

# ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



**Quennell Lake Special - see page 3**



**Woven fly tied by Keith MacDonald**

**The Island Waters Fly Fishers  
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The Purpose of our club is as follows:

- To practice, further and promote the art of fly fishing
- To practice and promote fish conservation and enhancement
- To encourage fellowship and sportsmanship amongst anglers

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Meetings on 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome. Phone 754-3650



The British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers (BCFFF) is a registered, non-profit society whose main objective is to promote the conservation of the fishing environment in British Columbia. By networking with similarly minded clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals, the BCFFF provides a voice that reflects its member's and the public's concern for the future of B.C.'s natural resources. Our organization believes that concern for the future of our province's environment is not just the exclusive domain of fly fishers or other recreation groups, but should be the concern of all citizens. Consequently, it is with this broader population in mind that we strive to protect and promote our natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations to respect and enjoy.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I sincerely hope that you and yours have had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. Big changes this year in our Island Waters Club. Lots of well deserved retirements from our executive and the infusion of several new people and many new ideas and I don't think anything could be healthier. I'm looking forward to the challenge of this coming year and all the good things that are bound to happen with all our new and enthusiastic talent. My thanks to our previous executive and all their hard work that has made our club fun and interesting. My regrets that I will be unable to attend our January general meeting but the sunshine and warmth of Puerto Vallarta calls and I must force myself to lie on the sand under my cabana sipping sarsaparilla. Happy New Year to you all. See you in February. Adios.

Dave

## Calendar of Events

**January 28, 2003 - We welcome back Bill Luscombe, Bill's topic will be fishing Vancouver Island.**

**February 25, 2003 - John O'Brien on a topic to be determined. Please let John know what topic you wish to be discussed or presented.**



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**November 30, 2002**

The annual Christmas was held at Branch 257 Legion in Lantzville and catered by the Ladies Auxiliary. As expected the ladies did a wonderful job, the food and service was outstanding.

There was 70 personal attending and as usual all had a good time. The highlight of the evening was the auction and our very entertaining auctioneer and honorary member, Ian Forbes, who managed to squeeze the maximum amount of money for each and every item. A special thanks to all members who generously donated many valuable items and in particular, Craig from Sealand Tackle who donated a float tube, waders and flippers.

The Raffle for two night accommodation and meals at "The Maclure House" was won by Ray Garton. Have an enjoyable getaway weekend.

The following presentations were made:

A selection of flies tied by our President Dave Connolly was presented to the executive. (Every fly is guaranteed to be a fish killer)

The Photography Award and the Bill Brown award for Newsletter article was presented to Roy Sorenson

The award for "member of the year" was presented to Steve Wawrykow

submitted by Doug Winters  
Thanks Doug

**Left: Keith MacDonald** ties liquid lace chironomids at a fly tying session. Sessions are being held at Ray Brunt's, 1847 Meredith Rd on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30. Our evening sessions will be held at Harold Tinling's, 4182 Verte Place on the second and fourth Thursday at 7:30.



### **Quennell Lake fall special**

Tied by Ron Foster

Written by John R. O'Brien

**Hook** L56 Eagle Claw or heavy wire scud hook # 6-8

**Thread** 8/0 nylon or dark green

**Tag and rib** fine gold mylar tinsel

**Body** olive green seal fur or substitute

**Hackle** Metz #2 grizzly dyed green

**Thorax** Gold seal fur or substitute

#### **Instructions:**

Slide bead over hook point after crushing barb down. Then tie in fine gold tinsel mylar half way down bend of the hook. Dub (loop method) seal fur and wind forward to shape body. Tie in dyed grizzly saddle hackle tip first, wind three or four times tightly together tie down and dub gold seal fur and wind to bead then whip finish.

#### **Fishing tips:**

Fly fisher and fly tier and good friend Ron Foster proved this fly in Nov and Dec 2002 by showing me the pattern which I fully intended to fish on the first week of Dec but, on the day chosen to go, the monsoons arrived and I never did make it fishing. But I did give one of these flies to one of my customers. A few days later he came back and dropped off a case of beer and thanked me for the tip and that he had a great day fishing on Quennell Lake. Ron has caught many fish on this fly there as well the biggest about 51bs. Try trolling or slow steady retrieve with type II uniform sink or wet tip. It either imitates a cased caddis or a boatman. All the trout were feeding on blood worms. Go figure.



