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Club Night: March 19th 2024

# Canterbury Anglers Club Inc.

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**General club meetings:** 7.30 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>Trip</u> <u>Based at</u>		<u>Convenor</u>
Schedule for 2024	Schedule for 2024		
Sea Fishing Trip Pohara Top Ten		11th—17th March 2024	Barry Smith
Flounder Fishing	Duvauchelle Camp Ground	5th—7th April 2024	Peter Collins
Combined Ferrymead Trip	Lake Colleridge	27th April 2024	ТВА
Alf Palmer Combined	Otematata	May 31st -Jun 3rd	Bill Bennett

# The (Anglers') Angle

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# **Editors** bit

I was lucky enough to be a part of the recently returned Chatham Island trip. I say lucky because there were only a limited number of positions available to us. I didn't understand why we couldn't just put on another vehicle and rent some more accommodation to reflect added interest as I'm convinced that we could have filled extra space. Whilst we like to see full attendance, the more the merrier, at our Club trips, on this occasion, this would not have worked. From the Charter to the Pitt Island excursion numbers were restricted to maximise the enjoyment of each event. As I've said in the past, I look forward to each and every one of our organised trips and my name is mostly in the book for them all! Generally, there are often the usual suspects attending, but that is starting to change—this is a good thing. There were a number of fresh faces at Chathams and the dynamic was quite magical. This can make or break a trip. Having said this, in the main, because we are "like minded" people at our club the dynamic generally works, some time better than others. We had a roster for every meal we had, including packed lunches and everyone happily got stuck in and pulled their weight even if it was totally out of their comfort zone. Nobody was left with a lion's share of the kitchen duties including dishes. Having said this, there were members who excelled at certain tasks and got it done eg packaging and distribution of our catch.

All these things we do, we perhaps take for granted no matter weather it is attending or not organised trips or simply going out there and "doing it". I went to see Chris Clarke who had some memorabilia to give back to the Club. He doesn't have the option any more to choose to go or do or participate in our Club events as he is confined to a wheelchair. As we chatted it was clear that he'd really enjoyed his time with the Club and missed the opportunities it offers all our members. He is not able to make the choices we can. We have trips and events laid out before us organised by our own club members offering varied fishing opportunities, camaraderie and exposure to the most fabulous scenery on the planet—I'm taking each and every event as an excuse to be "out there doing it" Just do it!

# Garry Hill

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Closing date for articles and info in the next issue: 7th Apr2024

# President's Report

Greetings of the Presidents musings...

I write this having recently returned from our Club trip to the Chatham Islands. I was lucky enough to have gone on our previous trip there in 2011, some 13 years past, so was able to see any changes over the period. Our Team Leader - Allan Rolston – daughter has married an Islander, and through Allan's trips there to see his family, now has many contacts. We were invited onto farms and many a discussion was held on the state of the Island infrastructure and the huge array of isolate living problems. It was a great trip and our thanks go to Allan for being the organiser – the trip report is elsewhere in the magazine.

Between our last Club night and this trip there has not been much time for Club business but what has arisen is plenty of discussion on Lake Coleridge and its future. Our Club trip there on the High Country Opening day competition saw some quality fish landed BUT for the number of rods in the water the results were a bit underwhelming. I have spoken to (and heard of) a fair number of Club members who have used this fishery since the opening day with results that they are quite happy with. Garry A and Allister were recently there and landed a good bag including a 5lb salmon (Allister) – a 3.5lb salmon (Garry) with 3lb trout also caught – some 10 fish to the boat.

Fish and Game no longer stock Lake Coleridge (or any fishery) so the future must lie in <u>natural breeding</u>, which is the overall aim of F&G. For this to happen I would suggest strongly that the fish <u>MUST</u> be given the time and space to do this - and the Lake <u>MUST</u> continue to have a <u>Closed Season</u>. If we just hammer the Lake all year we are surely <u>not</u> helping the fish or - by extension – ourselves.

Other items -

-The Pohara Golden Bay trip take off Monday (11<sup>th</sup> April). Have a great week away Team.

- Garry and Allister took time out at Lake Taylor early in the year bringing a huge number of fish to the boat.

