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# Club Night: May 21st 2024

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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>	Based at	Date	<u>Convenor</u>	
Schedule for 2024				
Alf Palmer Combined	Alf Palmer Combined Otematata		Bill Bennett	
Kaikoura Sea Fishing	Kaikoura Sea Fishing Kaikoura		Dave McDowell	
Papanui Mid Winter	Papanui Mid Winter Lake Coleridge		Gary Batchelor	
Turangi Fly Fishing	Turangi Fly Fishing Turangi		Dave McDowell	
Take a Kid Fishing The Groynes		29th September	Fred vanSlooten	

# The (Anglers') Angle

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## Editors bit

I recently attended the combined fishing club's Lake Coleridge winter fishing competition. My usual fishing buddy was not available, as some will know by now, my boat is not for the water at this particular point in time. I was invited to be a part of another crew and gladly accepted the opportunity to do so. We have been really fortunate to have been offered accommodation at the shearer's guarters on Ryton Station together with three other clubs. I have been accused in the past of beating on about participating in organised fishing trips. Seems I'm not going to stop any time soon because this trip is like most of our trips but on steroids! The camaraderie throughout the weekend was just great, lots of banter, stories told (always the one that go away) and the simple pleasure of enjoying the company of a different group of like minded people. There were fairly expensive boats there, some not so much and others with waders an option instead. It didn't matter at all and that's what I'm talking about. As we chatted variety of "wet ones" the issues other over a clubs are experiencing are not so different from ours. The personalities may be different but we all share the passion for fishing. Trying to encourage other clubs to embrace the use of single hooks, as an example is gaining traction as is the practice of catching and safely releasing for tomorrow .. These things form a basis for conversation as everyone begins to try to keep our fishing stocks healthy for the future. I'm thinking that we should make more of an effort to rub shoulders with other clubs here in the future.

Garry Hill Editor

## President's Report

Greetings of the Presidents musings...



I've gone away for a while and couldn't write my usual musings soooo I'll just wish you all .....

Tight lines.

Gary Batchelor.

## Club President CAC

May Meeting on the 21st will be held observing the latest regulations concerning Covid 19

## **Club Trips & Activities**

## **Entertainment Schedule**

**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.

**June 18th meeting;** What with all the different species of fish everyone is bringing home to put on the table, what to do with it? We're going to be putting on a cooking display offering all you would be gourmets a chance to impress those at home. Garry & Dave will be doing a demonstration of different ways and ideas of cooking your catch. Something completely different !!??

July 16th meeting; This is the date for our Club AGM. In addition to the meeting we may have a micro speaker to add interest.

## <u>Club Trips</u>

#### Trips and Events 2024:

**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 McDowell 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 or for those who can, a couple of days during the week.

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. Up date is that only one member vacancy is available each week all other spots have been taken by way of tendering a deposit. There will be further updates coming out in due course. If you are thinking of going, please commit by paying over your deposit

 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

Because there were not any entries received for the Fish of the Month award from any members of Trout, the prizes on our prizes table were offered to Tony Hallams with his catch of a 2.164 kgs 64cm long Chonook Salmon caught 0730am 24/3/24 approximately 500m up from Rakaia River Mouth on the south side of the river.

Barry Smith

## New Canterbury Angler's Club Members

Well, we really need to get out there and generate a wee bit more interest in the Club as we have no new members to report this month

Dave Sherriff

#### **Committee Meeting**

#### Minutes of the Committee of the Canterbury Anglers' Club, held on 23rd April 2024, at Avon Retirement Village at 7.30pm

There were 7 x committee members present and 5 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:

Correspondence Inwards: LCHHA – Lease of Mt Potts, Harrison's Bight gate is open again

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

#### A Round up from our Club Huts:

Rakaia: It has been reported that the Vacuum cleaner needs replacing. Liz volunteered to organise this.

