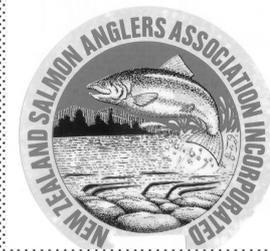


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Make a Date in Your Diary:

**NZSAA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 22 May 2012 at 7.30 pm**

**Keynote Speaker
*Karl French, Manager Silverstream Hatchery***

Supper and raffle

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Committee Meetings

The Committee meets on the first Monday each month (except January) at 7.30 pm in the Fish & Game premises, 3 Horatio Street, Christchurch. Members and supporters are welcome to attend these meetings.

Life Members

Lindsay Dell, Pam Ellis, Tim Ellis, Brian Foley, Trevor Hayes, John Healy, John Hodgson, Ken Hughey, Ross Lightfoot, Dennis Long, Athol Price, Doug Roy, Stephen Sparrow

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PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

February 2012

The season has rolled over and now instead of keen salmon fever catch potential we become more reserved, our eyes stay shut a bit longer in the mornings and whatever number of salmon caught for the season you awake with a satisfaction that it was a bloody good season and all my mates are still just as great. My gratification is the satisfaction of the privilege to be a salmon angler and fish the waters we have.

Why is this? Well at my stage and involvement, the driving passion and urge to bag a fish has somewhat subsided, not in enthusiasm but in urgency, and it is no longer so urgent to catch a fish. I know I will, but what is even more important I have the ability to contribute some of my time and energy back into the fishery and enhance next or forthcoming seasons' opportunities. It's not an urgency to catch another salmon as I know my efforts and the efforts of others will ensure we have fish to catch next time around.

I seek no tribute or reward, but I certainly pay tribute and award to many of our volunteers that turn up when asked and make the effort which ensures our continuing enjoyment of such a rewarding sport. Then there are our funded officials who work tirelessly, not driven by their wage packet, but driven by their sincerity of belief for a lifestyle of rewarding passion or those that take on a appointed role, unpaid, but as guardians of the fishery future.

All this is what I loved and enjoyed in my term as President. So much value has been derived and so much progress has been developed environmentally that has in many instances given us a place on the playing field with a chance of continuing to score against, at times, high odds.

This month I had the privilege to represent NZ Salmon Anglers at the Annual General Meeting of the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers. What a privilege because the meeting room was represented by freshwater fishing enthusiasts from all over New Zealand with a passion at the top end of the scale, to ensure we are represented in all sectors of the NZ environment at Government level and amongst the councils of many statutory or elected bodies. You see this is the unseen value of your membership to a club or association like ours, as just your membership gives weight and everyone just adds more support to the effort. Your name may not be known to many of the people representing your interests, but what is recognised and gives these people drive is the connection through your club. Drive that message home when you suggest your mate joins NZ Salmon Anglers.

To me this season had the bench mark of being a little better in terms of fish returning to spawn. Official counts have started but it's too early to get any sort of indication so like all keen anglers, we go on our gut feeling or observations.

Rangitata has had a bonanza with hatchery returns, Rakaia looks steady but it's too early for Montrose numbers, the Waimak has seen good numbers go through and Silverstream has had 4 times as many fish back to the hatchery than last season (poaching aside), Hurunui has seen very good numbers caught, so we would expect most spawning grounds to be productive again.

Salmon stripping and the laying down of eggs for ova production will have commenced by the time you read this. We are preparing our incubators, boxes and enhancement sites for ova transfer over the next several weeks, so the call will be going out for your assistance. Endeavour to make it, as a missed opportunity is gone forever and what you miss out on is a lifetime chance that you may never get to enjoy in the same way again. I never regret any involvement participated in and always feel a sense of satisfaction that I am included. For that I quote as being one of the richest persons in New Zealand in terms of satisfaction wealth.

My closing message which must become a reality practice is **Catch-N-Release**. Let guilt fall upon those that take more salmon than they can personally consume. It is no longer a privilege to give a fish away. If your recipient is so desperate for a feed of salmon send them to the supermarket. By your release of a salmon you will replicate the potential of a cluster of Scotty boxes and no one has lifted a finger. What is a realistic number of fish to take each season, if you're lucky enough? My personal target is 6 to 8 salmon and that's all my jars full plus a bit of smoked in the freezer. A family bigger than mine may like to target 8 to 10 salmon, but I fail to see any family eat its way through 20 or 30 fish. Yeah right!! With co-operation we will avoid

regulation and I want to see our rules stay as they are.

Winter over well and implant the regime for 2013 **"Its better to limit your catch than catch your limit"**

Ron Stuart
PRESIDENT



A Sting in the Tail

Here is a cautionary tale: Bruce Moody, NZSAA committee member, recently had an altercation with a stingray in the shallows at Kairaki Beach at the Waimak Mouth. The stingray won the fight with its barb penetrating Bruce's waders and inflicting a cut to his leg 20mm wide and 60mm deep.

Bruce recovered from this injury but the lesson is not to mess with these giant flappers - they are not called Stingrays for nothing.



Bruce Moody on a happier day at the Waimak mouth after catching a milder species of fish.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of
New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association (Inc)
will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2012 at 7.30 pm. in the
Horticultural Hall, South Hagley Park, Riccarton Rd, Christchurch**

Business for the Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 24 May 2011
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Auditor's Report and Adoption of Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet
6. Election of Officers and Committee
 - Patron
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Committee (6)
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Honorary Auditor
7. Fishing Competition Results and Awards
8. Athol Price Plaque presentation
9. General Business
10. Guest Speaker: ***Karl French, Manager Silverstream Hatchery***
11. Fish & Game Update and Questions/Answers
 Rod Cullinane, Acting General Manager

A raffle will be run during the evening and supper served at the conclusion.

