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Guest Speakers...

Allan Fife will give a presentation and talk at the September 6th meeting about the flies that he recently collected for the Catskills Museum of Fly Fishing. This was a huge undertaking and Allan spent many, many hours collecting, collating, and categorising the hundreds of flies for this well-known institution in the USA.

Les Hill: noted photographer and author of *Stalking Trout*, *Catching Trout*, *Stalking Still Waters* and numerous articles, has agreed to speak at the October 4th meeting.

Club Events...

There are several events coming up over the next few months that will be of interest to everyone.

New Guys Fly -Tying Day....



PARACHUTE PATTERN
WITH SAFETY CHUTE

10th Sept. Learn basic techniques, how to tie simple nymphs, lures and dries. Cost will be around \$20.00 which will include lunch and all materials.

Contact Ricky for more info on 027-251-4091

Show Weekend Trip...

This year, we are departing from our usual trip to Murchison. We will be trying Twizel to see if we get more newcomers into fish. The dates are Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November with most people travelling down on the Thursday. The venue for the Easter 2006 trip is still to be decided.

The show weekend trip will be first in first served with limited spaces available. A number of members have already registered interest. A \$20 non refundable deposit will be collected at the September meeting to secure your place. Cost is around \$25 per night for accommodation but will vary depending on final numbers. Contact Ricky on 027-251-4091 if you want to come or catch up at the September meeting. Remember first in first served.

Fly Tying Workshop with Garth Coghill...

On Sunday 11th September there will be an all-day fly tying workshop starting at 10 a.m. at the Fish & Game Rooms on Horatio Street. Advance registration and payment is essential. The workshop will be taught by Garth Coghill of

Rotorua, who is one of New Zealand's most innovative fly tiers. He will demonstrate a range of methods and a variety of fly and lure patterns, many of them personally developed. Garth has some unusual methods of dubbing both natural and synthetic fibres to create distinctive and effective lures, nymphs and dry flies. In addition to several of his own patterns, Garth will demonstrate the tying of the Otamita, the oldest wet fly pattern developed in New Zealand.



Bring fly tying gear, nimble fingers, extension leads, and splitter boxes. Cost will be \$25 per head; this includes a catered lunch. Due to the size of the room, the maximum attendance is 18. Eighteen members signed-up at the August meeting, so the workshop is effectively booked-out. If you wish your name placed on a waiting list for any cancellations, contact Kevin Rivers. As we need to have confirmed numbers (and money!) for catering purposes, please send your \$25 to Kevin Rivers (16 Renwick Place, Hillmorton, ChCh, Ph. 942 1174) or give it to Kevin at the monthly meeting on 6th September. Anyone who has not paid by the 6 September meeting will be assumed to be not coming and vacant spaces will be offered to other Club members.

Enquiries to Kevin Rivers or Allan Fife (ph. 332 2185).

Presidents Ramblings...

Hi there. It is time for me to ramble once more. The days are stretching out, and we have had some wonderful mild weather in the last two weeks, it makes the brain and flicking arm get a bit jittery and impatient. The guest speaker for July was very interesting; Graham Hughes gave a very informative talk on waters of his area, the central South Island. August meeting was Clark Reid assisted by Steve Spragg. Although Clark is a guide, he spoke more on technique and gear than his guiding experiences. Both Clark and Steve are representatives of Umpqua (www.umpqua.co.nz) Products and what a selection, most of it just about to be released into the market. The September meeting guest speaker is Allan Fife speaking about a great collection of New Zealand flies.

September the 11th is our yearly fly tying at Fish and Game rooms with guest tier Garth Coghill from Rotorua.

A casting clinic is being planned for September so watch so watch out for this; hone your skills for opening day. The Adopt a stream (South Branch) work day was held late July, a very successful day, well done those people who volunteered there time. The second day was 21st August. Take a kid fishing is not far away, this can be a very rewarding experience helping the youngsters. Remember you only get out of fishing what you are prepared to put into it. There is plenty planned in the next few weeks so get out and take part and enjoy the experience.

...I.J.D.

"Presidents Definition of CASTING...

The art of propelling a lure toward a target using a forward, backward, sidearm, or under hand motion of the rod, depending on whether you want your fly, plug or bait to end up in a tree in front of you, a tree behind you, a tree to the left of you or the right of you, or a tree above you."



Stream Help Report 1...

Before launching into an account of the Stream Help day on the Otukaikino (South Branch of the Waimakiriri) I would



like to explain the genesis of the Stream Help program and its benefits to anglers and the wider community.

Stream Help was the initiative of Wayne McCallum, former Fish and Game

Environment Officer. Wayne saw a need to do some practical work on water issues which would involve anglers, land-care groups, farmers and others working together to find solutions agreeable to all.

The most successful and high profile project focused on Harts Creek, a spring creek tributary of Lake Ellesmere and a highly valued fishery. Harts Creek was suffering from deteriorating water quality and increasing silt carrying, mainly due to farming practices upstream in a major tributary. Fish and Game were alerted to the problem by concerned anglers, in particular by former Fly Fishing Club president Allan Fife. It was largely through the efforts of Allan, Wayne and concerned landholders that a stream care group was formed and pressure applied to the problem

causers to change harmful farming ways. This led to an improvement in the water quality and saved the fishery from further degradation.

Practically, Wayne involved anglers, farmers and Lincoln College students clearing in-stream and bank-side overgrowth on several properties. This led to an increased understanding between the groups, the formation of a stream care group and fencing of the lower creek, which was being degraded by cattle. A win-win situation for all concerned.

Although Harts Creek has been saved, many low country waters cannot boast the same success. In fact most low country streams are a shadow of a glorious angling history. Most notably the Selwyn river and other tributaries of Lake Ellesmere, but waters north of Christchurch and within the city boundaries were once abundant fisheries spoken of glowingly by angling writers such as the late George Ferris. Waters such as the Styx, Cam, Kaiapoi, and the north branch fall within the umbrella of the councils degraded rivers list. Only one stream, to my knowledge, has remained largely unscathed by primary and urban development and that is the Otukaikino or South Branch. The Otukaikino rises from springs of the Waimakariri which surface at the back of the international airport, flows down through the Groynes recreational area and eventually empties into the Waimakariri just above the motorway bridge. The stream supports a healthy population of invertebrates, it never floods and is generally gin clear.

