

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



California Neal
As Tied by Father Brandt



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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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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.

Visit the BCFFF on their webpage at <http://www.bcfff.bc.ca/>

Meetings on 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome. Phone 758-2138.

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President's Report

Well. Here it is almost mid October as I write this and it won't be long before most of us put the equipment in mothballs for the winter. I certainly can't



complain about the season but as usual I wish I had done more fishing than I have. Our September meeting was very well attended and it was good to be back with all you guys, sharing stories about the summer. There is lots to look forward to in the coming few weeks. Our October meeting is an opportunity to share our all time best fishing stories. I haven't decided whether to talk about my "Kissing Coho" experience or share my fishing trip with Paul Bunyan to "Slanted Lake".

I'm also looking forward to hearing your stories. See you at the meeting.

Dave

Tall Tales Contest

Get your tall tales ready for the October 28th meeting.

Contest Rules:

- Must be delivered verbally
- Tasteful visual aids are acceptable
- No longer than 5 minutes
- Adjudicated by 3 judges
- Judges' decisions are final

Prize Categories:

- Best tall tale
- Worst tall tale
- Most unbelievable tall tale

Calendar of Events

October 28, 2003

Regular meeting at 7:30 pm at the Ukrainian Hall T 4017 Victoria Ave. featuring the Tall Tales Contest. Bring your true or "exaggerated" stories and share them with us.

November 25, 2003

Regular meeting at 7:30 pm in the Ukainian Hall and the A.G.M.

November 29, 2003

Annual Christmas Party and Auction, at the Lantzville Legion Hall. Cocktails 6:00, Roast Beef dinner 7:00 pm. Guest are welcome. Price \$25 per couple. Ian Forbes is the auctioneer. Bring your donations for the auction.

Noon Socials and Luncheons

Every 2nd Tuesdays at 11:30. Locations will be advised by email or phone.

Fly Tying

Larry Miller is looking for a venue for an afternoon session and one for an evening session. They will be starting in early November.

The Mickey Finn Strikes Again



Steve Wawrykow submitted this proof that the Mickey Finn is deadly on Coho - especially at Bayne's Sound. See page 3 for the pattern to tie this great fly.

GUEST SPEAKER



Father Charles A.E. Brandt getting our attention by showing his collection of flies and reels.

Father Brandt is a Roman Catholic Priest and hermit-monk who lives in a secluded house along the Oyster River. Although he supports himself by restoring documents, bookbinding and paper conservation, he is an avid fly fisherman and involved in several environmental groups such as the Tsolum River Restoration Society, Comox Valley Steelhead Society, the Oyster River Enhancement Society etc.

He served as a navigator in the U.S. Air Force in World War 2, worked as a technician for the DFO, as bookbinder for the National Museums of Canada in Ottawa and Winnipeg. He is a wildlife photographer and wrote two books, *Meditations from the Wilderness* (Harpers) and *“Self and the Environment”* (Medio Media).

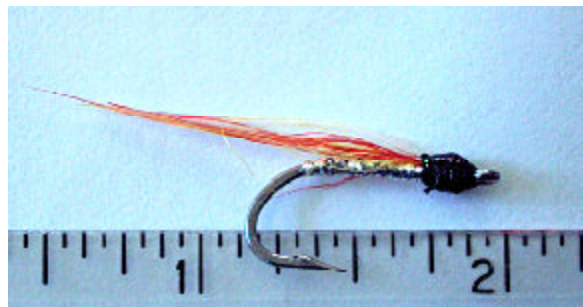


The California Neal - One of Father Brandt’s favourite flies for Coho and Trout.

After Father Brandt described landing his first Steelhead (an 18 pounder on a fly) where it required an hour to land it, he described the situation of the polluted Tsolum River. It had become sterile for fish due to copper and acid leaching from an abandoned open pit mine on Mount Washington in 1966. The concentrations of copper compounds were reduced by 50% after the exposed ore was entrapped in 1989 at an expense of \$2,000,000. Today those concentrations of leachates are still much too high. It is estimated that this costing the local community at least \$2,000,000 per year. The next step will likely involve diverting the water draining from the mine site into a lowlands area at a cost of \$8,000,000. “Who pays for this?” is the stumbling block to finding a solution to a major problem on a major river system.