Cass: Fred has fixed the water. There were a number of tasks identified as needing to be completed as ongoing maintenance such as the Gates to be purchased / constructed and installed and painting of various parts of the Hut deferred for the spring.

Clearwater: The Tank has now been emptied emptied. Painting and guttering will need to be done in the spring.

#### Entertainment:

May - Philip Musson – Fish and Game

June - Garry & Dave -cooking

July- AGM

#### General Business:

We need to start thinking about the week long trip for next year. A number of options were discussed but none were settled upon. It was felt that we should go to the greater membership to see if anyone had any ideas about were we could go and how it would look.

Each of our committee members who step up to hold a specific task with in the club has a commitment to fulfill that role. Now, some who hold these roles are still in full time employment whereas others are not. We need to understand this and ask the question about weather they do actually have the time required ? Ian is going to talk to Barry Smith about Fish of the Month to see if he needs a helping hand.

Ian has sourced a TV to be installed at Rakaia. Dave is to ring Ian and organize pick up and transport to it's new home—thanks Ian

Hut bookings have been good and are steadily climbing. Andrew has sorted the problems with the website.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

## **Club Welfare**

If anyone has any information thought to be of interest to our club membership about the welfare of any of our people, please get in touch with me so that I can share with our readers.

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 with in these articles are published in good faith, trusting that they are true and accurate. We aim to inform and entertain, not to offend.

## Mid Winter Inter Club fishing trip to Lake Coleridge. From the keyboard of Garry Hill.

Now, there is a very good reason why we ask different folks to write reports on each trip we, as a club participate in. That reason is that our readers don't have to be bored out of their waders by the same writing style each time. So an apology is offered in advance because yours truly is going to have to report on the Coleridge trip because someone forgot (that'd be me) to shoulder tap someone to write a report despite being responsible for organizing said event!? Truthfully, most of the organizing had been done by the time I was hastily propelled into taking up the reins when our Leader headed over to Australia for some holidays. Thankfully, most of the CAC attendees had sorted themselves out with crew on boats heading through and those who were going to only spend what time they could notified me in plenty of time. We were the guests of Ray Hill who has in the past secured the Ryton Station shearer's quarters for us to stay in together with the members from other clubs. This is of course, for those who have never camped out under canvas or slept in the back of your car in winter time up in the high country, is luxury indeed. Canterbury Anglers was very well represented over the weekend and we sure gave the fish stocks a bit of a nudge! Scott Wallace had been in touch earlier and spoke about how low the lake was. He wasn't joking! But I'm getting ahead of myself. My skipper and I made the traditional stop for refreshments at the Colgate pub which was very pleasant indeed. As pleasant as it was, the call of the Lake was in our ears and so we headed straight to the water's edge. It wasn't actually that straight

forward to be totally honest. The lake was really low, so low that Boat Harbour was merely puddles to get wet feet in. To say that as anglers we felt just a tad unwelcome, would be understated. The track from the harbor used to be wide open and inviting as we would walk down to the water from our camp sites. No longer ..... It's as if trees (gotta say some are natives) have been planted along the side of the track leading to the lake specifically, it seems, to





impede the progress of any boat trailers game enough to try. When we got down to the lake's edge we had to throw over board the branches and trimmings from half a tree each time. Launching was challenging into shallow water, beware hidden rocks! This I know only too well! A few hours later we had two very nice Rainbows in the bin and as the darkness began to settle over the lake we headed up to the shearer's quarters. Oh bliss !!! The room was toasty warm, the wood fire making us almost as welcome as all the fishers sat around having pre-dinner drinks. Interesting to see what other folks bring along for meals. Friday night, Curry night for us. It was really nice to have a catch up with members of other clubs around the table and from the couches. Tactics were discussed and teams made up for the following day's event. Some chose to party on and others opted for the sleep tactic .... Maybe trying to get in a few zzzzz's before the staccato sawing of timber rattling the windows disturbed their peaceful slumbers? Morning and up 'n attem saw some fishers gone already others opted for a more pedestrian start to the day. The morning was cold but crisp as expected in the high country. More boats than I'd expected were on the lake. Catches were generally reasonably good with Rainbows being the main catch ranging from 2 - 3lbs.

