



ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



Wayne Legge entertained the members at the October Meeting with his stories of the Hot Tub/Fly Fishing trip through the B.C. Interior last summer. Apparently the Hot Tub Trout just could not be fooled with anything that his group tried. Oh well - the ladies had a good time.



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

Is our club preparing to shift its focus from fishing and fun to debating controversial issues and becoming a protest group?

The loss of salmon runs, reduced fishing opportunities, and more restrictions on recreational fishing are very valid reason for alarm. Are they caused by seals? Fish farms? Government? Commercial fishing operations?

Each one of us needs to be informed and this generates a strong desire to "do something about it". But how and where does this action need to be directed?

One fact that has really been expressed to me is the desire to maintain the club as it is - a group of fun-loving fly fishers. The proportion of members who regularly attend meetings is one of the highest that I have seen. It appears to me that one of the reasons why the attendance to other club meetings (not just fly fishers) is so low is because there is a considerable amount of time



Bernie Heinrichs

spent by a few protesters trying to generate some action to solve a problem - usually somewhat political. When one leaves these meetings it is not with a feeling of camaraderie and fun.

But the issues mentioned at the start of this rant need to be heard and action needs to be taken. All sides of each issue need to be heard. The fish farming controversy is a prime example. As with any resource industry, there are problems and there are bad practices. But, does the whole industry get abolished because of some problems? Do thousands of workers lose their jobs because of the actions of a few? The media does not present both sides of the issue. I would like to attend a debate between two qualified people from both sides attended by an unbiased audience. This is not very likely.

My suggestion (and my sense of what most of the membership wants) is to continue as we have been doing:

- Listen to the problems. Brief statements expressed at meetings but expand on them via the newsletter and emails.
- Allow each member to write or express their opinions to the BCFFF or whoever is needed to hear it.
- Leave the action and follow-up to the BCFFF.
- Fish, socialize, work on conservation projects and, most importantly, have fun.

What do you think? Please let me know.

Another quick reminder about the Christmas Party and Auction. The meeting in October is the last one before this event. Please buy your tickets and bring your donation for the auction to the October meeting. If you are unable to do it then, bring to Jack Toomer by November 20th or to one of our Pub Lunches. Jack and/or Elena are usually there. If not, one of the "lunch regulars" will look after it.

So far this year the Coho remain elusive but the local lakes are becoming productive.

The big problem that I need to solve right now is - what fly am I going to use and where am I going to put it?

Program

October 24, 2006: Craig Wightman will be presenting "Georgia Basin Living River Program."

November 18, 2006 Pacific Salmon Foundation Fund Raiser. See the ad on this page.

November 25, 2006: Christmas Party and Auction. See the Ad for more information. Note that it is before the AGM and tickets will be sold at the October Meeting.

November 28, 2006: Regular business meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting then the election of officers and directors.

Annual Banquet and Auction

Location: Lantzville Legion, Lantzville

Time: Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00
Saturday, November 25, 2006

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

Purchase your tickets and bring your auction item to the October, 2006 meeting.

Jack wants your auction items at least a few days prior to the auction so that they can be sorted and described.

Call Jack at 756- 0987 for more information.

This year the Auction and Christmas Party is before the AGM and regular meeting in November. We could not change the hall dates or the Legion dates. Since we need to give the caterers at the Legion committed numbers for this event, it is important to plan ahead and pay for your tickets in advance. We lost money in previous years due to members registering and then not showing and not paying. Last year the silent auction shortened the auction proceedings to manageable time but Jack needs the items a few days before Nov. 25 so that he can determine which auction to delegate the item and write up descriptions for them.

Pacific Salmon Foundation Dinner and Auction

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Coast Bastion Inn

Support the Pacific Salmon Foundation by attending, trying out your luck on the raffles then bidding on the live and silent auction items. There will be fishing adventure packages, art work, jewelry, hunting and fishing articles etc. A dance will follow. Purchase tickets at the IWFF October meeting or from Gone Fishin'. \$25.00 of the \$50.00 tickets are paid for by the IWFF for members only.

