

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



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See Bob's award winning story on page 9. It is the first in a series to cover the Tall Tales presented at the October, 2005 Meeting.



**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/>

President's Message



Bernie Heinrichs

Another successful year is coming to a close at the end of this month. For many it probably looked a bit shaky. What is this new guy trying to do? Selling us out to the Fish and Game Club? It started out quite innocently when the Fish and Game Club asked us to join them as an affiliate. During the "due diligence" phase of the investigation it became quite apparent that many were afraid that we would lose our identity. This was especially poignant when even the members with dual memberships expressed reservations about it. One good result of this exercise was that it proves that we do indeed have an identity - and that it is worth preserving. Right on! The expanded program, consisting mainly of fly tying classes, was another initiative started this year. Thank you, Peter Huyghebaert, for your expertise and time put into organizing these courses and events. The fly tying started out with

a lot of enthusiasm but waned as summer approached and fall fishing took precedence. The fly casting clinic was a big success as was the knots, leaders etc. class. Now we need to take the popular events and use them to build an even more successful program for next year. We need your ideas and if there are enough of them we can continue renting the hall on the second Tuesday nights as needed. Let us know what you want.

The format of organizing the fishouts worked well. A few guys would come up with an idea of where to fish, an email sent out with a meeting time and place, and the fishout was on. This was occurring nearly every Saturday for a while.

There were several times when over 10 would show up. Panther seems to be the most popular - even with the bad access. Lots of big fish seems to be a big drawing card - or was it the antics of your president in a tipsy boat?

The nominating committee has been busy phoning the members to get some idea of how you will contribute to the ongoing success of our club. To date, we are still having difficulty with fulfilling the positions of President and VP. One thing that I have found is that if you want to learn a new skill (fly fishing) the fastest way is by getting involved. For myself, I am starting to campaign for the position of Past President.

2005 Program

Nov. 22 - regular meeting - Elections.

Nov. 26 - Christmas Banquet and Auction

Fly Swap

Register your dry fly with Harold, 753-8680, by November 22, 2005

WANTED

Photos, stories, poems, information, "How To's" etc. for the newsletter.

Recycle your magazines to the waiting rooms in the hospital. Bring them to Larry Miller at the next meeting or noon lunch.

Calendar of Events

Noon Socials and Luncheons

At 11:30 am every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Wellington Pub (half price specials). This is getting so popular that there are some who lunch there every Wednesday.

Fly Tying

At 1:30 pm (approximately - whenever we remove ourselves from the pub) every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. They are hosted by Gerry and Lill Stevens, 620 Hawkins St.

Club Library

Matt Haapala has offered to serve as the club's first librarian. If you have any appropriate books that you would like to recycle, please bring them to Matt or call him at 390-1917. Thank you Matt.

Christmas Party/Auction

Saturday, November 26, 2005 at the Lantzville Legion. We will need auction items. Please think about what you can contribute and how you can help to obtain donations. See page 7.

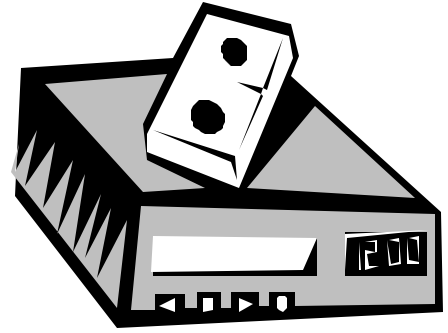
Club Crests

If you want a crest for your jacket, cap etc., Five Star Embroidery and Silk Screening at 1-4151 Mostar Rd. (www.fivestarembroidery.com) has our logo set up for you and will provide a quote.



List of Videos

See Jim McEwan to Check These Out



- 12 FLY FISHING MAGAZINE – OLYMPIC TROUT & STEELHEAD
- 13 THE ESSENCE OF FLY CASTING – MEL KRIEGER
- 14 FLY FISHING STILLWATERS – ALF DAVIES
- 16 SURVIVING THE HOOK – D.F.O.
- 17 RELEASE 'EM RIGHT – D.F.O.
- 21 TROUT FISHING – STEVE WAWRYKOW, IWFF
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October Meeting and Winners

Left: Bill McColl, left, welcomes guests John Hough and Alastair McColl



Below: Al Clark passes the Gilly Bucket to Bob Davis during the Gilly.



