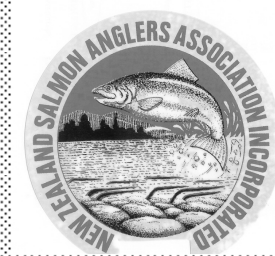


NZ Salmon Anglers Newsletter

May 2015 Number 115



Make a Date in Your Diary:

**NZSAA
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19 May 2015
at 7.30 pm**

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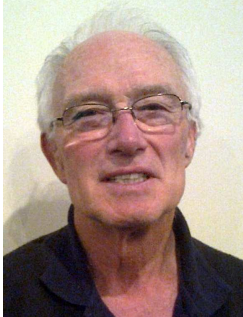
Committee Meetings

The Committee meets on the first Monday each month (except January) at 7.30 pm in the Canterbury Softball Association premises, Cuthberts Green Sports Complex, Pages Road, 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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EDITORIAL

May 2015

It has been a strange season to say the least. The usual freshes from nor'westers did not occur and we were left with low clear water for much of the season. In spite of this it appears fish did get up into the spawning areas. After some small freshes the numbers increased much to the delight of upstream anglers.

I saw good fish caught at the MacIntosh hole, but not as many as last year, and it would be interesting to get a reasonably accurate report of numbers at the Waimakariri mouth and Banana Hole. Any information from other rivers would be helpful in getting an overall picture. Perhaps our Fish and Game friends will give us some answers at our AGM on May 19th.

Our fishing competition held on March 21 was a great success with 220 anglers registered. This was a record number and thanks to all who participated. It was encouraging to see the number of families and children taking part. There were sixteen salmon caught by seniors but the juniors only managed two kahawai.

Please remember to support our sponsors, principally Hunting and Fishing's three local shops. They have provided great prizes over the last few years and are keen to continue in future competitions.

As the season has more or less ended I hope that you have had some success but remember that we must continue to provide some assistance with egg planting and smolt releases. We must also lobby against any projects that demand water in unreasonable amounts that would affect the fishery. We will, whenever possible, attend any meetings about such matters.

Now it's time to check equipment, especially reels, and put new line on before next season. Then you can do all the household jobs that needed to be done during the season.

Tony Humphreys

PRESIDENT



“Tim” Ellis

7.4.1934 - 4.1.2015

Neville, more familiarly known as “Tim” Ellis, passed away on January 4 this year, being unable to overcome a brain hemorrhage in mid December.

Tim had been a member of NZSAA since 1980 and rose through the Committee ranks to President in 2003, serving four years in that capacity. He was awarded Life Membership in 2008.

Tim’s particular interest was in water resources and the issues arising from the ever-increasing demands and environmental damage to our rivers. He became knowledgeable in the Resource Management Act and in preparation and presentation of submissions to hearings on applications affecting the salmon rivers. Some of the significant matters addressed included the Rangitata Water Conservation Order, Central Plains Water and Project Aqua on the Waitaki. Tim was an inaugural member of the Lower Waitaki Management Society set up following Project Aqua and he and the Late Ron Dougherty travelled thousands of kilometres to represent NZSAA on this group.

During his most active years, Tim participated in NZSAA’s stream improvement works and ova planting programme, leading the way with the introduction of the Scotty Boxes to this programme in 2005.

The Rakaia River was Tim’s favourite hunting ground and he spent many leisurely days fishing, jet-boating and camping in this area. But he was always the watchdog and reporter of breaches of the water consent conditions he knew so well, to the sorrow of some would-be wrongdoers. He was also an accomplished golfer.

Tim will be remembered as a colourful character, never backward in speaking his mind. He was farewelled at his funeral by a large attendance of family, friends, sporting and military personnel.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of
New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association (Inc)
will be held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7.30 pm
at Canterbury Softball Association premises, Cuthberts Green
Sports Park, 220 Pages Road, Christchurch**

Business for the Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 20 May 2014
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. Barry Craig Memorial Trophy: NZSAA Salmon Angler of the Year
10. Guest Speakers
12. Fish & Game Update and Questions/Answers

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.

