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The present club rooms (credit: www.dunedinlight.com)

Club History

By Ron Johnston

Prior to the 1970's, there were a number of us fishing from the rocks and our boats in the Catlins area mainly from Tautuku Island. As you have guessed, that's where the Club's name originated.

Around this time it was decided to form a Club. So the late Keith Wilson and myself, on behalf of everyone we were fishing with, eventually hired the Rowing Club Hall and put an advert of our intentions in the Otago Daily Times.

All this was made possible with the sponsorship of Speight's Brewery and Don McDuff was the 'MC' for the first meeting. On the 8th March 1972; the historic Smail Homestead "Glencairn," which was built in 1874 ("paid with whiskey"), by the same

masons who had just built Larnach's Castle further down the peninsula, was purchased from the late Fergus Mathieson for \$8,000.

This purchase price was gathered from various members in a form of debentures that was eventually paid back. Work began immediately on alterations to the building, with the demolition of the 'lean-to' which housed the kitchen, bathroom & laundry.

This was followed by working bees where members laid a concrete foundation slab and erected a roof over in its official opening on the 7th December 1972. Five Years later the project was completed with rooms for committee, records, sauna/Gym, shower/toilets, kitchen, and....

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President's Corner

Hi, What Fantastic balmy Autumn Weather we are experiencing here in Dunedin! Is it the calm before the 'stormy' Winter months? Whatever the elements will throw at us in Winter, our Club Members are making the most of these surreal conditions at the moment.



We all must be aware of the importance of 'safe boating'. Keeping safe means understanding the environment, knowing the rules, having all the right equipment and using plenty of 'common sense'. It's the Club's responsibility that Member Boat Owners, their Crew, Divers, Children and Shore, River & Lake fishing members have access to safety information. Maritime New Zealand kits (Booklet, cellphone sealed plastic bag, 'crossing the Bar' safety notes & Safe Boating DVD) are available @ the Club. Maybe time for a refresher on these 'tips'? These kits are **FREE** from Maritime NZ for Club Members & Families.

The other week I had the privilege to represent both the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust Inc and Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin & Haast Inc at the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers Inc AGM; held in Dunedin. The meeting room had representation from various Clubs, Associations, and freshwater fishing enthusiasts throughout New Zealand with extreme passion for the Sport of Fishing. Yes **FISHING** is the **MAJOR SPORT of New Zealand**. This organisation of Fine enthused fishing people, certainly have the 'clout' at both Council and Government levels. Also it's Fantastic to observe our Prime Minister John Key enjoying recreational fishing at it's Best on the recent TV3 "Fishing Show". Great 'Kingi & Snapper' catches by our PM! **First hand experience by our Country Leader helps towards the New Zealand 'life style' that's worth preserving!** Both the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council (former NZBGFC) and the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers are keeping focused on the 'rights' for the recreational fishing public of our

seas, rivers and lakes. Recreational fishing - is the New Zealand "customary right"; lets preserve our heritage! Your Club membership, helps towards preserving these rights.

It's organisations like these, that our Club have affiliation with; that preserve the 'rights' NOW and into the FUTURE for individuals, families and children of our Country. With saying this - our affiliation fee to NZSFC (has increased \$2.50 per "Full " member), your Committee will 'look' at our 'options' covering this additional affiliation costs. The responsibility for our own fishing future, relies on each and everyone of us, instead of relying on the hard work and financial generosity of a few individuals and concerned Clubs. Check out a new organisation - LegaSea - www.legasea.co.nz These Guys are dedicated in ensuring that we have a 'voice' in the future of our fishery.

News from the Sawyers Bay Salmon Hatchery - On-going Salmon releases are planned from Sunday 20th May 2012 (as per April "Lure" issue details) and now 'Salmon stripping', with the fertilization of eggs for ova production. We are fortunate to have Salmon eggs from three locations this Year - Kaitangata, MacKinnons (Timaru) and our own returned hens from The Leith. Therefore starting another Year of Salmon rearing. This is a **"FIRST for DUNEDIN" - BREEDING** from our OWN Hens ! If you wish to be part of this experience and participate in the rewarding involvement of our Dunedin City Hatchery - call me!

Our Club "Lure" Newsletter has been well received by Club Members,

Associated Clubs, Media, Politicians, DCC, and Sponsors throughout New Zealand. We have received article 'reprints' in Fishing magazines, NZ Salmon Anglers Newsletters and Website news, this last Month. Comments have been encouraging - we must be doing it 'right' - eh Jerry!

