

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

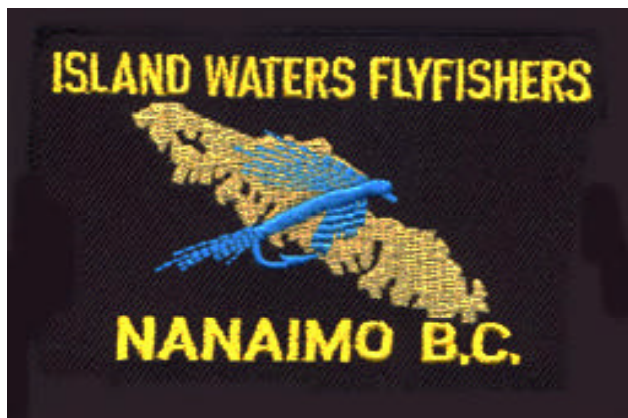


With characters such as these at our do's, who needs entertainers and clowns?
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Island Waters Fly Fishers

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Meetings at 7:00 pm. on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome. Phone 390-3266.

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The Island Waters Fly Fishers

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



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

Hello to all you fly fishers. Hopefully you had a very productive summer on the fishing front for trout or salmon. I heard some members had very good fishing for pinks up island and some had good trout fishing in the Interior.



Jack Toomer

Local waters should start to produce soon with cooler temperatures as fall approaches. There have been about 300 pinks counted in the Nanaimo River so far. The people at the hatchery say that the water is still too warm for the main run to come in yet. The hatchery will be looking

for our help to net salmon, strip eggs etc. Hope to see you out when your help will be needed. Also, the Quinsum Hatchery will need your help to strip eggs. This is the source of eggs when the local run is low.

Our September 23rd meeting will see Dave Clough as the guest speaker. He will be talking about the Stream Keepers Program which will be very interesting.

That is enough rambling for now, see you at the September meeting.

Jack Toomer

Events

September 23, 2008: David Clough will describe the Stream Keeper's Program

October 28, 2008: Tall Tales Night. Bring your fishing story and share it with us.

November 1, 2008: "Tie Till you Drop" fly tying at Oliver Woods Centre.

November 25, 2008: Guest Speaker, AGM and Election of Officers.

December 6, 2008: Christmas Dinner and Auction at the Lantzville Legion.

January 27, 2009: Ton Plynaar has consented to show us some of the advanced techniques used to tie display salmon flies.

February 24, 2009: Peter Morrison - Topic to be decided.

March 24, 2009: Ralph Shaw - "Jack Shaw";

April 28, 2009: Bob Leverman will give his eagerly anticipated "Match the Hatch" presentation.

May 26, 2009: An update on the stocking program by the local Department of Environment's new Fisheries Biologist.

August Barbecue

The cheering (sometimes jeering?) section: Bonnie Haapala, left, Joan Honig, Mary Tinling, Isobel Heinrichs, and Jeanne Winters



Jack Toomer did his version of the “Itsy Bitsy Spider” for Judy Legg, Earl Stevens and Steve Wawrykow.



And some more cheerleaders: Suzanne Stevens, left, Fran McColl and Pat Garton.

Harold Tinling leads the troops (Tom Skilton and Bob Kissinger) out to the Casting Battlefield. Matt Haapala, Bill McColl, Steve Wawrykow, Dave Connolly and Earl Stevens read their order papers.



The Casting Battlefield



Dave Connolly shows Steve how to lay the line between the posts at station #7. Wayne Legge prepares for station #1.



Matt discovers that there is a bird house on his back cast at station #2



Then Matt helps Ray Garton avoid the same problem



Jack gives a few pointers to Ray Honig, Bill McColl and Doug Winters but they just went ahead and did it their way.



Wayne Legge deals with the "Wall" at Station # 6.



Ray Honig takes aim on station #4

Winners



Pat Garton collects her draw prize from Bob Kissinger. The camera was not working when Bonnie Hapala accepted hers - sorry.



Bob Kissinger shows his usual restraint and calm demeanor while accepting his prize for the closest score at the Casting Game.

Bill McColl, right, won the draw prize, a fly fishing book. What would Harold do if he was the winner?



Elena Toomer accepts her token of appreciation from Bob for her and Jack's generosity in hosting such a successful summer barbecue.



Bernie Heinrichs accepts his prize from Harold Tinling won during the Casting Game.



Eve River Pinks



Ron Busche, Doug Peterson and Harold Tinling are in this group who hit a good run of pinks as the tide came up at the estuary. July, 2008

Departure Bay Pinks

by Bernie Heinrichs



If your first comment on this photo is “That is not a Pink” you are an astute observer of piscatorial matters and are absolutely correct. It is not a pink. It is a cutty but it was caught in Departure Bay and, as you have already noted, it had taken a small pink fly. On August 26, 2008 an exploration trip to the beach was taken to determine if there was any truth to the latest rumour that the pinks have been in Departure Bay for about a week.