The weigh in was held fairly early it's fair to say, a fact that was brought up with the organizer who conceded the fact and we've undertaken to discuss it at the next delegates meeting.

I was absolutely elated to be awarded the shield for the heaviest fish of the day! I did enjoy the elation I felt for about a minute. That's how long it took for the mistake to be identified, the shield taken from my loving embrace as well as my gift and given to Robbie from Papanui. Oh well, the CAC trophy was good enough for me. The heaviest bag from three anglers also went the way of Canterbury Anglers. After the presentation was over we decided to go back onto the lake as we'd come here to fish! Once more it was dark by the time we came off the water and headed back to our accommodation. Numbers were a tad diminished but we never the less had a fine time. The next day was frosty and cold but out we went again for a few hours before



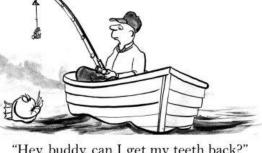
having to return to clean up the quarters. What a weekend!! Fish for the table, memories of fish caught and a number released, fine company and most important a good number of laughs! We really do need to thank Ray Hill for his repeated invitations to be a part of his family in staying where he has clearly made a great effort to ensure that we stay in the future. Going soft in our advancing years? Perhaps. But sure beats the hell out of freezing your bollocks off around a brazier and huddling under canvas during a Coleridge frost!

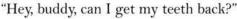






On the Left The-Wild-One-In-The -Family On the Right Another Wild One?





## Predators are essential to Healthy Ecosystems

### **Opinion Piece by Tony Orman**.

The natural world of fauna is based around food chains and predators. It is a reality of nature that larger birds, animals, fish and insects eat smaller ones. – Jim Hilton and Roger Childs

Avian predators have been around for millions of years.

A newspaper report in the Marlborough Express of 29 January told of black-backed gulls preying on other native birds. So what?

Predators in the New Zealand avian ecosystem are nothing new. The native falcon (karearea) preys on small to medium-sized birds, and even occasionally takes prey much larger than itself such as black shags, poultry and pheasants. Pukeko can prey on small ducklings. harrier hawk prey on small birds.

Over millions of years New Zealand has always had predators. Among extinct birds:

- \* the giant Haast Eagle preyed on moa (picture right),
- \* the adze bills preyed on the chicks of nesting birds,
- $\ast$  the Eyles harrier preyed on kereru, kokako, kaka and smaller moa up to 40 kgs
- \* small birds were part of the diet of the laughing owl.

The pointless but persistent war on predators



New Zealand has for many decades waged a war against predators. Yet in other countries, predators are recognised as generally beneficial to their prey species. Predators are part of a healthy ecosystem, removing vulnerable prey such as the old, injured, sick or very young,

leaving more food for the survival and success of healthy prey species. Predators in effect, control the size of prey populations.

Predators will catch healthy prey when they can, but catching sick or injured animals is much more likely, and results in healthier prey populations because diseased animals are quickly removed and only the fittest animals survive and are able to reproduce.

But in New Zealand there is a zealous, deep prejudice against predators. Predator Free 2050, and Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP), represent an ill-conceived all-out war against predators.

#### Championing the fight may be:

- \* prime ministers
- \* central and local government politicians,
- \* local bodies,
- \* naïve unquestioning pseudo-investigative journalists,
- \* extreme green groups
- \* unprincipled "scientists" following the money trail of funding.

Instead of hysterically rushing into sentencing predators to death, wildlife managers, strident green groups and others with a phobia against predators should calm down and consider the causes of increased predation.