Your Committee have decided to keep the Beer Bar prices at the usual \$7/Jug (Speights), & \$7/Quart (Speights, DB & Tui), until another 'price rise' occurs. For the record; various Clubs throughout NZ are pricing their Jugs @ \$8, \$9 & \$10. So our members have Value for Money here. My thanks to Paul Fogerty ('Fog'), for his generous 'smoked Albacore Bar Snaks' on the Sunday 'Club nights'. Any contributions towards the Club Room "40th Year Ownership Celebration" is most welcomed. **Limited "Free" tickets for this Club Function on Saturday 7th July 2012; will be available next Month.**

The repair and upgrade of our Club BBQ/Spit facility is at present being attended to. The result will be a Gas Cooking area that will have the required new 'standards' for usage now and into the future. I keep on saying the ONLY thing that's CONSIST in life is CHANGE! Yep 'rules' keep changing while we try & keep on top of them!

If you have a fishing success story, report or anecdote to share; please send to bensemann@actrix.co.nz

Bugger the weather's changing - keep warm as we go into the Winter. Tight Lines.

Cheers, Brett.





CLUB CAPTAINS' REPORT

The weather for recreational fishing hasn't been too bad but not so good for the duck shooters.

I have had a couple of good days through Taieri Mouth with quite a few really good size groper being caught around 12-15 kg, Dave Wilson, a non club member, caught one at 16.9 kg and also the odd good trumpeter getting caught, still quite a few slender tuna being sighted down south also. The highlight through Taieri Mouth was watching Cate Bardwell bring in three groper at various times (one which is now leading the heaviest fish for a lady), all the moans and groans making the end result well worth it. Well done Cate.

One of those days out through Taieri was Anzac Day, I would hate to think how many boats went out, its not often you have to wait for 20 minutes to put your boat on, good to see the presence of some MAF officers checking boats and there catches.

First weekend of May, a number of members shoot away to their 'x spots' to test there skills against our feathered friends, this year and the past 25 years I shot up the Waitaki Valley around Georgetown.

When the sun comes up I go for a quiet walk, its great to see. Then I sit and watch the salmon in there natural habitat, in crystal clear water about a metre away doing there thing. At one stage I had three salmon spawning in front of me.

Later that day, I saw a rainbow well into double figures any angler would give his front teeth for. To hell with the ducks when you see mother nature at her best. At the time of writing this I am waiting to be picked up and away floundering!

Murray Mattingly Cup.

Won by Grant Hutton – Blue Cod 2.070kg.

Tight Lines.

Murray Muir.



fish to beat

East Coast Blue Cod: Nathan Pitcher 3.105 kg.

West Coast Blue Cod: Russell Moylan 2.495 kg.

Groper: Mike Archer 16.2 kg.

Salmon: Sarah Hutton 6.360 kg.

Jock Stewart: Nathan Pitcher 1.750 kg.

Barracouta: Ian Gunion 4.545 kg.

Kahawai: Greg Laughton 2.635 kg.

West Coast Tuna: Kelvin Nyhon 9.970 kg
Albacore.

Terry Corbett Memorial Cup – Nathan Pitcher – 6 Species.

Ladies: Cate Bardwell - 8.595kg Groper.

Junior: Jorja Hutton 5.570 kg Salmon.

Blue Shark, West Coast Shark, Read Marine Shark Trophy, & Fly Fishing: Jarod Horrell 1.990 kg Blue Shark.

Skippers Points:

Non Game Fish:

Nathan Pitcher 5 Pts.

John Millar 2 Pts.

Anthony Miller 1 Pt.

Game Fish:

Aaron Horrell 1 Pt.

John Millar 1 Pt.

Provisional points:

Aaron Horrell 4 Pts.