-Ferrymead Club are running their annual Lake Coleridge competition on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Papanui Club once again have access to the Glenthorne Station accommodation on this weekend and have offered our Club first right of refusal. If you want a bed for either Friday or Saturday .... Get your name in the book. \$25 per head per night. 1boat/3names in the book as we go to print.

-Hornby Club are still running their competition at Lake Brunner 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April. Our Club is not officially attending this as it clashes with our Flounder weekend at Duvachelles.

As always... the Club exists for us all. Use the facilities and go on the trips.

Tight lines.

Gary Batchelor.

### Club President CAC

March Meeting on the 19th will be held observing the latest regulations concerning Covid 19

# **Club Trips & Activities**

#### **Entertainment Schedule**

**March 19th 2024**: Wayne from Anglers' Warehouse will be talking to us about the use and applications of Drones when fishing. For those who spend time surf casting especially, this promises to be a vey interesting evening.

We are actually double billing this evening. Chrissy will be there too to educate those who are not on our Club Facebook. Bring along your cell phone and allow Chrissy to connect you with all that's happening with in the Club.

April 16th 2024: Philip Musson + Ecan

Looking Forward: Soft bait person who makes soft baits here in Canterbury

Lots of ideas were given to Andrew for guest speakers in 2024. Anyone with a contact or idea please pass this on to Andrew.

### **Club Trips**

# Trips and Events 2024:

March 11th—17th: Pohara Bay sea trip. A request for a repeat trip to the beautiful Golden Bay area.. Barry Smith is looking to coordinate this event, so please get your name to him to signal your intention to attend. There are a total of 10 club members already signed up to go—this is such a delightful place to go and the fishing isn't too dusty at all either!

**April 5th—7th**: First weekend at the opening of the Flounder season. The book is open and Pete Collins is the organizer. Another really fun weekend complete with Pot Luck dinner and a trip to the "local" for a meal. Earlier this year than last year so it'll be interesting to see how the flounder find their way into our nets?

**April 5th -6th**. Lake Brunner - in conjunction with the Hornby Club Fishing Section for their Jack Elcock Memorial Competition. Sadly, a clash of the dates here has meant that we've had to opt for one or the other trips. We've decided to place our vote with Duvauchelle and won't be putting a team up for the Jack Elcock this year but anyone who wants to go over can enter on their own.

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! We need to have an organizer for this event as Gary Batchelor will be in Australia and therefore not able to do this. Fred ran it last year as a contingent of us were in Pelorus Sounds. Volunteer please?

May 31st -Jun 3rd: Otematata trip -Alf Palmer combined clubs fishing competition—details will be following closer to the time.

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.

To attend you may be asked to confirm your attendance by way of a deposit.

# Fish of the Month

Ian Joseph's 5.4lb Trout actually beat out Dave McDowell's 5.10lb Salmon for the Fish of the Month award this month!?

Barry Smith

## New Canterbury Angler's Club Members

I haven't got any new members for the March magazine.

Dave Sherriff

### **Committee Meeting**

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

There were 10 x committee members present and 2 x apology. 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: Wee bit of maintenance at Rakaia – vent to toilet extended, bird netting in guttering and roof iron nailed down.

Cass: A Club member has been complaining about the fire residue which was left after a large party had stayed at Cass. Question ... What does the committee want to do about the use of outdoor fires at Cass? It was decided to leave it as it is, considering fire bans etc. Talked about the fire extinguishers at the Huts It was agreed that we should purchase 3 x new fire extinguishers and 3 x fire blankets to equip each of the huts.

Clearwater: Replaced fasteners on the wood shed.

**Entertainment:** March: Wayne from Anglers' Warehouse – Drone fishing

Philip Musson + Ecan
Soft bait person??

Lots of ideas were given to Andrew.. If anyone else has ideas for a speaker, please contact Andrew.

General Business: New members need to be encouraged to go to events by being buddled up with existing members

Andrew has taken his school students fishing again and they had a ball. 48 salmon have been caught at

Rakaia.

Chathams: Alan Hagen has pulled out for medical reasons but Margaret Dugdale is back in which is great.