President's Report to NZSAA 42nd Annual General Meeting for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

Every year is a busy year and the 2014–2015 season has been no exception. The ova planting, fin clipping and smolt releases were busy occasions and hopefully we'll reap the rewards in years to come. Many thanks are due to members and friends who helped in all of these activities. A special thanks also to Colin and Diane Eaton for organising the BBQ to feed hungry workers.

We have acquired two laptop computers from Orion. These were surplus to requirements and are donated to non-profit organisations. We have plans for their use in some of our research projects. Thanks to Ray Lazaro for thinking of us.

Diarmuid Toman has agreed to help us develop and improve our website as well as activate the new laptops.

As we are an aging membership there are always some passings. The death of Tim Ellis must be noted as he was a Past President, Life Member and long-time committee member. His knowledge of the Rakaia and the consents process was most valuable when dealing with various agencies. Our condolences go to Pam and their family.

We now have a storage container for our equipment and filing papers. It is located at Isaacs in the meantime. My thanks to Colin Eaton who did all the hard work organising the purchase and siting the container.

I addressed the Silver Fern Farms consent hearing and said quite firmly that dumping was not acceptable under any circumstances except maybe after another major earthquake (heaven forbid). It appears to me that the panel had their minds made up well in advance of the final decision.

I had the pleasure of addressing the Fishing and Casting Club's AGM last year. They are of a very similar mindset to us when it comes to fishing matters so I was speaking to the converted. Some of them had even been on ova planting sessions with NZSAA friends. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Our major activity for the year was our annual Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition which proved to be a great success. Our entries were up to 220 and our sponsors provided some great prizes. The fish size and numbers was a little disappointing but reflected the run at that time of year.


Yes, the fish numbers were down this season but I saw some nice fish caught in the mid to high teens. We will not get the big fish every year it now seems certain. But it is hoped our enhancement programme will keep numbers up.

The lack of regular freshes this season is almost certainly a result of climate change and we will have to live with it. It was a strange season in some respects but some anglers did very well while others struggled to get a fish.

Finally, my thanks go to the committee for their support and their work to keep things going this year. My best wishes to the incoming committee for the 2015-2016 year.

Tony Humphreys

PRESIDENT



ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

**NZSAA Annual Subscriptions for the year
commenced 1 April 2015 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
- To the Treasurer at the AGM on 19 May

Thank you for your continued support of NZSAA

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

Y/e 31.3.14	Income	Y/e 31.3.15
5515.00	Subscriptions	4665.00
117.10	Donations	175.00
806.53	Interest Received	1030.18
62.49	Dividends	62.49
250.00	Raffle	250.00
160.00	Advertising	20.00
(108.75)	Profit/Loss on sale of stock	12.35
1500.00	Fin Clipping	750.00
2565.57	Waimakariri Competition Profit	3011.25
<u>\$10867.94</u>		<u>\$9976.27</u>
	Expenditure	
626.20	Newsletter and Postage	492.50
1920.00	Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	1980.00
310.57	Office Expenses	356.05
-	Meeting & Travel Expenses	416.86
546.93	AGM Costs	926.97
469.20	Depreciation on Assets	533.80
473.93	Sundry Expenses	146.38
727.09	Salmon Enhancement	1529.57
<u>1250.00</u>	Subscriptions	<u>830.00</u>
6323.92		7212.13
<u>4544.02</u>	Excess income over expenditure	<u>2764.14</u>
<u>\$10867.94</u>		<u>\$9976.27</u>

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015**

Y/e 31.3.14	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		Y/e 31.3.15
33295.61	Balance as at 1.4.14		37781.23
4544.02	Plus Excess Income over Expenditure		2764.14
<u>(58.40)</u>	Less Profit/Loss on revaluation of shares		<u>160.60</u>
<u>\$37781.23</u>			<u>\$40705.97</u>
THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY			
	Office Equipment	41.90	
41.90	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>8.40</u>	33.50
	Computer	206.90	
206.90	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>-82.80</u>	124.10
	Container (cost)	3277.50	
-	Less Depreciation - 6 months	<u>245.80</u>	3031.70
	Shed	115.00	
115.00	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>23.00</u>	92.00
	Emergency Beacon	293.50	
293.50	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>97.00</u>	196.50
	Website	152.00	
152.00	Less Depreciation	<u>76.00</u>	<u>76.00</u>
			3553.80
INVESTMENTS			
21567.37	Term Deposits with Westpac Trust	22375.45	
<u>1255.60</u>	Shares in Sanford Ltd	<u>1416.20</u>	23791.65
CURRENT ASSETS			
3908.64	Westpac Trust Savings Account	4550.83	
9750.60	Westpac Trust Bank Account	7241.67	
100.00	Subscriptions in Arrears	300.00	
809.48	Sundry Debtors	872.09	
<u>2205.07</u>	Stock	<u>3113.92</u>	16078.51
<u>\$40406.06</u>	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$43423.96</u>
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
175.00	Subscriptions in Advance	405.00	
272.83	Sundry Creditors	<u>135.99</u>	540.99
LESS RESERVE FUND			
2177.00	Barry Craig Memorial		2177.00
<u>\$37781.23</u>	NET ASSETS		<u>\$40705.97</u>