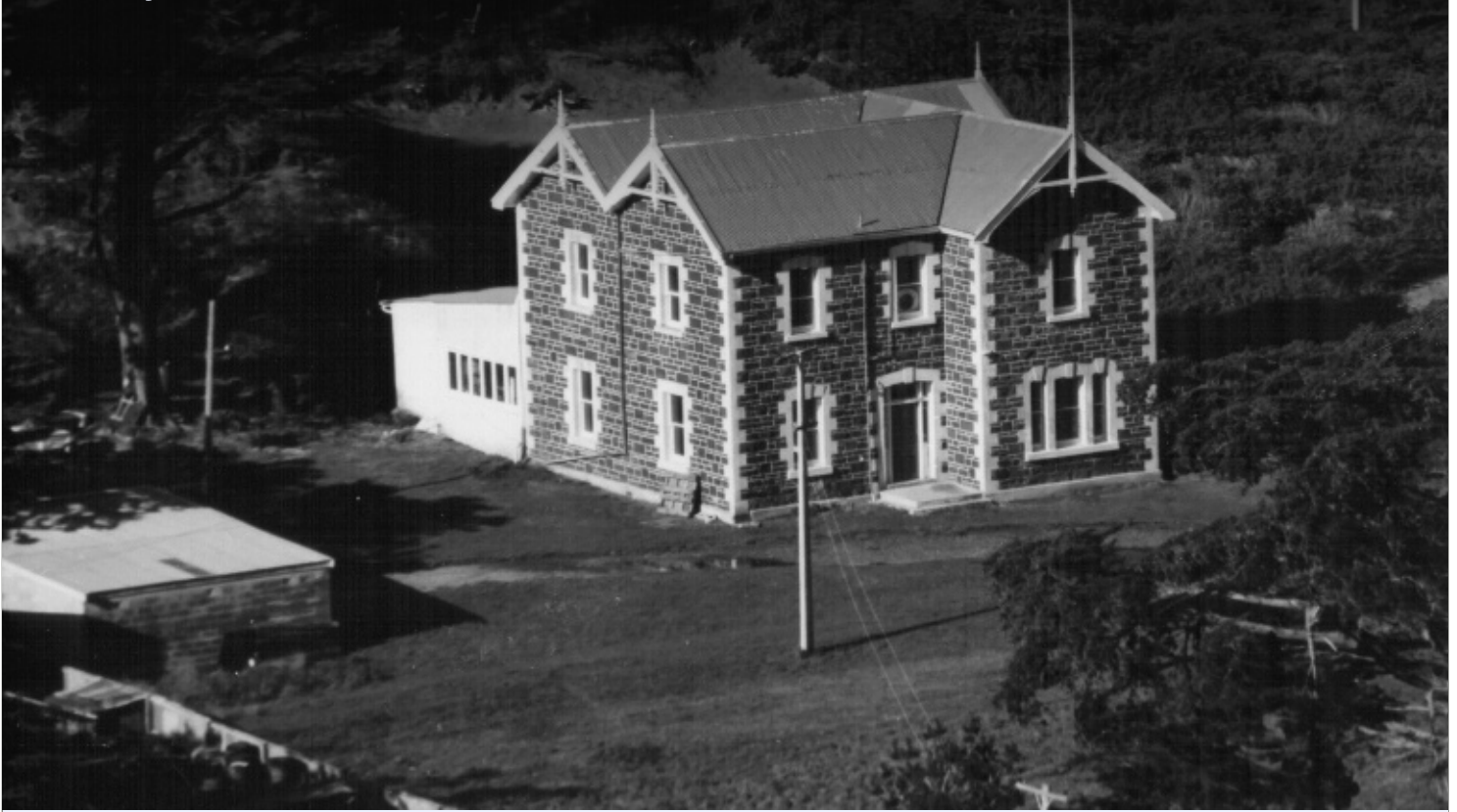
Cliff Halford 2 Pts.

Russell Moylan,
Club Records Manager
& Chief Weigh Master.

See 'Backpage' for Cate's 8.59kg Groper.

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...and store room. Up stairs eventually a fully equipped lounge bar with dance floor was completed. On 13th May 1992 (20 Years ago), levelling of the Conservatory/Barbecue area began, by again volunteer labour, and using the present Company L.P.Nash machinery. This BBQ facility along with the Club rooms has become a popular venue for many functions for Club Members.



My thanks to information sourced from the '25th Club Anniversary Notes', Smail Family, and 'The Shawl' historical publications on the Smail Homestead & the families, by Nick Thomson, who is also a present member.

The photos of the Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin & Haast Inc Club Rooms, are my own photography from many years back, and the present Club Rooms photo (front page) by Derek Morrison of Dunedin Light.

I have enjoyed being a club member and made many friends over these years.

**Ron Johnston.
Foundation Member.**



KINGFISH

Caught early morning in Tiri Channel on a NZ made poppa on route from Kawhau to Waiheke.

Nicky was in bed when I called "The Gaff"
"Where is it?" was the reply.
It was a challenge as the dinghy was in the way being towed and wind against the tide made conditions awkward but not too bad.
Nicky took the helm and kept us ahead of the Kingfish by idling forward occasionally while pulling heavily on the 20lb nylon line.
Those of you who have caught a large kingfish (also called many other names around the world) will know how challenging it can be to hang onto it on a gaff while they try to leap back to sea.
I doubt that we would have brought this kingfish aboard without the gaff, as the landing net was way too small and not strong enough.
When landed we went over to the shelter of Tiritiri Island to square the fish away, tying it down from cleat to cleat with rope..
Estimated at 60lbs (as we did not have scales big enough) this kingfish was 1.5 metres in length and the head weighed 4 kg.



"The hook up and struggle took about half an hour to manage and thank goodness I bought a gaff about 20 years ago"

FOR DINNER!



We ended up heading home instead as the fish was too large to deal with on board with limited freezer space. We invited 9 people for dinner and we had enough steaks for 15 more. We also made fish stock for chowder and friends took the head home as there was plenty of meat on it..

Quite exciting when one normally only catches small fish, although a 10lb Rainbow was another trophy at the Kuratau river mouth!

Cheers,
Alan Good - Director, The Stone Paper Company Ltd.



BARnews



Club afternoon

5pm to 7ish Sunday 20th May 2012.
Musical "Jam" Session by 3 Pom's & 2 Kiwi's!