Dry goods have gone from Timaru and 3 boxes will be taken with perishables by the travellers.

Andrew Young has managed to sell off many of the excess books we've previously held. He only has some of the maps left. He had tried to move them on to potential interested parties but has had no response.

Bill has been following the Otago Fish and Game and they seem to be more pro-active than North Canter-

bury in promoting fishing with in their region.

Hut bookings are busy – mostly seeing regulars but also some of the newer members. Becoming more

popular however and certainly revenue is up on previous years.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

# **Club Welfare**

Graham is having to fend for himself but is coping ok by himself while Yvonne is away.

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# The Salmon / Surf Casting Weekend to Rakaia.

Here is the "headz up" from Dave McDowell prior to departure giving all those who had indicated their desire to attend a taste of what to expect and of course a wee teaser to whet their appetites.

The long range weather forecast looks ok. There has been a run of salmon in the river, most likely those migrating to the Lake Heron tributaries, which will be in or above the gorge by now. With low, warm and clean river flows we would expect salmon to remain and numbers build up in the surf awaiting a fresh.

The Canterbury river mouths continue to produce good catches of Kahawai; a fab fighting fish on light gear and underrated table fare.

Surf fishing has been really good with a variety of species being caught. Check out CANTERBURY FISHING GROUP on Facebook for Tips/Tricks/Times/Locations. Photo on the right is of a large Blue Moki caught by yours truly not far from the Rakaia mouth mid last month.



## My Fabulous Weekend at Rakaia by Grant Watkins.

Began the Friday we arrived. The mouth was packed solid with Kahawai. Never known fishing like it. Never caught so many fish. Even caught a shag, safely returned. Even caught a seal. The bastard thing, grabbed my fish I had on, and headed out to sea. Stripped my line, turned to look at me, and flipped me the bird, as he broke me off. I was so tired that night, I could hardly drink my 6 stubbies.

Day two, introduced me to soft baiting. More Kahawai, and mullet. Burnt to a crisp. River was dropping, and clearing, and going home was not an option. So two nights of venison stew.

Day 3 got blown away with the wind, and the salmon were practically a no show. But their loss. They missed My Fabulous Weekend at Rakaia.











# **RE CAC Trip to Turangi September 2024**

We have received a strong response to our request for expressions of interest in a trip to Turangi September 2024.

We have therefore booked 16 nights in the Auckland Fly Fishing Club house in Turangi.

Two groups of 7 people for 8 nights each, back to back.

Liz & I will stay with both groups, so 5 beds available in each block.

Team 1 is 1-9 September.

Team 2 is 9-17 September.

We have booked 8 night blocks to fully utilise the Taupo week fishing licence.

The cost for a bed for the 8 nights, or part thereof, is \$104 and we will require that in the new year.

Have a read of the Taupo Fishery Focus Issue 32 which contains lots of interesting stuff, including an observation that the peak spawning run is September!

Stay safe & healthy.

Regards,
Dave McDowell

A Genie granted me one wish, so I said "I just want to be happy."

Now I'm living in a cottage with 6

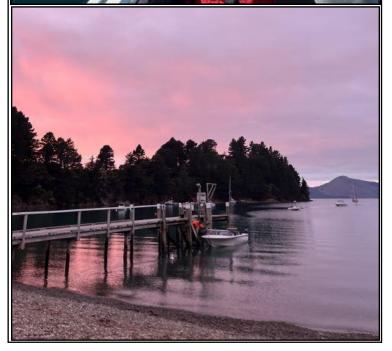
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## Tony's Friend Misha and his son on d'Urville.

Just a few snaps of d'Urville and it's fishing bounty for those who have been there or for those who aspire to go there.







# Chatham Islands 30th January—5th March—Annual week away event CAC.

Day 1: Tuesday: False Start: We all made our way out to the airport in preparation for our departure to the Chathams. Organisation was tight and we all arrived suitably early for our check-in, boxes of food, rods in containers, bags packed. We found a wee nook close to the Air Chathams kiosk and rotated members away to get a coffee fix and some food to bide us over, waiting for the check-in to open. Most had done so when the word was broadcast over the public address system that our flight had been cancelled because of fog over the Chathams! Just imagine ....