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

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, 15% on the Storage Shed and Container, 33% on the Emergency Beacon and 50% on the Website.
- (ii) Subscription Debtors - included at amount expected to realise of \$300.00.
- (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 effect 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 2015 and of the operation of the Association for the year.

Christchurch
27 April 2015

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

MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION (INC)

**Held at the Canterbury Softball Headquarters, Pages Road, Christchurch
Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Approximately 50 members and invitees were present at the meeting, chaired by the Acting President, Tony Humphreys.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Martin Clements, Peter Morgan, Paul Stewart, Dave Denton, Rex Gibson, Diane Eaton, Steve McNeill, Alan Waters, Wayne Henwood, Roger Williams, Tim Ellis, Warwick Brown, John Taylor, and Jerry van der Krogt.

These apologies were accepted on a motion from Warren Windelburn and seconded by Warren Mackie.

REMEMBRANCE

The meeting stood in silence in remembrance of members who had died during the year:

Bruce Moody – President of NZSAA
Athol Price – Life Member / committee member
Brian Foley – Life Member / committee member
Ross Lightfoot – Life Member / past President
Sidney Common – Hon. Member

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Salmon Anglers' Association (Incorporated) held on 21 May 2013, as circulated to members, were approved and adopted as a correct record on the motion of Ron Stuart and seconded by Colin Eaton. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tony Humphreys moved that the President's Report for the year ended 31 March 2014 as circulated to members be adopted. This was seconded by Dave Weeber. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

It was moved by Tony Humphreys on behalf of the Auditor, Trevor Hayes, that the audited Financial Report, and Accounts & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received. Seconded by Dirk Barr. Carried. Tony extended a vote of thanks to Trevor for once again undertaking the audit.

JOHN HODGSON - NZSAA Patron

At the last AGM, I expressed my concerns and thoughts of where we were positioned in the recreational activity of the wild salmon fishery. We still have no precise answer, but there are signs that indicate we now have recognition with the Environment Canterbury councilors, and other associations such as the NZ Federation of Fresh Water Anglers.

Tonight we consider the proposed Canterbury land and water regional plan volume 1, section 4 (which must be read together with section 3). In previous statements and submissions, we have stated that at 17°C, it is a warning that at 19°C, all water off-takes must cease below the gorge bridges and that the upper Rakaia is still governed by its WCO. With the help of his son, Paul, showing OHP information, it was stated 'minimum dissolved oxygen 70%, maximum temperature 20°C'. There is no indication of time limits. Time limits become extremely important because of breaches of the WC by Trust Power.

John said the most essential aspect of this discussion is that at given temperature ranges, altitudes and barometric pressure, you may be measuring a 100% oxygen saturation but the true reading would be between 13 and 11cc per litre at 10°C. Salmon will not survive below 50% saturation of oxygen. A simple explanation to help understand what is being said, is with an increase in temperature of 10°C, the loss of available dissolved oxygen is 15% which in some instances would be the death of the salmon.

John talked about the Water Conservation Order and that cumec flows were mostly below what they should have been for March this year. 105 cumecs is what they should be, and one day in March it was 34% below this. For 21 days out of 41 days, John feels that they were breaching the Conservation Order.

