

NDSS fly tying workshop and swap and shop

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Two notices for the Bulletin Board:

Notice 1

To all IWFFers involved (or not involved yet!) with the workshop at the NDSS outdoor ed class starting on Wednesday April 5 and going for the next 3 consecutive Wednesdays.

1. Please come out to any or all of the Wednesdays . . . even if you can only make one, it will be a big help. Right now Ian is running the fly tying section and demonstrating the flies on the computer projector. The helpers will work with 2 or 3 students to answer questions and to assist with any problems which might arise. Helpers do not have to bring their own equipment . . . there will be enough vises, bobbins, whip finishers and scissors for each of the students involved. Bring a pair of small pliers if you have them to show the kids how to crimp the barbs before they start tying. Even though most fresh water lakes allow barbed hooks, I would prefer to emphasize the importance of catch and release fishing and how much better it is for the fish to use barbless hooks if they are being released. All the hooks, feathers and other materials are being provided by Super Fly and the IWFF club.
2. Don Ginter is leading the fly casting workshop. At the moment it looks like the casting will be outside come rain or shine (I am trying to arrange gym time if the weather is bad, but no guarantees that will happen.) All helpers should wear glasses of some kind and a hat. As with the fly tying, you do not have to bring your own rod . . . each student will have a rod of their own to use and your job is to help them grasp the basics of an overhand cast and a roll cast. Follow Don's lead on that please!
3. We will meet just inside the entrance of NDSS (facing Wakesiah Avenue, beside the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre) at 8 AM each Wednesday. If you miss the main group, let the office staff know and they will be able to contact the teacher and get him to send a student down to direct you to the classroom. Be sure to check in at the office even if you know your way to the classroom on the second floor of the Library Tower.
4. I am encouraging all helpers on the fly tying section to help the kids tie their first fly following the Ian's lead and the directions in their handout. We hope to get around to allowing them to tie three flies . . . if there is time, you could show them some alternate flies along the same lines. We will tie Woolly Buggers, Brown Hackle Dry Flies and Pink Handlebar Flies.
5. Anyone who did not get the student fly fishing package and would like one, please let me know and I will email one to you.

You can park in any spaces for the Nanaimo Aquatic centre (the ones that don't say Staff Only).

Notice 2

The annual swap and shop will be held at NDSS from 930 to 230 on Saturday April 8. It will be held in the Big Gym (entrance close to the Wakesiah entrance of the NAC.) There will be quite a few tables there that will be of interest to fly fishing types. We have 3 tables booked for the club . . . one for demonstration fly tying by Gerry Stevens and John Ellis and two to sell items as a fund raiser for the club. If you have any equipment, materials, outdoor gear of any type (not just fly fishing) and wish to donate it to the cause, let me know (iandalestew@shaw.ca) and I can arrange to have it picked up or you could drop it off in the morning of the sale then have a look around at all the bargains yourself! Please label what you think is a fair price on the items you donate.

If you wish to sell things for your own you can book a table for \$20. Contact the person in charge "Franjo Crnkovic" <fcrnkovic@sd68.bc.ca>

Thanks,

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