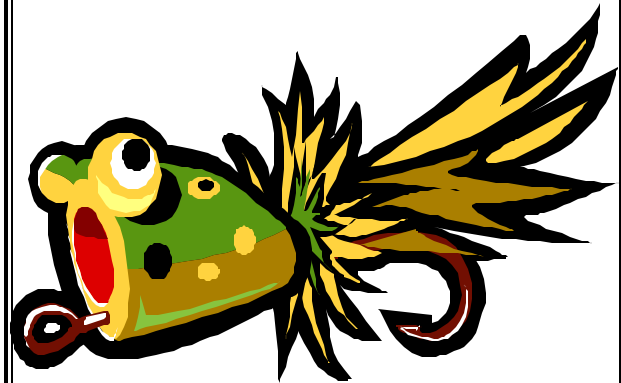


ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



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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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February 25th, 2003 Club Meeting



FULLER LAKE FISHING TRIP

February 25, 2003



Gerald Stevens, above, heading out on Fuller Lake. Ray Honig, above right, tying on a Woolly Bugger and Matt Haapala, left, bailing. It was stated that when you go fishing in Bernie's boat you need to bring high rubber boots and a Tim Hortons cup - drink the coffee then start bailing!

President's Report

Good news everybody. I received a call a couple of days after our February meeting that the T. D. Canada Trust Friends of the Environment (what a mouthful eh!) Committee has approved our application for \$1000 funding for the Catstream Improvement Project. That means all our funding is in place and Fairview school can proceed as planned.

In late February I attended one of John O'Brien's Sunday afternoon casting clinics. I don't know how long John is going to continue these but let me tell you, if you need help and aren't taking advantage of the opportunity, you are really missing something. John is an excellent teacher.

Plans are shaping up for some spring fishouts. Taylor Arm and St. Marys Lake on Salt Spring Island look like good possibilities as well as a possible trip to the interior. If you have any ideas or favourite spots you would like to share with the club, please contact Keith MacDonald, John O'Brien or Chris Depka. See you at the meeting on March 25th.



Bernie's Banterings

At the Gilly's Reports at the February Meeting I stated that I went on the fishing trip to Fuller Lake so that I could learn about fly fishing. It turned out that all three of us in the boat were after the same objective - the blind were leading the blind! The implication was that nothing was learned. Nothing could be further from the truth. My presentation followed the other three guys and they all gave very glowing reports of the day's events. These were all very general in nature: - great day - fishing was very successful - limit your catch and not catch your limit - could not keep up with the action etc. Dave, on the other hand, gave a very specific report on his float fishing trip on the Cowichan: 22 over 16 inches, 12 over 18 inches and lost just as many!

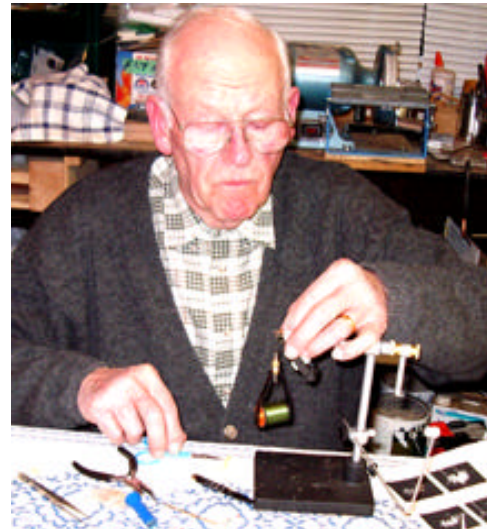
So the whole point is that the fishing trip was indeed a learning experience - I learned how to talk like a Fly Fisherman!

Speedy Convalescence

We wish to see Lee Roberge continue his progress to recovery and look forward to seeing him at our meetings.

Fly Tying at Harold Tinling's Place

February 27, 2003



Ray Garton Tying the Werner Shrimp



A Freshly Tied Sparkle Shrimp

Calendar of Events

March 25, 2003: John Ebell, Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society will be presenting their proposal to enhance the fish habitat for the Wilfred Creek (Coal Creek).

April 19, 2003: The Spring Dinner will be held at the Howard Johnson Motel. Bring a guest and order off the menu. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00pm.