John said that salmon need more oxygen than other fish. Oxygen levels are altered by water temperatures. If we haven't got the right conditions for them, their numbers will be deleted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers and Committee

The following were nominated and duly declared elected:

		Moved / Seconded
Patron	John Hodgson	T Humphreys / C Eaton
President	Tony Humphreys	W Windelburn / D Long
Vice Presidents	Dennis Long	W McCartney / L Corbett
Committee	Pam Ellis	D Long / W Windelburn
	Dave Leigh	T Humphreys / R Stuart
	Phil Ball	T Humphreys / W Mackie
	James Parbery	T Humphreys / R Stuart
	Warren Windelburn	T Humphreys / D Long
	Larry Burke	W Windelburn / M Ager
Secretary / Treasurer	Heather Saunders	D Long / J Parbery
Honorary Auditor	Trevor Hayes	P Ellis / D Leigh

GUEST SPEAKERS

Steve Terry, North Canterbury Fish & Game Field Officer

Steve spoke regarding the variations of Rakaia and Waimakariri salmon returns. He said that what we don't know is what happens while the salmon are out at sea (predators/ location changes/changes in ocean currents); effects of big floods on emerging salmon fry; future climate change impacts; what is the ideal salmon stocking regime; and the consequence of over releasing hatchery salmon into wild rivers. Flooding threatens spawning streams in Rakaia.

Spawn surveys are done by helicopter once a year. A harvest assessment is done via a phone survey of recreational salmon caught and there is commercial by-catch monitoring. There are angling restrictions in key habitats. There is ongoing pasture development being seen more and more in the high country, with some overstocking of cattle seen. Our priority is ongoing habitat protection and ECan is funding them to do some water sampling regarding algae etc.

Future Objectives are to work closely with high country landowners to protect and restore spawning habitat streams, monitor salmon enhancement programs, continue to monitor angler harvest & spawning to minimize negative impacts on the Wild Fishery, and to continue to look for improvements in their management.

Dirk Barr, Manager of the Montrose Hatchery

Dirk said we don't know the effects the earthquakes have caused, especially out at sea. He gave the hatchery returns from McKinnon's Creek (1,000+), Montrose (approx 500), Otukaikino River (4 trapped – others evident upstream), Silver stream (approx 350 – others evident upstream), low country Waimakariri (approx 350). Dirk spoke of ova planting prospects: total green ova harvest 905,000; hatchery on growing requirements 450,000; available to NZSAA & RRFP 450,000 minimum; ova numbers determined per plant by stream capacity; excess ova will be bulk hatched and released at button up stage. At Whiskey Creek 30,000 smolt were released - the instream had been cleared and there were plenty of good habitats there. Fish & Game want to set up another salmon enhancement program there.

Dirk said 190,000 salmon were fin clipped in 2014 and thanked the NZSAA for their help. He said it was a good hands on social and educational day for all. He said it was generally regarded that hatchery fish are 10% of the fishery.

There is a small percentage of anglers taking too many salmon and causing upsets and it is against the etiquette of the salmon fishery. Dirk said there is no need for this and he feels we are better to try and educate these people and that peer pressure is good.

NZSAA FISHING COMPETITION

The 2013–2014 NZSAA's Annual Salmon Fishing Competition attracted 11 entries. This is open to all financial NZSAA members.

Aquarius Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Overall

Kevin Belcher, 6.96kg salmon caught on 1 March 2014 at the Rakaia Gorge

Cromb & Merritt / Fisherman's Loft Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Waimakariri

Dennis Long, 4.832kg salmon caught 1 April 2014 at Banana Bend, Waimakariri River

Alty Roscoe Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Rakaia

Wayne McCartney, 5.400kg salmon caught on 1 March 2014 at the Rakaia Gorge

Lucky draw for remainder of entries

Dave Leigh

BARRY CRAIG EARTHQUAKE MEMORIAL TROPHY

NZSAA SALMON ANGLER OF THE YEAR

Dave Denton

This is an award given to dedicated salmon anglers seen by their peers as a salmon angler showing outstanding sportsmanship.

Dave was a founding member of the NZSAA in 1973, so has been involved in all the battles and activities of our Association over these years. He was the owner of Cromb and Merritt and later the Fisherman's Loft up until his retirement. He is a skilled angler and he passed on this knowledge in very popular fly fishing and casting courses. Dave has spent the better part of his working and recreational life in sharing his passion for sport fishing with his involvement and membership of the NZSAA, and most particularly with the Take a Kid Fishing events in giving children opportunities and involvement in the healthy outdoor activity of fishing. He was a prime mover in getting this event established and has been its leader ever since – it was incorporated as the Kids Fishing Charitable Trust in 2008.

