

# ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



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1932 Ebony Reel



Modern Hardy Reel

**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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## Westwood Lake Fishout



Larry Miller going after the “Big One”



Left to Right: Gerry Stevens, Ron Moll, Larry Miller, Gerry Hutchinson, Ralph Carlson, Paul Inscho, Chris Depka and son Mathew enjoying Larry’s superb hot dogs. Thank you Larry for the great job organizing and providing. Even the trout and bass were co-operating.



Mathew Depka: “Com’on Dad let’s go fishing”



Bernie Heinrichs, Mary Tinling, Isobel Heinrichs, Larry and Roberta Miller, Pat and Ray Garton digesting the Pot Luck Supper after a strenuous day of intense fishing.



## More Westwood Lake



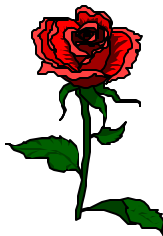
Lynda and Pat Morrison heading out for a little fishing with Poco. Ask Pat or Lynda about the 13 incher that just about got away. Don't ask Gerry Stevens - he was laughing too hard to be able to describe it very well.



Pat and Ray Garton - great fly fishers and a fine couple.

## Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Ray Brunt and his family after the passing on of Sonia. We will miss her hospitality and good sense of humour at the fly tying sessions and other functions



## Bernie's Banterings

I was really impressed with Dave Connolly's interview in the May, 2003 newsletter - especially the description of his biggest fish. He landed a young female water skier on the Fraser River while casting for sturgeon, then married her a year later. It was just a little too incredible but I am a trusting person - bordering on gullibility. Who am I to doubt someone with Dave's credentials? My remark to him was carefully crafted. "That biggest fish story is going to be hard to beat in subsequent interviews" I stated. "Yeah", Dave responded, "it won me a trophy at the liar's contest". I was devastated! This remarkably romantic story was a fabrication! But I should have known - belonging to this club means associating with fishers and fly fishers to boot!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE 24, 2003

The last regular meeting for the summer will be held at the Ukrainian Hall at 7:30pm.

### Summer Barbeque



Will be held July 27th at Bob and Linda Crampton's, 935 Howard Ave. For those of you who prefer to bring their own meat, we will provide the BBQ's for your use.

## Invitation to the Oyster River Fishout

From:

Bob Hammersley  
President Comox Valley Flyfishers  
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Dear Club President:

Greetings from the Comox Valley Fly fishers. Many of our members have expressed an interest in sharing the experience of fly fishing with members of our sister clubs. We would like to propose such a venture to your members.

As you may or may not know the beaches and rivers in our area are host to normally a very good run of pink salmon and this year is predicted to be a large run. They are very sporty on a trout rod and can be caught in waders from the beach.

The local run in the OYSTER R. is enhanced by the hatchery run by the Oyster River Enhancement Society who are situated on the upper Oyster R. on property owned by UBC farms. Our club has received permission to use these facilities and camp there on the 8,9&10 of August. We would like to host any of your members who would like to camp out and fish pinks with us. There are no amenities with the exception of an outhouse and the use of the hatchery club house so one must be self contained. There are lots of good spots to camp near the club house which will be action central for bbqs and fire pit etc.

The property is isolated and gated so we will have the whole area to ourselves. The river should hold some fish as well but the main action will be on the beaches. Bring your fly tying kit and tie some of the local patterns with us and show us some of yours.

The gate will be manned from 5 o'clock on

Friday 8 Aug and we will work out times to come and go from the property. The easiest access is from the new island highway using the Hamm road exit which leads to Black Creek. It is past the Courtenay exits and is exit 144. Hamm road is taken to Macaulay road turn left and watch for the gate which is signed and just past the Bear Creek Ranch which is hard to miss.

Campers have been asked to sign a waiver absolving UBC of any responsibility and we will have that ready. There are stores and several pubs in the vicinity as well as more formal camping hookups at Salmon Point and Pacific Playgrounds at the mouth of the Oyster

Hope you can come. If you have any questions call me at 250-897-3506 or fax 897-3544.

Cheers: BOB

## Raffle



This limited edition print, "Fall Run" by Bruce Muir was donated by Sealand Tackle and could be yours if you get a raffle ticket. The draw will be at the June 24, 2003 meeting.

## May 27, 2003 Meeting



Gerry Hutchinson, left accepting his prize from the Gilly Draw superbly conducted by Ray Honig.



Steve Wawrykow, left was the winner of the fly draw. Bruce Cummings filled in for Harold Tinling.

### Gilly Reports

The Gilly at the May meeting had a number of good fishing reports and an attempt to capture some of them is presented here. Our apologies if the names are mixed up and everything is not accurate. But, you must remember: when you belong to a fishing club the truth is not of prime importance.

Bob Crampton lucked out on two (fish?) on Lake Cowichan "using a worm imitation on a tractor pattern" - that is how he stated it!

Wayne Legg admitted that the fishing was slow on Boomerang but had fun watching a family of Otters. Otter lovers take note.