The trout population is large with the average angler catch being about 1-2lbs. Larger fish are present even up to double figure at times. There are some rainbows caught too, but brown trout predominate. So why the Otukaikino for "Stream Help"? Simply because of its almost pristine state.

Because of its closeness to larger Christchurch and because of the potential to turn it into what the Americans call "a blue ribbon water" Virtually all that needs to be done to achieve this is to work at opening up its vegetation choked reaches, let air and light in and create access for anglers.

It has always been a popular after work or evening fishery for local anglers. Either for the caddis hatch or brown beetle fall. It is my hope that with the clearance work more people will be able to access it and invertebrates and fish numbers increase too.

On the 31st July the first days work on the Otukaikino took place.

Fish and Game staff and volunteers met John Parry, a senior ranger who gave us a safety talk and provided hand tools for the job. John used a chain saw which we kept well away from and we also had help from some PD workers under his supervision. I had previously marked out two areas, one of over 400 metres which was well choked with crack and grey willow.

I was surprised and delighted at day's end when I realised that we had all but cleared the whole lot! It was a fantastic effort by all concerned. Many thanks to John the ranger, to Fish and Game Staff, Jason Holland who provided snacks and drinks and worked with us and to Davor Bejakovich who provided and cooked the lunchtime barbecue. Last, but not least thanks to my great team of workers who spared no effort even to the point of full submergence.

The Team

Gene Klein

Rob Burrows

Stream Help Day - 31 July 2005



Kevin Rivers
Gerald Daly
Grant McKenzie

Granville Holmes
Andy Paulin
Dave Ward

I am aiming to have two more days before the start of the trout fishing season in October. The next one will be Sunday 21st August. After that the program will recommence next winter. I look forward to meeting you there.

Some of the photographs taken on the day are enclosed.

...Granville Holmes

Rob Burrows...

Members are saddened to learn of the sudden death of Club member Rob Burrows on 11 August.

Rob died in an accident doing something he enjoyed – driving his jetboat on the Waimakariri River in the great outdoors he was so passionate about.



Rob had been a Club member since 2003 and quickly became involved in Club activities, being an enthusiastic member of the committee and a librarian.

His kindness and sense of humour were enjoyed and appreciated by members, especially those who shared his company both on and off the water on this year's Easter trip to Twizel.

More recently, Rob participated in the "Stream Help" day on the Otukaikino Stream. Those of us who took part in that day were entertained by his amazing sense of humour.

Rob will be missed and the Club poorer for the passing of a true gentleman and a great guy.

Members extend their sincere sympathy and fond memories to Rob's family.

A Pearl of Wisdom from Montana (Oh How True)...

Andy....I enjoyed the article in the May newsletter titled "The Right Fly". However I would like to add that when I am in a similar quandary on a day when no trout are visibly feeding, and when I finally choose the "right fly" and after going through the process of tying it on the tippet and clipping the tag end, and while the fly is in the air on the first cast before it hits the water, I know for certain that it is the "wrong fly".

...Bill Rammer

Mrs. President's Ramblings...

It's a case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing.

In the month of June, Mr. President decided that we would take our eldest son and his Swiss Miss down to Otematata for a weekend of winter fishing before they headed off to her home country.

The chief cook and bottle-washer arranged to hire a friend's bach, and set



about getting things organised.

As some of you may know, we own a large camper, which has everything but our clothes and food in it for a quick getaway.

We have this sort of arrangement where I get the inside ready (clothes, food and a quick clean), while he gets the outside things ready (fishing gear, boat, motors, etc).

For this break, we did not need the camper, but I thought that our packing arrangement was still in play. But I had a lot to learn.

The Swiss Miss and I spent the week getting food, blankets, hotties, and the like ready.

On the day of departure, Mr. President and chief cook and bottle-washer finished work early to get an early start; or so we thought!

Problem N° 1. The boat had a rather large bale of silage in front of it that we could not move. I set off in the truck to try to find the landlord's tractor driver. Got bogged in a very muddy gateway. Not a smart move since we had just had a 4-wheel drive expert at the club with all of his do's and don'ts. Had to use the cell phone to ring Mr. President to get me out.

In the meantime, our son had already left. I did have the presence of mind to give him the keys to the bach as it was plain to see that he was going to get there before us.

After packing up the truck, putting the boat on (after having to change a few bulbs) and a few other things that we will call hold-ups, it was plain to see that we would not get there until after dark.

Some way down the scenic highway, I asked where the fishing jacket was as that was where our family fishing licence is kept. He said "I thought you packed it". I answered "No". Oh dear, no fishing licence!

Upon arrival and unpacking, it was soon discovered that we had rods, but no reels. They were in the back seat of the camper along with winter hats and gloves.

Thank goodness for Dave the bach owner, for he had two rods already set up, which we borrowed. I wouldn't have minded using the new Hunter-Haines boat that was in the garage as well.

On Friday morning, we made a quick trip into Kurow to get 2 pairs of day licences, only to find that we really only needed one as Mr. President drove the boat and did not fish all weekend. And I bought a woolley hat – thank God for the Kurow garage.

On Friday afternoon, we set off to Lake Aviemore. There is a standing joke in our family that Mum always catches the first fish. I did in fact catch the only fish for the day – a 3lb rainbow in good condition. It was noted that the fish were harder to catch than at Christmas and Easter when they just seemed to leap into the boat. The day was very cold and it was good to get back to the bach to warm up.

Saturday was a lovely sunny day, with snow on the tops, frost in the morning, and very little wind – a perfect day.