April 22, 2003: The regular meeting will be replaced with fly tying demonstrations. This will be at 7:30 at the Ukrainian Hall.

May 27, 2003: Regular meeting. The guest speaker will be announced.

Summer Pig Roast: Plans and date are being organized. Chef Larry Miller is being conscripted to supervise the roasting.

FLY CASTING SEMINARS

These are being presented most Sundays behind the Crow and Gate Pub in Cedar at 2 PM. John O'Brien requests that you phone Sealand Tackle at 754-1432 to confirm whether the session is on. Come and improve your casting.

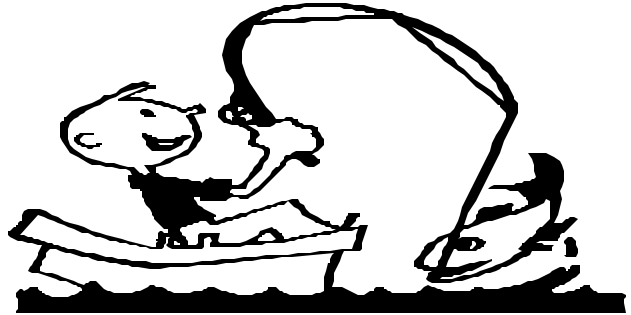
Fly Tying Sessions

Phone Larry Miller for more information. Sessions are being held at Ray Brunt's every first and third tuesday at 1:30 PM and every second and fourth Thursday at Harold Tinklins at 7:30 PM. Matt Haapala, 390-1917, will be filling in for Larry during March. If you have a fly pattern or an idea please call Matt or Larry.

Wanted

Submission of pictures and stories for the newsletter. Pictures can be photos. These will be scanned for the newsletter and returned. How about a letter to the editor?

Please submit to Bernie or Steve.



Boys and Girls Club: Bruce Cumming reported that the club wants to organize fishouts for the kids this summer. There will be four kids each time and will assume full liability. They would like to continue with another fly tying session. Please call Bruce with your ideas and offer to help.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE OVERDUE: Expired February 28, 2003.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL: Please send your email address to Bernie at bheinrichs@shaw.ca to obtain your full color version of the newsletter by email. This is a faster system and saves the club \$1.00 per copy. If you do not have Acrobat 5 by Adobe, a free download can be obtained from their website at www.adobe.com.

CHECK YOUR FLY LINES

Gerald Stevens passed along a good tip for the next time you are buying a new fly line. He bought a new Cortland 333 HT fly line and he noticed that it did not look like a weighted-forward line as stated on the packaging. His micrometer proved the observation. The store agreed that it was not the right line and offered to exchange it. Gerald decided that a Cortland 444 would suffice. This time he decided to check it out before taking it home and discovered that the wrong spool was in the package. In the first instance it was the manufacturer's problem and in the second case it was done in the store and probably done by a previous customer. The lesson learned: check your merchandise before purchasing it.

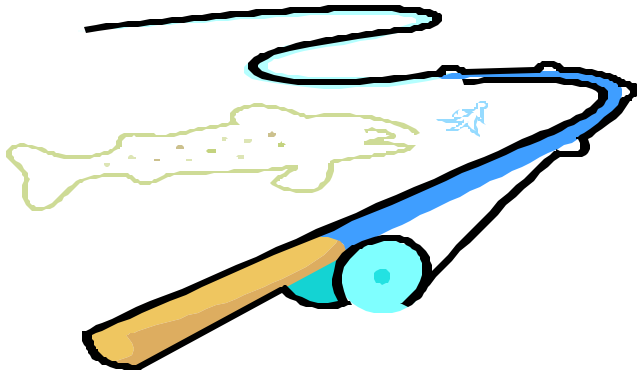


ALEXANDRIA

Materials:

Hook- Mustad 9672 streamer size 6
Thread -black
Tail -Red wool or red feather
Body -Silver tinsel
Beard -Grey hackle or black hackle
Wing -Pearl mallard breast and peacock sword fibers

1. Tie tail on 2/3 hook
2. Tie in silver tinsel at bend of hook -wind thread to eye of hook
3. Wrap tinsel from bend to eye over red wool
4. Tie in hackle -2 turns -tie off
5. Tie in 6 peacock swords
6. Tie in pearl mallard on both sides of fly
7. Whip finish