Our own – **Stewart Springer** (Drums/Vocals)
Stewart played in a few bands in the UK in his 'Youth' & was a member of the Black & White Minstrels. A "star" on the drums!

Other members are:

Charles Barrington (Lead Guitar)

A very versatile and gifted musician from the UK. Owns the Art gallery in Waitati where he indulges in his other passion of painting – well worth the visit.



Steve Bourne (Bass/Vocals):

From Nottinghamshire where he was active for many Years playing 'Rock' & later 'Jazz' with variety of bands. Steve's raunchy singing style sets the standard for the band, while he has a distinctive sound from his bass guitar.



John Garbutt (Keyboards/Guitar/Vocals)

John has been on the music circuit in Dunedin for many Years. A mentor for the Weekend Warriors programme for amateur musicians.

Both John & Stewart formed The Band as it eventually became today! Malcolm Dixon (Keyboards), has recently joined with the others to compliment the sound on certain songs with his sympathetic key board style. He currently owns & operates Beggs Musicworks store in Dunedin.

ALL Members, Friends & Family are WELCOME on the 20th May to partake of 'priced right' beverage and top class musical entertainment.

Have Fun - ENJOY!



Current Lines 8 May 2012

Also on the broadbill scene after featuring Jessie's 165.2 kg Broadbill last issue, not to be outdone brother Logan went out the next day and caught two broadbill, the best weighing in at 151 kg. Once again it was with skipper Nathan Adams on the Western Break and the Muriwai Sports Fishing Club to the fore. Also a whisper from Whangamata that they too have another Broadbill caught from a recent trip that weighed 102.7 kg for a lucky angler and crew.

On a side note: NZBGFC Plates will be auctioned at our AGM in September. We had the Plates NZBGFC for a while on the Hiwi the Kiwi support vehicle, but it is now time to offer these plates onto the market. As mentioned earlier the NZSFC AGM this year will be hosted by the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club at Tutukaka where these licence plates will be auctioned off. If you would like to bid on a piece of history - please instruct your delegates or if you would rather, you can give the NZSFC secretary your top dollar absentee bid and we will see the bid is placed for you at the AGM.

The 2012 Hutchwilco Boat Show is on from the 17th – 20th of May, next week, we recommend you popping in and seeing LEGASEA at work. This will be a real feature and will answer a lot of your questions on the state of our fisheries and where you and I feature within it.

Heard through the grapevines there have been some great fish talked about in many different press forums. Here are what we believe are the heaviest of each game fish species so far this season.

HEAVIEST FISH - 2011/12 Season - 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012 as at 08-05-2012 *Please check and see if your club is doing their job and reporting your catches correctly.*

Species	Date	Angler	Weight	Area Caught	Club
Albacore	12.02.12	Andy Coop	21.05 kgs	Stephensons	Whangaroa
Big Eye Tuna	10.02.12	John Warburton	107.50 kgs	Trench	Kawhia
Black Marlin	07.01.12	Beni Hafoka	375.00 kgs	Mayor Island	Tauranga
Bluefin Tuna – N	17.02.12	Nathan Adams	335.40 kgs	Houhora	Muriwai
Blue Marlin	11.02.12	Jason Parkinson	346.20 kgs	Cape Runaway	Waihou Bay
Blue Shark	09.12.11	Ray Duncan	80.00 kgs	5 Mile	Tauranga
Broadbill	30.07.11	Jerry Garrett	272.40 kgs	Garden Patch	BOI
Bronze Whaler	08.03.12	Mark Baxter	175.30 kgs	Middle Ground	BOI
HH	11.01.12	Sue Tindale	1.36 kgs	Kaipara	Whangarei
Kahawai	11.02.12	Reese Flaxman	4.210 kgs	33m off Aotea	Kawhia
Mahimahi	21.02.12	Lisa Hurt	12.16 kgs	Cavallis	Whangarei
Mako	14.01.12	Angela Chen	60.00 kgs	Ocean Beach	Whangarei
Porbeagle					
SB Spearfish	06.01.12	Sue Woolston	28.40 kgs	Cape Brett	BOI
Skipjack	30.01.12	Aaron Blain	6.040 kgs	Mayor island	Tauranga
Slender Tuna	03.12.11	Michael Easton	5.270 kgs	Waihou Bay	Tauranga
Snapper	15.01.12	Steve Shearer	14.25 kgs	Houhora	Houhora
Striped Marlin	15.03.12	Robert Brown	177.30 kgs	Cape Brett	BOI
Thresher	Now I know there have been at least two threshers caught this season				
Tope	14.02.12	Sue Tindale	23.17 kgs	Kaipara	Whangarei
Trevally	29.07.11	Carl Savill	6.02 kgs	Houhora	Houhora
Wahoo					
Yellowfin	15.01.12	Pete Rowsell	73.60 kgs	Nine pin	Houhora
Yellowtail	17.02.12	Matthew Underwood	47.20 kgs	Rangitaira's	Mt Mgi

I have also heard rumours of a 16 kg snapper caught down the line some ways, is it true? Also through the rumour mill is there another heavier kingfish? What about the 404 kg broadbill? And has there been a decent hammerhead weighed? I think so.