My first clue that the rumour was just that – a rumour was noted when there was a shortage of active seals. There was one who was drifting aimlessly in pursuit of the same prey that I was after and was having the same degree of success. The second clue was the lack of other fishers. You know you are in a hot fishing area when you are crowded out by them. There were none in sight.

After about an hour of strolling down the beach and aimlessly chucking a fly into the surf, I thought I glimpsed a swirl. My fly was immediately pulled out of its slow retrieve and tossed toward the source of that swirl. The slow sink tip was barely wet when it struck! At first I could not believe how a pink could have come up from nowhere and taken that fly. My doubt was proven to be correct when the fish was retrieved much too easily and even stayed on while a knot was untied from my line before it could be taken up on the reel.

By the time the photo was snapped, that fish was exhausted and swam very slowly away. Perhaps the seal also got his reward?

Millstone River Coho

Mel Sheng, DFO Biologist, estimates that at least 300 (150 pair) of Coho used the newly installed Bypass Channel in Bowen Park to spawn in the upper portions of the river and into the Brannen Lake streams. This was based on the survey done by Charles Thirkill and his crew of students during July and August of 2008. Many of the pools such as the one in the photo contained up to 400 Coho fry. Nearly 100 were even found in Benson Creek which flows into Brannen Lake. Fish traps set in the lake and two other streams entering it also produced fry proving that the spawning Coho had extended their territory into the far reaches of the drainage basin.

Last fall's spawning Coho were the last year that they were moved upstream of the falls in Bowen Park. This year's run and next year's will be interesting and will surely be much less because only a few one year and none the next were moved beyond the falls.



Charles Thirkill and his crew scoop out the Coho fry from their seine net after four sweeps through the pool under the railroad overpass on the Millstone River next to the German Club.



This larger than average Coho fry was trapped upstream of a culvert in the Upper Millstone about 400 metres before it enters Brannen Lake. Since the water had nearly stopped flowing through the culvert, this fish and its three companions were released into the lake. The little pool is located next to some mail boxes on Garside Road.

Coho fry can be identified by noting the large, even parr marks, pale orange fins and the sickle-shaped anal fin with a white edge followed by a black edge on it and on the dorsal fin.



Bob Kissinger still has a few of these signs left for distribution to your favourite waters. We would also like to track the amount of garbage that we remove during the season and report it at the end of the year.

Events and Services

Pub Lunches

Come out to the Wellington Pub on Victoria Ave. every Wednesday from 11:30 am. to late noon. After the smokers were banished, we took over one of their rooms and are enjoying the new, affordable buffet meals. Guests and new members are especially welcome to join this very informal gathering.

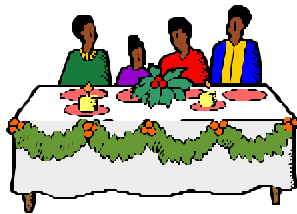
Club Library

The list of books has now swelled to over 85 books.

Larry Miller is the custodian and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 390-4495. Check out the list of books on our website. There will be some lists available at the meetings.

Christmas Dinner/ Auction

Christmas is coming,
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Just a reminder that
our Christmas Party is
set for the 6th of December at the Lantzville
Legion so start collecting your goodies or
making your crafts for the auctions.
Bob Kissinger will be selling the \$20.00 tickets.



Pontoon Boat for Sale



2007 Creek Company, ODC XL9, 9 ft., pontoon boat with outboard motor bracket, swivel seat, and pump. Used 4 times. Original cost about \$1,000.00. Asking \$650.00. Contact Ray at 758-9930.

Wednesday Afternoon Fly Tying

Starting October 1, 2008 after the Pub Lunch at approximately 1:15 at the Woodgrove Save On Foods Meeting Room. These will be held on the first and third Wednesdays for five sessions until December then six more starting January 2, 2009. Most of the demonstrators are members who have not shown us any of their favourite flies. Only one Toony to cover material costs.



“Tie Till You Drop” Fly Tying

All day Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Oliver Woods Centre on Oliver Road off the Island Highway South of Turner Rd. Come any time between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm. Bring your materials and tools then tie whatever - however. Be prepared to socialize, check out the other tyers and share your techniques. Bring a lunch or check out the Longwood Brew Pub at noon. All fly tyers and especially other club members are especially welcome. For this first one, the only fee will be \$2.00 which will go into a 50/50 draw.

Basic Fly Tying Course

Six Classes,
twice per week
starting in early
November.

Maximum of 5 students with preference given to members who have not taken any classes before. \$20.00, paid in advance, to cover the cost of all materials. Sign up at the next meeting or call Doug at 250 390-4109.