ATHOL PRICE PLAQUE

James Parbery

This is presented for outstanding service to the salmon sports fishery.

James first joined the NZ Salmon Anglers Assn in 1999 as a family member, and has been on the committee since 2004. He is a skilled fly fisherman and salmon angler. He was a gamekeeper in Wales prior to coming to New Zealand. He has been very involved in the NZSAA's salmon recovery program – stream maintenance, ova planting, fin clipping, etc. It has been remembered he even took his wife and children to help at Whiskey Creek one year. James is also involved with the Take-a-Kid-Fishing event in gutting and cleaning the fish caught.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CLOSE OF MEETING

Grateful thanks were made to the following sponsors of raffle prizes: Fisherman's Loft, Anglers Warehouse, Hunting & Fishing, Wondercast.

Tony thanked all members and guests for their attendance and encouraged members to check out our website and that any new stories or photos would be appreciated.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm and was followed by supper served by Adrienne Dougherty and the drawing of raffles.

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FREE WILL SERVICE

NZSAA SALMON FISHING CONTEST WAIMAKARIRI RIVER 2015

A very successful competition was held on 21 March at the Waimakariri River. The weather turned out fine and calm and we had 221 competitors of whom 23 were juniors. Happy winner was George TePania with a 5.73kg salmon caught at McIntosh's. Sixteen salmon were caught during the day, ranging from 3.34kg to 5.73kg. Unfortunately none were caught by a junior, although two of them landed kahawai. The 'bag limit' prize was won by Peter Morgan with his 4.03kg & 3.77kg fish. Another competitor also got his 'bag limit'.

At the prizegiving at the Kairaki Beach Motor Camp, the BBQ was kept busy with sausages etc kindly donated by Dean Austen (thanks Dean!). Along with all the prize winners, there were about 40 spot prizes, so there were plenty of smiling faces that went home that day. Thank you to all who took part to help make it such a great day.

The majority of our winner prizes and spot prizes were donated by Hunting & Fishing NZ, so please support their three stores as they contributed in a huge way to our competition.



**Overall Heaviest Salmon prizewinner George TePania
with his 5.73g salmon caught at McIntosh's**

George's salmon has earned him the First Prize three-day big game fishing and accommodation trip for four people out of Tutukaka, Northland, donated by John and Sara Healy.

Winners for the next heaviest salmon were

2nd	Nick Cunningham	5.66kg	Boat
3rd	Colin Eaton	5.31kg	McIntosh's
4th	Jordan Dunfoy	5.15kg	McIntosh's
5th	Jamie Roberts	4.89kg	McIntosh's
6th	Jason Wilson	4.86kg	McIntosh's
7th	Christine Ager	4.56kg	Stewarts Gully
8th	Scott Wallace	4.51kg	McIntosh's, boat
9th	Kevin Belcher	4.33kg	McIntosh's, boat
10th	Peter Morgan	4.03 kg	Banana Hole
11th	Warren Burke	3.99kg	Stewarts Gully
12th	Craig Price	3.95kg	McIntosh's
13th	John Jones	3.85kg	McIntosh's
14th	Martin Burke	3.34kg	Stewarts Gully
Bag Limit	Peter Morgan	3.77kg	Banana Hole

Early Bird Draw: Rex Gibson

Junior winners: No salmon but Heaviest Other Species

1st	Buddha Blackler	2.23kg kahawai	McIntosh's
2nd	Harper Robinson	1.98kg kahawai	Mouth



Buddha Blackler
Junior Winner, Heaviest Other Species

2nd Heaviest Salmon prizewinner
Nick Cunningham







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WINDING CREEK GARTH TAYLOR MEMORIAL

Winding Creek is a feeder stream to the alpine reaches of the Waimakariri River which supports an active, viable and significant salmon spawning ground. Winding Creek feeds into the heartland of the basin flat land of Flock Hill Station. Approximately 4 years ago an agreement was established with Fish & Game North Canterbury for Flock Hill to dedicate around 50 hectares of wetlands feeding into Winding Creek, as a *Salmon Reserve*. This was an extremely generous and environmentally supportive gesture of Flock Hill to dedicate this valued land so that undisturbed use of the location as a prestige salmon nursery could be accomplished



Through the finances of Fish & Game in co-operation with Environment Canterbury the area was fenced, including a portion of Winding Creek, to eliminate stock from this wetland and stream to preserve the integrity of the wetland and reduce potential of stock or pasture management pollution - a very significant step up in recognition of habitat resource management.