Please bring this agenda, reports, accounts etc with you to the meeting.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

NZSAA Annual Subscriptions for the year commenced 1 April 2012 are now due (no increase from last year).

Adult membership: \$25

Family membership: \$30

**Junior membership
(under 18 years) \$10**

Formal accounts will be sent out but it will greatly assist the Treasurer if payment can now be made by:

Mail to NZSAA P O Box 1113 Christchurch 8140

or

Direct Credit to NZSAA Westpac account
03 0802 0099970 00

or

Payment to the Treasurer at the AGM

Thank you for your continued support of NZSAA

President's Report to 39th Annual General Meeting for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

For me this is a particularly nostalgic meeting as it is my last report as President.

The period of my Presidency has been most rewarding, through the development of a strong financial position, the introduction of our caps hats and beanies, a strengthened rapport with Fish & Game, the establishment of our website, publications in The Fishing Paper, great volunteer support and a very vigorous salmon enhancement programme. I can also say our environmental representations have gone a long way towards some legislation and changes in decisions affecting our salmon environment, plus representation of the Association on various committees. In particular The Federation of Freshwater Anglers, CORANZ, F&G Salmon Management Committee and the Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition. One matter of unfinished business due to the effects of nature is the installation of the McIntosh's Wheelchair Fishing Platform and Carpark. This will happen as soon as nature permits.

In accepting the position of President a great responsibility is committed carrying your interests forward and this has involved many hours of input sometimes by taking a personal stand trusting this would be of enduring benefit for our members. I had hoped to be able to present for your approval a revised and modernised Constitution, but this has not eventuated. Another point I had a strong interest in was the introduction of a Maori name in conjunction with our Association name, for full representational acceptance at environmental hearings and acceptance of all cultural recognitions. This has not been forthcoming.

The positive of being President has been the wonderful friendships I have enjoyed with a great number of dedicated salmon anglers and the unselfish contribution these people make to ensure our salmon fishery survives. They do this without question and never seek reward. In many instances total family have been involved - what a great strength we have.

I apply tribute to our two executive ladies, Pam Ellis and Heather Saunders. They make a fantastic contribution and their efforts count much to the strength organisation of this Association. An unrecognised hero is John Hodgson - his contribution is worthy of any award and his enthusiasm is nothing short of being fantastic. Congratulations John. I must also mention the input and enthusiasm of Warren Mackie and as a committee member he does all his work in the field and is a most trusted guardian of our salmon fishery. There are many others and they are rewarded by their efforts and dedication, just as you are through the efforts of such people.

It has been encouraging for our Association to be recognised in the bequests of deceased members by the magnitude of their donations to our Association, as a recognition of their continuing memory and enduring recognition of their favoured interest and a contribution to be carried forward in every new salmon run. Thank you. Some of the

bequests have come from direct Will requests, others “instead of flowers” at the funeral donated to NZ Salmon Anglers and also a benefit from an earthquake victim’s employer. This is really appreciated and every member should consider such a recognition. This is a great way to have enduring recognition of your memoirs, knowing your contribution will enhance the fishery for many years into the future.

The future for our salmon fishery is going forward with major changes. There will be a demand for new concepts and we can no longer look to the past for direction as we need to create new innovative concepts. The environment has changed and so will the rules. We will have major salmon runs migrating through dense residential locations and the fishing habits of anglers are changing because of high commuting costs. Legal implications of access to rivers through private property offer challenges and ownership of river adjacent properties by interests not common to our NZ way, create a new dimension of understanding.

Our representations with environmental issues require strong management and enduring commitment to negate issues, create changes and endeavour to preserve equality. It is all possible and very much worth striving for because, if we don’t, we could well be joining the spiritual wishes of the Winnemem Winntu Tribe. A strong feature of our forward and ongoing representation is our Associate membership of NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers who have a collective of fishing clubs like ours and combined memberships of some 25000. The expertise of executive of the NZFFA is professional, experienced and their collective knowledge was recently viewed by the Chair of Fish & Game NZ Council as punching well above their weight. Also pay tribute to your committee for their representations that have gained undisputed recognition.

I am extremely keen to encourage a voluntary **Catch-N-Release** mentality once an acceptable catch has been achieved and have been most encouraged by the number of anglers that have already put this into practice. I no longer look at the angler that takes more than his personal share as being a good fisherman. I see them as greedy selfish bastards with self centred interests and worthy of being shamed. Being voluntary gives room for keeping a trophy fish or a winner, but if your catch has to be regulated then god help us all, as it will be too late. *“Rather than catch your limit, limit your catch.”*

Our membership needs to grow and you are the ones that can make this happen. Please encourage new members as we need numbers to support our representations and to acknowledge the work done by this Association. Being a member is a step of support, without physically doing voluntary work. You are challenged to introduce one new member and if this happens we double our membership, plus the salmon fishery will thank you for assisting its survival.

I thank all that have supported my term of office. I have personally derived much pleasure and can leave the position with a confidence of having made a contribution. My interests in the salmon fishery will be lifelong and my contribution will still have a focus for the future of the fishery which will seek the support of this great Association.