#### The Marlborough scene

Are black-backed gulls referred to earlier, coming inland because their coastal food in fish stocks have been reduced by commercial fishing? Here in Marlborough, seals in recent years have been ascending rivers up to twenty of more kilometers inland preying on trout and salmon. A likely reason is commercial seiners plundering stocks of kahawai, a major food for seals.

Both gulls and seals are being forced — by man's interference — to go looking elsewhere for food.

In another case in Marlborough, gulls have been found dead on beaches. In a parallel to the abnormal behaviour of seals, a reason advanced was again diminished kahawai stocks with the predatory kahawai no longer frequently and now only occasionally, seen in



Healthy kahawai numbers also drive bait fish into the water's edge from which gulls benefit. Both serve as a probable example of Man's greed to over-exploit having adverse consequences for other species in the food chain.

surface feeding frenzies from which gulls benefit with floating scraps.

#### Sensible policies overseas

Wildlife managers overseas are increasingly regarding predators as an important part of a healthy ecosystem.

For example in 2014, A. S. Glen of New Zealand's Landcare Research and Christopher Dickman of Sydney University co-authored a book on "Carnivores of Australia" and in a chapter "The Importance of Predators" it says — to maintain or restore functioning ecosystems, wildlife managers must consider the ecological importance of predators.

American author Dr.Caroline Fraser writing for the US's Yale School of the Environment said – experts beginning with aquatic experiments, have amassed considerable evidence of damage done to food chains by predator removal and have extended such studies to land.

#### Interference upsets nature's balance

There are many examples of human interference directly or indirectly into Nature's food chains, resulting in profound consequences. In a classic 1966 experiment, biologist Robert Paine removed the purple seastar Piscaster ochraceus – a voracious mussel feeder from an area of coastline in Washington in the US. Their predator gone, mussels exploded in numbers, crowding out biodiverse kelp communities with monoculture.

A similar scenario is happening right here in New Zealand with the removal of large snapper and crayfish causing sea urchin (kina) "barrens".

In New Zealand on land, the fervour and haste which the Department of Conservation and local councils spread toxins for predators is reckless and fraught with disruptive ecological danger. Large scale poisoning with eco-toxins such as 1080 and brodifacoum may heavily reduce predator numbers initially, but with a few short years, the outcome is disastrous. The science is there to show the resurgence in predator numbers and subsequent damage to the native ecosystem.



Scientist Wendy Ruscoe in a study published in Landcare Research's publication 2008 showed aerial dropping of 1080 will temporarily knock back a rat population — but due to

the rodent's amazing reproductive capacity, the surviving rats recover rapidly and within 18 months, their numbers are back to former levels.

The momentum continues and about the three to four year mark, are two to three times greater than before poisoning began. Another study by Landcare scientists Graham Nugent and Peter Sweetapple showed similar rat population explosions caused by aerial 1080 drops. Stoats whose main prey is rats, then surge in numbers in response to the rat population explosion.

The concept of being "predator free" or having "zero predators" makes no ecological sense, except in limited circumstances on smaller offshore islands and "mainland" islands. Even on islands where predators may have been eliminated e.g. Secretary Island in Fiordland, the success is relatively short-lived and temporary as animals can and do swim from the mainland to re-colonise. How else did these predators get there in the first place?

The sad outcome is the gross misuse of public funds and more tragically the profound ecological damage that often occurs in the pursuit of the "Impossible Dream" of exterminating predators.

Footnote: Tony Orman has spent a lifetime in the outdoors, observing and reading about it and Nature. He has had some two dozen books published, mainly on fishing, deerstalking, conservation and rural life.

#### Hi Fellow Club Members,

Now that the summer season is over, here's a reminder that you need to complete a return for your sea-run salmon license if you have one.

The easiest way to do so is via the web, unless you want to spend money on an envelope, a stamp (currently \$2.00 - daylight robber), and your valuable time, not to mention wear and tear on your vehicle to get to a post box.