Brown Drake

Materials:

Hook -Mustad #8, 94840
Thread -Brown
Tail -8 to 10 large hackle fibres
Body -Dubbed Brown
Wing -Light brown, 2 small matched hackles
Hackle -Dark brown

Procedure

1. Tie in the 8 to 10 large hackle fibers for the tail
2. Tie in the 2 matched, small hackles
3. Wind thread to back of the hook and dub 2/3 from the bend to the wing
4. Tie in hackle two turns behind the wing then to the front of the wing to hold the wing upright
5. Tie off hackle
6. Whip finish
7. Trim hackle

Ellison Lake

Eight brave club members drove to Ellison Lake March 8, 2003 even when a potential snow storm was brewing. Although the trip was off to a rocky start, it was deemed successful by all i.e. there were some nice rainbows landed. And, if there is a hatch happening, it gets even better. The details and photos will be featured in the April Newsletter, but if anyone is interested, they can call the owner Barry at 250 746-8621. He runs a private fish ranch with good shore facilities, fire pit, washrooms, benches, casting from shore etc. The cost is \$5.00/hr. and \$10.00 per bonk (keeper). We left a couple of four pounders just for you.

Fly Tying in Ray Brunt's Basement

February, 2003



Gerald, Wayne, Matt, Harold (Supervising), Ray and Larry tying the "Alexandria"



Wayne tying in the hackles on the Brown Drake



Ray Brunt's fly tying work bench. See Sonia, he does know how to work that duster!
Thank you Ray and Sonia for your hospitality.

JOHN O'BRIEN'S PRESENTATION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING



John O'Brien, Fly Fisherman Extraordinaire

The club members queried John frequently about which equipment helps to improve casting distances. For example, larger rods and lines, or using heavier lines in lighter rods or lighter lines in heavier rods. His replies were to use matched equipment and that "size does not matter"- at least for fly fishing equipment!



Larry Miller, left and Chris Depka examining the fly lines and leaders being passed around during John's presentation.



Hale Yardley, right, Wayne Legge, and Keith McDonald captivated by John's great presentation on fly lines and leaders. His examples on the table were passed around for closer scrutiny. By using the right combination of rod, line and leader, your fly can be presented where you want it. Thank you John for the very informative presentation.

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February 17, 2003

**Gordon Campbell, MLA,
Premier of B.C.,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.,**

Dear Mr. Premier:

Subject: Forest Service Recreation Sites.

About a year ago, your B.C. government decided to get out of the Forest Service Recreation Site business.

Notwithstanding the FS rec sites are heavily used by B.C. residents, other tourists, and provide for some B.C. families, the only vacation they can afford, government told us it could not afford the \$5-6 million annual maintenance fee.

When conservationists suggested a small levy per litre of fuel or a few cents per cubic metre of wood harvested from those forests be dedicated to paying for the rec sites' maintenance, government told us there was "no appetite" for increased taxes.

How times have changed! Premier Campbell, you recently announced a whopping 3.5 cents per litre fuel tax increase come March 1. Accordingly, your government expects to raise \$200 million annually to be dedicated to transportation improvements.

Using your government's estimate that 3.5 cents per litre will raise \$200 million, 0.1 cent per litre would raise \$5.7 million—enough to fund the rec sites.

As of 1989/90, there were more than 40 million Recreation User Days (RUDs) annually in our provincial forests, which generated over \$1.5 billion to the provincial economy (Source: Outdoor Recreation Survey 1989/90 –How British Columbians Value their Public Lands for Recreation). The Forest Service further estimated that by 2001 the RUDs had increased to 60 million+, growing by 3% annually.

Given those statistics, how can your government ignore the tremendous economic potential of the rec sites? Surely, you can afford to dedicate to rec site maintenance a measly 0.1 cent per litre of the 3.5 cents per litre increase.

Premier Campbell, you will be in Kamloops to address the 2003 B.C. Tourism Industry Conference February 20. I urge you to reconsider and take that opportunity to announce that your government will provide the funding the rec sites so desperately need.

Yours in conservation,

Don Trethewey
Immediate Past President,
Shuswap Region, B.C. Wildlife Federation