This is just a reminder about Council Trophies. - These need to be applied for and must be in the hands of the Secretary of the NZSFC prior to 7th July apart from the first three which had to be notified within 24 hours:

- 1: 1st Marlin of the Season Tagged: Guy Sutherland – Bay of Islands Swordfish Club – on 4th Jan 2012
- 2: 1st Marlin of the Season Weighed: Donna Pascoe – Houhora Big Game & Sports Fishing Club – 96.60 kg – on 5th Jan 2012
- 3: Rob Dinsdale Memorial Trophy for the first Marlin of the Season – Guy Sutherland – 4.01.12

Nominations required for the following by 7th July 2012

- 4: Saul Trophy – most tagged Gamefish
- 5: The Old Man & the Sea Cup – need a short story for this one please
- 6: Lord Norrie Gold Cup – heaviest Striped Marlin
- 7: Fisherman of the Year – heaviest Game Fish
- 8: Peter & Noeline Short Memorial Trophy – most tagged billfish
- 9: The Top Junior Angler Trophy – need a short story for this one please
- 10: The Hart Trophy – for the best live marine photograph taken by an amateur photographer.

Regards

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Post Card

FROM MOSGIEL

By Mel Hollis



Greetings to readers of this newsletter, my home base is Mosgiel, I have lived and fished in this part of the world for some 41 years in all.

I've travelled extensively throughout the South Island, especially so during the last 11 years, while writing articles for the New Zealand Troutfisher magazine, as a roving reporter. Although my sea fishing adventures have been few, I have recently been given membership to the Tautuku Fishing Club and hope to increase my sea fishing adventures accordingly, should anyone have space for a small chap on their boat going spare?!!

Due to a series of bad choices in my employment over a period of 32 years in all, I now have a number of health issues that restrict my breathing and my ability to walk for as long or as far as I used to. This brought about the necessity for me to have to take premature retirement at age 51, much earlier than I had ever anticipated.

Initially I thought this would stop me from enjoying my fishing, which has always been something that has been extremely important to me, especially having a very keen fisher for a father (who owned his own fishing tackle shop, in Cornwall, England). The last 11 years however have illustrated to me that only a change in thinking was necessary and a small amount of adapting to my current situation was needed. I am now 62 years of age and although I cannot walk the rivers and streams of my youth for as long these days, I now specialize in fishing the relatively calm, still waters of stream and river mouths, ponds, reservoirs and lakes.

Constantly being amazed at just how many of these interesting waterways there are around Dunedin and the South Island, especially Central

Otago! Surprisingly, I catch more fish now in my slower, more mature years than I ever did in the days of my youth and a common thread of comment that comes through from many people that I meet up with and share some time with on the water is, "You are a lucky SOB to have all of this, only a few minutes or hours from home and to be able to enjoy it for 52 weeks of the year!".

In the past 11 years, I have written over 65 articles for the NZ Troutfisher magazine, traveling well over 100,000 kilometres in the process and I have been fortunate enough to have met up with and enjoyed the company of many other people, from the U.K, Europe, America, Canada, Japan, Australia and other parts of New Zealand. We all share the common bond or interest of fishing for trout and sometimes salmon and other fish too. We all share the enjoyment and excitement of being out there in the wilds of this clearly unique part of the world.

Simply put, the style of fishing that I now concentrate on is, stalking trout in crystal clear, shallow, calm waters and to me, it provides some of my greatest challenges and most rewarding moments, during my more than 55 years of fishing! I am not profit driven; I am not a professional guide, as I do not have the physical/mental stamina for that. I do however know of a number of highly respected and very reputable guides that I would have no hesitation in recommending to anyone at any time if asked.

Likewise, I am not a travel or accommodation agent and have nothing to gain from where you choose to visit or stay overnight! In the majority of cases during my travels, I stay in either a motor camp cabin at around \$25.00 per night or during



the summer I use my tent, camping on a lake reserve, taking my dog Misty for company.

I recently upgraded my boat and now have a Stabicraft 389 fisher - alloy pontoon with a 4 stroke – 40hp outboard motor. It is also fitted with an electric outboard motor, for cruising in the shallows round river mouths and lake shores while out stalking trout. Having the larger boat now I can also get out regularly and enjoy exploring the Otago Harbour, adding many barracouta and a salmon to my expanding quota of fish species.

I have been asked to mention some local fishing opportunities and for me, that is not difficult. Dunedin is a unique city with most people being aware of the salmon fishing available in our harbour. Surprisingly though, very few people know of or ever bother to fish, Sullivan's Dam, Southern Reservoir, Lakes Waipori and Waihola and the lower parts of the Taieri and Waipori rivers. In my mind this is a mistake as many hours of enjoyment are waiting for those who take the opportunity to get out in a small boat and take the time to explore. You could be pleasantly surprised too at the size of some of the trout, especially sea runners that you can hook into while prospecting these areas.