Locate your license (cannot help you on that, but hint - its likely to be in your vest), and head to: Fish and Game sea-run-salmon-return-form-2023-2024/ <a href="https://www.fishandgame.org.nz/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/fishing-licences-and-regulations/sea-run-salmon-season-bag-limit/sea-run-salmon-return-form-2023-2024/></a>

Complete your details, including your valid email address, and if you were lucky enough to get out - don't embellish the truth - tell them all the places you went fishing, then click on the submit button. Done, easy.

Andy W AKA

## The trip is getting closer by the day.... A timely Tongararo article courtesy of Manic Tackle Project's Wrap Up Of The Week

Hey everyone,

Brrr. If that's not a term in your current vernacular then are you are probably not into winter spawning runs. But if you are then this week's email is for you. There's only a few rivers in Australia and New Zealand that inspire folks to travel the world to visit and this week we highlight one. We also talk eggs and ask you to pull your socks up. Have a great weekend everyone!

#### \*Travel Tips | The Mighty Tongariro\*

There's really nothing quite like winter on New Zealand's Tongariro River. There's been plenty of guides and articles written about it, but there's really no better tome to consult than the world famous 'Manic Guide to the Tongariro'. Click away and enjoy!

#### \*Fly Tips | How do you like your eggs?\*-

Do you feel that? It's a bit cold isn't it. That means that trout will be on the move and looking for something different. They do get bored after all. Now's a great time to check out an article on how to choose the right egg pattern. Here are excerpts from that article. As the winter chill sets in and the days grow shorter, anglers eagerly anticipate the opportunity to pursue trout in coldwater conditions. With the change in seasons comes the need to adapt tactics and fly selections to entice fish in the challenging conditions of winter. Among the arsenal of winter flies, <u>Manic's egg patterns</u> stand out as reliable producers that consistently fool even the most discerning fish. In the world of fly fishing, egg patterns are a staple during the colder months when trout turn their attention to spawning activity. These patterns mimic the appearance of fish eggs, a high-protein meal that trout eagerly consume as they prepare for the spawning season. By presenting an egg pattern to trout, anglers can capitalize on this natural feeding behavior and entice strikes even in challenging conditions. When it comes to selecting egg patterns for winter fly fishing, anglers have a plethora of options to choose from. From traditional Glo Bugs to more intricate variations, there's no shortage of creativity when it comes to tying effective egg patterns.

As a general guide I look to larger and / or brighter colours in low light, dawn or dusk conditions and when the river is off colour. Smaller, more natural egg patterns are used in lower, clear or brighter conditions when visibility isn't a necessity.

#### Colours to use

Brighter patterns = low light, morning or evening and coloured water Smaller, more natural colours = lower, brighter or clearer conditions.

When fishing egg patterns in winter, presentation is key. Anglers should focus on dead-drifting their flies through likely holding lies and deep pools, where trout are more likely to be found during the colder months. By adjusting depth and drift speed, anglers can effectively target fish at various water levels and increase their chances of success.



Left and Right: The Glo Bug a quintessential yarn egg pattern with many variations. This simple yet effective pattern features a brightly colored yarn or chenille tied on a hook, mimicking the appearance of a drifting egg. Like the glo bug, but with a stick of flash on the tail the Flash Tail Glo Bug.



Below is The Ultimate Egg Centre is Cluster Egg

Bottom Right: Soft Egg

Think slime covered decomposing eggs in the latter stages yummo!