Ray Garton, left, accepts his prize for winning the Gilly Draw from Ray Honig. Due to technical difficulties, the draw for the trail map has been postponed until the next meeting. This is an opportunity that can only be surpassed by the recent \$54 million 649 draw.



Harold Tinling, centre, presents the winner of the pheasant tail feathers to Al Clark. Thank you, Jim MacFie, for the donation of the three bunches of feathers and may all your future hunting trips be as successful. I'll bet that Harold will be keeping a close eye on Jack Toomer's location from now on!

More Fly Draw Winners



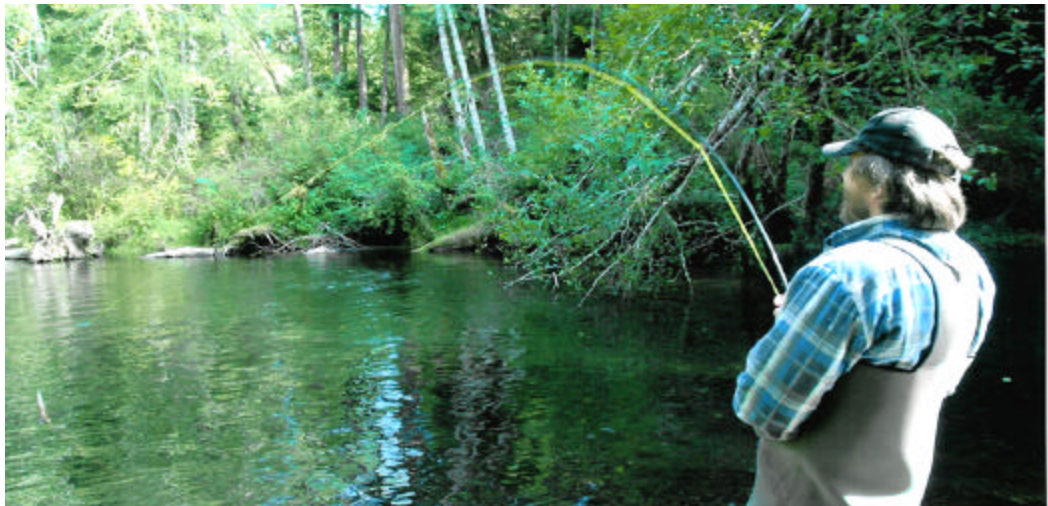
Doug Peterson, above, also won some of those coveted pheasant tail feathers and so did Jack Toomer (above right photo).



Right: Dave Connolly won the fly draw. This one had some of the extras left over from the fly swap.



Bruce Cumming shows the fine art of landing chum from the Nanaimo River at a recent fishout. See the next page for more.



The Nanaimo River Chum Chasers

Gerry Stevens, left, Bob Davis, Al Clark, Matt Haapala, Ray Garton, Doug Peterson, and Bruce Cumming. Bernie Heinrichs avoided the lime light this time.



Library Books

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
1. A Stain Upon the Sea	West Coast Salmon Farming	Collection of Essays - 2004
2. Complete Guide to Fishing Across North America		Joe Brooks - 1970
3. Michigan Trout Streams	A Fly-Anglers Guide	Bob Linsenman & Steve Nevala - 1993
4. The Ardent Angler	Short Stories	Editor: Neil Cameron - 1994
5. The Fishing in Print	A guided tour through five centuries of Angling Literature	Arnold Gingrich (1974)
6. To Catch a Fish	Fishing Onward Through Life	Lionel RHG Leach, MC,1995
7. Trout Flies	Naturals & Imitations	Charles M. Wetzel (1955)
8. The Last Cast Fishing Reminiscences		Rafe Mair (1995)
9. Nymphing		Gary Borger
10. Fly Casting Techniques, Fly Fisherman's Advanced Supplement to Fly Fisherman Magazine(2000)		
11 Quick Tips for Catching Halibut, Charlie White		
12 Reflections from the North Country, Sigurd F. Olson - 1977		

See Matt Haapala (390-1917) to borrow any of these fine books.