The Swiss Miss was determined to get a fish and cook it, as she had never cooked her own fish. Off we went to Sailors Cutting to put the boat into Lake Benmore. The first fish caught was a small salmon, so back it went. The eldest son was sure that his Swiss Miss had weed on but, no, it was a trout from down deep. Boy! Did she get excited? It was a 3½lb rainbow in good condition, so now she can tell fishing stories along with the rest of us.

A total of four fish were caught for the weekend. I managed to go to sleep with the rod in my hands on the boat – we have the photograph to prove it.

The weekend was a nice break away. And we have just

found out that Jamie's Swiss Miss will be our daughter-in-law this month.

So, the moral of the story is to have a check list when you are going away and tick the items off or you will more than likely leave something behind, like John Kent recently told us.

...DD

"The streams I wade are very strong and slippery and to avoid falling down so much I wear a pair of ordinary bedroom slippers studded with hobnails. When walking any distance out of the water I slip them off, wring them out and place them in the creel until again required. Or, if I am near a post office, I mail them home.

These bedroom slippers serve a number of purposes. They prevent slipping, give a solid grip to the feet, and if I decide not to go fishing after all, they are nice to wear while mixing myself a whiskey and soda in front of the fireplace.

These slippers are not on the market, having originally been given to me by an aunt for Christmas, but any competent cobbler could make you a pair. The one disadvantage is that the hobnails come through and hurt your feet."

...Trendellenberg's Encyclopedia of Fishing
("Grandfather was a Trout" – John Bailey – 1962)

Tying With CDC...

Earlier in the year, Emmanuel gave us a talk and demonstration about tying with CDC. Members may be interested in a couple of web sites on the subject.

www.pechetruiite.com

www.petitjean.com

...David Reilly

Fish and Game Report No 2...

Regulations review

The regulations review meeting on June 8th was well attended with a large number of submissions received. As a result of this, when Council met a week later to discuss the requested changes, a number of new regulations were approved.

One major change is the abolition of the 200 metre fishing limit from inflowing streams to lakes during the winter fishing season. This has always been a contentious rule and difficult to enforce. However, a new rule for winter fishing lakes means there will be some restriction on the hours of fishing. When the Minister approves the new regulations, fishing will be limited to the hours between 5am and 12 midnight, a regulation which mirrors those in the DOC regulated Taupo region. In the upcoming regulations booklet a separate page of highlighted areas will emphasise changes to regulations. Make sure you check yours as ignorance is no defence against prosecution. Fish and Games mission statement, from section 26 Q of the Conservation Act, (1987) is "To manage, maintain, and enhance the sport-fish and game resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters."

We are also charged with maximising opportunities for anglers and hunters. So when reviewing regulations, it is a fine balancing act between conservation and harvest, it is doubtful that we will ever please everybody in this respect. Junior fishery:



At the June 15th council meeting, regulations for the proposed junior fishery at the Groynes ponds was discussed. It was agreed by Council that the fishery would be open year long to give maximum opportunities to young anglers. Along the same lines, there will be no restrictions on angling methods and baits as long as they satisfy legal regulations as defined in the first schedule. The age restriction will be sixteen years.

We will be meeting with City Council staff on July 7th at the Groynes to discuss the project. Personally I am very gratified that we are doing a valuable service for our young and budding anglers and for the future of angling in Canterbury. Over the years that I have lived in Christchurch the traditional junior fishing venues such as the Avon, Styx and to a lesser degree, the Heathcote river, have been degraded to the stage that they now hold few fish. This initiative will help redress that loss of opportunity.

Stream Help

Our new environment officer, Jason Holland, has been appointed to organise this stream improvement project. I will be working closely with Jason on this project and we hope to meet with City Council staff soon to discuss willow clearance and pruning on the Otukaikino, better known as the South Branch of the Waimakariri River.

Lake Selfe Stocking

A number of brown trout have been released into Lake Selfe following a successful day electric fishing in raceways. See separate report. At least one fish was of trophy size! Probably over 2lbs, which is big for a raceway which most of us could jump across.

Montrose salmon release, open day and barbecue

On July 3rd 60,000 salmon smolts were released from the Montrose hatchery into the Rakaia river.

Didymo Invades Southland!

Didymo, or to give it its full Latin name of *Didymosphenia geminata* is a diatom based algae which has somehow been introduced from the Northern Hemisphere. It is very invasive and, unlike native algae, tough and resistant to flood events. Didymo clings to almost any surface area forming a thick smothering mat on the river bed. At the moment it is confined to the Waiua River and the lower reaches of the Mararoa.

Notices have been erected by Biosecurity urging people not to use the river in case the organism is spread to other waterways. Anglers have given it the unflattering name "rock snot". For more info, check out the web site www.biosecurity.govt.nz/didymo

In closing I want to quote from Aldo Leopold who is known as the father of the modern conservation movement. The following quote also appeared recently in Fish and Game magazine.

"There is no point trying to manage fish and game populations if they have nowhere to live, though if we protect habitat we are well down the track towards managing the birds and fish that live there."

...Tight lines Granville.

Fish Transfer Report 5...

On Tuesday 14 June 2005 289 brown trout were transferred from water races near Burnham and released into Lake

Selfe. There were no casualties from this release which comprised 75 1-year old fish, 91 2-year olds, and 123 adults.



I was assisted in the operation of the electric fishing machine by Davor Bejakovich, our new senior Fish and Game officer. Many thanks to my volunteers John Hambridge and Mark Rodgers.

Special thanks to John whose help has been very welcome on many occasions. In all over 1000 wild brown trout have now been transferred into high country lakes. As a matter of interest we noted numerous trout redds in the area we fished, which seems to confirm our suspicions that these stockwater race fish actually reproduce in the races. Isn't it a shame that these races actually contain greater numbers of fish than most of our rivers!

...Granville

CFFC Member Profile...

What is your handle? John Sanders

Nick names: JB

D.O.B: 21/8/52

Family: wife, Anne, sons Gareth and Mark.



Club member since: 1997

Fly fishing since: 1965

What pays for your rods? Anne wages.