What happens in the wild breeding cycle is that salmon spawn in Winding Creek in significant numbers and, when hatched, the fry migrate into this wetland to grow and can spend up to 10–12 months there before they start their journey downstream to the Waimakariri and migrate out to sea for 2 to 3 years.

Within the *Salmon Reserve* various small streams thread throughout the area, accepting run off from alpine ranges and wetland areas, thus creating an ideal habitat for young fish to feed and grow within. “*A Paradise in the wild*”. Surface growths within the area include beneficial species of matagouri, wetland rushes and native grasses. Amongst this were also undesirable bushes of gorse, broom and blackberry threatening to choke out the desirable habitat. A working bee was arranged to chop out the gorse etc but the task

was too onerous to be accomplished by voluntary manpower so it was decided to engage an agricultural spray contractor. This required further financial investment at a critical time, but the significance was so important to preserve the reserve in a natural state.

At about this time, the late Garth Taylor, former member of NZ Salmon Anglers Association, bequeathed a sum of money from his will to the Association to be used for salmon enhancement projects. The restoration of Winding Creek was an ideal project for investment as this in conjunction with the establishment of the reserve, contributed greatly to the completion of the project. With Garth Taylor's funding the spraying activity took place last spring/summer and results show a near positive 100% success.



Ron Stuart (NZSAA) and Steve Terry (Fish & Game)
planting the Memorial Kowhai

For a retired salmon angler looking down on us he would be proud to support this project seeing the direct benefit of his investment. In respect and to the ongoing memory of Garth Taylor, a suitable Kowhai tree was gifted by a member of NZSAA to be planted within the reserve as a living memorial to Garth Taylor. This planting was completed on 7 October 2014 during a trip to the location by Fish & Game as part of a habitat monitoring and water sampling project.

Winding Creek is a paradise and we understand the new Flock Hill owners are keen to support this enhancement project and take appropriate steps to ensure preservation of water quality through better farming practices and environment establishments. The planting location for the memorial Kowhai is on a triangular section of land within the reserve near a point that the reserve meets the stream. All fish passing into or out of the reserve will be blessed by the spirit of Garth Taylor and his contribution is now a living record of such generosity.

Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing Competition

by Peter Coory
Secretary-Treasurer NZSAA Otago

The Daniels Showcase Jewellers Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing competition was held on 28 February-1 March. The event attracted 280 competitors.

Saturday was warm and calm with just a few light showers in the morning. There were 12 fish caught, mostly from boats.. Sunday was warm but a strong northeast wind coming down the harbour made it a bit choppy for the boat competitors. There were 6 fish caught Sunday, mostly from the wharf. The fish were a bit smaller this year although quite a few were 2 year old precocious jacks.

**Overall winner was
Dwayne Willcock,
pictured here with his
prizewinning 6.105kg salmon
caught from a boat.**



Other winners were::

2nd	Cory McFarlane	5.840kg	Boat
3rd	Peter Takens	5.555kg	Wharf
4th	Vanessa Kirby	5.350kg	Wharf
5th	Daniel McCutcheon	5.170kg	Wharf
6th	Lealofi Kalolo	4.705kg	Wharf
7th	Dean Roma	4.475kg	Wharf
8th	Evan Unahi	4.165kg	Wharf
Member's Prize	Bruce Roy	3.085kg	Wharf
9th	Steve Racz	2.830kg	Boat
10th	Gant Hutton	2.180kg	Boat

Juniors

1st	Conor Henderson	1.730kg	Boat
2nd	Keegan Cleveland	1.680kg	Boat



Fishing from the concrete wharf, Saturday

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Rakaia River Breaches of Water Conservation Order

NZSAA has for some time been observing and monitoring Environment Canterbury flow rate records and believes that there have been repeated breaches of the conditions set in the Rakaia Water Conservation Order. We first wrote to ECan on this matter in June 2014 and, although some correspondence has been exchanged and is ongoing, no satisfactory explanation has yet been forthcoming.