Ron Stuart
PRESIDENT

N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

<u>Y/e 31.3.11</u>		<u>Income</u>	
6670.00	Subscriptions		5315.00
655.00	Donations		472.00
971.22	Interest Received		971.99
64.28	Dividends		64.28
365.00	Raffle		242.48
40.00	Advertising		250.00
11.00	Profit/Loss on sale of stock		(29.52)
4289.20	Legacy		211.28
-	Fin Clipping		1845.00
(325.00)	Waimakariri Competition Loss/Profit		1579.70
<u>\$12740.70</u>			<u>\$10922.21</u>
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
2596.00	Newsletter and Postage		1972.50
1020.00	Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium		1440.00
579.45	Office Expenses		534.59
624.48	Meeting & Travel Expenses		531.07
314.25	AGM Costs		544.82
526.75	Depreciation on Assets		839.25
148.49	Sundry Expenses		240.89
293.25	Salmon Enhancement		452.44
-	Subscriptions		400.00
<u>6102.67</u>			<u>6955.56</u>
<u>6638.03</u>	Excess income over expenditure		<u>3966.65</u>
<u>\$12740.70</u>			<u>\$10922.21</u>

N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAR 2012

<u>Y/e 31.3.11 ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
25893	Balance as at 1.4.11		32880.99
6638	Plus Excess Income over Expenditure		3966.65
350	Plus Profit/Loss on revaluation of shares		<u>(438.00)</u>
<u>\$32881</u>			<u>\$36409.64</u>
<u>THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY</u>			
82	Office Equipment	81.80	
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>16.40</u>	65.40
10	Fax Machine	10.00	
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>3.00</u>	7.00
305	Computer	304.60	
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>121.80</u>	182.80
187	Shed	187.30	
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>28.10</u>	159.20
187	Emergency Beacon	187.40	
	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>61.80</u>	125.60
<u>1216</u>	Website	1216.25	
1987	Less Depreciation	<u>608.15</u>	<u>608.10</u> 1148.10
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>			
19036	Term Deposits with Westpac Trust	19926.75	
1606	Shares in Sanford Ltd	<u>1168.00</u>	21094.75
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
2140	Westpac Trust Savings Account	2643.29	
5701	Westpac Trust Bank Account	11940.12	
550	Subscriptions in Arrears	500.00	
641	Sundry Debtors	882.77	
1489	Stock	<u>992.61</u>	<u>16958.79</u>
<u>33150</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		39201.64
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
270	Subscriptions in Advance	375.00	
-	Sundry Creditors	<u>240.00</u>	615.00
<u>LESS RESERVE FUND</u>			
	Barry Craig Memorial		<u>2177.00</u>
<u>\$32880</u>	<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>\$36409.64</u>

N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General Accounting Policies

The general accounting principles as recommended by the N.Z. Society of Accountants for measurement and reporting of income and expenditure on an historical cost basis have been applied.

2. Particular Accounting Policies

The following particular accounting principles which materially affect the measurement of profit or the financial position have been applied -

- (i) Depreciation has been charged at 20% on the written down value of office equipment, 40% on the computer, 30% on the fax machine, 15% on the Storage Shed, 33% on the Emergency Beacon and 50% on the Website.
- (ii) Subscription Debtors - included at amount expected to realise of \$550.00.
- (iii) Shares owned in Sanford Ltd. have been included at market price.

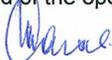
3. Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies that have a material affect in the current year or may have a material effect in subsequent years.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

I have obtained all the explanations and information I have required. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Association insofar as appears from my examination of those books. In my opinion, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books, the accounts, Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account are properly drawn up and give the information required by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and of the operation of the Association for the year.

Christchurch
27 April 2012


T.G. HAYES C.A (Hon.Retired)

**MINUTES OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS'
ASSOCIATION (INC)**

**Held at the Canterbury Horticultural Society Hall, Hagley Park, Christchurch
Tuesday 24 May 2011 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Approximately 70 members and invitees were present at the meeting, chaired by the President, Ron Stuart.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dianne Eaton, Roger Williams, Keith Gallagher, Gerry Van der Krogt, John Crawley, Dave Denton, Norman Symons, Steve McNeil, Noel McPherson, Bill Harland, Tony Humphreys, Trevor Hayes, Ross Millichamp, Peter Talbot and the Hon Peter Dunne.

These apologies were accepted on a motion from Dave Weeber and seconded by Colin Eaton.

REMEMBRANCE

The meeting stood in silence in remembrance of members who had died during the year: Alec Kelly, Barry Craig and Ian McCormack.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Salmon Anglers' Association (Incorporated) held on 25 May 2010, as circulated to members, were approved and adopted as a correct record on the motion of Pat Harland and seconded by Dennis Long. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron Stuart moved that the President's Report for the year ended 31 March 2011 as circulated to members be adopted.

Ron spoke of the September and February earthquakes affect on Montrose and the pressure the fishery was put under. This was relieved by the start up of Isaacs Peacock Springs Salmon and Trout Hatchery. He complimented Fish & Game for some success they had in fencing programs and habitat plantings, and the continued support from the Silverstream Hatchery with donated ova.

Ron also paid tribute to two outstanding supporters – the late Ian McCrory and recently retired F & G Councillor, Edgar (Rusty) Russ, along with work done by committee members and excellent overall turnouts from volunteers. Ron's objective is to promote this Association and a Catch & Release theme for 2012.