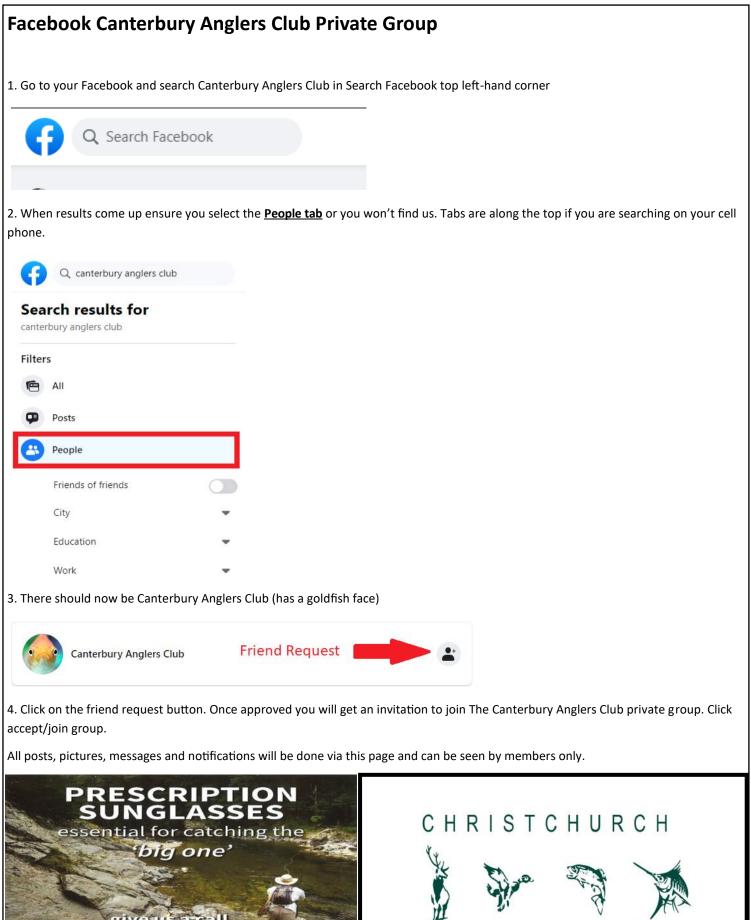






Left: Muppet This is the yarn egg with punch. Lead eyes add the weight required if you need to get down on a one fly rig.







## 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

## God's fitness intent for seniors.....

And on the 8th day God created Seniors. Now most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, AND other things, thus doing more walking. God looked down AND saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need.

In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, & stretch. And God looked down & saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders & decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up & down more, remember that's the way God designed us. It's in your best interests, even though you mutter under your breath.

Here are some important facts to remember as we grow older:

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have just two motivations: hunger & hanky-panky. They can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish & you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet & they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, & people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

## 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



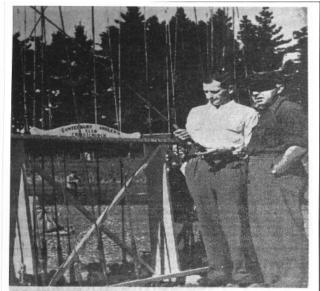


Liz can source these and Barry will provide a club badge—you'll have to sew it on yourself but the result is well worth the effort.