Pearlescent Mickey Finn

as tied by Steve Wawrykow



- Hook ----- **Mustad 3407 SS #6**
- Thread ----- **black or red**
- Body----- **holographic silver tinsel**
- Wing----- **Polar Bear hair yellow and red layered topped with Pearlescent Flashabou**
- Head----- **cemented tying thread**

Tie very sparsely. This fly’s small stature makes it easier to cast in the winds that often appear during beach fishing. I also do the same with other beach patterns. I call them “Wind Flies”. I prefer a slow retrieve, just enough to keep your line taut. Good Luck!

The Cat Stream Project



The summer students employed to do the assessments and reclamation work: L. to R. Jee-Hae Tak, Erin Udal, Ali Lowen, Melissa Young, Melissa Thomson and Diane Irvine.



Nailing the "Fish at Work" signs on the logs placed in the Cat Stream.



Netting fish behind Robins Park where 74 fry were found in only 44 sq. metres - very good count for this area.

BCFFF 2004 AGM Volunteer Requirements

Please submit your offer to coordinate or to help out with one of the positions listed below to Keith McDonald or Steve Wawrykow by the next meeting.

Auction Donation Coordinator plus 3 assistants

Trade Show Coordinator

Fly Tyers (1 coordinator and 6 tiers)

AGM Raffle Coordinator plus 3 ticket sellers

Master of Ceremonies

Live Auction - 4 spotters for Ian Forbes
-item displayers

Silent Auction Coordinator

Auction Bucket Raffle Coordinator and 2 sellers

Auction Bid Register and Bid Collection Coordinator plus 2 helpers

Chief Financial Officer

Fishout Coordinator

The co-chairs and the auctioneer have volunteered but we need 24 more to make light work of this and to make it a successful event.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We missed Frank Perilli at our recent meetings and look forward to seeing him return when he has completed his treatments.

September 23, 2003 Meeting Winners



Bruce Cummings, left receiving his prize from Ray Honig at the Gilly Draw.



Bob Davies, left receiving his flies from Harold Tinling at the fly draw. Another great collection donated by the members. Thanks guys - this is a good fund raiser for the club and is supported very well.



Steve Wawrykow was another winner of the Gilly Draw.

THE GILLY

Ray Honig was exasperated by an incident while fishing at the mouth of the Clive River where it empties into Abraham Lake about 70 km. East of Lake Louise on the David Thompson Highway. While backcasting on his last cast, the fly caught some rocks but still went out onto the water. But, when he started to retrieve the line the fly did not move. It was a hopeless feeling watching the fly drift on a course of its own choosing. While he was trying to figure out how to fetch it, a trout rose up and solved the problem for him. Who says Ray does not believe in catch and release!

Gerry Hutchinson was very impressed with his three day trip on Sealand Tackle's Lady Godiva. His photos are proof of the numerous chinook taken - up to 36 pounds.

Wayne Legge recounted the best day of fishing in his life was in early September at Soocumchuck Creek in the Kimberly area. The Eastern Slope Cutthroat fishing was fantastic and he recommends it to everyone.

More Gilly:

Peter Huyghebaert has fulfilled his years long yearning to fish for sockeye with a fly this summer on the "Canal". His first attempt was to put the fly on a sinking line but it took 5 minutes to get it down to the desired depth. The down rigger was much faster. After about 40 casts his patience was rewarded with a hit! After a big battle, he was rewarded with a - mackerel! Keep it up Peter and let us know when and how you succeeded.

Gerry Hutchinson was very impressed with his three day trip on Sealand Tackle's Lady Godiva to Bamfield's "Wall" and "Swale Rock". They limited out for 3 days on chinook.



Gerry Hutchinson's 36 pound chinook

Doug Winters could not top Gerry's exploits but did have fun with some sockeye and the camping /fishout at Oyster River.

George Woods described his experience with the Grayling up at Alaska. They are a very sporting fish who vibrate when hooked and are excellent on the camp stove. Perhaps another poem might be forthcoming George?

Paul Inscho and his wife Linda did well at Salmon Point (15 is very well). She was successful using a fly on a bobber.

