

RESPONSES TO MONTHLY QUESTIONS

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January 2017 question – What's the biggest fish story for 2016?

Response level: 2 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Bruce Murray	Got to be the collapse of the Pink Salmon return to the east Vancouver Island Streams.	Jan 3
Don Ginter	Swimming with Whale Shark in the Baja and having a second Whale Shark come out of nowhere to enter courtship with the Whale Shark I was swimming with...Terrifying! Photos on Members Page (Report: Biggest Fish Story of 2016).	Jan 14

December's question – What do you want for Christmas in the way of Fish stuff?

Response level: 2 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Bruce Murray	I want time to read and digest all the cool fish stuff I'm getting for Christmas (that my wife doesn't know about).LOL	Dec 11
Don Ginter	Nothing material in the way of rods, reels, flies, gear, etc. I would be out buying it if I wanted. But I do want better understanding of methods, what gear to use, and in general the kind of stuff Ian and others are giving us in his 'muddling along' series. That's stuff that's up to me to find and absorb so I can put it to use. And I would really like to know how to use my two-hander better.	Dec 11

November's question – Do you agree with the Cohen Commission that DFO support for fish farms is a conflict of interest and therefore should be taken out of the DFO?

Response level: 2 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Bruce Murray	Yes they can't regulate themselves look at the joke the Forestry industry is self-regulating themselves-pityful	Nov 1/16
Jack Toomer	I definitely think DFO should not be involved with fish	Nov 29

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May's Question: Do you prefer meeting at Beban Park Social Centre Room #7 or at the Rotary Club? Or is it too early to call.

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Name	Response	Date of Response

April's question – Bernie put together a series of maps from his GPS of the Somass-Sproat-Stamp-Ash River Tour similar to the one he did for the Cowichan River. When we get the private member section up to speed we will put these maps in the private members section. Until then, please respond below if you would like a copy emailed to you.

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March's Question – The Stamp River Walkabout Scheduled for March 30th --- would you prefer to walk a section of the Stamp River similar to the Cowichan Walkabout or do you prefer to drive to and learn (GPS) 14 fishing access points along the Somass, Stamp, Sproat and Ash Rivers?

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February's Question – What are you doing to get ready for Fishing 2016?

Response level: no response yet

Name	Response	Date of Response

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January's Question – What changes would you like to see in 2016 regarding management of your marine and freshwater fisheries?

Response level: no response yet

Name	Response	Date of Response

December's (2015) Question – What do you want for Christmas?

Response level: 2 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ron Schiefke	Gift certificate from Cabela's, Gone Fish'n, Wholesale Sports or Coast Sport Fish.	Mon 2015-12-07 9:48 AM
Jeorge McGladrey	A lovely fly fishing season	Sun 2015-12-06 6:54 pm

November's Question – What's your favourite November fly pattern to tie and why?

Response level: no response yet

Name	Response	Date of Response

June's to October's Question – Would like to be involved in the running of the club ie putting your name forward to be on the executive?

Response level: no response yet

Name	Response	Date of Response

May's Question – What question would you like to put to the club membership?

Response level: 1 member

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ron Schiefke	I would like to know if there are some members who would like to be involved in the running of the club ie putting their names forward to be on the executive.	Mon 2015-05-11 11:34 AM

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April's Question – – If the club organized a casting workshop/clinic, what type and level of instruction would be most helpful to you?

Response level: 6 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ron Schiefke	If it is to be single handed I would say an advanced class, but if double hand I would be a beginner.	Wed 2015-04-22 3:47 PM
Bruce Murray	Type would be single handed (double haul) and two handed distance casting at advanced level.	Tue 2015-04-21 7:11 PM
Don Ginter	If the club held a casting clinic I would find an advanced clinic best suited to my needs for single handed casting. For two handed casting I would find a beginner's clinic the best for my abilities.	Tue 2015-04-21 1:56 PM
Dwight Shultz	Spey casting beginning to intermediate	Sun 2015-04-12 2:17 PM
Ian Stewart	I would like an advanced single handed casting clinic (including double hauling) and an intermediate spey casting clinic.	Mon 2015-04-06 9:34 AM
Ron Buche	Spey casting	Sun 2015-04-05 9:31 AM

March's Question – What could the club do to make it easier for you to get out fishing more often?

Response level: 1 member

Name	Response	Date of Response
Shawn Stewart	Taking humour from my Grandfather, the late Dave Stewart, Ian Stewart's father, I think the club should expand its research into cloning. If successful, I am willing to offer myself up as the first "human subject" therefore allowing, if successful, my clone to stand in my place at work, thus letting me become a more successful fly fisherman with my ability to attend more club outings.	Sun 2015-03-01 11:58 AM

February's Question – Do you have a favourite place for fishing where you would be willing to help put together a club fish-out?