As a matter of public interest, the following letter dated 8 April was sent to and published in the Christchurch Press:

*The Editor
The Press
Christchurch*

Dear Sir

Breaches of the Rakaia Water Conservation Order 1998 reprinted 7 March 2013

The New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association is very concerned that these breaches are still occurring, although we notified the Commissioners at ECan by letter dated 26/6/2014. There is no evidence of action by anyone to correct what is happening.

We are aware that the conservation order is very complicated to administer but this is no excuse for these breaches, some of many hour duration, to occur.

There has not been any evidence by Trust Power to show that they are not manipulating the flow rates in and out of Lake Coleridge. The NZSAA have stated a breach of the order, even if only for one hour, is a breach.

The conservation order specifies that as measured at Fighting Hill NIWA recording station, the flow of the river shall not be below 105 CMS for March and 97 CMS for April.


*John Hodgson
Patron
NZ Salmon Anglers Association.*

Patron John Hodgson has spent countless hours compiling the flow rate information and supporting data and will present the information and issues to NZSAA members at the annual general meeting on 19 May.

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Salmon Enhancement Programme

Hacketts Creek

Back in November, a small team (James Parbery, Ron Stuart, Dave Webber, Mike & Daniel Ager, Wayne Henwood and Colin Eaton) went up to Hackett's creek to do some stream cleaning for the hopefully returning salmon this year. This involved water-blasting a section of the stream to provide the salmon with loose shingle as can be seen in the photos.

Also on that day they salvaged one salmon who had remained in the Alevinater from the 2014 hatching. It was about 5cm long and looking good so it was put into the stream and hopefully will meet up with its mates.



All hands to the pumps at Hacketts! (Well, at least Colin Eaton's.)

Fin Clipping at Montrose

A group of 35, 22 being directly associated with NZSAA, went up to Montrose on 18 April 2015 for the annual fin clipping exercise. They chomped through the task of 90,000 by 2.30 pm which was a fantastic effort in what turned out to be a beautiful day.

Everyone enjoyed themselves along with the usual BBQ. A great effort and many thanks for a job well done.

2015 Ova Planting Programme

NZSAA committee member Colin Eaton, in consultation with Patron John Hodgson and Dirk Barr of Fish & Game have put together a programme for NZSAA's 2015 ova planting activities.

The following so far has been arranged:

As a first step, field preparation work needs to be carried out. Teams have been organised to visit One Tree Swamp and the Porter River to locate the in-stream lockers ready for the salmon eggs. These two locations are weather dependant so timing is very important. The same team will also manage egg planting at these two locations. Further preparation work will also be undertaken at Hacketts Creek.

Among the areas likely to be involved for ova planting this year are One Tree Swamp, Porter River, Broken River, Cora Lynn, Hacketts Creek and Hope River just to name few.

When the salmon ova becomes available, Dirk Barr will contact NZSAA and members and volunteers will be informed of the date and timing of the ova planting. So watch for further information on the start of our 2015 salmon enhancement programme.

If you are not already on our circulation list and would like to be involved, please contact Colin Eaton on 352 3890 or colinanddieaton@xtra.co.nz

Our New Store

NZSAA has purchased a shipping container to store all our equipment that has been scattered around various locations and particularly since the demolition of the Fish & Game premises at Horatio Street. The container is located at ISAACs, McLeans Island, in the area of the raceways where the salmon are raised.



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Droughts lead to California's biggest salmon hatchery driving millions of fish to the coast

by Jack Simpson, The Independent

Pacific salmon are known for their great migrations.

Moving across continents, they can travel thousands of miles to find the ideal waters to breed in. Usually they do this by swimming, but recently salmon in California have used transport to ensure their annual migration is completed.

This year in Anderson, California the state's biggest fish hatchery has decided to give 12 million fish a helping hand by driving the fish down the road to be released in the San Francisco Bay. At the Coleman hatchery, tens of thousands of salmon arrive each year to lay their eggs in the calm waters before being set free to embark on their epic journey back to ocean.

However, this year instead of taking the three week journey to the coast, salmon are loaded onto a lorry and driven for four hours to the San Francisco Bay.