The motion to adopt the report was seconded by Ken Paterson. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

It was moved by James Parbery, in the absence of auditor, Trevor Hayes, that the audited Financial Report, and Accounts & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2011 be received. Seconded by Warren Mackie. Carried. Ron Stuart extended a vote of thanks to Trevor for once again undertaking the audit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers and Committee:

The following were nominated and duly declared elected:

		Moved / Seconded
Patron	Athol Price	R Stuart / P Ellis
President	Ron Stuart	P Hartland / B Stanton
Vice President	Tim Ellis	R Stuart / F Roy
Committee	Warren Mackie	R Stuart / Bob Stanton
	Bruce Moody	"
	Dennis Long	"
	Phil Ball	"
	James Parbery	"
	Warren Windelburn	"
	Pam Ellis	"
	Gene Klein	"
	Dave Leigh	R Stuart / Ken Paterson
	Maurice Ward	S McKay / T Ellis
Secretary / Treasurer	Heather Saunders	W Windelburn / P Ball
Honorary Auditor	Trevor Hayes	R Stuart / A Price

GUEST SPEAKER

Ric Cullinane, Operations Manager, Walking Access Commission along with Geoff Holgate, a local Regional Field Officer

Ric spoke of the Walking Access Commission which has been operating since September 2010. The purpose of this organization is to provide access to the outdoors around lakes and rivers, on or around public or private land. Their achievements so far have been having an Outdoor Access Code, nine Regional Field Officers, a Walking Access Mapping System, and Enhanced Access Fund and a National Strategy. Their website gives detailed maps of all types of terrain throughout New Zealand. Next year Ric wants to shift from 'rights' to 'responsibilities' and to promote the value of access to lakes and the sea.

Geoff said enquiries were generally about blocked access, walkways and were mostly from the general public. There was concern of 'enduring' access to land, particularly if land was sold to overseas interests, e.g. Lake Ida. The Commission has no powers to create or enforce access.

OTHER SPEAKERS

Alan Brooks, Rangitata Hatchery

Alan spoke of the success of the Rangitata Hatchery. He said that 800 salmon had returned this year and ½ million eggs had been put in incubators. There was a lot of work involved in the hatchery and it was a challenge, but they had a huge band of volunteers and had a great relationship with the Fish & Game council.

A Fish & Game panel

(Consisting of Martin Clements, Steve Terry, Paul Farrow and Tony Hawker)

The panel fronted an interesting Question & Answer session and spoke of licensing regulations and exercising restraint as they have to balance the fishery with fisherman. Fisheries are in decline. F & G have a commitment of full protection of the Hurunui. They have put in three submissions re the CWP. They are concerned about water quality standards, cattle in streams and salmon stock. Wild salmon are not returning after cattle have been fenced off, and wonder if may be there are other reasons. The fencing issues are complex. F & G have been focusing on key spawning streams. They thanked the NZSAA for its volunteer help.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Dennis Long

(Moved by R Stuart, seconded by F Roy)

Dennis has been a member of the NZSAA since 1976 and has given outstanding volunteer service to the salmon enhancement program, Take-a-Kid Fishing events, and many years service on the NZSAA committee.

John Hodgson

(Moved by R Stuart, seconded by D Roy)

John has been a member of the NZSAA since 1978 and has made an outstanding contribution to the Association through his dedication to the salmon enhancement program, research undertakings, attendance at volunteer projects and personal undertakings to record, inspect and liaise with key personnel within the salmon fisheries. His knowledge and dedication is exceptional.

NZSAA FISHING COMPETITION

The 2010 – 2011 NZSAA's Annual Salmon Fishing Competition attracted 11 entries. The trophies and \$50 vouchers from Fisherman's Loft were presented.

Aquarius Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Overall

Colin Eaton: 8.045kg salmon from the Waimakariri River Mouth on 9/3/11

Fisherman's Loft Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Waimakariri

Dianne Eaton: 7.645kg salmon from McIntosh's, Waimakariri on 14/2/11

Alty Roscoe Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Rakaia

Not awarded – (no entries)

Lucky draw for remainder of entries

Warren Mackie: 7.635 salmon from the Waimakariri River Mouth on 15/12/10

Thanks were extended to the Fisherman's Loft for the donation of the winners' vouchers.

ATHOL PRICE PLAQUE

This year's recipient, Rodger Tobin, is a volunteer of outstanding commitment to the salmon fishery. He always responds to the calls for assistance and has spent many hundreds of hours in maintaining hatchery facilities.

WEBSITE

This is now up and working and members were encouraged to take a look at it. Bruce Moody has spent many hours working on it and feels there should be access to all, but he would like to still have an access code so that we know who is accessing the site.

Acknowledgements and Close of Meeting

Flowers were presented to Pam Ellis and Heather Saunders as an acknowledgement of their outstanding service and contribution. Flowers were also presented to Jean Hodgson for her support to her husband John. Ron Stuart thanked all members and guests for their attendance.

Grateful thanks were given to our generous raffle sponsors: Richard Chettle, Olive Tinker, Rangiora Sports World, Blackwells Kaiapoi, Smiths City Market Belfast & City, Hamills Rangiora, Mike's Fishing, Ballingers Hunting & Fishing, Fisherman's Loft, New Brighton Sports, Wondercast, and Jules Snoyink.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm and was followed by supper served by Adrienne Dougherty and her daughter Sarah, and the drawing of raffles.



FISH IN SCHOOLS

by John Crawley

The Fish & Game Fish In Schools Programme is about to launch into the 2012 growing season, with salmon eggs to be placed into tanks located in (at this stage) 16 schools in Christchurch and North Canterbury late in May.

The last 2 years have been majorly impacted by the earthquakes, with only 9 tanks operational through the 2011 growing season. Many Canterbury schools were unable to participate through either having damage, or higher priorities to deal with. We hope to get back to 20+ tanks next year.

For those unaware of what the programme is all about, some years ago a team of dedicated and passionate anglers (you know who you are) banded together under the auspices of Fish & Game to set up and then place fish tanks into local schools, with the express purpose of growing salmon eggs through to small fish, suitable for release into local streams and rivers to complete their life cycle. Many schools quickly adopted the programme, and most foundation schools are still actively involved. Many dedicated teachers, such as Pete Robinson and Lara Henwood, are the backbone of Fish In Schools, setting up detailed programmes for the kids to look after and study the salmon life cycle, with the added enjoyment of liberating the fish they have grown into their local stream around November each year.