Ken McLaughlin primed us with an example of how Tall Tales are told. He was quite indignant that there are people who doubted some of his descriptions. This was evident during this presentation when Ray Brunt declared that those stories were not tall tales - they were all bull shit. Ken took up flying and ran out of fishing time but caught himself, on several occasion, looking down wistfully as he would fly over a likely looking lake.

Bob Davies caught his first salmon but wanted to save the description of it for the Tall Tales Meeting. While attending his son's wedding in Ontario, Bob landed a 25 inch Pickerel which was big enough to win the tournament. (Editor's note: or was it caught by his son - can't let something like a wedding interfere with a fishing tournament!)

Ray Garton ended up doing more sailing this past summer than fishing - those sails need a lot of cooking time.

Gerry Stevens: "Fished the Eve River and Nile Creek with some success". Knowing Gerry that "some success" is probably his understatement of the year.

Dennis Mullins only went out once but landed a 26 inch steelhead on an ultra light spinner.

Ray Evans found the Nile to be quite productive and had two great days on the Nanaimo River near the Second Lakes - Rainbows to 21 inches. He also limited out on Coho using flies while out at Tofino.

More Gilly

Ron Britton had a great seven days at Bamfield.

John Ellis declared that Green Lake was very productive despite the weed growth.

Dave Scobie went to the river and watched his friend fruitlessly cast into every pool available except under a log. When his friend went off into the bush, Dave picked up the rod and cast it under the log. A fish struck violently and immediately darted for cover under a log jam. Dave handed the rod back less one hook.

Steve Wawrykow's friends had to put up trying to recover their boots and waders when they went out with him to fish pinks. There was usually a rewarding time spent at Tim Hortons regardless of how the fishing ended.

Larry Miller paused briefly before his presentation when someone pointed out that his zipper needed attention. He has a high regard for Dave's green Bead-Headed, Woolly Bugger with the Arizona Diamond Braid which was responsible for landing 16 inch rainbows from the Kappon Lake. The red Woolies were also quite exceptional. Larry got good results with the Mickey Finn for Coho in July at Renfrew and his Clausen Minnows landed 10 lb. Coho at Tofino in September.

John O'Brien's Pink Krill performed well for him at Nile Creek and at Eve River for pinks, coho and steelhead. His Leeches caught up to 16 in. rainbows in Henry's Lake. 30 lb. springs were taken using Coronation Streamers in the Little Qualicum. His story about an elusive hook is as follows:

"I was at the Big Qualicum with Mike when I latched onto a nice Coho but lost it and the hook. Then Mike reeled in one that, as I remarked, 'looks familiar'. After a brief period of admiration and photos, I removed Mike's hook and did, indeed, find my hook just behind it".

Gilly Photos



John O'Brien working on landing a feisty coho but lost it along with the hook



Michael Gerbert showing off his 30 lb. coho. When his hook was removed, after this photo was taken, John's hook was also found.

Bill McColl checked out Lake Superior while travelling in Eastern Canada.

Keith McDonald found himself all alone at 10:30 am after a crowded morning at Nile Creek. Then the Pinks came back and he had a private hey day with them. He also reported 30 coho at Millbank.

Dave Connolly had a great summer of fishing at various locations. Henry Lake was a highlight with up to 18 inch rainbows.

And More Gilly

Chris Depka also praised Henry Lake where he had used the Polish Flag last year and got similar results with it this year. Other flies were also effective.

Harold Tinling spent last May fly fishing in the Calgary area and Penticton. August found him fly fishing for Pinks at Nile Creek and points (beaches) North. He was especially happy with the springs in the "Canal" at China Creek where he got good use from his six foot inflatable. It was a little shaky going when he tied onto a 20 pounder. At one point in the ensuing battle it was debatable on just who had who - Harold on fish or fish on Harold!



Great casting

Island Waters Fly Fishers Society Annual General Meeting - Notice

By order of the Board of Directors, I hereby give notice under paragraph 14 of the constitution and by-laws of the Island Waters Flyfishers Society, that the Annual general Meeting of the Island Waters Flyfishers Society will be held on Tuesday, November 25th, 2003 at 7.30 pm. in the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Avenue, Nanaimo, B.C.