Response level: 2 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Bob Kissinger	I would be prepared to organize a fish out at the Eve for late July / early August.	Sun 2015-02-15 2:59 PM
Bruce Murray	Favourite or near favourite fishing spot for a planned fish out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring....Elk River/Buttle Lake and• September....Conuma River	Mon 2015-02-16 7:56 PM

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January 2015 Question – What is your most memorable fishing experience?

Response level: 4 members

Name	Responses	Date of Response
Ian Stewart	<p>Thought I should submit something since I was the one who suggested the question!</p> <p>My dad claimed that he inoculated all of his children with a fish hook when they were getting their childhood vaccinations. He must have got me early, because my most memorable fishing experience which hooked me for a life spent with fishing being a passion and a top priority for wasting my time, happened when I was only four. I went with the “big” brothers (2,7 and 9 years older than me) on my first fishing trip to the wharf near Balfour on the West Arm of the Kootenay Lake. Dad rigged me up with a cane rod, rickety bait casting reel and an old style linen line attached to a sinker and hook with a grasshopper threaded on. He left me near shore fishing in a back water where I wouldn’t be in danger and took the older guys out to the deeper water. I caught my first small trout before the others had even started fishing. After much yelling and carrying on, I helped Dad to dispatch the fish and settled down for another one. Two more followed each bigger than the last (I am sure at least 12 or 13 inches!) Dad was getting a bit weary from running back and forth from the deep water back to where we were sitting, so I solved his problem. The rod dipped in the water and a seriously big fish took off. I hung on for dear life, but the cane rod wasn’t up to breaking the line—the rod snapped and the fish came unhooked leaving me hanging my head. That is probably the only memory I have of my 4th year of life!</p>	
Don Ginter	While scuba diving off lagoon head at about 40' depth, shooting a 10 pound ling cod and having him make two wraps around me with the spear line. It was quite exciting too for a minute or two!	Sun 2015-01-11 9:43 AM
Bruce Murray	I can’t remember; perhaps [hopefully] it has not happened yet!....	Sun 2015-01-11 10:32 AM
Ron Busche	One early morning bucktailing off Qualicum Beach, many years ago, and hooking many but boating 4 coho and 2 springs. More recently a dusky evening on glass calm Quinsam Lake, catching and releasing countless 12” cutthroats rising for midge nymphs.	Mon 2015-01-19 9:48 AM
Bob Kissinger	Too hard to choose.Sometimes it was the fish, sometimes it was the company, sometimes it was the place and sometimes it was the method.	Sat 2015-01-24 2:32 PM

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February Question & Results:

Q: What is your favourite dry fly?

Response level: 16 members

A: Tom Thumb (30%); Adams (18% including Parachute); Elk/deer hair Caddis (11%); Klinkhammer (11%); and single entries included Grey Wolf; Silver Brown; March Brown; Butt Ugly and Simulator

March's Question – What is your favourite target fish?

Response level: 8 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Gordon Sharrock	Rainbow trout	Sat Mar 8
Dennis Mullins	coho for sure!!!!	Sun Mar 9
Don Ginter	Pink salmon	Mon Mar 10
Bob Leverman	Rainbow trout	Mon Mar 10
Wayne Pealo	steelhead	Mon Mar 10
Ron Busche	Cutthroat trout	Mon Mar 17
Calvin Tant	Steelies By far the best # for #; Easy to catch but finding them is the trick)	Sat Mar 29
Harry McLeod	Pinks	Sun April 6

April's Question - What's your main focus for this month's fishing activities/preparations?

Response level: 4 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ian	I am focusing on fishing the lakes in the Nanaimo area as they gradually warm up and the fishing improves. I also am tying flies and getting equipment ready for a trip to Cranbrook at the beginning of May to fish with my brother.	April 13th
Dennis	My main focus in April/May is lower elevation lake fishing.	April 13th
Bob Kissinger	Main fishing focus will be fishing the local lakes with maybe a trip into Rhinehart towards the end of the month.	April 14th
Don Ginter	It will be mostly the local lakes that have been stocked. Westwood, Green, First Nanaimo lake, Divers, etc. for trout.	Wed 4/23

May's question – What's your advice on line and fly combinations for spring fishing local lakes?