Fishing wheels: 97 Toyota Prado

Favourite food: tomatoes

Other interests: golf

Superstitions: golf ball with no. 3 on it, otherwise nothing

Favourite saying: none

I would love to fish: for bonefish somewhere, Xmas Island??

Types of fishing: only fly

Favourite fly: Dry: Royal Pheasant Tail Nymph: bead head Dutch CDC Lure: Woolly Buggar

Favourite rod: my Sage VPS 4pc, 6wt, but aiming at a TCR!!!

Biggest fishing disaster: Hooking myself in the ear on opening day 2003 season on Oreti River and leaving the fly in there until we returned to Wanaka 2 days later to get it cut out by a doctor.

Most memorable fish: A 7lb brown caught in Glenarriffe Stream that refused all of the small dries and nymphs cast at by Allan Fife and myself, but which finally took a size 8 Madam X dry (probably about the 20th fly) and then put up a tremendous fight.

What would you like to see in the club? As a current committee member the biggest frustration has been the apparent lack of willingness to take on the senior roles within the club, e.g. President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These roles are vital for the club to continue running and it is equally important to have new blood. I hope more members will consider taking on these roles.

Best advice I was given: Line control is vital to ensure that the fly behaves as naturally as possible. Until then I was like many new fly fishers who allowed too much slack line to drag the fly.

The Birds and the Kayak...

Arnold Sabatelli

The terns rise higher, scanning, spreading out now that the

blitz has ended, calling to each other. Sometimes, I swear I can understand them, especially after fishing out here with them for days in a row, like this last week, the peanut bunker (immature menhaden) arriving in numbers, big chopper blues slicing them to pieces in what a friend appropriately refers to as a "blood bath," harbor blues and snapper blues and the in-between "snarbor" blues grabbing at the scraps ... and beneath it all, big striped bass.

"Anything your way?" a tern calls, inquisitive, anxious.

"No," another replies. "Lots of peanuts everywhere, but nothing nervous right now, nothing under them. Wait, what's that?" He dives low, then hovers just inches above the water, holding perfectly still in mid-air before moving on. "Nope, nothing."

Then far off, near shore I hear one calling, "Here they are. Hurry. Oh boy," all of them calling out in unison now with quick, intense, sharp screeches— terns have an incredible range of calls. Then they are streaming in from all corners of the harbor, harrowing toward one spot. Then the big splashes (think bowling balls dropped in the water) start erupting from out of nowhere—and all this means the blues are chopping the bunker on the surface and will likely leave plenty of scraps for the birds.

I'm out here hunting in my kayak, and the birds are my scouts and extensions of my eyes and ears, sign posts in this roadless place, the Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound. To fish here is to rely on, to join the ranks of, the birds— especially the terns, who are so quick and dependable and see, hear, and smell everything. You can't depend on the gulls because they get worked up over anything and will even try to grab your popper from the surface. On more than one occasion I've caught and released a large, screeching gull, reeling in as the bird spirals around the kayak, steadying the bird in the water alongside the boat so I could flip the fly free (yet another reason for barbless hooks).

To fish for blues and stripers from a kayak is to become integrated into the rhythm of this ecosystem. In a kayak you ride at the surface of the water. When a thick school of bunker swims by, you can feel them bumping against the bottom of the boat. As I make chase to where the bunker are being devoured, lifting my paddle hard on one side and digging in on the other, the birds racing on ahead of me, it's easy to imagine I'm one of them, that my paddle blades are my wings rising and falling and my kayak the sleek tapered body of a tern.

Kayak fly fishing is fundamentally different than fishing from a motorised boat or wading. As you drift in the current, you are a part of its every whim and fancy, the slightest breeze or flow moving you along with it. When fishing from a boat, I now always feel too high up, too removed from the water. When wade fishing, I feel like an intruder, like the land-based creature that I am, limited by my clumsy legs. And when I used to fish only from the surf, invariably a big blitz of fish would erupt a hundred yards or less beyond my casting range, and I'd cast and strip and watch as a spectator only. When I fish from my kayak, I feel like a creature of the sea.

A fish breaks just off my bow, and I instinctively push my paddle blade and stop my forward momentum. A slight backstroke puts me in perfect position to fire off a cast into the ring of the boil. Above me a tern mirrors my actions,

pulling to a standstill in the air, banking left, watching, ready to pounce.

I keep the kayak on the car most of the summer, ready to go. I can flip up the straps and have it rigged and in the water in something like seven minutes. I love the feeling of getting away from the shore throngs, especially when the beaches are lined with fishermen and there's no room for a fly cast without taking someone's eye. But hey, I'm not one of them; I'm more akin to that bird skimming low, just for fun, or that other one with the silverside dangling out of his beak.

My reverie is broken when a big motor boat comes roaring in. I've been catching fish steadily on a small, simple white popper that I don't need to cast more than 20 feet—a few tugs, pause, tug again, blam, blue on.

The boats frequently come in full steam ahead, cutting their engines at the last second, making the birds scatter and the blues sound. Two or three guys muscle up to the side of the boat, chucking unbelievably large things with all manner of treble hooks dangling from beneath them. One day a boater cast a plug within six feet of my kayak because a few blues were boiling there, and I had to change my cast in mid-air so I would not hook his line. There's a kind of fury and desperation in their eyes. These boat fishermen look down at me and laugh; they tell me I'm crazy. I move off and watch and listen, and soon I'm into fish again, and here they come roaring in, the smell of gasoline settling over me. The birds and blues vanish again. When they finally give up and motor off, the fish erupt all around me. I can see their eyes and hear their teeth snapping. There are as many blues as birds.