All that preparation and planning and no flight to show! Home for a rest to get ready for an early one tomorrow.

Day 2: Wednesday: Arrival on the Chathams: It was a real relief to finally set foot on the island after our



false start yesterday whilst it may be said that the flight over was one which was like none any of us had known before—everyone moving around the plane, talking and laughing—a sign of things to come setting the scene for us. The water run first, followed by the Crisps tray was passed around, followed by the twin pack biscuits tray then individual runs of coffee and tea from the rear of the plane, all very nice especially since the hostees were so accommo-

dating. Our wheels for the week were parked out back with trailer attached courtesy of Megan King who also owns our accommodation. The baggage cage was deposited nearby in a cage by forklift and a very nice young chap kindly carried our ration boxes to the trailer and actually packed them for us—outstanding !! We made our way over gravel and corrugated roads into the Waitangi township for a quick tour around—pub, shop, museum, police station, motel unit (done!). We popped in to the local footie club for what is known as "Densday" which is a lunch of hamburgers, chips, salads and sweet treats—gumboots off at the door and everyone complies with out question. From here we made our way to our accommodation for the week. Very nice indeed. Two units each with sleeping, toilet, shower and kitchen. The larger unit we used as focal point as there were well appointed couches and a table seating 8 people and also a larger kitchen. These accomodations turned out to be very comfortable.

Day 3: Thursday: Kaiangaroa: Fair to say we had a nice slow start to our day. No fishing or water related



activities 'cos of weather forecast. Everyone made their own filled rolls, sandwiches or wraps to put into our share bag together with a bag of fruit and out to the van. We made our first stop at what would become one of our catch phrases, "the loop" This loop was advertised as being a 15min walk through flax fields—well, we read a

sign the wrong way and ended up almost in the sea! Pickies on the left. Back track and find the actual loop and we finally got out! Lunch was at the Kaiangaroa township clubrooms in

their smokers area (featured right) out of the squally showers making their way through all day. Sadly, from a time when this facility was

used often, it appears that it is hardly used at all. A friend of Allan's, Levi manages one of the largest farms on the Chathams on behalf of a trust and was shearing at the time.





To round out a thoroughly absorbing day we visited a site where ancient Moriori impressions have been found on some Kopi trees (only one remains, others have been removed to preserve them) Picture right.

Day 4: Friday: Pitt Island: The Gods of fair weather were smiling upon us, termed to be "a little splashy" as this day dawned as a good day to make the trip over to Pitt Island courtesy of Glen King. Seems there were a couple of pale faces by the time we arrived. Our guide and host for the day, Brent Melanson

picked us up from the wharf. He was very knowledgeable about all things Pitt. His passion is bird life and we were shown wonderful sights of very rare birds, a Green Parakeet on the road, eating, started our journey and at risk fauna behind safety barriers encouraging natural regeneration. The boxes in the ground with the Tern chicks was very special, encouraging the breeding programme. This during our bush walk. Back to the Flowerpot Lodge for a lovely lunch prepared by Bernie Melanson a fifth generation Pitt Islander, in

Levi (pictured left) kept us totally absorbed with his insights into the younger generation's challenges to more traditional views on farm management and regenerative farming. These may be considered to be contrary to those of some other farmers on the island but are working well for him.

From there we made our way to Murison's farm, the resting place of a huge body of a Sunderland Flying Boat. (Below x2)





equally lovely surrounds looking out over the harbor bay. Back into the travel van and over to another side of the island where we were regaled with more history and a visit to Glory Bay then on to stunning iron sands formations. We finished up at the graves of some of the early and not so early inhabitants of Pitt Island. All too soon it was time to head away, bonus was a fish on the way back to Chathams. 400—500mm Blue Cod average and one lucky angler even caught a School Groper—well done Allan! No guesses what we had for tea that night!