Response level: 4 members

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Name	Response	Date of Response
Ron Busche	full sink lines with leeches, muddlers and minnow patterns like the Silver Brown.	May 4
Don and Heather	A floating line if possible with a leader long enough to get the fly down to where the fish are. A weighted fly helps. A floating line is always going to be easier to lift out of the water in order to cast to rises.	May 4
Dennis Mullins	one floating line with tom thumb or emerged type fly and one sinking line (int. to #6) with pumpkin head, leach, dragon worm or bead-head crono— — —can't miss.	May 4
Bob Leverman	<p>Line choice is density compensated full sinking – type 4 5 weight rod and line Short tippet – 3 feet, 3 to 5 pound Non-slip mono loop knot or Mustad snap Various small leeches (size 6 or 8 on 9671 or 9672), black Doc Spratley (size 12 or 14 [sometimes going down to size 16] on 9671), dragonfly nymph (Darner type, size 6 or 8 on 9671 or 9672)</p> <p>Fishing usually in 10 to 15 feet water, out from the weeds, using count-down method, unless fish are seen dimpling near the weeds, and if so then change to slime line and focus on the Doc Spratley, slow and erratic retrieve.</p> <p>If absolutely necessary, then switch to floating line, 12 to 15 foot leader and 3 to 6 foot tippet, to use chironomids and indicator. Non-slip mono loop knot. Small chironomids, sizes 14 to 18, starting with black, then brown, then olive. Black with red is good. Always bead head – too impatient to wait any longer than necessary. Painfully slow retrieve – actually just to keep the slack out of the line. Rod tip right in the water, pointing directly at the indicator. Stretch your fly line first so it lies straight.</p> <p>Always go with 2 rods rigged, so can switch from sinking to floating by grabbing the other rod, then can switch to dry as circumstances permit.</p>	May 5

June's question – What's your advice on line type, rod size and fly combinations for local cutthroat fishing?

Response level: 1 member

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ron Schiefke	For salt water off the beach: floating line, for rivers: depending on depth and flow anything from floating to # 6 tips.	Sun 6/22/2014

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July's question –What's your advice regarding best tide and weather conditions, and time of day for fishing salmon?

Response level: 3 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Don Ginter	The only time I've observed that salmon fishing was much better than any time was on two occasions when the fishing was very good on a hot calm day, beginning at the lowest tide for the day and continuing for one or two hours after. Those low tides occurred at around 1p.m. or 2 p.m. Otherwise I've found no real difference that I could comment upon.	Sun 7/6/2014
Bob Kissinger	In the past when I fished coho in the ocean off Nanaimo I found the about an hour before to an hour after low tide seemed be best especially if that occurred close to day break. When river fishing for salmon I like to start fishing about half an hour before low tide as the fresh fish will come in with the rising tide. The only weather consideration that I have is wind as it can make it too rough to be on the ocean or too tough to cast from a river bank.	Tue 7/15/2014
Dennis Mullins	ANYTIME !	Tue 7/15/2014

August's question –The question: What are your preferred types of salmon for fishing, eating fresh and for preserving?

Response level: 5 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Bob Kissinger	As I have yet to meet a fish that I haven't liked that is also true for the various salmon species. I have a soft spot for pinks as they are so user friendly. Smoked, fresh, or canned with a bit of smoke are all good. They are also the reason that I got into fly fishing. Coho are also user friendly and are lovely fresh, smoked or canned. Chinooks are impressive especially a 30 pounder on a fly rod. Again lovely fresh, especially stuffed and baked, also smoked or canned is nice.	Sun 8/3/2014

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	<p>Sockeye- haven't had that much experience catching them but again great on the table etc.</p> <p>Chum- up until a few years ago I wouldn't have walked across the road to catch a chum. However since catching some bright one at the club's "chum fest" I have come to appreciate them for the sporting qualities as well as for their table fair. Fresh with a picatta or a spumate sauce they are good, smoked is nice and if canning then a little smoke before canning works wonders. Their roe is also the perfect size and flavour for red caviar.</p> <p>As I said they are all great.</p>	
<p>Don Ginter</p>	<p>For fishing?</p> <p>In the following order:</p> <p>Pinks for sheer number and that you could easily have a 30 fish day if your method is correct and the fish are there in big numbers.</p> <p>Coho for the excitement of catching what I would say is the strongest salmon pound for pound.</p> <p>Chum salmon for the average large size of the fish.</p> <p>For eating fresh?</p> <p>Coho salmon.</p> <p>For preserving?</p> <p>I would consider Pink salmon as good as any for smoking.</p> <p>I would also consider Coho better for canning than Pink or Chum.</p> <p>I haven't mentioned Sockeye because I hardly consider them to be a sport fish on rod and reel, however I think it's undeniably the best grade of salmon for nearly all purposes.</p>	<p>Mon 8/4/2014</p>
<p>Lloyd Erickson</p>	<p>I like coho (bluebacks), sockeye, and spring salmon best. Some runs or timing of catching fish results in differences, so I can't determine preference between those 3.</p>	<p>Mon 8/4/2014</p>
<p>Ian Stewart</p>	<p>I enjoy eating any of the salmon fresh but my all-time favourite has to be fresh sockeye barbecued after a short marinade in olive oil, salt and pepper. Should be cooked until still a bit pink in the middle then removed from barbecue--it will finish cooking on the way to the plate! Sockeye is most forgiving for being overcooked. It seems to be delicious no matter what you do to it!</p> <p>Chum is great for smoking, but a fresh run fish that still has firm belly walls and a pink colour to the flesh is really good barbecued or baked. The more contact the chum has with fresh water the slimier it gets and it becomes really important</p>	<p>Sun 8/10/2014</p>