## Fred's Time Warp from the Archives celebrating the 75th Anniversary of The Canterbury Angler's Club

<u>07-Jul-49</u>	At a meeting of interested persons in the Chess Club Rooms The Canterbury Anglers Club was formed. (45 attended)
14-Jul-49	R. B. Soanes presented a draft of the Club rules to the Committee.
14-Jul-49	First committee meeting held at the office of Mr A. Peddar.
04-Aug-49	At the second general meeting it was agreed "That Lady members should be admitted to the Club".
04-Aug-49	A motion was also put that no executive member of the Canter- bury Anglers Club should be permitted to be a member of the Council of the Acclimatisation Society. This motion was defeated, there being only 2 votes in favour.
28-Aug-49	Donation from Cromb & Merritt 10 Pounds for Junior anglers, Goods to the value of 5 pounds from Steans Ltd, Boland scales from Don Brown.
28-Aug-49	Planned trips. Oct. 30 Selwyn, Nov. 30 Coleridge, Jan 29 Lake Tay- lor, Feb. Lakes Pearson & Grasmere, March 5 Rakaia.
22-Sep-49	Mr Palmer reported that, Tisdalls were donating a cup for the an- nual competition in dry fly casting, Turner & LeBrun donating a cup for Fly Casting, Ashbey Berg & R Palmer donating cups with conditions left open, Mr Peddar donating a shield.
21-Nov-49	Mr George Ferris talked about fishing to the Club
25-Jan-50	Agreed to make application to Registrar of Incorporated Societies for his approval of the Rules and Regulations
25-Jan-50	Club president Mr Morey requests Committee to accept his resig- nation due to his impending transfer from CHCH.
08-Jul-53	Committee at Mr Peddar's office
08-Jul-53	Mr D MacKenzie reported that he had arranged for the Oddfel- lows Hall St Asaph for Sept. 22 for a social.
10-Aug-53	Committee at Mr Sadler's house
26-Aug-53	Club Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Hall
01-Sep-53	Secretary to order 200 Club badges from Mayer & Keen
09-Nov-53	Letter received from South Canterbury Anglers Club enclosing membership card to their Club.
05-Mar-54	Casting demonstration given at lake Bryndwr. Victorians also pre- sent
04-May-54	Recommendation that meeting night he changed. Senarate cast-

14-May-54 Recommendation that meeting night be changed. Separate cast ing committee formed with Mr Farmer as convenor



FISHING RODS, which were used by members of the Canterbury Anglers' Club for their casting competitions at Lake Bryndwr yesterday, being examined by Mr R. B. Soanes (right) the club organiser, Picture on the Left:

FISHING RODS which were used by members of the Canterbury Angler's Club for their casting competition at Lake Bryndwr yesterday, being examined by Mr R. B. Soanes (right) the Club organizer and the President, Mr A. Peeder, before the contest opened.

## From the Diary of a Crazy Mad Fisherman; Kieran from the Fisherman's Loft.

The alarm made itself loudly known at the early hour of 4a.m... and with a dreary mind and half asleep body, I managed to chuck the necessary gear into the Hilux and make the short drive out to Rolleston to awaken fellow fisherman and mate Vaughan. We quietly loaded the truck with his tackle and started the long, dark and cold drive up to the Ashburton lakes. The journey went fast as we discussed previous trips and the only stop was for fresh coffee and pastry at the Rakaia Mobil. With full bellies and a more focused determination we set off towards Mount Somers where the road eventually gave way to shingle corrugations and dust. The light was starting to portray the surrounding area as mountains piercing the darkness of the morning sky. As we reached the gate to our destination the truck was put into 4wd and the real adventure had begun. We bobbed and bounced slowly along the track avoiding the various ruts and bogs trying not to slip into them as to not bottom the truck out. We reached the carpark and got out into the sting of the biting air. With numb fingers we rigged up our 6 weight rods with floating lines and 4x tippet. The flies we would be using were very small chunky Hamills Killers, a perfect imitation for the abundant dragon fly larvae that the lake holds (you can see the empty shucks lining parts of the clay banks). As we made our way down through the frosted grass and dew drenched tussock we arrived at a very quiet and subdued section of the lake. We knew the Char would be sitting out of the drop off patrolling for potential partners .... Wading out slowly, so as to not ripple the surface, we stripped off enough line to get the



distance we needed. After a few casts and as the sun was climbing to appear from behind the rising peaks, I felt a short sharp take and stripped to set the small hook. I was rewarded by solid resistance as the fish took off. He stayed deep to start but with the constant pressure I was applying he eventually started to lose the battle. I had to keep pressure on as we fish this particular lake with barbless only as these fish are too beautiful to hurt ... I dipped my net into the water to moisten the net and then slowly played the fish into the confines of the rubber net bag. By this stage, Vaughan had come over to see the fish and we were rewarded with a plethora of colour from the bright speckled Char. These fish are just stunning and my favourite to target at certain times of the year. We admired the ruby red spots, the surrounding blue halos and the maze like patterns of the vermiculations across the back. Time stood still as we sat and watched the fish in the safety of the net. A couple of quick photos later, the Char slid back into the mysterious depths of the lake happy to not be hooked up still. I had to dry my hands as I sat in the sun as it was still bitterly cold down by the lake.