### **Fly Casting Sessions**

Just learning to cast? Have you always wondered how you can improve your casting?? You can do both with our own **John O'Brien** on Sunday Afternoons at 2 PM behind the Crow and Gate Pub in Cedar. Check in with John at Sealand Tackle before 10 AM.

### **Notice to all Members**

**Membership fees are now due for 2003. Bring your payment to treasurer Harold Tinling at the next meeting. Deadline for continuing to receive newsletters is the February meeting.**



# 2002 Banquet and Auction

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Thanks to Doug Winters for doing his usual fine job as Entertainment Chairman in planning and arranging for this year's Banquet and Auction. You have set a fine standard. Thanks to Jeanne for making sure Doug had not forgotten anything.



**ABOVE:**  
Former President Don Clarke Swears in the new executive for 2003

**LEFT: From Right to Left:**

President Dave Connolly,  
Vice-President Keith MacDonald,  
Director Ray Honig,  
Director Hale Yardley.



**From left to right:**

Treasurer Harold Tining,  
Director Bill McColl,  
Director Wayne Legge,  
Director Bruce Cumming, and  
Director John O'Brien.

Not Available for photos were  
Secretary Frank Perilli and  
Director Bernie Heinrichs.





President Dave Connolly hands out awards to the past executive : Harold Tinling, Hale Yardley, Doug Winters, Don Clarke (hidden), Steve Wawrykow and Bob Crampton.

Thanks to Bob for his contributions as Program Committee chairman for the past three years or so.



Bruce Cumming, Harold Tinling, Hale Yardley, Doug Winters and Don Clarke receive a word of appreciation as well from President Dave.



Dave presents awards to Larry Miller in appreciation for his work as Fly Tying Co-ordinator and to Bill McColl for his work as the Coffee Committee and Door Opener.



Steve Wawrykow receives Member of the Year Award from President Dave Connolly.



Don Clarke Presents Roy Sorensen the Photo Contest Award





Newsletter Editor Steve presents Roy Sorensen with the **BILL BROWN AWARD** for his contributions to the newsletters



Honorary Member Ian Forbes once again was the auctioneer. Thanks Ian.



**Bill & Lenie Brown**



**Don & Dorothy Clarke**



**Ray & Sonia Brunt**



**Ray & Pat Garton**





**Matt & Bonnie Hapaala**



**Ian Forbes and Steve chat at John O'Briens table.**



**Ray & Joan Honig**



**Dick and Gail Johnson**



**Paul & Linda Inscho**



**Keith & Sharon MacDonald**





**Bill & Fran McColl**



**John & Marge Snook**



**Larry & Roberta Miller**



**Harold & Mary Tining**

These were pictures taken at the banquet and auction night. Sorry if we missed you. Must have been too busy partying. Steve



**Tom & Brenda Ramshaw**



**Take a kid fishing this year.**



**“Western Canadian Fly Fishing Exposition** will take place in two locations:

Calgary’s Max Bell Centre on February 7 - 9, 2003  
Kelowna Curling Club on April 25 - 27, 2003

Exhibitors will include shops, guides, manufacturing reps and more. Hosts for the event will be Don Freschi and Grant Fines from **Sport Fishing on the Fly**

Various advertising is taking place but we wanted to make sure that all fly fishing clubs were made aware of the events. Details are available on our web site [www.flyfishingevents.com](http://www.flyfishingevents.com) The site is constantly being updated so visit it often.

Calgary’s show will feature guest speakers Brian Chan, Phil Rowley, Kathy Ruddick and Jim McClennan. Many featured tiers including Rick Whorwood and Don Freschi will start each hour demonstrating the tying of various special flies. Special seminars will also be available for a fee.

Kelowna’s featured speakers will be Brian Chan, Shawn Bennett and Ian Forbes. Tiers and seminar presenters are currently being arranged.

Please inform your members and email us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Best wishes for continued recovery from surgery to club secretary Frank Perilli. We are sure Frank is glad to be home for some good home cooking.**



### **CROCHETED FLIES**

Hooks: #4 to #12 (#4 for Dragon Nymphs, #12 for Mayflies).