I think to myself, this is the only way to fish, to be such a part of it, to know that if you hook a double-digit blue, you're going to take a little ride. I think of the blue I caught last year that took me into my backing and towed me around the harbor for ten minutes before he came to the surface near the kayak and just held there for a minute or two looking at me hard, his head half out of the water. I swear this is true. He gathered himself and jumped at me from six feet away, slamming into the side of the boat. Then he came up again and just looked at me, right there, eye to eye, while the birds screamed all around. When I finally got the big blue alongside, I jabbed for the spot right behind his eyes with my left hand (a motion that always reminds me of a snowy egret stabbing at bait in the shallows) and held tight (he'll take a finger clean off with his rows of triangular razor teeth). He bit down on my fly, locked his jaws, and I couldn't convince him to let go, so I let him swim around a little more before grabbing him again. This time, he let me have my fly back. When he swam away, he soaked me with a big splash of his tail.

I remain convinced that his strange behaviour had something to do with the kayak, that as he finned in the surface looking toward me, he saw me as a natural pan of his world, something he could intimidate and perhaps even conquer.

This theory holds true when trolling in a favourite estuary in the dead of night for stripers. I probably catch more than half of my fish while trolling, and the fish that strike my fly were likely directly beneath my kayak just a few seconds earlier. The kayak doesn't bother them. I think the steady dip and pull of the blades probably looks right to them, like

a large baitfish, or a group of smaller fish swirling at the surface. The fly itself swims in the turbulence of my wake, undulating from side to side, usually not more than 30 feet behind me, the rod tucked beneath my thigh so I can feel the slightest bump immediately. There are nights when the only way I can take fish is to troll. Something about the combination of disturbances and the steady motion of the fly that, try as I may, I cannot imitate with my stripping tells the bass my offering is real and worth pursuing.

On a number of occasions I have turned on my headlamp to change flies and looked down into the water to find large stripers finning right alongside the kayak, and I couldn't help but think that they had been shadowing me for sometime, like the dolphins that play in the wake of boats offshore, curious and fascinated with this silent, unthreatening thing moving by.

Following the birds and fishing close to the surface with them while slicing my way through the dead-still estuary backwaters at night, my wing-blades pulling me along, just feels more honest to me. A friend has recently outfitted his kayak with a fish finder. When I fished with him the other day, it struck me that he spent most of his time peering into that little backlit screen. Yes, he caught a few more fish, but something about putting such a thing on a kayak seemed the ultimate blasphemy.

I guess this is all connected somehow to my preference for bamboo rods when trout fishing, that slow steady relaxed pull, knowing that the thing I'm using to catch the fish was crafted from a living plant. I'll never forget a guide on the Bighorn leaving his clients for a few moments to come downstream and say, "Casting straw, I see." I handed him my 8-foot Granger and he cast out a length of line, said, "nice," then handed it back to me and returned to his decked-out clients. It's connected to fly fishing in general as well, knowing there are easier and more "productive" ways to catch fish, especially in the salt, but taking deep pleasure in concocting your own flies and seeing that candy cane of line unfurl in front of you and convincing the fish your creation is alive.

Simply put, fly fishing from a kayak underscores all the things I love about catching fish with a fly rod. When I've spent a full day (or often a night) in the yak and I sit or lie down, I can still feel the momentum of the waves moving me gently from side to side. If I listen closely, I swear I can hear the birds, above it all, watching, diving, telling me everything I need to know. —

(Arnold Sabatelu is a freelance writer and teacher. He lives in Bethany, Connecticut.)

...The Fly Fisherman – September 2005

Mini Aqua Goes Too Far Says Fish & Game

Mini-Aqua goes too far, says Fish & Game, and puts the unique fisheries of the lower Waitaki River at serious risk.

Meridian Energy Limited has begun publicising its Project Aqua replacement by saying that further energy production from the lower Waitaki is sustainable.

"The question they are not answering is, is mini-Aqua environmentally sustainable?" says Jay Graybill, Regional Manager, Central South Island Fish & Game. "We say there is too much risk and uncertainty that it will be environmentally sustainable."

"The fishery of the lower Waitaki is unique in New Zealand", says Graybill, "by having a nationally important salmon fishery AND excellent fisheries for both rainbow and brown trout. No other river in New Zealand sustains that unique combination."

Meridian's argument goes like this. The "minimum" flows identified for the Waitaki River are "optimum" for fisheries and therefore should on their own support the fisheries. This would allow Meridian to take all the water above the minimum (some two-thirds of the total flow) between Waitaki Dam and Black Point, about two-thirds of the length of the lower Waitaki.

"What if they don't? Putting all the fisheries eggs into the minimum flow basket simply introduces too much risk and too much uncertainty," says Mr Graybill. "Meridian's own fisheries experts also highlight the risk and uncertainty if the lower Waitaki is reduced to minimum flows alone."

Jay Graybill says that Meridian need look no farther than the upper Ohau River (in the upper Waitaki Catchment) to see how such assumptions can go wrong. It was dewatered for power production in about 1979 destroying the internationally renowned trout fishery.

"By agreement in 1990 the scientifically-based minimum flows were put down the river. The internationally renowned trout fishery has not recovered to this day," he says.

Is putting the lower Waitaki trout and salmon fisheries to such risk worth it? No, says Fish & Game emphatically. "Surely the Waitaki River has been sacrificed enough to give power to the national power grid," says Mr Graybill.

...Fish and Game Media Release
Thursday July 14, 2005

The Fishermans' Loft has Moved...



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Fly Tying Materials And Tools To Sell, Barter, Or Give Away....

I have rather large amounts of several hard-to-get materials that I would like to convert to "fishing money." **Moose mane** \$10 for large patches. **Hungarian partridge** plumage, premium quality, \$8 per 1/4 ounce. **Pine squirrel tails** \$3.50 each (these make wonderful dubbed nymph bodies). **Tungsten beads** for #10 or #12 hooks, \$6 per ten. **Fine copper wire free**, provided you have an empty spool. **Ultra wire** (olive only) \$3 per spool. I have lots of pure squirrel dubbing in several colours that I would sell or barter...an offer of a fishing trip to interesting water would get you lots. I also have good-quality ceramic **bobbins** (\$8); brass

bodkins & bobbin threaders (\$8 for pair); **rotating hackle pliers** (\$8); **whip finishers** (\$9), and other miscellaneous tools (hackle guards, stackers, hackle pliers, etc.) Contact Allan Fife, ph. 332 2185.