This time of year is a wonderful time to be out locally too, as the days are calm and frequently supply an angler with a good window of opportunity between 10am and 4pm, which is ample time for most retired folks to stretch the stiffness out of their joints and get home before dark. Just be warned though, prospecting some of

these areas can become addictive and you could become a regular visitor! If you would like to try out some local exploration for a few hours, giving this type of relaxed, but most enjoyable style of trout/salmon fishing a try, then feel free to contact me via email initially: mel.hollis@xtra.co.nz and I will be only too pleased to answer your questions.

I can only offer you good advice, based on fishing this area since 1971 and should you wish to meet up for a few hours one day to explore my home base area, my personal companionship will be yours for the asking. Should you wish to venture out a little further afield at any time, I am a regular visitor to the Central South Island and could arrange to meet up at any number of places. My daily rate is very reasonable too, either a sandwich or pie with a cup of coffee for lunch, an evening meal with a stubby of beer and maybe a tank of gas at the end of the day, should we use my vehicle and boat! I would strongly recommend that you allow at least 3-5 days though, as one day is simply not enough to explore the Waitaki Valley lakes district and about the same amount of time is needed for the Twizel/Mackenzie Country area too!

Enjoy the photographs and I look forward to hearing from some of you or maybe meeting up with some of you at some stage, somewhere around the Otago region, if you decide to come for a visit in the future, or when I come and visit your club rooms as a new member.



See the 'Backpage' for more of Mel's photos

Mel Hollis is 62 years old, a keen amateur fisherman who welcomes contact from other fishers to promote opportunities for enjoyment, friendship and good company while chasing trout/salmon and other species too!

oceans of inspiration

.exhibition



Two St Clair artists, Jason Low and Dunedin Light photographer Derek Morrison, have joined forces to hold an exhibition at The Chart Room, Hotel St Clair. Entitled, Oceans of Inspiration.

This exhibition is inspired by the passion these artists have for the South Pacific Ocean and the corner where it meets land at St Clair Beach.

Jason and Derek are connected through their passion for surfing throughout the wave-rich coastline around Dunedin. They also share similar philosophies and the parallels in their subject matter are hard to gloss over. Jason works in oil on canvas while Derek is a photographer who has drawn these images from his project: Dunedin Light – a weekly study of the beaches and beach culture of Dunedin.

They have an intimate relationship with the ocean and it is this that they hope to communicate through this exhibition. It is hoped each piece will elicit a reaction: a feeling of awe, or of peace, or of familiarity.

Lure readers are invited to **The Chart Room at Hotel St Clair** to view the work of these two **artists**.

- **Jason Low** is an established and successful local artist who excels at capturing the simplicity of the local landscape through simplifying its form while exaggerating and saturating the colours within it. It is hard to be anything but positive when standing in front of his art. Jason has been immersed in art his whole life and has been concentrating on this medium (oils on canvas) for more than twenty years. Jason combines his artistic skills with his full-time career as a graphic designer and commercial illustrator. Jason began working in the graphic design industry straight out of school. He steadily built an impressive professional portfolio within the industry and pushed his design career working with leading companies in Auckland and Dunedin. Firstly working for “New Zealand Labelmakers” logo design company in Auckland, before he moved back to **Dunedin** to work in the design department for Arthur Barnett, DIC and H&J Smiths as a junior designer and illustrator. This brought him back to his family, furthered his career and returned him to his beloved, uncrowded coastline. The main drawcard though, was to work under and learn the ropes from Stan Hopkins, one of New Zealand’s most respected creative directors in the advertising industry and one of New Zealand’s best watercolour artists. From there Jason accepted the position of senior designer at the ODT and went on to become their art director. Jason later took up a position as senior designer and illustrator to Ad Art, a top Dunedin advertising agency. In 2008 he formed his own design company, **Pitch Design**. One of Jason’s other passions is the ocean and he has been surfing the Otago coastline for nearly 30 years. Needless to say he knows this area intimately and is inspired from it daily. His outlet for conveying the joy he gets from its diverse personality is through his art. Since 2000 he has exhibited in numerous galleries throughout Otago and Southland, but these days works mainly on commission work. Jason was the Artist in Residence at the Dunedin International Airport in August-September 2011.

Presently the only place Jason exhibits is in **The Chart Room at Hotel St Clair**.