Far Left some of our number on the Iron Sands
Left this is what happens to abandoned machinery
as it's too expensive / problematic to remove
Above nesting box of Tern and Chick—very special

Day 5: Saturday: Fire Arms, Marae, Hotel: Allan knew of a local who collected old firearms, Nigel Ryan and who was happy for us to come over for a look. We found him carving bone into pendants for the upcoming fair, but he was happy to lean and chat about his



firearms collection and about those he's had to get rid of. Allan's son in law Duncan is tasked by the Maoriori Trust to look after all it's properties and land. We were invited onto their Marae which was built in a circle with two wings off to the side to represent an albatross. The views from the windows were spectacular and our history lesson from the heart.. Seems that there is so much not mentioned in our mainstream history books.

Our exit was timed nicely to coincide with a visit to the Waitangi wharf and tour of the township and our booking at the pub for a meal that night—pretty good it was too!

Day 6: Sunday: Fishing Charter & lan's Birthday: We couldn't have asked for a better day to dawn on our Fishing Charter day out. Off we all went down to the beach and our charter was launched from the beach off the back of a Caterpillar Crawler. Lovely calm water all the way out to the designated fishing ground. No sooner were our hand lines on the sea floor then we were on to our first Blue Cod and they kept on jumping on! Hardly any smallies, most well over 400mm! Using hand lines as opposed to rod and reel was challenging We rotated our numbers over the four lines down, resting as others worked the lines! Glen King, our skipper had no rest as he moved up and down the lines removing fish and rebaiting lines in a thoroughly organised, confident manner bourne out of years of work at sea. The excitement was far from over though ... the cod stopped biting but we all started to pull up Haupuka /School Groper, a first for a number of us! What a totally wonderful experience judging by the expressions on everyone's faces as they were hoisted onto the









deck which will last for a long time indeed! Good amounts of fish were caught for everyone. Lunch was almost an anti climax after the events of our morning. Relaxing afternoon while a couple of us fished off the wharf realizing a big black conger eel which was reluctant as it was to come onto the wharf. It happily went back from whence it came. Hayden, another mate of Allan's took us onto his farm to see what progress has been made on his family farm. As we headed up to the top of his property we saw what he'd been doing to improve the land. Impressive is a word I've used throughout this article but it

was just that ...... the two failed wind turbines lying side by side on the ground were a sight to behold and yet another fail brought about by non Chatham Islanders selecting where such pieces of kit should be put up. The fencing programme is realizing great results in time management and regeneration of native fauna. From the cliff tops we could see over to Pitt and over the fences, the effect



already of Hayden's fencing. Small incremental steps forward. The "Hairy Hunters" had their chance this night however, no pigs or wild cattle were harmed on this expedition as the wind, rain and fog were all blamed for no returns!?



Day 7: Monday: Port Hutt, Sightseeing, Museum, Kopi Farm: We filled our rolls, made our sandwiches and filled the fruit bags and off we went in search of more wondrous sights to see—that we did! The best day by far weather wise. First stop was at Port Hutt Immersed in history this area holds secrets not spoken of by many because it wouldn't sit well with history writers. Locals know though. Even the signage states watered down truths. Sad really. The submerged boats in the harbor were impressive to see. John was in



seventh heaven as he examined a Caterpillar H2 just like the first tractor his Dad had on the farm. He recalled his father working a team of horses for years but the command "woa back" failed to work



on the tractor as he ran over a fence! Funny !! We needed to be at our next destination by 1400hrs so we made our way back to Waitangi where we visited the local Café. Pure theatre as the Café owner shared her views on local issues in very colourful terms. Next stop was the museum which really deserved more than an hour or two we had available to us. We read about Mrs Chudleigh and her daily routine which really was deserving of a medal! Lunch we had on the wharf at Waitangi engaging in conversation with one of the solo around the world yacht racers who had to drop out because of gear failure. Our next date was out at Kopi Farm, a property featured on Grand Designs New Zealand and owned by Bridget Preece and her husband. Our hostess walked us through their bush where they are actively eradicating all pests and encouraging the natural growth / regeneration of native species. Her favourite is called KP 500 which is a 500 year old Kopi tree pictured below. The Grand Design house pictured below itself was quite the sight to see with all it's design features and 36 x solar panels which allow them to cook all day long with not too much problem at all—rain water is stored in extra large tanks and supplies all the needs of the property. The Lemon Drizzle Cake with yogurt or cream was delicious as were the Ginger Kisses with Blackberry Cream filling.