Political Election - 2005...

During the past couple of months, the committee wrote to all of the major political parties and asked a number of questions. On a separate enclosed page, we present, for your consideration, the responses of those who took the trouble to reply. The parties are listed alphabetically.

The Canterbury Flyfishing Club does not support, financially or morally, any political party.

The Truth about Flyfishing Feathers...

While I was in college a marketing professor once said, "If something is essentially wrong with a product - then advertise the hell out of the product. Soon, they (the consumer) will be praising it (any product) as the best thing since sliced bread."

Every week or so, I receive an e-mail from someone seeking to find the truth about "premium neck and saddle feathers." I also read, from the written laments of these beginning tiers, that they are confused with what they are either hearing or reading on this subject. Well, help has arrived - and it is me who is going to tell you.

I don't want this to sound like an advertisement for my feather and fly tying products so I will take a "neutral" position on this matter. Well, given this a second thought I might "pitch" something while I help to "clear the air" of a bunch of "glossy" advertising dribble and chat room drool. Which, for those of you who do occasionally look into these places, probably know the names of those "confused and lonely people" who really need to get a life.

First and most basic, because fly tying feathers come from "chickens", there is a huge difference between "standard" birds and "genetic" birds. The basic difference is that a "standard" bird is larger in stature and naturally produces feathers used primarily in warm and salt water applications. In these situations using these feathers is fine.

"Genetic" feathers (I really wish whoever penned this name would have used anything else - maybe Memphis or White Water) however grow smaller (and thinner) in size and are used primarily for smaller flies and/or flies which are generally used for trout, salmon and steel head. If you fish for any of these three fish; try to use genetic feathers. I don't care whose ... just do yourself a favour and use genetic feathers.

Can the two be interchanged? Yes, except a standard bird will not (numerically) produce the sizes needed by anglers fishing for trout. Then again, the (left over) genetic neck feathers which are larger than what is customarily used by trout fishermen can and are used by most commercial tiers for their warm and salt water applications. And, because of the genetic feather's characteristic "make up," these larger feathers will ultimately produce a more desirable fly than one made with the standard bird's feather. So, and for the finger pointers out there - yes they both will catch fish.

Secondly, and what I feel is the most important point of this article, is the misconception most people have about "genetic feather quality." Occasionally, because of my readers' questions which have been directed to me, I drop

into Internet News and Chat Rooms as a lurker.

There, sometimes hidden behind a false "handle," I become shocked at the dribble a handful of tiers or fly fishermen are doling out to the general public. So let's clear the air for once and for all. (Except, I really know it won't happen.) And, for someone who wants to argue what I'm about to write... Yes, there are some newsroom tiers who do know their stuff. They do answer questions with precise information obtained through experience and not acquired by advertising or with belief in advertising's "useless dribble." In fact, sometimes I see people nearly copy advertising word for word and post it to a news group. Or even worse I have visited several sites and see the same person posting the same dribble again and again. . . I guess he must be on someone's payroll or is just some kind of a weird fly-fishing groupie.

Back to feathers. Right now there are a handful of genetic hackle producers. We all basically have the same common stock of birds (at least the last time I looked at mine - which was about fifteen minutes ago.) We all try to maintain a feeding regiment that is conducive with our "home" environments and we all naturally strive (in our own way) to produce a more desirable bird. So what is the difference between my feathers and those of other guys??? Nothing really to speak about, much less have a conniptions fit over!!

We all produce #1's and we all produce culls (rejects). We harvest in one year's time and we harvest at two years intervals or whatever. Some of us produce a small crop and some produce more than they actually need. Some enjoy dying their capes and others enjoy producing variants. Some want to stay small and others would want to "have it all." Some advertise as procedure and others are never or rarely in print. The difference is in the reader's perception of what he is exposed to. A noted political author once said, "If you repeat a lie enough it will become the truth."

Yes, advertising is much like politics. Usually glossy advertising works by persuading people to believe in a subjected opinion. Anyone given enough advertising will fall victim and eventually even I will begin to believe the sun rises in the west. But, by comparing a company's package of ten selected saddle feathers to another company's complete neck is bogus. And (for you beginning tiers and fly fishers) a "good" saddle feather cannot be compared to a "good" neck feather. It's like comparing apples and oranges. Besides, there is a very good chance that a given company's "selected" feather package, just like ones which even I provide, came from birds that (as a whole) had inferior or damaged capes and/or saddles. (So you elitist ego maniacs can now realize you probably have pooh-pooh feathers in your kit!)

I like to believe a feather is a feather. If it can be used to catch fish then it must be a good feather. Continually, I've monitored chat room arguments which have started about who (company) has the best necks and saddles. Is it company X? Y? or Z? Sorry guys. . . I know who gets my "best" feathers and it certainly isn't anyone who would sit in front of a computer and argue when not adequately informed and like I stated before; we all produce really good stuff and we also have some not so good necks and saddles.

If you stop into my shop in late September and try to pass

judgment on what is hanging on the shop's wall (probably all #2 & #3's) I might not (visually and at that moment) compare to any other genetic producer's #1 neck. But, to pass judgment by coming to the party late and saying, "it was dull and all the girls were all ugly," only tells me that the observer isn't too smart. Sorry guys (that is the writers of this useless dribble) for your information the people who contact me and now question your wisdom are pretty much beginner fly fishers or beginning fly tiers.

So let's face one sure fact; some of you "informative people" are likely going to ruin a potential angler and sportsman even before they get started. I guess some people can teach and others really should sit on the bench - or maybe in the bleachers and become spectators.

FYI when feather "grading" first took shape a neck or a saddle was "graded" by the NUMBER OF USABLE FEATHERS in the neck or the saddle... Naturally, even before I got into this business, some people began to "miss count" and give a better rating to any given neck and therefore command a higher price. Now I've been recently informed by some of my customers that the established feather grading system is about to go the way of the credit card - platinum, gold and plutonium or something. I wonder if this is good? I don't plan on changing.