Bruce Cummings' propellor fly hooked a 20 in. Rainbow at our fishout at Taylor Arm. His "keep it simple" hook consisting of only green chrysal flash was successful at Nanoose Bay.

Chris Depka and Bernie Heinrichs were rewarded with good Rainbow action at Panther Lake. Olive Shrimp, green Woolly Buggers and mosquito dry flies all worked well. Why were the fish leaping so high out of the water? Lice? Five fly fishers trekked for 20 minutes and waded across a stream but were met by a couple of 4X4's who came in on a newly opened logging road. So, if you do not care about bumps and scratches on your vehicle, there is now a way to drive in.

Paul Inscho holds bragging rights for the most fish caught by 18 club attendees at the Taylor Arm Fishout. Both were caught on leeches - a black one with red ribbing and a burgundy one.

Doug Evans proved that there are fish in Cather's Lake by using a Black Leech.

Gerry Stevens questioned Paul's prowess with the rod at Taylor Arm by also claiming two Rainbows. He did not disclose his choice of weapons. "Crystal Lake is producing 10 inch cutties now" Gerry stated.

Andrew Van Schie, a guest, was pleased with production out of Taylor Arm but was not there on the club's fishout. He found 12 inch Rainbows in Long Lake and a 22 pound Salmon (not in Long Lake). Since Andrew is not a member, he was listened to with great intent - guests generally do not lie.

Ray Wells was able to put one into the boat and one up to the boat in Green Lake. One what?

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Ron Moll advised against going to Layton (Leighton?). Boats have capsized in this lake. He vowed that all those flies and gear will be recovered with a judiciously placed net.

Ed Kilner popped over 25 fish out of Loon Lake on Highway 4 last April. His ego was deflated the following weekend when he was skunked!

## May Meeting Presentation The Hardy Reel - History and Display



Brian Tutty, left, showing one of his Hardy reels to us and Terry Gjerness. They are biologists with the Pacific Biological Station and did a great job to explain the evolution of the Hardy Reel through the display of over 25 reels. The House of Hardy Catalogue stated that the Hardy brothers started to build their first split bamboo cane rod during the 1880's in Alnwick, England. It's flexibility and responsiveness was ideal for false casting. During the same time they also developed and patented a reel with ball bearings called the "Perfect Reel". As a result, dry-fly fishing became very popular in Britain. Today the company has invested over \$32,000,000 in modern CNC lathes to continue their tradition of high quality products.



Brian Tutty's \$15,000+ collection of Hardy Reels on display at the May meeting. His oldest is a 1903 model in the center front. A wooden one is in the right row at the front.



Pat Morrison, left, checks out the Hardy Reel collection while Terry Gjerness, centre (Hardy's service rep.) answers Doug Evans' query about his presentation.



Only 70 of these ebony, 1932 Cascapedia Salmon Fly Reels were manufactured and have since been sold for over \$20,000 at auction.

## An Interview with Steve Wawrykow

### How long have you been fishing?

I started fishing in Alberta over 40 years ago. I started with a borrowed level wind reel and fished for Pike. Later I fished for Perch and Walleye with spincast reels. In 1965 I purchased a Mitchell 300 spinning reel and rod. I still have the rod today but I wore out the gears in the reel.

### Fly-fishing?

I read about fly fishing and purchased some flies. I think they were black gnats and a few Spratleys. I did have a muddler minnow in my collection of 25 flies. We used the flies for Grayling the Swan Hills of Alberta. We tied a leader to a "bubble" filled with water and drifted the flies through runs of the rivers. We were quite successful.

I fished the South Ram near Rocky Mountain House mainly with spinners like Mepps and Panther Martins. I was fishing a slot, which held a rather large Cutthroat (Eastslope). It refused my lures but kept slurping down grasshoppers as they drifted the river. I decided to try the flies. I tied on one fly after the other. All I had to do is flick the fly out about ten feet (3 Meters). The fish kept rising and on a couple of occasions I thought it inhaled my offerings. But with each slurp it would drift back to its "hold" in the slot. I tied on my last fly (the muddler) and decided that if I were unsuccessful I would move on and join my friend further down the river. Lo and behold the fish took Hold!! It was the length of my forearm and went over 2 Kilos (4 lbs.). My friend "netted" it with his baseball cap. It was then I decided I would purchase a fly rod.



### How did you get started? Where?

I started by purchasing a package deal of a reel and rod. I believe the reel was a Phleuger and I had it until I lost it in Fuller Lake a few years ago. The rod would give me a sore elbow after an hour or two. It was a horrid outfit to fly cast with. I had no lessons and sort of flayed away. I didn't need long casts to fish for grayling and most of my fishing was on small streams.

My first fishing with the fly rod was at Taylor Lake in Banff. I did very well in spite of having no idea of casting.



This picture still brings fond memories of my first fishing with a fly rod.

Shortly after, I drove into Edmonton and took fly tying lessons at Victoria Composite High School. I did not have any fly fishing companions at the time. When I moved to Vancouver Island in 1993 and began to really get involved with fly fishing and joined the IWFF in 1996. Shortly after I fell in love with beach fishing for Pink and Coho Salmon. It is my favorite!

