27.4%)
Otago	90.79 +/- 5.08 (23.9%)	84.93 +/- 7.2 (13.9%)	175.79 +/- 8.81 (17.7%)
Southland	35.91 +/- 3.5 (9.5%)	89.92 +/- 5.87 (14.7%)	125.91 +/- 6.83 (12.7%)
Total	379.42 +/- 9.82	611.89 +/- 14.2	991.7 +/- 17.26

As observed over previous NASs, Stratum 1 anglers accounted for the majority of fishing effort during 2021-22 (92% of total angler days; Table 3-8). Although international (Stratum 4) anglers accounted for 3% of total usage during the 2014-15 fishing season (Unwin 2016), international anglers only



Brothers from a Different Mother



From the Archives of Fred's Time Warp
REPORT ON THE INSPECTION AND TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF CASS BUNKHOUSE

This Club, has for some years, been endeavouring to get a Railway house, or some land on which to erect a hut, at Cass. The reason being the fact that it was served by Rail, if fuel became an impossibility.

Tenders were called by the Railway District Engineer, for the purchase of the Bunkhouse and Allied Buildings, the Tenders closing on the 9th November 1976. Messrs V. Mehrtens, A. Palmer, A. Barrow and myself went up to inspect this property, and found it in excellent condition and repair. The Club Committee was called together, and our Tender price was set at \$2,350.00 with lease of land at \$12.00 per annum. Owing to some irregularities in the calling of the Tender it was resubmitted in the Press on the 12th February calling for a 10 year lease of the land, at \$52.00 per annum. This was put to general meeting, and the Committee was instructed to go ahead with a new Tender. This Tender was \$2,250.00. Tenders closed on the 11th March 1977. We received notice that our Tender was successful. The money required was to be in the hands of the Railway Department at the most urgent possible date. A meeting was called and it was decided to cash Investment Accounts 2, 3, & 4 in Investment Account 7615, totalling \$1,200.00, the balance of \$1,050.00 to come from the Building Fund Account. This money, \$2,250.00, was paid to the Railway Engineers Office on the 31st May 1977, and a receipt received.

"Don M. Brown" Hon. Sec.

Les Moxham's truck

Les Moxham died on 11 January 1975. In his will he wrote and I quote "I give devise and bequeath my 15cwt Chevrolet truck to the Canterbury Anglers' Club for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary, Treasurer or other officer of the said organisation for payment of any moneys pursuant to this trust shall operate sufficient discharge to my trustee." A letter from the solicitor gave details that the truck was made in about 1945 and was currently on private property on Moorhouse ave. Further correspondence from the solicitor included a completed change of ownership form and the ownership papers and that the vehicle was now at 566 Moorhouse Avenue. There was also an indication that the garage from where Mr Moxham bought the truck would also assist with getting it going as it had a flat battery and was in need of a warrant of fitness. The registration papers show the truck had done 95669 miles was coloured blue and registration number DU 8936. As fate would have it the Club never received the truck as it was stolen from Moorhouse avenue and never seen again. The solicitors then approached the beneficiaries of the Estate for a redistribution of the Estate fund of which the Anglers Club then received a sum of \$500. At the June 1977 meeting of the Anglers Club it was suggested that the Cass hut be named the Les Moxham Memorial Hut in honour of Les's work the working bees over the years even when he was ill.

Fred van Slooten



◆ ANGLERS OUTFITTERS ◆

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(over the railway line)

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Club Trophies

The annual trophies competed for by financial Club Members are:

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:

<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)

<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

Magazines will be distributed by email, please confirm your email address below unless the following applies:

- Require magazine by mail as I do not have a broadband internet connection (tick the box) ☐
- Require a hard copy of the magazine - \$30.00 surcharge for this applies to the above subscription (tick the box) ☐

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Family members: (please list partner's name, and dependant children's name and D.O.B.)

Which of the following types of fishing do you do?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Trout - spinning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Salmon - spinning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sea - boat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trout - fly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Salmon - lure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Course fishing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trout – trolling/ harling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surfcasting	<input type="checkbox"/>	White baiting

Payments: Please return this form and remit with appropriate amount to the Treasurer at a club meeting, or post (cheque only) to:
 Canterbury Anglers Club Inc. 19 Crown Close Prebbleton, Christchurch 7604, or email to:
 Direct credits can be made to: 11-7800-0048004-11. Please include your name for reference.



Canterbury Anglers Club (Inc.)

Fish of the Month Competition Entry Form

Name: _____

Date of catch: _____

Address: _____

Species caught:

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
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Details: _____

Location: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Club trip	Angler signature: _____ Witness signature: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shore fishing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boat fishing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canal fishing	

- FOM entries can be emailed directly from your phone to
- 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



Is this a good eating fish and if it is, what is it ?