The PSF is the organization who is introducing pink salmon in the Nanaimo River Estuary and Departure Bay. They will also be constructing a bypass channel in Bowen Park to greatly increase the spawning beds for coho.



Calendar of Events

Ron Moll has made up a 2006 calendar of all of our events and activities for the year. It is posted on our web site at www.members.shaw.ca/iwffnews/.

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.

Club Library

The list of books has now swelled to over 60 books. Matt Haapala is the custodian and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 754-4124. Check out the list of books on our website. The link is above the calendar on the newsletter page. There will be some lists available at the meetings.

Book Reviews

Are you looking for ideas for an article for the newsletter? How about a book review? It could be one from our library, your favourite fishing book, a fly tying book or whatever.

Fish Outs

If you have a hot fishing idea, call Bernie or anyone on the front page and we will organize it by announcing the time and place to meet by email and telephone. This system is easy to organize and a fair number of fishers show up.

Fly Fishing Pink Salmon DVD

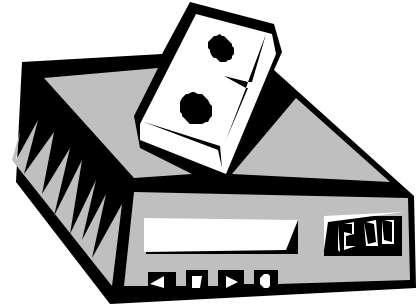
Filmed and produced by Steve Wawrykow of "on the water" action and other club activities.

The panel discussion portion reveals the secrets of success by our own expert members and is loaded with tips.

They can be obtained from Steve at 754-3650 or at the next meeting for \$20.00 (\$15.00 will be donated to fish enhancement).

List of Videos

See Ed Tremblay, or Call 245-8552, to Check These Out



Note: Some of these videos are also now available in DVD format.

- 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
- 23 STEELHEAD FISHING – IWFF
- 27 MAGIC OF FLY FISHING – STORIES OF MANY TRIPS
- 34 DUBBING THE LOOP WITH ROOTS
- 35 TYING BASS FLIES – IWFF
- 37 BASS – THE 99% SOLUTION – FISH'N CANADA
- 40 THE RIVER OF NO RETURN – IWFF REPORT
- 42 25 FISHING LAKES – MERRITT TO KAMLOOPS
- 43 - 1 NORTHERN LAKE TROUT – FISH'N CANADA
- 43 - 2 FLOATING FOR GATORS – FISH'N CANADA
- 43 - 3 LARGEMOUTH BASS – FISH'N CANADA

October Meeting



Evan Harrison, guest, told us that he caught fish all summer. Robin Jones, also a guest, is just getting into fly fishing. Welcome and we hope you got something out of the meeting.



Dave Newman had a good summer. He and his 14 year old nephew were really impressed with the recovery of over 300,000 eggs from 700 pinks at the Quinsam Hatchery. These were brought down to the Nile Hatchery who was one of only a few who were lucky enough to get eggs this year.

Ron Moll gave us a summary of his research into purchasing a projector for the club. He proposed purchasing one from Costco which was on sale and included a screen. It was



brought in to the meeting to demonstrate it. The members approved the purchase of that one.



Bob Kissinger had a great time on the Nitnat with lots of fish, fisherman and bears.



Gordon Davis told us about his misfortunes at Salmon Point etc but feels this is probably a pretty good reason to invest in a new fly rod and



Paul was with Gordon and shared the same bad luck. He said that this was by far the worst year ever at Salmon Point and this was supposed to be an "on" year.