View Jason’s work here: www.pitchdesign.co.nz Contact: jason@pitchdesign.co.nz





• **Derek Morrison** is born and bred in deep rural Waikato – a farmer's son living about as far from the sea as you could get. Derek was fortunate to have a father who was passionate about photography and captured every family moment. Derek studied vet science at Massey University, but became distracted by a \$400 Canon AE-1 camera kit and a group of new friends all bent on surfing. In 1995 and 1996 Derek travelled to South Africa to surf and photograph the country's waves and then travelled north to London and into the mountains of Austria and Poland. He returned to NZ at the end of 1996 and soon took over the editorship of **NZ Surfing Magazine**. "I had no fixed abode. I was living in my car and driving throughout New Zealand, chasing swells up and down the coast and taking photos of them. I ate noodles every day, because I had no money – it all went on buying and processing Fuji Velvia transparency film. It was such a great life," he laughs. It was during one of these trips that Derek first discovered Dunedin. "I couldn't believe my eyes when I first rolled in." Derek shot more than five different locations over the course of a week and the subsequent edition of the magazine was one of the highest-selling ever. In 2000, Derek got the call from a magazine in Sydney and this is where he spent the next eight years working as a photojournalist throughout Australia. By 2008, Derek and his wife Rachael, had two young daughters, Taya and Rewa, and they'd outgrown apartment living in Dee Why Beach. They returned to St Clair, Dunedin and set up **Adventure Media Group Ltd**. In September 2011 they launched an ambitious photography project: Dunedin Light. The images in this exhibition are from Derek's work with Dunedin Light. "I wanted to capture the beauty of our city's coastline and those who play amongst it – maybe not everyone gets to see this side of Dunedin, but it's one of the city's greatest assets." This is Derek's first exhibition.

View more of Derek's work here: www.dunedinlight.com
www.derekmorrison.co.nz Contact derek@dunedinlight.com

No change in trout laws – Dunne

Laws will not be altered to allow commercial trout farming, Associate Minister of Conservation Peter Dunne said at a trout angling conference in Dunedin.

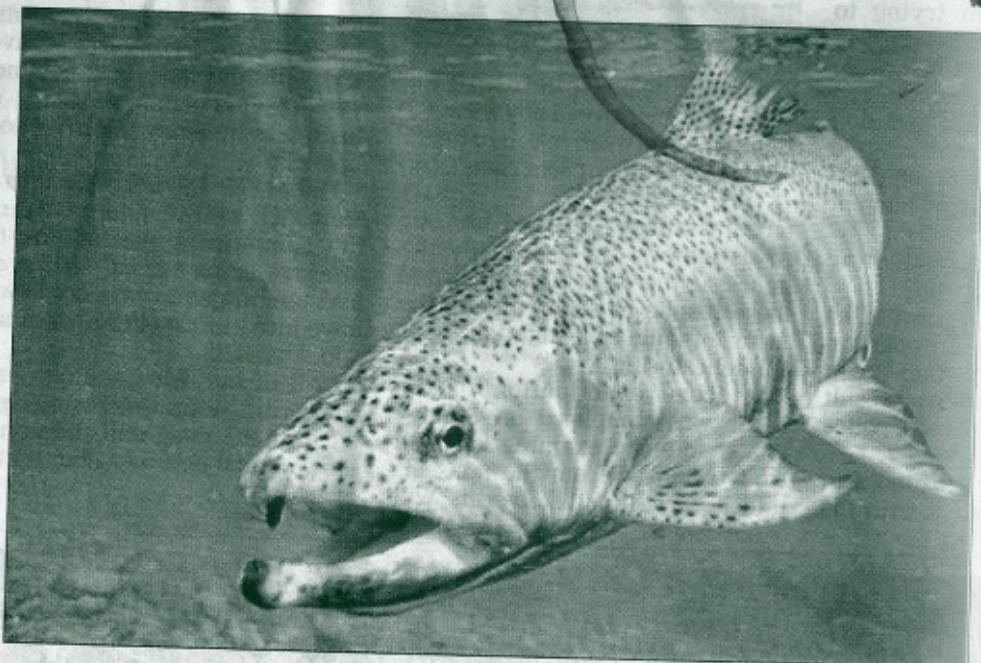
Newly elected New Zealand Federation of Fresh Water Anglers president Doug Stevens, of Wellington, and delegates welcomed the comment.

Last month Sanford managing director Eric Barratt told *The Marlborough Express* the company was lobbying for laws to be changed so trout could be farmed in areas including Marlborough.

Trout farming was a political issue in the 1970s, the anglers' federation said. Trout farming and the sale of trout was banned because it could endanger the sports fishery worth an estimated \$700 million a year.

Risks included poaching of wild stock and the spread of disease.

The conference covered issues including continuing commercialisation of public freshwater space and the public fishery.



No farming: Trout will remain a wild species.



Bath Mats Deliver Water Safety Message to 105,000 Families

Little Kayden Williams from Wainuiomata became New Zealand's 105,000th five month old to receive a free bath mat – a reminder for his parents about the importance of water safety.

Water Safety New Zealand and Plunket have – since March 2010 – been gifting bath mats and talking water safety with parents at Plunket's Well Child five-month checks - in a bid to combat New Zealand's shocking under five drowning rates.