There's been some great results over the years and, with likely growing numbers of schools involved, I'm in real need of some more volunteers to assist. The ideal solution from my perspective is for each school to have a dedicated "friend or mentor" for their fish tank living reasonably close by, to fully support the teacher in charge of the project throughout the season.

The time and effort involved is not onerous, just a matter of calling in now and then to ensure that the tank is clean, the fish are being fed ok, and there are no problems. Help is readily at hand, either from myself or further expertise through Fish & Game.

If you think you could help, please phone me on **029 6300970**, or email **john_crawley@bnz.co.nz**, or contact can be made through NZSAA who are also great supporters of Fish In Schools.

I can assure you involvement is highly rewarding, seeing the kids get such great enjoyment out of caring for the salmon, and ultimately releasing them.

John Crawley

CATCH AND RELEASE

by Ron Stuart

Since promoting this concept I have received some wonderful reports of releases, which demonstrate a willingness on behalf of some anglers once they have achieved their larder requirements. Most responsible anglers will go along with this concept and people I talk to fall into that category. Reports of releases totalling one, two and six have been received. One angler couldn't get his lure out as it was swallowed so deep he cut the nylon and released fish lure and all - dedication.

Interesting, on one of my visits to Silverstream Hatchery, were comments by Karl French that of the 70 fish back so far several had hook marks in the mouth, lures still attached and one with a string of nylon. So it works

I am asking that Fish & Game Council take on board this concept and promote Catch-N-Release. A promotion to encourage responsibility and another to shame meat hunters. I am developing a reluctance to reward the biggest fish caught in a competition as we could be acknowledging a meat hunter. Some anglers catch a good number of salmon and boast numbers, macho attitude, absolute greed and selfish behaviour. What can a person do with 300kg of pure flesh? Your task is to innovate a shame regime and let's bring these buggers down.

In my next writing on this subject I will embrace these comments and also encourage the use of single hooks or crimped barbs, to encourage easy release. Lets get some stories out there of success and support of the Enhancement Programme.

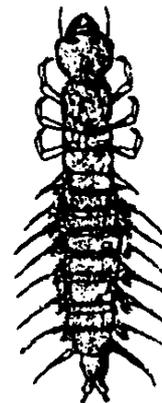
DOBSON FLY

by John Hodgson

I need help on this subject. Over the last eight years my observations of Scotty Boxes, long boxes and barrel plantings of salmon eyed ova, show there is always the presence of Dobson Fly larvae.

I need to know if the Dobson Fly larvae consume eggs or also live eggs. The answer is vital to the future of the salmon fishery and industry.

This would be a good project for school or university students. I would be pleased to hear if there is any interest in undertaking such a project for NZ Salmon Anglers Association. If so please phone me on 351 5825.



FAREWELL TO OLD NZSAA FISHERMEN

We pay tribute to two of our old and respected members who have recently cast their final lines.

ALFRED (“ALF”) LONG



Alf died on 10 February 2012, aged 90 years.

He had been a member of NZSAA for 34 years during which time he had been an active salmon angler and hardworking committee member. Alf was always available for ova planting and stream improvement activities and gave many years' support to Take a Kid Fishing events.

Alf will be sadly missed as a good friend, family member and supporter of NZSAA.

JAMES (“JIM”) CHISHOLM



Jim died on 3 April 2012 in his 89th year. He had been a member of NZSAA for 28 years and, we think, attended nearly every AGM during that time.

Following a long management career in the meat industry, Jim retired to pursue his love of salmon fishing. He resided for a great part of each year in his caravan at the Rakaia Holiday Park close to the Rakaia River where he could be found fishing from daylight until mid afternoon every fishable day.

Over many years, Jim kept meticulous diaries and records of the salmon fishery, including information on catches, weather and river conditions. They are a valuable record of the fishery.

Jim was a sociable character, enjoying a tippie or three and many salmon tales at Happy Hours with his camp friends.

He owned several Suzuki motor vehicles which he drove to extreme limits, sometimes with dire results, to access his favourite fishing spots. In recent years, with due respect to his age and physical abilities, his good friend Bruce Brown was his constant fishing companion in the comparative luxury of his jet boat.

Well known for the cheeky grin, the strong political opinions, the baggy corduroy trousers and the beanie, Jim was a loved character who will be sadly missed by his mates and family.

Sadly, Jim's wife Winsome passed away just two months earlier but she had already composed the following poem which is an apt tribute to Jim and the Rakaia, and to all of our beautiful salmon rivers.

The Ballad of Rakaia

by Winsome Chisholm (updated by family)

*Sixty K from Christchurch
Heading due South
There's a long, long bridge across a River
With baches at its mouth.*

*From the mountains and the foothills
The rains come tumbling down
To form this braided river,
For its fishing it is renowned.*

*It surges thro' a rocky gorge
Then spreads across the plain,
Hosting noisy jet boats
As they weave upstream again.*

*The River can be flooded
The River can be low
It empties to the ocean
Steadily and slow.*

*But this great stretch of water
Is home to salmon fry
Which grow in sheltered pools upstream
And then come back to die.*

*When small they swim down to the mouth
And out into the ocean,
What they feed on we're not sure
But we do have some notion.*

*Three or four years later on
They unerringly come back,
Swimming through the salty foam
To the River they call home.*

*Now begins the long, long swim
To lay their eggs in shingle beds
Where life for them began.*

*But this is a dangerous journey,
Lined up along the banks
Are men and women fishing
Hoping for a catch.*

*They cast and cast,
Their rods will arch
As patiently they try
To hook and play the salmon
And bring it to their side.*