Vaughan went back to casting and a very short time had passed before the sound of "YIP" was heard across the lake's surface. I leapt up and

raced over with my net to assist and by the time I got there the fish was ready to be landed. Another stunning specimen lay before us gasping the cool crisp water and the smile on Vaughan's face had said it all. We were chuffed. Two stunning Char to start the day .... The sun had finally shown itself as we both sat in the sun, grins adorning our rosy cheeks. This was paradise for sure. The fishing slowed right down and we made our way back to the truck for a bite to eat and a change of location. That was it for here for another season......but we'll be back, just as autumn will be as well



Wherever you go in New Zealand - North or South inland or near the coast - you are likely to be close to some pretty good fresh water fishing.

Rivers and lakes, even small streams are all likely to hold trout. Carry a rod in the car to make the most of the opportunities you drive past frequently.

You can stand idly on the river bank, wade into the river or lake, or you can fish atop the lake; trolling from your boat or perched in a float tube, pontoon boat or kayak.

The weather conditions rarely matter either – in fact rain is often believed to get the fish moving and feeding. If crossing rivers or using a boat you should check weather conditions before heading out.

For more information about fishing locations and access, select a spot from the map or click the Fish & Game region map for more specific info relating to that region.

Get out there and make the most of some of the best trout fishing in the world. North Canterbury ideas: <u>Lake Lyndon</u> Access to the lake is excellent and good catches of rainbow and brown trout can be had. In the past the lake has tended to hold large numbers of smaller fish. Today there appear to be fewer, but larger fish.

Waimakariri River Dickeys Road. Stalk trout during the day and target large pools at night with streamer flies. Below Dickeys Road there is a good walking track beside the river that trout can be spotted from.

Waimakariri River The mouth can be accessed on the north side through the Kairaki settlement. The mouth opens into a big tidal bay that is renowned for its excellent salmon runs in summer.

<u>Rakaia River</u> Dobbins Ford. Generally fished for salmon, but has sea-run brown trout in the lower reaches and resident rainbow and brown trout upstream. Good runs of salmon from November to March.

<u>Lake Georgina</u> Stocked with both brown and rainbow trout. Most anglers wade out and fish the deeper parts of the lake near the public toilet. Best fished early in the morning.



♦ ANGLERS OUTFITTERS ◆

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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:				
<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.			
Accompanied non-members	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.			
Caravans/campervans on site:	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						
Please t	ick the appropriate box:					
Are you	A new member Or An existing member					
	mbership (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 wi	ill be distributed by email, please confirm your email address below unless the following applies:					
	gazine by mail as I do not have a broadband internet connection (tick the box) and copy of the magazine - \$30.00 surcharge for this applies to the above subscription					
Name:						
Address:						
	Post code:					
Phone:	Fax: <u>Mobile:</u>					
Email ad- dress:						
	Family members: (please list partner's name, and dependant children's name and D.O.B.)					
Which of	f the following types of fishing do you do?					
	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:						
D	irect credits can be made to: 11-7800-0048004-11. Please include your name for reference.					
Rule y						



## Canterbury Anglers Club (Inc.) Fish of the Month Competition Entry Form

Name:					Date of catch:	
Address:						
Species caug	ght:					
	Rai	own trout inbow trout pok trout	Salmon	Quinnat (Chinook) Land-locked Sockeye	Other F/W	Perch Tench
		Salt water			_	
Details:						
Location:						
	Club trip		Angler si	gnature:		
	Shore fishing Boat fishing Canal fishing		Witne	ss signature:		

- 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