### Goals for the club?

I had certain goals for the club and decided to become more involved and was president for two years. I also edited the newsletter and became a webmaster. I served as a gilly and was rather busy. When our membership grew from under 20 members to over 50 I decided that I perhaps I could relax and cede my duties to others.

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Bernie is doing very well with the newsletter and Ray is an entertaining Gilly. I must certainly thank all those who supported me on the executive and to other members who gave me encouragement and support. I certainly appreciated the phone calls I received as well as comments at meetings and other occasions. We have become a vibrant club and we have fun.

Next year we will undertake our boldest project to date of hosting the BCFFF AGM on the May 1st weekend.

I feel it is important that all members take time to greet and make all visitors and new members welcome. The Welcome Table give us a good start by having name tags so the approach is much easier. Get them involved in your conversations and introduce to others. Believe me, it makes a difference. It did for me when people approached me when I visited a club. Do your part to keep our club friendly and lets have fun.

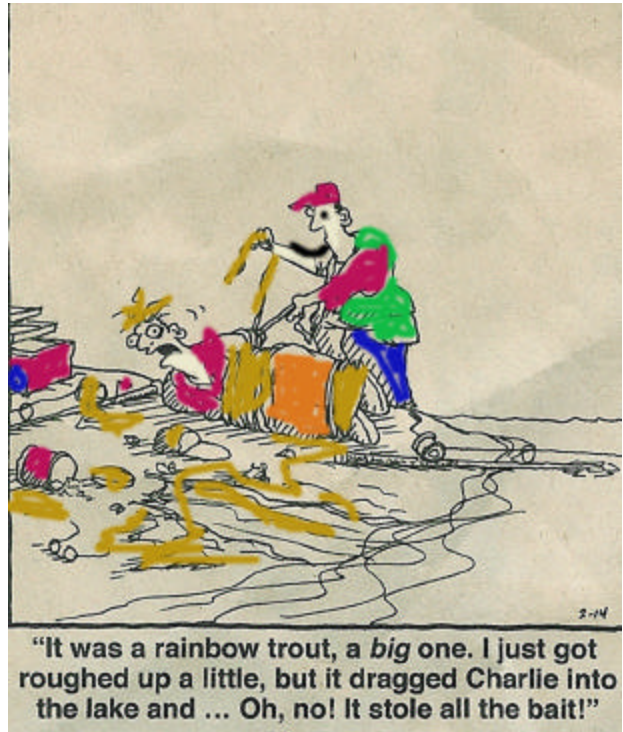
I cherish my friends in the club and I also enjoy fishing with them.

### PRESIDENT REPORT

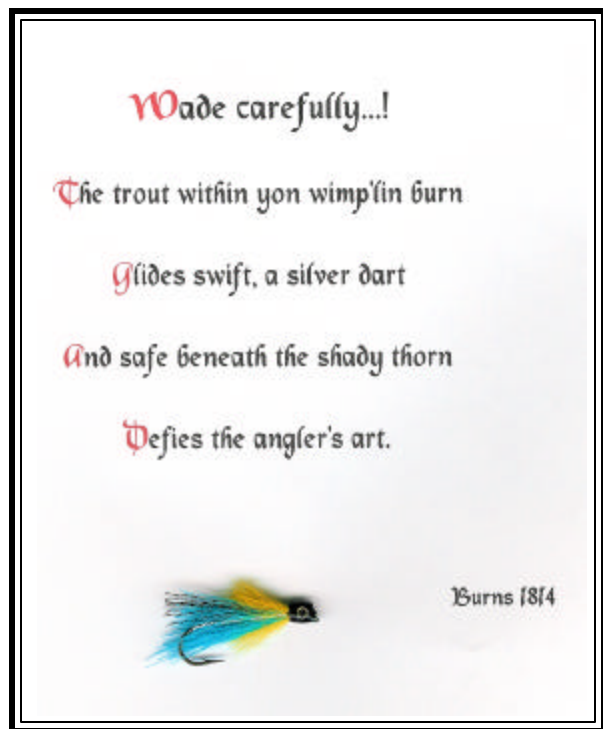
It's nice to be back in Nanaimo. We had a wonderful time in Ireland but there's no place like home. I didn't take a flyrod or do any fishing but Ireland has a multitude of mouth watering small rivers and creeks. Lots of private property but a fair amount of public areas too. If I ever go back I will definitely plan on some fishing recreation. I'm pleased to report that the kids at Fairview School have planted almost 1500 Douglas Fir trees on the Cat Stream. These were also surplus trees that Charles Thirkill was able to obtain at no cost, so we are off and running on this project.

Nothing else to report this month. I'm looking forward to some fishing fixes soon. See you at the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dave



### Poetry Contest



This poem was framed and proudly displayed by Bill Brown in his sitting room. The first person who correctly defines "wimp'lin burn" wins a free copy of the coveted July Newsletter.