*There's Pam and Tim and John and Ray
And Jo and Bruce and Geoff,
All intent on being the one
Whose fish is deemed the best.*

*Among these doughty fisher folk
There was one special other
His name of course was Jim.
With no more time to try his luck
We will really and truly miss him.*

*Well known by all and sundry
With beanie on his head
He was a real Rakaia legend
And everybody's fishing friend*

WINDING CREEK

By Ron Stuart

Saturday 14 April 0830 hours, twelve of us Yaldie Pub carpark, mission Winding Creek to clear gorse and scrub in the salmon breeding grounds. We pull out, travel up old West Coast Road with Fish & Game and members NZ Salmon Anglers, high expectation of a good day. Weather Christchurch overcast and as we travel inland drizzle - hey guys as soon as we go over Porters it will bust out fine. Get to Porters Pass, fog dismal, but by the time we hit Cave stream we're in a tropical high country paradise.

We arrive at Flock Hill and wait for our Glentunnel M8's to arrive, then in a 4 vehicle convoy we travel 6 kms along a well formed track to the headwaters of Winding Creek. You can't go there because it's not a public access. This is paradise: it's where salmon spawn and grow, it's God's Own. Twenty hectares of land have been gifted by Flock Hill to be fenced as a preserve for baby salmon to leave the redd and travel upstream to this location and grow in a little paradise of animal stock free nature. [Fish and Game have made a \$60k investment in this location, so don't moan about your license fees !!] Some of these baby salmon stay here until they are a year old and then as the new migrating salmon arrive to spawn they travel down Winding Creek to Broken River then hit the Waimakariri and float or surf down to the estuary of the Waimak where their membranes adjust to salt water and they go to sea and grow.

Do they grow? Yes and yes again - in 20 months they expand from say 3½ inches or 10 centimetres to a giant of orange omega silver skinned pulsating nature's own flesh and challenge, to a much sought after prime salmon of at least 50 centimetres or 24 to 30 inches long. Sometimes bigger.

Why are we there? Well we are cutting out gorse and establishing a riparian growth environment that will give overhead shelter to the stream banks and allow our small babies to grow in safety, not be pissed or shit on, not to be plucked by a stray shag or subject to unfavourable conditions. It's so good I almost felt like stripping off and immersing in the stream. But our mission was to clear gorse. Man it was tough scrub cutting, but we did over ¼ kilometre in 3 hours - a great effort from a dedicated band of salmon warriors.

This is enhancement at its best and if you are ever big enough to get involved in this step up to salmon fishing you will mature and be a Salmon Sportsman of the Year and no longer rape the fishery with a take of more than your share and practice Catch-N-Release.

The photo opposite is Winding Creek taken on 14 April 2012



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A WALK ACROSS RAKAIA RIVERMOUTH

Bill Southward, long time resident at the North Rakaia settlement, recently walked with a friend right across the Rakaia River Mouth. Bill says this is a first after fishing the river for over 50 years and amazingly was just after floods in the River.

Many of you will know Bill as a strong campaigner against excessive water abstraction from the Rakaia which he contends has reduced river flows and resulted in shingle and increasing deposits of sand out of the mouth. This is also causing the lagoon to back up and flood lowlands and properties.

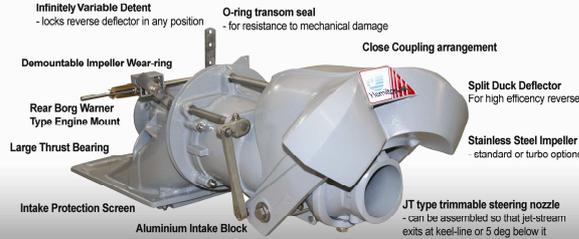
This recent traverse of the mouth adds compelling data to Bill's extensive files on this matter.

In the centre of the photo a person can just be seen crossing the bar.



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NZSAA SALMON FISHING CONTEST WAIMAKARIRI RIVER

NZSAA's Waimakariri River salmon fishing competition on Saturday 10 March attracted 156 entrants comprising 97 adults, 48 members and 11 juniors

Although here was a strong cool easterly wind and the mouth of the Waimakariri was discoloured, there were good conditions further up the river at the Banana Hole and MacIntosh's Rocks. Ten salmon and two trout were caught and entered at weigh stations along the river.

The day was concluded with a barbecue and prizegiving at the Kairaki Beach Motor Camp. Major winners were:

Adult Heaviest Salmon

1st: Max Rangirangi of Aranui, 5.94kg - his first of the season.

2nd: Bruce Kennedy of Kaiapoi, 5.78 kg - one of two he caught at MacIntosh's. Bruce said he has caught a number of salmon on the Waimakariri this year, his best season in 10 years.

3rd: Bobby De'Ath of Kaiapoi, 5.74 kg. Bobby had lost his net a few days before and his partner Grace McLeay had to help him land the fish in a bucket. They had to rush to the weigh station at MacIntosh's from the Banana Hole arriving only minutes before the weigh station closed.

Junior Heaviest Salmon (lucky draw): Jack Moody of Christchurch

Principal Sponsor for the competition was Hornby Sports and Outdoors and we extend heartfelt thanks to proprietor Peter Hart for his generous support of this event. Thanks are also due to other prize sponsors: Kairaki Beach Camp, Woods & Moulin auto trimmers and City Drainage.



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Left: First prize winner
Max Rangirangi



Above: Junior Winner, Jack Moody
with sponsor Peter Hart



Above: 2nd placegetter
Bruce Kennedy

Right: 3rd placegetter,
Bobby De'ath with
partner Grace McLeay



Annual NZ Salmon Fishing Adventure

by Darryl French

The anticipation of another great fishing trip to my home province to fish for the King of Fishes was high. The only downside is the two days it takes me to get there from the place I now call home, Weipa, in far North Queensland Australia. The fishing in Weipa is great too with species like the iconic Barramundi, Coral reef fish and all the tropical Pelagics from Spanish Mackerel to Billfish.