Super Gilly Awards

The three judges Ron Moll, Mel Sheng and Bruce Cumming had a tough time sorting through and classifying the great stories presented at this year's Super Gilly (tall tales). Thank you for a job well done. Thanks to all the guys who told and sometimes demonstrated their stories. It is amazing to see what lengths all of you went through to provide a little bit of entertainment! These stories will be printed in future newsletters.



Ray Honig, left, receives his award from Judge Ron Moll for "Green Lake Miracle"



Dave Connolly receives his award for "Bent Trout"

Annual Banquet and Auction

Location: Lantzville Legion, Lantzville

Time: Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00
Saturday, November 26, 2005

Cost: \$12.50 each and **an article to donate to the Auction.**

The deadline for purchasing the tickets is at the November 22, 2005 meeting.

Call Jack at 756- 0987 for more information.

Bring lots of money and your financial adviser (e.g. spouse) to bid on the donated items.



More Super Gilly Awards



Ron Moll, left, presents Bill McColl his “Most Unbelievable” award for “Unicorn Trout”



Bernie Heinrichs receives his “Most, Most Unbelievable” award for “Failure to Scoop”



Ron Moll continues his entertainment while presenting the “Most, Most Unbelievable and Unusual” award to Bob Davis for “Sea Monkeys on Viagra”.



Peter Huyghebaert receives his award for “The Rod Came Back”.



Left: Harold Tinling accepts his award for “Floating Rocks”. The other half of his story described the plains moose.

The names of the stories given here are the ones our learned judges assigned to the awards and are not the same as the presenters’ titles. Thanks again, judges, for your excellent response on such short notice and for coming up with such creative titles and awards.

Romeo

by Bob Davis



Bob Davis presents his “Most, Most Unbelievable and Unusual” story at the Super Gilly (Tall Tales) night during the October, 2005 meeting. The other six stories will be printed in future editions

I love fly fishing. The problem is, I’m terrible at casting and that’s what it’s all about.

Hours of practice sessions on the beach have left my line in wind knots the size of baseballs. I’ve managed to hook every conceivable part of my body and only thank God that I had the foresight to pinch the barb.

So while the rest of you are effortlessly flinging your shrimp flies out 80 to 100 feet to be eagerly swallowed by huge pink and Coho salmon, I flail around on the outskirts, hoping to be ignored when I inevitably do something idiotic.

For most of the summer, I fretted about how to overcome this failure. One day, while reading one of my grandchild’s comic books (as practice for when he comes to visit), I noticed an ad for “sea monkeys”. Many of you may remember these ads from the times that you read comics. Well, I happen to know that these creatures aren’t really monkeys but are, in fact, brine shrimp. An idea began to percolate in my brain as I hastily sent off an order for these critters.

Ten days later, after checking the mailbox eagerly each day, I was rewarded with a special package that was hastily carried out to my workshop. Inside were the magic ingredients and directions on how to produce my very own colony of “sea monkeys”. They couldn’t fool this cowboy, but I followed the directions to the T. Three days later, I was rewarded with a fish tank full of baby brine shrimp.

During the weeks leading up to their arrival, I had been preparing the second part of my plan: a brine shrimp harness capable of having the little animals carry a hook. Now that they had arrived, it was time to do the final adjustments. This wasn’t easy, and required a special trip to London Drugs to get some extra strong magnifying glasses.

Once the harness and hook had been fitted to a brine shrimp, a new problem became apparent. Brine shrimp are incredibly weak little suckers and even the tiniest hook would nail a brine shrimp solidly to the floor of the aquarium, incapable of the slightest movement. My plan required a lot of movement.

For a few days, I was unable to think of a way around this dilemma. But early one morning, I awoke with a start, rummaged in my bedside dresser and rushed out to the workshop and the aquarium. In my hands was a package of Viagra. This had been a joke gift, I think, from my wife a few months earlier. I crushed one of the tablets and mixed it into the tank.

This first experiment was a disaster, with all the brine shrimp dying in a big mass that was impossible to separate into individual bodies. Three batches of shrimp later, I had found the perfect dosage to get the energy and strength levels that I was looking for. One brine shrimp in particular, a big brute that I called Romeo, took very well to the hook harness and was able to do lengths in the bathtub without tiring. I grew quite fond of him and gave him special treats.