Day 8: Tuesday: Flying Home: This is a day nobody on our trip chose to write about—funny that !? The symphony of alarms went off at 0500hrs and we were up and attem! Mostly the cleanup had been done the previous night as had most packing. The small amount of left over food was gifted to a couple of locals, the rest for the chickens. Check in at the airport was marred only by one of our fish boxes failing to be recognized as having been paid for, but it will be, I'm sure. Another jolly flight albiet a tad late (Chatham Island time) with all of us divvying up our catch outside the terminal building at Christchurch. All our team of ten roundly thanked all / each other for a thoroughly wonderful week of experiences, history lessons, sights and vistas not to be taken for granted. A slice of paradise indeed but certainly not with out it's challenges from the environment, the different factions on the islands and history itself. Allan put heart and soul into this trip and the measure returned to us all was substantial. Only 10 of us were fortunate to travel on this trip but it is really essential to share our time over there with everyone else because there are lessons to learn at every turn. The people of the

Chathams and Pitt Island are a remarkable breed, not an environment suited to everyone, but their hospitality is the stuff made of legends, friendly, generous and happy to talk about their way forward and also where they and their families have come from. I'm truly richer for the fact of having been there. Thanks everyone.

This article is long and reasonably detailed in a blow by blow way, however a special trip deserves special attention. Thanks for reading

# Waitaki River Mouth: "The Conductor and Squawkhestra" Keen entry for Anniversary Trophy



# Filleting bench installed at Rakaia

The bench was kindly donated by Gary Batchelor, installed by Dave McDowell. Just needs a hose, cutting board, scrubbing brush and drain pipe to the sump aaannind...... then some fish to process! Like these examples??



### 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

# Recipe Corner: Baked Whole Snapper

To bake a whole fish, you really only need salt, pepper and olive oil. If you have good fish, the flavour and juiciness of the flesh should be such that all you need is a squeeze of fresh lemon juice!

The empty gut cavity of the fish however presents a perfect opportunity to add flavour by stuffing it with some fresh aromatics. Do try simply using garlic, lemon, parsley and dill – a very classic combination for a whole baked Snapper.

#### How to roast your fish in the oven

At a bare minimum, all you need to bake a whole Snapper as follows: Cut slashes into the flesh – to help it cook evenly;

Sprinkle with salt, pepper and drizzle with olive oil.

That's literally it. Everything else is optional, extra steps! But they are worth the effort if you have the time, as they result in a tidier and more flavoursome result.

- 1.Trim fins (optional) Use scissors to trim the fins on the sides, top and underside of the fish. Basically, everything except the tail. Fins tend to curl, burn and stick out when they cook so this is for presentation purposes for neatness. It's also to make it easier to eat so you don't have to navigate the fins when removing the flesh. It's not a big deal however, so this step is very optional!
- 2 **Slash flesh** (essential) Cut 3 diagonal slashes on each side of the fish. Cut through the flesh until you hit the spine in the middle. This helps the fish cook evenly as well as giving an opportunity to get seasoning into the flesh.
- 3 **Stuff fish** (essential, for this recipe!) The fish will have a cavity where the guts were removed. Stuff the garlic, lemon and herbs inside. This step is optional in so far as you can bake fish unadorned, but for this particular recipe it's not optional!
- 4 **Tie fish** (optional) The purpose of this step is to hold the fish together so you get better infusion of flavour from the stuffing into the flesh, and a better shape (it stops the belly flaps from curling open as it cooks). It's the "proper" way to make a stuffed and baked fish, but it's not a big deal if you don't do this step;
- 5 **Season fish** *(essential)* Drizzle with oil and season with salt and pepper, being sure to rub it into the slashes. Do this on both sides of the fish;
- 6 Bake for 20 minutes or until the internal temperature of the flesh in the thickest part registers 55°C/131°F for medium, which is just cooked but not raw at all, very juicy and moist. Insert thermometer in the thickest part of the fish, not against the bone. Alternatively, use a small knife at one of the cut slits in the fish to prise a bit of meat gently away from the spine. If it flakes away from the bone without resistance, it's done.
- 7 **Rest for 5 minutes**. As with other proteins, this allows the juices redistribute throughout the flesh. If you do not rest, then the juices will run everywhere when you start breaking into the flesh.
- 8 Garlic & Dill Butter Sauce (optional) Make the sauce while the fish is baking. It's as simple as melting butter, cooking the garlic for a minute until it starts to smell amazing, then adding in the dill at the last minute; and Serve! Serve the butter on the side.