But to me nothing compares to catching our great Quinnat Salmon and so I try to get back every year for 2 weeks in February to fulfill my addiction.

In past years I usually fish the Waimak, Rakaia, and Rangitata with the odd day or two at the Waitaki if the others are dirty but this year my fishing mate Kevin and I focused on the Rangitata as Kevin had observed a good number of fish building up there due to the low flows at the time. We couldn't have timed it better. The fishing had been slow the week prior to me arriving but on arrival the Rangi fired in a fashion not seen since the good years of the mid 90's. I arrived on 19 February and we decided to head out for a quick scout in the boat to get the lie of the land and see what was about. We anchored in the lagoon and concentrated our casts down a good

current line that had formed. The river was low and very clear and the odd fish was rising around the boat. On about the third cast I felt a light tap on the end of my braid and instinctively struck. The weight came on and the distinct fast nodding of a small salmon was transmitted back to the rod tip. I couldn't believe my luck. This fish zipped all over the place as small fish usually do and

after 30 seconds or so I was surprised to feel the hooks pull out. Initial thoughts were "amazement" as I was using ultra sharp Gamakatsu hooks and fishing with braid. Next thoughts were "Great it's going to be one of

those trips." They say the first fish of the season is always the hardest to get!

Next morning bright and early we were out in the same spot again. People were actually out fishing at 4.30am fishing with lumo tubes on their gear. We started fishing just as it was coming light and on a slow retrieve up the current line the gear stopped dead in the water. I struck hard and this time those big sideways head rolls of a big fish flexing to dislodge the hook got my knees trembling. Now I decided early on in the piece to fish with my light gear that I use when Barra fishing in Weipa. It consists of a 6 ft Loomis GL3 and small Shimano



Curado baitcaster with 20lb braid and a 17lb fluoro carbon leader. I use fluoro carbon because it doesn't reflect light like monofilament and in gin clear water you want that line to be invisible. Anyway not the type of gear you really want to be fishing with at the mouth with a strong fish to stop. This fish took off towards the mouth and I didn't think I would stop it. All you can do at times like this is have faith in the gear and put as much pressure on as you can without breaking the line or pulling the hooks. Luckily it stopped just before the gateway and sat there shaking his head on the surface. I lowered the rod tip and applied a bit of side strain and managed to get him turned and heading back up towards us.

I don't know what happened to him next but this fish took off on a blinding run straight under the boat parked just below us, out the other side and headed for the blokes fishing off the boat ramp on the north side. I think they were as surprised as I was when this big fish started thrashing about in front of them as it was still hard to see at that time of the morning. I managed to work him back to the boat where he slugged it out deep for a bit. A couple more desperate runs and he began to tire and before long I had him boat side where Kevin expertly netted him. A beautifully conditioned Jack of around twenty pounds lay on the floor at my feet. I've heard many people say that landing any good fish is better than sex. I disagree but it's pretty damn close I've got to tell you. I was elated. Kevin went on that morning to get his limit bag in quick succession - two nice hens around 14lb.

The rest of our trip was amazing. Most days we both caught fish using a variety of methods. We caught fish in the surf which I love. It feels like there is always something going on there whether it's a

school of Kahawai creating mayhem and havoc or seeing salmon porpoising through the waves. We caught them on lure rods which is always exciting especially when you are sprinting after a fish intent on going back to sea. But my favourite was catching them on my Barra gear. The fish fought hard and I had 3 great battles with fish in the 20lb range.

I'm a member of the local sport fishing club in Weipa and we have a very big emphasis on catch and release. This day and age we have to look after our fish stocks so that our kids and grandkids will get to experience what we have enjoyed. So we only take enough for a feed and put the rest back. I agree with what Ron Stuart is saying about our salmon. Once you have enough why not release a few to let them do their thing. We released quite a few fish over the course of my trip and it is quite a special feeling to see that fish swim healthily back into the depths. Fish and particularly salmon are a strong and resilient fish. Look what they have to go through to get to their spawning grounds. So if you ensure that you look after the fish and get it back into the river as quick as possible with the least harm it will survive to spawn and keep that cycle of life going. I have to say that I think that the enhancement programme is working. I hadn't seen as many fish as I saw this trip for a long time. We were boating over pods of 30 or 40 fish in the lagoon waiting for the river to flood to make their run and when they did go we were seeing 5 or 6 fish at a time coming over rapids throughout the river. Just like the good old days. Congratulations and thank you to all involved. You are making a difference. If anyone is interested in seeing a brief video of my trip with some good fishing action visit the you tube link <http://youtu.be/P0GwkJOkLBw>

Salmon City, Dunedin

NZSAA Dunedin Harbour Competition

There are only two places in the World where you can catch a salmon within 500 metres of the CBD of a major metropolitan city: Vancouver, Canada, and Dunedin, New Zealand.

The Dunedin Harbour Salmon Competition held by NZSAA Otago proved this with 43 salmon being caught over the competition weekend 3-4 March. Tautuku Fishing Club member Sarah Hutton was the winner with a 6.36kg salmon and Roger Kan, a trustee member of the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust, was second with a 6.31kg catch. In spite of being totally blind, Roger landed his fish, presented it at the weigh-in and gutted his fish. Weights ranged from 1.13kg to 6.36kg, 27 salmon were caught off the wharf and 16 from boats.