Well, all I can say is good luck to all of you in this wading pool of advertising. I bet if my college professor was still alive he would tell me, "Doc, if you wrap a two dollar wrapper around some culls I bet you can get \$20 more for it... And someone will be crowing that it's the best thing since sliced bread." I won't take him up on it.

The last time I checked (now about twenty minutes ago) a #16 feather from a #2 or #3 neck was just as good as a #16 feather from a #1 neck. I'll continue to fit the customer's wants to the neck or saddle they really need and choose not play this game of illusion.

In fact, just so all of you might know; most commercial tiers don't want our #1 necks and plead with us to sell them 2 #3's. They don't want the ridiculously small feathers some tiers say they tie in quantity. In actuality, on most Montana and western streams an #18 fly is small enough.

I've had some small feather tiers, who also happen to fit the descriptions of the news room boys, in my shop and when I ask them to show me their flies I've seen some really ugly stuff with hackle proportions out of balance for the fly. So, apparently their well touted #1 neck didn't tie down to a #24. Maybe they should have taken out a gauge. But... this is life.

You know it's also very funny (to me) that people believe that cost is the ultimate factor in quality or product reliability. Nothing here could be further from the truth. Many of these same "news room" experts extol the virtues of custom rods over "generic" brands. And, after listening to this nonsense, I really doubt they have ever caught a "good fish" on some of the brands they report as "exceptional"! Just to use one word which I often read.

I will not give names but some (and more than one) well advertised, glossy printed, four colour \$400-\$600 "custom" rods are known to collapse into several pieces if even a 5 or 6 pound fish is hooked. Yet, this advertising is persuading anglers that their products are the best. And in light of that; the "average" angler believes he or she is really holding a good instrument in their hands. Sorry - just because you

were sold an ABC brand rod by a metropolitan salesman (who normally fishes for "10 inch stockers or some stocked pond for trophy fish") doesn't mean it is worth half of what you paid (except for paying for his bad habits). Sure, the rod is pretty and the case is handsome and durable but if you go fishing with me on the Yellowstone I might tell you to leave that "fancy rod" in your car. . . because there is the chance that we're gonna catch some big fish. And, I'm not letting you lose that lifetime dream fish to a collapsed rod. So next time you step into that chat room or read over some information in a news group remember this - some of these guys really haven't a clue.

I remember one little girl (a novice fly fisher) who asked what fly she should use to catch blue gills in her father's pond. The "experts" started naming stuff (flies) that wouldn't be found in hundreds of miles from the pond and then the "pros" started naming makes and models of rods, reels, tippet weights, paraphernalia, and other "needed" stuff that would weigh her down so much she wouldn't make it out of the back door. The girl only wanted to read, "use flies which look like ants and other terrestrials (bugs), or if need be use a big juicy worm or a small ball of squeezed bread. . .)

Most of the chat room guys are there just to see their name on the computer screen and flaunt the fact that they are fortunate enough to buy a few "big ticket" items (some good and some which really suck.) It's just an ego thing which confuses more people then it helps. And, by informing you of thisthat's why we say, "at Knoll's we're bringing a new reality to fly fishing".

...Doc Knoll - Pray, Montana - March 2004

Fly Rods...

Just as a wen is an extension of your head, so is a rod an extension of your arm. If it were not for the rod you could not cast a trout-line seventy-five feet, and you probably can't anyhow. Using the correct rod is important. A good rule is to use a rod about as long as one-half your age. If you are eighteen years old, for



"So you prefer a rod with a lot of backbone..."

instance, you should use a rod nine feet long.

For people over seventy this rule doesn't work. A rod thirty- five feet long is too big to whip around in fast action. Even if you could lift it.

On second thought, the weight of the rod should depend on your own strength. This would limit some of my friends to rods two feet long, but on the whole, it's a good rule.

Adding weight to the butt of the rod will make it feel lighter because it is better balanced. But in adding weight to the rod to make it feel lighter, don't add too much weight. If you add five pounds, for instance, it will begin to feel heavier.

If 43 oz. is all you can lift, use a 41-oz. rod. This is nothing to be ashamed of. I have often met anglers using a rod in fly-casting weighing but four or five ounces. However, I admit they weren't carrying any fish.

While the light rod is less tiring, a long cast is impossible. And a big fish has more power over the angler. Using a

light rod, I have been pulled right off the bank.

Split-bamboo rods are the strongest of all rods, in spite of being already split when you buy them, On the other hand, they are subject to dry rot of the joints, and it's catching. My grandfather died of dry rot of the joints, which he caught from a seven-foot, 53-oz., impregnated split-bamboo rod. Who impregnated the rod we couldn't find out.

A rod used from the bank should be larger than one used from a canoe or boat. And if you are going to fish without getting out of the car, a rod fifty to sixty feet long is not too big.

Few anglers now use a rod much over twenty feet long. A few years ago, rods up to forty feet were common. I have experimented with a rod 96 feet long and have discovered you can cast further with it, provided the backcast doesn't hurl you to the ground. It's no good in a fog, as you can't see the end of it.

The best bamboo rods are powerful, yet springy. So are the best people.

In using a rod, remember that you have just purchased a fine instrument. Or it was given to you. Or you stole it. How you got the rod is none of my business. It's not important anyhow. All I've got to say is that morals are certainly getting very slack lately.

And speaking of slack, remember to keep your line taut. When using a rod nothing is more important - aside from not catching dry rot - than keeping your line taut. Otherwise, a hooked fish will unhook himself.

Cool, determined action is required. If you are in a canoe, don't run up and down the canoe in excitement.

Some anglers prefer to manipulate the reel with the left hand, others with the right hand, and some with both. This latter necessitates holding the butt of the rod in your mouth and is all right if you were going to get false teeth anyhow.