By the time that the pinks were showing up at Nile Creek, my preparations were complete. I hopped in the car with my rod in one hand and Romeo's travel jar in the other. He seemed to enjoy wearing the hook harness, which was just as well since he had grown so large that it was permanently welded to his body. A light weight leader was attached to a ring on the back of the harness, beside the hook..

The beach was busy that morning and the pinks had moved well offshore, beyond the reach of all but the expert caster. Most fishermen were standing on the beach looking wistfully out to sea where a fish would periodically leap from the water.

I walked confidently out. I knew that Romeo would swim out looking for a mate and would eventually be grabbed by one of the pink salmon. Pretending to make casting motions, I dropped Romeo furtively into the water and the line began to whizz off my reel. My knuckles were smacked a couple of times by the handle spinning at full speed.

To my horror, Romeo didn't stop to mate and wasn't snared by a fish before all of my backing was off the reel. I felt myself being dragged into deeper water. Suddenly, the leader gave way and the line went limp. Thank goodness; it would have been a terrible way to die.

Later, I learned that brine shrimp are from the waters off Japan, and will only mate with their own kind. Romeo had seen his opportunity and had made a run for it, to find a mate on the other side of the Pacific. I think about the little sucker sometimes and hope that he made it.

Back on the beach, the other fishermen offered me condolences. They thought I had lost a big fish based on the sound of the reel whizzing and the rod bent into a C shape. Carefully, I searched my pocket for another shrimp and harness.

Damn, I'd forgotten them at home. All I had was one leftover Viagra pill. What the hell, I thought, tossing it down my throat.

Just as I finished reeling in all my line and attaching a regular fly, I felt a strange urge. I wanted to cast and I wanted to cast long and straight. Whipping back my rod, I sent cast after cast shooting out 100 feet. And I found that I could keep it up for hours.

So now I know the secret of the long casters, and the rest of you lousy casters know it too. My wife is very proud of my new abilities.



Bob Davis shows the evidence of the prowess of Romeo the Sea Monkey.

Island Waters Fly Fishers Society

30 members

4 guests

Minutes of General Meeting

**Held on Tuesday October 25, 2005 at 7:15 in
the Ukrainian Church Hall,
4017 Victoria Ave., Nanaimo, B.C.**

Meeting Called to order at 7:15 p.m.

President Introduced new guests: John Hough,
Mel Sheng, Alastair McColl, Dick Bowden.

Minutes of previous meeting read: moved as
read by Bruce Cumming

Treasurer's Report: Harold T. reports the club
account stands at \$5988.32

Committee Reports:

Entertainment: Christmas party and
Auction Nov. 26 at Lantzville Legion Hall. Next
meeting last opportunity to buy tickets

Fishing Events: Plan on a trip to Nanaimo
estuary for tomorrow as the new season opens
and the chum are fun to catch.

Fly Tying: Social fly tying continues at
Gerry's home after 1st and 3rd Wed lunch events
DRY FLY SWAP: Harold wants
your dry flies to be registered by November 22.

Conservation: Discussion about the Pacific
Salmon Foundation lead by Mel Sheng. There is

a supper and auction night on November 12 and
tickets are \$50.00/ea. Mel noted that the
Nanaimo river now has a run of 2,000 Pink
Salmon due to their efforts and they hope for
much more in the coming years. They want to
put 1,000,000 fry in this river system in the next
year or two.

A self sufficient salmon population in
the Millstone is in the proposal stages and will be
expensive due to the need of fish ladders/ side
channels.

*Motion: By Gerry Stevens that we support PSF
and our members by paying half their Nov. 12
auction /dinner fees (members only) and that the
remnant of \$1000 be given to the PSF this year.*

Seconded by Paul Inscho, unanimously passed.
Old Business: Harold contacted Northwest Bay
and was informed they shut down all hauling
roads due to concern for safety. Others in the
room informed the membership that the roads
were reopened this past weekend, weekends
only. Neither keys nor access passes are
available.

Long Lake handicap dock will be
done in the new year. We will give the previously
approved \$1000 when requested.

Harold issued the last swap.
Formal thanks (clapping and hooting) to Harold
for the idea and all the work to make it happen.

Membership dues are welcome
for the coming year. Important we do this as
soon as possible.

New Business: None

Super Gilly took place and the best lies were
rewarded with money and certificates.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40