Credit for the huge success of the Dunedin Salmon Fishery has to go to the hundreds of volunteer hours that go into raising and releasing the young fish by the dedicated workers who manage the fish and look after the Sawyers Bay Hatchery.

*by Brett Bensemann, Chairman
Dunedin Community Salmon Trust Inc.*

Salmon Returns to the Leith

The hard work of many fishing men and women has finally paid off with the first significant return of salmon to Dunedin's Water of the Leith. Sawyers Bay Hatchery Supporters recently collected salmon in the waterway of the Leith next to Dunedin City main highway. Salmon smolt had been released further up the Leith and it was the first time the fish had returned in the numbers observed.

Salmon have been running since September but in recent months it's been phenomenal in the harbour. With all the hard work that's gone into re-establishing Sawyers Bay Hatchery, and work from both the supporters club of the Salmon Trust and the Otago Salmon Anglers and fishing clubs, they have established a source of recreational benefit for families in the Dunedin and Otago region.

The six adult salmon are now at the hatchery where they will be used for breeding. Another 'capture exercise' is planned soon. The release of more salmon smolt will commence 22 May.

Reprinted from Lure, the Tautuku Fishing Club newsletter.



Collecting salmon in the waterway of the Leith

Kairaki Beach Camp

SALMON FISHING CONTEST 2012

Contributed by Kristine McKey

It was great to have our contest back on again after I had cancelled it last year due to our earthquakes. We caught over 30 salmon this season which was good as we started to worry that they weren't coming. Neil Gould caught the first salmon with Trevor Day only a few days later.

1 st Kristine McKey	8.55kg
2 nd Mike James	8.24kg
3 rd Graham Laws	7.39kg

Smallest fish went to Russell Mackay 1.43kg

Shawn Hyde caught the biggest fish in the children's section

Stuart Grant, Mike James and Diane James each caught their limit bags in a day.



*Photo of Kristine McKey
with her winning salmon*

A hint to all fishermen is to take your knitting with you - it works well. When you are made to stop and fish, it only takes one cast to catch a salmon. Not to sure if that will happen again but one very happy fisherman.

I would like to thank Alan and Bronwyn Waters from Kairaki Beach Camp for donating the meat as well as Zeddies. The lucky numbers went down well with nearly half the people there able to win Zeddies. The Bar-b-que had a good turnout with 35 people there. The ladies presented some great salads and Russell and Maurice back again as cooks. Hope they can do it again next year as, sorry boys, forgot to give you your chocolate fish. Robert bought along two cakes so had great variety.

Also thanks go to Loren for her art work and printing the certificates and also Mick who helped me with selling Lotto numbers and handing out the money. Jan is also most important as the fish need to be weighed and she also enjoys seeing the fish come in.

This year Bruce Moody gave a talk on what the Salmon Anglers Association is doing.

I would like to thank you all for participating in the competition - without you it wouldn't happen and thank you for coming to the lunch

Look forward to seeing you all next season and I will keep the trophy nicely polished!

Salmon Catch Waimakariri River Mouth-McIntosh's-Banana Hole 2012 Season

Month	Mouth	McIntosh's	Banana Hole	Total
Nov-Dec	5	10	4	19
Jan	21	20	20	61
Feb	120	95	80	295
March	141	219	162	522
April	21	18	12	51
Total	308	362	278	948

Figures for the Mouth are from an accurate source of daily recording.
McIntosh's are also from a reliable source, but some days have been calculated.
Banana Hole figures are a best estimate.
Hurunui Report 300 for season. 1 Angler bagged 11 in 6 days.
Kaiapoi River- estimate 200

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Wild Salmon Project Success After 3 Year Trial

SCOTLAND, UK - The River Lochy Association has been working closely with salmon farmers Marine Harvest Scotland Ltd to restock the river with salmon.

Marine Harvest has been rearing salmon smolts indigenous to the Lochy at their farm in Loch Arkaig before releasing them into the River Lochy. The released fish have a fin clipped for identification purposes and head straight out to sea before returning to the river to breed in one to two years. Releasing the fish at the smolt stage means they do not compete for food with the fish bred and reared in the river itself. So far the project has released around 18,000 fish into the wild each year but after encouraging results this is set to increase.

Monitoring by the River Lochy Association has shown that the numbers of eggs laid by female salmon for fertilisation in the river have increased by nearly one million per annum over the trial.

In addition an extra 400 spawning salmon have returned each year and the rod catch in the River Lochy has risen by over 10 per cent, with salmon of up to 20lbs in weight caught in 2011.

Jon Gibb, Hatchery and Restoration Manager at the River Lochy Association, said: "Our project with Marine Harvest is one of the most forward thinking and positive currently taking place in the wild/farmed arena in Scotland. I have watched the aquaculture industry develop over the years and I believe the time has come for the industry and wild salmon interests to properly work together.

"We are delighted with the results of the trial so far. Some really excellent fish were caught by visitors and locals this year which is hugely beneficial to the area. Not only do we have 200 visiting anglers fishing the River Lochy every year but we also have 250 local people fishing the river too. They are all hugely supportive of the project and are very excited about the next phase."

As part of the project the River Lochy Association's hatchery near Glenfinnan has also been expanded and the fish are given medicine in their feed to protect them from sea lice before being released into the wild. This treatment has been sponsored by project partners MSD Animal Health.

Ben Hadfield, Marine Harvest Scotland Production Manager, said: "This is a truly innovative project which brings together the skills and knowledge of both the wild fish and fish farming sectors. "It is a great example of how both interests can not only exist but thrive side by side and we are greatly looking forward to progressing the project."

Marine Harvest Scotland is also involved in a project to restock the River Shiel in collaboration with the river's owners.

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