Prime hook shank with a layer of 6/0 black thread. If desired, tie in a tail.

Build up a body by tying on a light color embroidery thread and wrapping it around the hook from the bend to within 1/8" of the eye. Build up the thorax area.

Soak the body with head cement and squeeze it flat with pliers.

Tie on legs or wings to the back.

Proceed with crocheting as follows:

#### **Hints:**

- Always lay the dark thread on top of the fly.
- The crochet hook goes over the thread, under the fly body, and pulls the light thread through the loop before coming under the fly.
- Ensure that there is a knot or closed loop at each side of the fly.

1. Lay the dark thread over the fly and form a loop on the opposite side of the light thread.
2. Lay the dark thread over the light thread.
3. Guide the crochet hook over the dark thread (on the loop side), under the body of the fly, over the dark thread (on the side of the light thread), catch the light thread and pull it through.
4. Repeat steps 1,2,3 except that the threads are on the opposite sides of the fly - the crochet hook still follows the same over, under, over path but in the opposite direction.
5. Ensure that the threads are pulled tightly after each knot is completed.
6. Tie off the loose threads.

Tie on hackles or legs and build up the head with

## FLY WITH THE GUYS

by Roy Sorensen

Today is the first Sunday in April and the first serious lake fishing trip of the year. It's just me and the guys. Two of my friends and I had planned this trip a few weeks ago, for just us—no wives, no kids—only single minded of purpose and deed in our quest for some large trout in one of our favorite lakes. We had watched the weather forecast in anticipation of the day before us. The early morning sky is clear and only a 30% chance of rain. It's a go.

Being the first trip of the year, aside from the odd little outing with the kids, meant that a few items would be forgotten. Items such as Polaroids, hats, fishing licences etc. were the norm for this morning. Before breakfast and fishing it was a bit of a mad dash around town to find fishing licences for the two of us, whom were told the night before by our third stalwart companion. With all the preliminary hoop-de-do out of the way we were finally on our way. Two hours after the early morning get together we arrive at the lake. The water is calm, clear and looking very fishy indeed. My heart rate went up a little as I anxiously rig the boat and gear. I had also just commented on the fact that in 20 years I had never been checked by a Conservation Officer on this lake, as one drives down the road to greet us. We are checked with no problems. So be forewarned, they are out there.

We all start out trolling Leach patterns when my friend John is snapped off by a very large fish. Unfortunately, he is using only a 4lb. tippet which proves a tad to light. At this point I make sure I have on a 6lb. tippet. The three of us troll around for awhile longer before we see a few fish rising off a weedy shoal in the end of a small bay. Upon anchoring up in the shallow water in readiness to cast out over into the deep water, we take account of the insect life beginning to hatch. A few

sedges are coming off the surface film. Caddis Fly nymphs seem to be the obvious choice. I begin to cast and work the shoal in a 180 degree sweep in order to cover the drop-off in the most effective way. I am hoping to catch one of the large Cutthroats that cruise the edge of the dark water in search of food. A fish rises about 80ft. to my left. A couple of quick casts are made in its direction, in anticipation of the fish working his way toward me. The line tightens and the battle is on. After three long runs and alot of head shaking, a beautifully colored 4lb. Cutthroat comes to the boat. A speedy photo is taken and the fish promptly released.

Tom, John and myself enjoyed a wonderful day on lake. We caught and released 4 fish between 2 and 5lbs. We had each brought our own boat, which gave us the opportunity to fish in the manner we liked; and this gave us the solitude we needed in order devote our total and undivided concentration on fishing. We were still able to chat back and forth once in a while and have a few laughs at each others' expense, when one of us goofed up. There was over six hours of non-stop fishing. I'm not sure the smile ever left my face.

It all sounds very selfish, and indeed it is. This type of fishing, however, enables one to relieve stress and forget about work and family pressures, and helps you go home with a better attitude and outlook on life. I would highly recommend that everyone take the odd trip by himself, or with the guys. You need it as much as your family does.

When I arrived at home, a little bit early I might add. My kids had had a great day playing over at a friend's house. My wife had gone out for brunch with some friends and just puttered the day away. We all felt good and were glad to see each other. It was a great day. So, if anybody ever complains about you going fishing with the guys, simply explain that they need it as much as you do. **Another story from Roy's Archives - Thanks!**