Never have a long line hanging down from the rod and reel to get tangled up in the bottom of the boat or wound around our feet. Blackened skeletons of anglers have been found drifting helplessly without food or water because they hooked a mascalonge with a lot of loose line tangled tip in the boat. The mascalonge had run the line out so fast that not only were their feet tied together but their hands were tied together behind their backs. Very few of them recovered. None, in fact.

...Trendellenberg's *Encyclopedia of Fishing*
("Grandfather was a Trout" - John Bailey - 1962)

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Political Party Stances – 2005...

Q1. After the appointment of a commissioner to negotiate access to waterways that are otherwise inaccessible what will you do to tighten up the trespass or other appropriate laws to deter or punish those who do not respect the privilege of increased access?

Green Party: We would set up a Commissioner for Access with power to negotiate with landholders to provide access and to support the mapping and signposting of access ways. Pressure will also be placed on councils to ensure that paper roads remain unobstructed and available to the public. Another task of the Commissioner would be the development of a code of conduct for members of the public and landholders regarding the access ways. We would support strong penalties for severe breaches of the code.

Labour: Labour is committed to achieving free, practical, and certain access along the margins of significant rivers, lakes and beaches for all New Zealanders. We set out our proposals for walking access with the release of the New Zealand Land Access Strategy. They included an expectation that people would be required to stay to particular routes and comply with a statutory code of conduct, thus providing extra protection for occupiers over and above current protections. We are currently embarking on a further round of consultation and these proposals.

National: National recognises the unique birthright of all New Zealanders to enjoy our country's parks, beaches, and stunning scenery. Outdoor recreation is part of our national character and we will ensure current and future generations have the opportunity to camp, hunt, fish, and tramp and enjoy New Zealand's wild and beautiful places.

Q2. Will your party extend the Queen's chain to include all waterways of genuine recreational interest to the public?

Green Party: This is not part of our current policy. We propose that the Commissioner would report to Parliament within 2 years on whether legislative change is required to address problems of access remaining after the Commission's attempts to negotiate it

Labour: Labour is committed to achieving free, practical, and certain access along the margins of significant rivers, lakes, and beaches for all New Zealanders and will continue to work hard to make this happen.

National: Reform the Department of Conservation to give greater emphasis to outdoor recreation and shift the emphasis from locking up public land to enabling and encouraging outdoor recreation.

Q3. What will your party do to reverse the current trend of degradation of the quality and quantity of water in our lakes and rivers due to the increase in intensive farming (especially on unsuitable soils with a low water storage capacity) power generation and other commercial ventures?

Green Party: The Green Party has been keenly involved in trying to spur action on water quality and quantity. We actively opposed Project Aqua and also oppose a similar project on the Wairau. We are opposed to large hydro projects which abstract or dam water.

We propose national environmental standards on water quality; mandatory regional council integrated catchment management plans; a requirement for resource consents to intensify land use on fragile soils; and a sustainability fund to support farmers to plant and protect river banks, develop and implement farm plans including nutrient budgets, and reforest erodible land. This would be funded by a levy on fertilizer use matched by government funding.

Labour: Labour's objective is to ensure that the water in our rivers and lakes is clean, healthy and safe to swim in. We will continue our partnership with regional councils, farmers, industry and the community to reduce water pollution. Over the next three years further action will include measures such as managing nitrate run-off, a national environmental standard for water quality and supporting sewage system upgrades. We will continue to work with councils including increasing the monitoring of council plan implementation and enforcement.

National: Rename and change the focus of the 14 conservation and outdoor recreation boards, and ensure Ministerial appointments reflect this change in emphasis.

Q4. What sustainability provisions will you ensure are in place prior to any out of stream storage scheme being consented?

Green Party: Ecological flow regimes would have to be in place to protect instream values and robust analysis done on the effects of water abstraction on aquifers and downstream users. There would also need to be an analysis of the effect of intensive irrigated dairying.

Labour: We are committed to the sustainable management of our rivers, which means finding the right balance between economic and recreational uses and environmental protection. Labour believes better planning is needed around our rivers and lakes to limit development to appropriate levels. Councils will be required to have whole of catchment plans and we will support councils to ensure these plans are good.

National: Create 25 new campgrounds on conservation land to provide affordable camping sites for New Zealand families.

Q5. Fish and Game do their best to conserve our waterways for the benefits of the huge numbers of New Zealanders and overseas visitors who enjoy our waterways but their funding is very limited. Would your party collect a "User Pays" levy from commercial users of water to help fund the conservation work of Fish and Game and other bodies interested in the protection of the waterways that these commercial users exploit?

Green Party: We would allow regional councils to charge for commercial extraction of water for purposes other than drinking. We propose that this money go to Regional Councils to help them fulfil their need to implement integrated water management plans and to strongly uphold resource consent conditions. There is no reason why Fish and Game could not be contracted by Regional Councils to carry out some of this work involved although we recognise the organisation's desire to be completely independent of money from government. Fish & Game already have a secure funding source from fishing licences.

Labour: We are not considering charging water users directly to fund conservation projects. Through the Department of Conservation, along with local government and other agencies, we are working to protect New Zealand's rivers and lakes and the unique life they contain for all to enjoy now and in the future. We have already made funding available for community conservation projects through the Biodiversity Condition Fund. For example, Environment Canterbury has been funded to fence off stock from Lake Pearson and wetland allowing re-generation on the lakeshore. Labour will continue to improve the protection of our freshwater ecosystems through measures such as considering the extension of DoC management to significant braided riverbeds.

National: Enable, as with trout and game birds, the active involvement of deer, tahr, chamois, and wild pig hunters in the management of these game animals on conservation lands whilst ensuring the long-term sustainability for the forest and tussock lands.

Strengthen the advocacy for recreational fishers in decision-making, particularly in respect of marine reserves, catch allocations and the review of amateur fishing regulations. National will not introduce any fee or licence for marine recreational fishing.

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Hurunui	60 cumecs	Opihi	20 cumecs
Ashley	15 cumecs	Opuha	20 cumecs
Waimakariri	100 cumecs	Tengawai	20 cumecs
Rakaia	180 cumecs	Pareora	15 cumecs
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