According to Brett Galyean, this is largely down to the low water levels along the Sacramento River. He said: "If we release them out into they would experience maybe low water and warmer water, which would provide stress to them and give predators a better chance at eating them. "

To transport the salmon, the fish are sucked up 60,000 at a time into the massive tanks where they are held in cold water and driven to the San Francisco Bay. It is here that they are dropped into nets in the bay released , where after being held for a couple of hours are set free and sent to find their way to the Pacific Ocean.

The salmon fishing industry in the US is said to be worth billions of dollars and provide a lifeline for certain communities along the migration routes.

The Fish and Wildlife Service said: "This is not our usual procedures but this is the best we can do under the circumstances.

"At least now we will get some kind of ocean harvest and some kind of benefit to the ocean fishery."

30 April 2015

Nature is Not Wasting Water

FRIENDLY FARMING: Christchurch farmer Andrew Luddington, a fishing licence holder, also considers himself a conservationist.

Reprinted from Andrew's article in the Farmers Weekly

I usually enjoy Alan Emerson's articles but I am a little concerned his Alternative View of friendship (Farmers Weekly) will have some unfortunate, negative results. (Quote : "*Farmers' money used against them: Water in New Zealand overall is not limited. We let more than 97% of it run out to sea. The purpose of irrigation, and with it water storage, is to stop that criminal waste.*")

Emerson paints Fish and Game's Bryce Johnson as a leopard and in that he might be correct. Anyone who has the ear of the nation and who does not necessarily believe that the country's best interests shine out of the backside of a cow can well become a leopard. Johnson offers friendship but Emerson rather rudely rebuts it. And this is a shame because there is opportunity here.

Recently, a group of rare dolphins were allegedly spotted by tourists near Akaroa playing with a mother killer whale and her calf. This association empowered the dolphin as a hunter who makes friends, or at least gains respect and understanding, with a leopard will become empowered. If Emerson says all is well with agriculture his view will be shared only by farmers. If Johnson says all is well with agriculture his view will be shared by all.

Emerson tells us fresh water availability is infinite and that 97% is "criminally wasted" by going out to sea. Neither of these statements is true.

With the former you can take only so much of something before somebody or something starts hurting and puts a limit to it.

The latter takes a little more explaining. Water that goes out to sea from land by rivers or underground aquifers is never wasted. That water will contain silica and sediment and this is the base pyramid of the oceanic food chain. The silica feeds the plankton and it is as important to life in the oceans as sunlight.

If 100% of all fresh water is prevented from going out to sea, oceanic life would collapse.

What Emerson must understand is that it is nature's way to waste nothing and we owe nature our very existence. Waste is in fact a purely human concept.

Let's look at it from another perspective. In the United Kingdom milk, bread and salads are brought in by the supermarkets as loss leaders.

The dairy industry has done well but it is now taking a very significant and very predictable financial shock. What the dairy industry will also struggle with is the loss of goodwill from the NZ population and from the rest of the world.

The aim of this is to lead the customer into the shop to buy these bargains but then sell the customer more profitable but less necessary commodities such as cakes and sweets.

The milk, bread and salads tend to get wasted as the richer nations adjust to a sweeter tooth and in the richer households the wastage of these basic commodities can be 40% or more.

With many homes in the world unable to afford much more than a loaf of bread a week perhaps Emerson would like to think which situation should really deserve the title “criminal waste”.

Water cannot be taken for granted.

People must always come before profit with this the primary commodity of life.

There are corporates out there farming thousands of cows in single herds who have latched on to this 97% water “wastage” concept who would consider every drop of water in the Rakaia, Rangitata, Waimakariri and the Waitaki that reaches the sea, a criminal waste.

And the corporates would not care if they ran them all dry. This is something that Johnson the leopard would have something to say about.

I thought his article was actually very well restrained and very good and as a farmer I take my hat off to Johnson, the farmer’s friend.

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What the dairy industry will also struggle with is the loss of goodwill from the NZ population and from the rest of the world.

This is a result of corporate greed eroding the good perception of the average and could hurt a farmer more than the loss of money.

As such Emerson asks – can Johnson really be the farmer’s friend?

Absolutely.

Andrew Luddington

April 2015

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