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	<p>to skin it before you cook it or it will have an unpleasant flavour.</p> <p>Pink salmon has to be treated with the most care because it is very quick to spoil if not put on ice soon after being caught. Properly handled and prepared, it has a flavour all its own and is delicious.</p> <p>Chinook and coho are good prepared in just about any way including smoking but I prefer not to eat those that have gone into fresh water or are even getting close to fresh water. I believe the flavour is vastly inferior to that of ocean caught fish!</p>	
Wayne Pealo	Fishing-coho, eating-sockeye/spring, preserving-smoked pink	Sun 8/17/2014

September’s question –The question: Are there new outings that you would like to suggest where members could fish or explore fishing related topics?

Response level: 2 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ron Schiefke	I would like to see us going to such rivers as the Gold and Conuma (may happen this Fall) Ron	Thu 9/18/2014
Ron Busche	I would like to explore more of the rivers on the island, especially those rivers north of Campbell river, mainly for steelhead but also for cutthroat or rainbow.	Mon 9/22/2014

October’s question –What new fishing related topics/presentations would you like the club to explore for the monthly meetings?

Response level: 5 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ian Stewart	<p>I would like to see us do some of the following presentations:</p> <p>A. Beach fishing for coho . . . could be by a club member or a guest speaker</p> <p>B. "Stations" approach with four topics presented by club members or guests on the following topics with members rotating through the presentations which would be limited to 10 to 15 minutes each. Preferably the presentations would be hands on:</p>	Tue 10/7/2014

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Useful knots for fly fishermen 2. Rigging your fly line for chironomid fishing 3. Rigging your fly line for trout bead fishing 4. Maintenance of fly rods, reels and lines <p>These are some possible topics, but I am sure there would be many more. There is a lot of fishing expertise in this club! (Some other topics which come to mind are: Fishing specific lakes and rivers in the Nanaimo area . . . each presenter could do 2 or 3 lakes or rivers, tying different types of flies (we could have people bring their own equipment or use the club equipment)</p>	
John Bane	Instruction on the usefulness of a GPS	Wed 10/22/2014
Lance Mitchell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watershed restoration projects on Van Isle streams. 2. Land Based Salmon Aquaculture (progress on the one on Van Isle). 3. Steelhead Angling on Van Isle 4. Alpine Fly fishing in Strathcona Provincial Park. 	Sun 10/26/2014
Bruce Murray	Trout bead fly fishing mechanics with trout beads included making your own beads presented by our own Wayne Pealo.	Thu 10/30/2014
Ron Busche	I would like to know the present situation for steelhead on Vancouver Island including historical steelhead counts for all island streams, hatchery activity, stream restoration, stream fertilization, future plans, etc.	Thu 10/30/2014

November’s question –What advice or input can you offer with respect to activities and programs outlined in the responses to the September and October monthly questions?

Response level: 1 member

Name	Response	Date of Response
Don Ginter	I think all of the ideas mentioned would work for a meeting. I would suggest canvassing the next directors meeting for volunteers who would do each of those and perhaps others which could come up. We could also ask at the next membership meeting for volunteers who would be willing to put on a session. Or, names may come up at the directors meeting of some members with expertise who we could contact.	Sun 11/9/2014
Don Ginter	I would like to see all these ideas considered and that the best way to get that done would be to form a planning committee	Sun 11/23/2014

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	to work on implementing some or all of them. Ron Busche, Dennis Mullins, Wayne Pealo, and I have already met in an informal way to deal with ideas for a club agenda but I think this sort of work needs to be ongoing with a committee of specific members being named.	

December's question –What advice or input can you offer with respect to activities and programs outlined in the responses to the September and October monthly questions?

Response level: 3 members

Name	Response	Date of Response
Ian Stewart	What is your most memorable fishing experience?	Sun 11/30/2014
Don Ginter	I would like to ask the club members, especially those club members who haven't been actively involved in club activities, if any of them have favourite places for fishing where they would be willing to help put together a club fishout.	Sun 12/7/2014
Lloyd Erickson	What could the club do to make it easier for you to get out fishing more often?	Sun 2014-12-14