# 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)

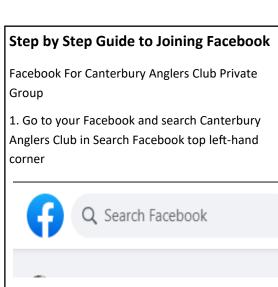
There are also caps available from Barry Swaney.

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



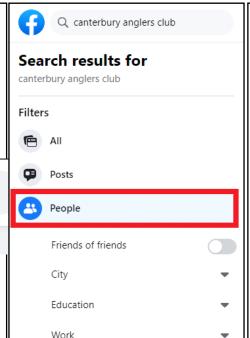
Liz can source these and Barry will provide a club badge—you'll have to sew it on yourself but the result is well worth the effort.



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







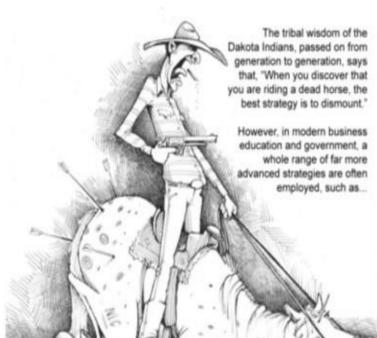


**♦** ANGLERS OUTFITTERS **♦** 

359 Lincoln Road, Christchurch (over the railway line)

Phone 338 3131, Email info@fishermansloft.co.nz

# THE DEAD HORSE THEORY



- Buying a stronger whip.
- Changing riders.
- 3. Threatening the horse with termination.
- 4. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
- 5. Arranging to visit other countries to see how others ride dead horses.
- 6. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
- Re-classifying the dead horse as "living impaired".
- 8. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
- 9. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase the speed.
- 10. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase the dead horse's performance.
- 11. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance
- 12. Declaring that as the dead horse does not have to be fed, it is less costly, carries lower overhead, and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do some other horses.
- 13. Re-writing the expected performance requirements for all horses.
- 14. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position of hiring another horse.



Drawing Kevin Nicoll





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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 angleron 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:

Members 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> 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**

- 1. Huts may only be booked by financial members of the club.
- 2. Bookings may be made, no more than 90 days in advance.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Only one hut booking can be made at any one time.
- 5. Any damage must be reported immediately.
- 6. Empty gas bottles must be returned to the booking convener for refilling.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Through the balance of the year bookings shall be on a first come basis.
- 9. Bookings can only be for a maximum of seven days.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Intentions books are placed in each hut, please use them, it may save a life.
- 12. 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
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Are you	A new member Or An existing member
Type of n	nembership (tick one)  Fee: (All less \$10.00 if paid prior to the 1 <sup>st</sup> September)
	Junior (under 16 years) \$40.00
	Intermediate senior (16 to 20) \$45.00
	Senior (over 20 ) \$70.00
	Family (principal adult/partner & dependant junior children \$75.00
	attending secondary school up to and incl. Yr. 13)
Magazines	will be distributed by email, please confirm your email address below unless the following applies:
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	Trout - spinning Salmon - spinning Sea - boat
	Trout - fly Salmon - lure Course fishing
	Trout – trolling/ harling Surfcasting 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.
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# Canterbury Anglers Club (Inc.) Fish of the Month Competition Entry Form

Name:				С	Pate of catch:	
Address:						
Species caug	ght:					
	Trout		Salmon		Other F/W	
		Brown trout		Quinnat (Chinook)		Perch
		Rainbow trout		Land-locked		Tench
		Brook trout		Sockeye		
		Salt water				
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Details:						
Location:						
	Club trip		Angler si	gnature:		
	Shore fishing	<b>;</b>				
	Boat fishing		Witnes	ss signature:		
	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