Guest Speaker

Bill Luscombe was back by popular demand and gave us a very informative slide show presentation on Coho Beach Fishing. Did you know that the “Jumpers” are not the feeders but they are with the ones that are? And that the reason for this jumping is still not known but it could be that they are either shaking off sea lice or brackish water? Having trouble determining a small Spring from a Coho? Try the smell test - Springs have a distinctive musty smell. These are a few of the gems that Bill shared with us at the October Meeting. He also thought that pontoon boats are the best way to approach these wary salmon. These fish are often too far out for casting from the beach and a belly boat does not move fast enough to keep up with the small schools of Coho. Bill's gear starts with 12 ft. of 8 to 12 lb. non-tapered leader on a #7 to #8 clear, intermediate sink fly line. Floating line has too much slack that is affected by waves. As with nearly all fishing, experiment with different retrieves. But, quite often Coho really go for the fastest retrieve possible. Try tucking your rod under your arm pit and retrieve with both hands. (Editor's note: you will probably need more than a 30 ft. cast to justify this maneuver). Some of Bill's favourite flies are:

Pearl Mickeys
 Chartreuse Worms (California Neal)
 Chartreuse Streamers
 Coho Sunset



Bill answers Steve Wawrykow's queries.



Bill Luscombe's Coho Beach Fishing was much appreciated by the members and guests. He was the first to test out our new screen which is a part of the projector package approved at the meeting.

Thanks again Bill. Now all we need is a beach with a few Coho to tantalize us.

Coho Sunset

by Bill Luscombe



Materials

#6 3x long hook
 Red thread
 Yellow Chenille
 Gold rib
 Mix of red and yellow hair for tail and wing
 Red and yellow hackle

Winners



Harold Tinling, left, Club Treasurer, counted out half of the Gilly receipts and handed it over to the winner of the draw, Paul Inscho.



Paul then congratulates Bill McColl on winning a CD as the runner up of the Gilly Draw.

Keith Mac-Donald shows his prize (also a CD) and was the second runner up in the Gilly Draw.



Harold introduces Les Campbell, the winner of the fly draw. He was a guest from Edmonton and was on the island to do a little Coho fishing. Some of the flies should come in handy for the trip. Les also has (had?) a #13 fly rod and reel for sale. There must be really big fish in Alberta!



John Ellis shows off his runner up prize in the fly draw - a CD. He told us during his Gilly presentation that retirement is all that it is claimed to be and then some.



Dave Connolly tried but did not win anything!

The IWFF Clock - A Secondary Role for Flies

by Ron Moll

Materials

Clock mechanism and hands
Fly hooks
Fly tying material (your choice)
Wire

Tools

Drill and bits
A compass, protractor, ruler and pencil from your Grandchild's school kit
Masking tape
Glue

Preparation

The first problem I solved was figuring out the method to fasten the flies on the wood. Having lots of wire around, I found some about the same diameter as the hook shank. I tied the wire onto the shank so that I could bend the wire 90 degrees. The second item I took into consideration was the orientation of the hooks. Mine are all pointed inward

The next phase of the operation was dressing the hooks. My criteria – be colourfull or contrasting.

Clock Mechanism

Two items that I looked at when purchasing the clock mechanism is it had to be mounted in 1/8" paneling and still have a standoff for the hands to clear the flies. Dry flies might add another dimension.

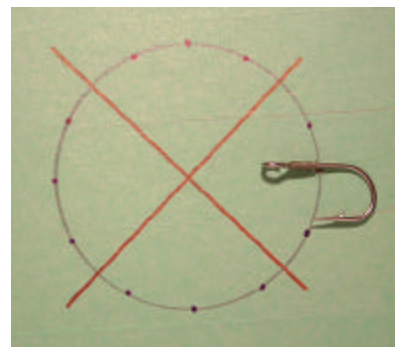
The Clock Face

The first thing I did was to cover the work area with tape. Then I drew two diagonal lines to find dead center. Next, I used a compass to scribe a circle. I used my largest fly to ensure clearance from the sides of my recessed area. Next I used the protractor to mark all the mounting points for the flies. Once I was satisfied that everything was spiffy, I drilled all the holes. This picture was the same procedure using cardboard. It also shows the hook mounted.

Next remove the tape and mount the clock mechanism.

I did two things when mounting the flies. I put a dab of wood glue on the wire and then after inserting the wire into the hole, bent it back against the wood paneling. Once I had all the flies properly aligned, the glue ensured they would not move.

All that was left was the clock hands and a battery and voila the IWFF clock.