Water Safety New Zealand chief executive Matt Claridge says the aim of the campaign is for the distribution of the bath or shower mats to begin the water safety conversation with parents early.

"47 New Zealand children under five years old have drowned during the past five years (2007-2011) and over half of these

deaths occurred in the home environment."

"By raising awareness of the statistics with parents and discussing why children must be actively supervised when in the bath or around water - that's within arms reach at all times - we're confident we can prevent future fatalities," he says.

Plunket's national child safety advisor Sue Campbell says the delivery of 105,000 bath mats is a significant milestone in a campaign that is generating a positive response.

"Families are telling us the mats are an effective visual reminder about the importance of bath and broader water safety measures and that they are generating a positive change in behaviour."

Ms Campbell says Plunket is excited about the programme's potential to help keep New Zealand's children safe around water.

"As babies become more mobile they're at increasing risk – baths, buckets and of course home pools represent significant danger. The mats provide a great vehicle to discuss water safety before these children are on the move."

Matt Claridge says 2011's terrible drowning stats -14 children under the age of five drowned – further reinforces the rationale behind the campaign.

"We can't afford to be complacent. We're confident that if we continue to hammer home the messages to parents of young children – especially, keep your child within arms reach around water – this initiative will in the longer term show some very positive results."

Encouragingly, WSNZ report that there have been no fatal bath tub incidents involving pre-schoolers to date in 2012.

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Spear fishing for Green Bone / Butterfish

By Mark Fraser

Our Club's SOUTH ISLAND CHAMP!

Greenbone also known as Butterfish, start life as female and about 50 percent later develop into males.

They are found around New Zealand, in shallow reef areas where there is abundant brown seaweed. Its length is between 30 and 75 cm, and they can weigh up to 5 kg. The name green bone comes from the color of their bones.

Green bones are larger and more abundant in the south of New Zealand. They are excellent eating fish, giving rise to their second common name butterfish.

To hunt these fish you need to look into the weed and use the light to sight the fish. Most often you will find more than one fish in an area. A great fish to practice your skills on.



The green bone is a slender fish with a pointed snout. It changes its coloration as it grows, young fish being yellow-brown with a line of white dashes down each side from the snout.

Adult females are brown with a pale band down each side, and males are grey-brown with conspicuous blue patterning on the head, flanks, and fins giving the fish an overall blue-grey appearance.



NOTES



Legal catching length is 35cm

The limit in the South East and Southland areas is 30 per person

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CATCH-N-RELEASE

The Salmon season for catching is drawing to a close, some of us have a fish, some have missed and some have had a most rewarding return and then there are those who keep harvesting well beyond their personal needs and rape the fishery.

Several Anglers have reported their Catch-N-Release success, they have bagged their personal requirements, for some this is 5 Salmon, for others they like 10 and one chap I talked to needed 15 as half of this was for his Mum who ate Salmon every week and could no longer do this as her Husband had passed away, so Son took over the role. Fair enough.

Many fish released have turned up at the Hatchery of origin and these have been tagged to prove their survival. Other Salmon at the hatchery have arrived with hook torn jaws, imbedded lures and signs of being hooked up and escaped. So never delude yourself, a released Salmon will survive, as our experience is much in favour of this. One Angler released a Salmon that had swallowed the lure so deep it could not be released, so he cut the nylon and set it free. Another Angler actually caught 6 Salmon on Colorado's from a pool and released the lot because they were becoming too ripe for harvest, now there is a Salmon Angler of the Year. Many fish returning to the hatcheries show signs of being caught and released.

On the other side there are those that catch 20, 25, 30 or more Salmon a season. Why, what happens to their fish, do they give it away, do they sell it or do they compost last seasons uneaten catch. Some justify their actions by saying I'm supporting a Charity or Home, yea give me another TUI !!! Whatever in these times those Anglers are nothing short of being outright selfish bastards without a thought for the Salmon Enhancement recovery. If you see such a person say, come on M8, release that fish as it could go and spawn and provide 3000 fry to challenge the environment and maybe 300 will return.

We spend many hours doing Ova Planting in its various forms, \$K's are being invested to improve high country spawning grounds, F&G have invested \$K's to breed hatchery fish and improve the fishery. Yet some Anglers see it as macho to rape the fishery and, in some instances, secret their catch away with guilt.

This is no longer acceptable and shame is the game, so tighten up and get real. We are better to have our own self imposed limits or licensing rules will set limits, which will really take the scope off your fishing. It's better to be free and choose than be regulated and moan.

Strong message CATCH-N-RELEASE, use crimped barbs on your hooks, convert to single hooks, play in your catch with care, release without handling and use your long nosed pliers or cut off the lure and let the fish go. Then when you've done that, reach up and pat yourself on the back - well done buddy !!!!!

Ron Stuart
President
NZ Salmon Anglers Assoc.



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