Keeping his rod up.

AGENDA

1. To receive the President's report for the year 2003.
2. To receive the Treasurer's report for the year 2003.
3. Any other business of which seven days notice has been given to the Secretary.
4. To elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors for the ensuing year.

**Only Fully Paid Up Members Of The
Island Waters Flyfishers Society Are
Eligible To Vote.**

Interim Secretary: Chris Depka



And releasing a nice rainbow.

So Ray is this story going to be for the "Gilly" or for the "Tall Tales" at the next meeting?

Nile Creek Enhancement Fund Raiser



Keith MacDonald, left showing off his casting skills to John O'Brien. Chris Depka, Jacob Davidson and Lee Roberge are in the back. Over \$300 was raised from donations and entries for a very worthy cause.



Dwayne Levine, left and Ray Evans are in a deep discussion next to the Nile Creek Enhancement Societies booth. Gerald Stevens, right and Michael Gerbert manned the booths at the Country Club Mall then at the Rutherford Mall. Entries into the casting contest allowed the "contestant" to enter their name into a draw for prizes donated by fishing related companies and mall businesses. This was great exposure for fish enhancement, fly fishing and sponsors. Thanks to all who contributed time and prizes - too many to name specifically.

A TRIBUTE TO CRAIG BREZDEN

The Island Waters Fly Fishers recognize the great work and help that Craig has done for our club and to their members. His donations to our events is greatly appreciated.



We are good customers because of the special attention he had given to helping provide good equipment and quality service. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Catherine, children, grandchild, parents and the rest of his family. We also wish the best to Mike Brezden in continuing with his father's business.

ISAAC WALTON QUESTIONS A MODERN ANGLER

By George Wood, Gabriola
2003

*"And dos't still thou cast the floating fly
As was my wont in days gone by?
And dost thou with silk and feather strive to
match
The last ephemeral twilight hatch
Mid dimpling rings as daylight dies
Dost still thou see the mayfly rise?"-
Rarely I think and wot ye why?
"Few are the fish and fishers multiply".*

Editor's Correction

The staff of the IWFF Newsletter have been inundated with emails, letters and the switchboard has been plugged with inquiries on how to get out to the fabulous Herman Lake as described in the September Newsletter. Our apologies to all our readers for the error in the title of this featured article. The name of the lake is **Henry Lake** and we all know how to get there - right?

BERNIE'S BANTERINGS

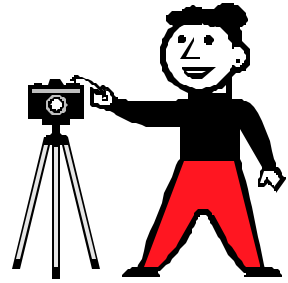
Unlike the previous editors, this one will shamelessly look for any excuse to brag up his fishing exploits and even post himself in his own newsletter. The excuse he is using this time is in the form of another contest. Guess where this was taken and you will be the winner of at least fame and glory by receiving honourable mention in the next newsletter. Perhaps there may even be more in store. Entries may be emailed to bheinrichs@shaw.ca or at 390-3266 or in person.

Sorry, only 10 entries per member - another good reason for membership! Hint: it is in B.C. but you need to be a little more explicit than that.



Photo Contest

The winners of the photo contest will be judged on the submissions presented for the newsletter. Submit your photos by print or by email to Bernie or Steve. Phone 390-3266 for more details.



Wanted: Your Favourite Fly Pattern

Harold Tinling is collecting our club's favourite flies for Art Lingren's up coming book "Contemporary Fly Patterns of B.C." Please let him know which ones you feel would qualify for our area. The dead line is late November.

Annual Banquet and Auction

Location: Lantzville Legion, Lantzville

Time: Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00
Saturday, November 29, 2003

Cost: \$25.00 per couple and a prize to donate to the Auction.

The caterers need a head count, therefore the tickets will have to be purchased no later than November 25, 2003 (at the meeting) or from Wayne Legge at **756-3114**.

For Sale

As new, 12 ft., Sears Game Fisher Aluminum Boat with Oars, Drain Plugs, 2 Rod Holder Bases etc. \$1000 or Best Offer. Bruce @ 390-2236.