This is another entry presented at last October's Tall Tales (Super Gilly) Evening. Harold also presented a second, shorter story which will be printed in another newsletter.

Plains Moose

By Harold Tinling

I want to take this opportunity this evening to add a little credibility to this evening and get away from far



fetched stories by some of you prevaricators.

You may recall a few years ago I told you about my cousin Stanley Harold Tinling, who I am named after. Stanley was very dear to me as he was a great mentor.

What I'm going to tell you tonight is from first hand experiences with him, and as he passed on in 1974 I feel I'm free to tell you of two things he invented or developed.

Stan was always thinking on how to do something better or how to do things that nobody had thought of doing much of what I'm like today.

Now a few of you older folks that have come from Manitoba, like Bill McColl might remember that back in the 50's there was a rumour that there was a giant moose spotted in northern Manitoba, It was seen in the area of Dauphin towards Lake Manitoba. This thing fizzled out as people could not get close to this thing to get a look at it and folks just thought it was another crackpot story thought up by some nut case.

Stan's mind was like trap, if he read or heard something of interest it was stored in there for a long time, his mind was like today's computers, lots of space and a big recall button.

It was a cold night in January and we were sitting in his workshop with a nice wood fire going and he says to me, "Satch" (he always called me Satch) "did you hear about that giant moose up north?"

"Yup" I say - not thinking too much will come out of this, but he carries on that this is indeed a very large and special moose, and that he had read many years ago that there was a strain of moose that grew antlers so big that they could not live in the heavy bush as they couldn't get through the trees so they spent their lives on the plains and in and around the willows and low scrub areas. They were called Plains Moose and due to their living conditions they developed such keen eyesight and hearing they became very elusive and were seldom seen.

The claim was you couldn't get within two miles of these things let alone get a shot or a picture of them.

We sat in silence digesting these facts and I saw that look in his eyes that told me he was onto something, "Satch" he says, "if I had a rifle that could shoot that far I'd get me one of them plains moose next fall". I thought boy here we go again.

Well he got old man Turner who was a machinist at the CPR Weston shops to



make him a special rifle barrel and action. Stan made the stock and did the assembly and he put a powerful scope on it. He designed the cartridge for it and had Turner make them up.

Well hunting season came along and we went to the Dauphin area in search of the Plains moose. After about three days of hunting we found our quarry, that moose was so far away you could hardly see him even with the powerful scope that was on the rifle.



Stan quickly set up the tripod , got the rifle ready, took a sight and squeezed the shot off. The moose disappeared, he was down. So was Stan. The recoil knocked him ass over tea kettle. When he got his wits back we set off to get that moose. As I say he was so far away we had to have a boil up on the way.

We found that moose and just about fell over, the antlers were so large and heavy that the moose's chin was all scratched and scabby from dragging on the ground under the weight of them.

It took us 2 days to get that moose out to the truck, we had to leave the head and antlers for a second trip as we had no room for them. We went to Winnipeg with the meat and returned for the antlers but low and behold they were just about gone - eaten by rodents and other animals. This is the reason we never



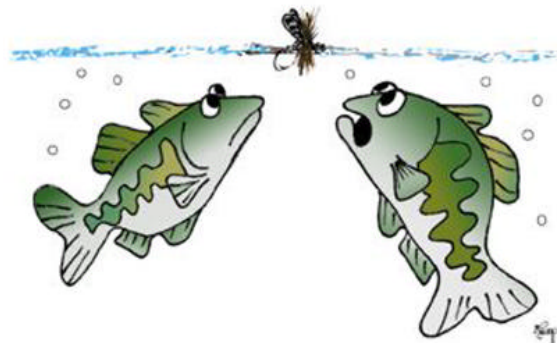
told anyone about getting a plains moose as we had no proof we had done it.

Stan had made one mistake in his getting the cartridges together. He was so smart he made the bullets out of rock salt. His thinking was that since the moose was so far away the meat would spoil before we got to it. Well, he was a little off his calculations - because the salt went through the meat and made it so salty we could not eat it.

Stan has gone and the only proof to what happened is this original pattern for the cartridge.



Harold displays the original pattern for the cartridge used to bring down the plains moose.



"The trout say it tastes just like chicken."

Minutes of General Meeting

Held on Tuesday Sept 26, 2006 at 7:18 in the Ukrainian Church Hall ,
4017 Victoria Ave., Nanaimo.

Meeting called to order at 7:18

Minutes of previous meeting approved. Moved by Jack Toomer, second Bruce Cumming.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Tingling reports we have a balance of \$5837.78. We have an outstanding promise of \$1000 for the Long Lake dock.

Rent for the church hall has increased \$5.00 / mo. to \$40.00.

Keith MacDonald moved we accept this report, second by Bruce Cumming.

Committee Reports:

Health : Dick Bowden is in hospital, very ill.

Entertainment: Jack reports the annual auction will be held Nov 25. Happy hour at 6 pm and the rest of the evening will unfold with a meal and auction. Tickets requested will be considered as SOLD even if the members are unable to attend. We can not afford to be paying for unpaid meals. We were stuck with 8 meals two years ago and it cost us \$200.

Jack asks that people donate their items at least one week prior to the event as he needs time to organize. It was a 'zoo' last year with most items arriving after 6pm the night of the auction.

Jack noted that we will not have the installation of officers at this event as the November meeting follows the supper. (by several days)

Fishing Events: Trip to Pye Lake planned for tomorrow. Harold and Ron B will be attending for several days and everyone is invited to join them for a day.

Conservation: Frank Dalziel asked for help last week as he wanted help collect 300,000 eggs from Pink Salmon from the Quinsom Hatchery. They were brought down to the Nile Hatchery. In two years their return will give us another year with lots of fish, all with lock-jaw (Yea!) (Can't wait?)
Video: Ed T says he has lots of videos and DVD's. He would appreciate the return of those borrowed last spring.

Library : All books are at Gerry Stevens' home. More than 60 books available

Welcome Table: Please bring fishing and fly tying mags to the meeting and let them be shared. Try to return them so they can be shared many times over.

Boys and Girls Club: They had a successful fish-out to Westwood Lake. Fish caught, good time had by all.

Programs: Ron Busche wants new ideas.

A representative from Ministry of environment coming to the next meeting.

Correspondence: #1-Fraser Valley Boat and Sportsmen's Show March 2 to 4, 2007. They sent forms for any members who might want to rent a booth. Placed on the welcome table.

#2-Malaspina University thanked us for our donation of \$500.00 to their cutthroat trout study.

#3- Nanaimo Hospital Foundation thanked us for our donation on Behalf of Keith MacD and family
Introduction of Guests: Les Campbell and Murray Hatch are residents of Alberta and came for the Coho Presentation.

Evan Harrison is considering becoming a member of our society.

Old Business: none.

New Business #1 Several months ago it was decided we should investigate the possibility of acquiring appropriate technology to facilitate our teaching/learning and to aid our speakers. Ron Moll was asked to check out options for a projection system and he has spent considerable time and energy in past months.

His research has suggested a specific machine which he brought to the meeting and demonstrated. The cost is only \$1000. This is a fraction of the cost of the same machine 3 or 4 years ago. After much technological description which was beyond the secretary, it was decided we should vote on the issue.

Moved: By Steve W. and seconded by Keith MacD that we authorize Ron Moll to purchase the projector and the additional components (connecting cables and a stand) to the sum of \$1000.

Approved unanimously.

#2 Pacific Salmon Foundation received \$1000 from us last year and it was Moved: by Steve W. and seconded by Keith MacD. that we support the foundation to the sum of \$1000. Carried unanimously.

#3 Last year we supported members who attended by paying half their registration fee. Only 3 or 4 members attended so the cost was \$100 or less.

Moved : By Joie (Harold) Coe that we again fund members for half the registration fee. Carried but one opposed.

Guest Speaker was Bill Luscombe who entertained and educated us about Coho fishing in our area. Thanks again Bill.