



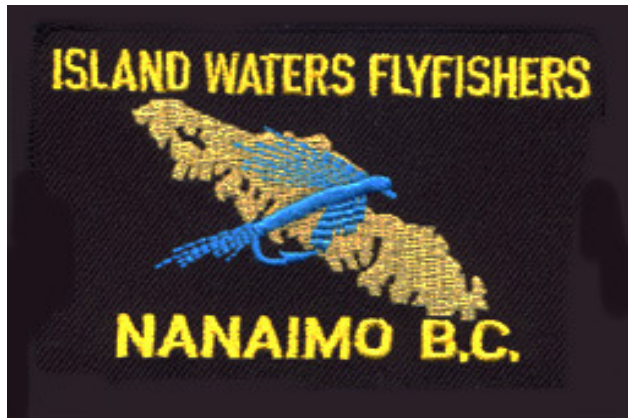
**No, Divas, this is
not Wayne's new
mating ritual**

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Island Waters Fly Fishers

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Meetings at 7:00 pm. on the 4th Tuesday of the Month
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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/>

Jim McCoy's Coho



This year is shaping up to be one of the better years for Coho and this 10 pounder., hatchery, salmon taken in the Bowser Area by Jim McCoy is good evidence of it. His tube fly, green over white with some flash, was the right choice.

President's Message



Jack Toomer

Hi Guys, Well fall is definitely here, wind and rain as I write this. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out fishing - either chasing the elusive coho, or trying one of our numerous lakes now that they have cooled down and the fish have started to bite again. Some of our members have been out to the Nanaimo River Hatchery helping with the egg take from the Pinks, they have over a million eggs now being incubated, looks good for 2011. It is the same for all the up island rivers, just a tremendous return for an off year.

As late fall and winter approaches just a reminder of the Wednesday fly tying at Woodgrove Save-On Foods, and also our Saturday fly tying starting on Nov. 14th.

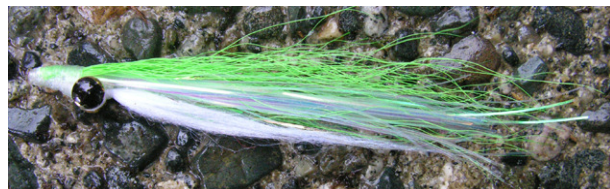
I hope every member has thought about the upcoming club elections in Nov. and hope you will let your name stand for office, the club is only as strong as it's directors and members.

Just another reminder about the clubs annual Banquet & Auction, Bob Kissinger is selling tickets and Tom Skilton is collecting donations, so lets make this the best one yet and get your donations in early.

Our own illustrious Bob Leverman will be our guest speaker at the next meeting, talking about matching the hatch. Always very informative. Hope to see everyone there.

JACK.

Jim McCoy's Coho Tube Fly



Events and Services

Pub Lunches

Come out to the Black Bear Pub every Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. to late noon. Guests and new members are especially welcome to join this very informal gathering.

Club Library and Videos

Wayne Legge is the custodian for both, and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 756-3114 or email him at: twolegges@shaw.ca.

Check out the list of books and videos on our website. He is revising and updating the lists and will be bringing a few of the popular ones to the meetings. They are free to members - just sign them out.

Some of the popular fly tying books are:

FLY TYING BOOKS

FLY TYING	JOHN CLARK
CONTEMPORARY FLY PATTERNS	ART LINGREN
MODERN FLY CRAFT	JAMES HYNDMAN
NYMPHING A BASIC BOOK	ROBERT PHILS
TYING FLIES FOR TROPHY TROUT	JACK SHAW
FLIES OF THE NORTH WEST	
TOP 50 STILL WATER PATTERNS	

Wednesday Fly Tying

These fly tying demonstrations are held the first and third Wednesdays except December at approximately 1:00 pm (or when we are done with the Pub Lunch at the Black Bear Pub). Bring your tying equipment and learn some of the members' favourite patterns. The schedule so far is:

Oct. 21. Wayne Legge - The Pin Fly
Nov. 4 - Wayne Pealo - Steelhead Flash Fly
Nov. 18 - Bob Leverman - Gary LaFontaine's Emerging Pupa.
Dec. 2 - Bernie Heinrichs - Foam Stimulator

Fourth Tuesday Meetings and Events

October 27, 2009: We are eagerly anticipating Bob Leverman's Match the Hatch presentation.

November 14, 2009: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

November 24, 2009: Bill Pollard will show us how to place flies into glass balls for Christmas decorations. AGM and election of officers and directors.

December 5, 2009: Christmas Party and Auction in the Lantzville Legion. Refreshments at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each again this year plus your donation or craft for the auction. Bob Kissinger and Tom Skilton are accepting them and need them by the November meeting

January 16, 2010: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

January 26, 2010: Mel Sheng, DFO Biologist, will be discussing the state of the Salmon Fishery on the Coast.

February 13, 2010: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

February 23, 2010. Wally Nowak, Comox Valley Fly Fishers: A lively and vivacious presentation on fishing in the Arctic and Isaac Walton Country.

March 13, 2010: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 23, 2010. Ralph Shaw: A biography of Jack Shaw .

April 27, 2010. A.B.C. Federation of Fly Fisher's member will give us the benefits of belonging to the BCFFF.

May 25, 2010. Allen Tavender, Fly Fishing Guide: Steelheading Today.

Some of the bookings are tentative and are subject to changes.

Divas on the Fly - A Weekend Retreat for Breast Cancer Survivors



Wayne Pealo built up the Diva's expectations for the Sunday Fishout to Ellison Lake. Thanks Wayne for the great job of fund raising, organizing, presenting and for providing so much fun!



And Gerry Stevens shows his favourite lake flies to his group of fly tying student Divas.



Wayne Pealo's "Trout Dance" must have been effective - Pat, far left, was the only Diva to catch one of Ellison Lake's docile trout.

Leo Snye helped Bette Ainsworthe with her fly tying lesson in the Tamagawa Lodge on Holden Lake. Besides the volunteer time, IWFF contributed \$1106.00 and the BCFFF \$1500.00 to this event.



Doug Peterson with his group of fly tyers on Saturday



The lack of biting trout did not dampen the enthusiasm of the thirteen Divas after fishing at Ellison Lake. The weather was great and the socializing was even better. We all know that there are a lot of big trout in the lake but they must have decided to take the Sunday off. Thank you, Barry Ellison, for your generosity to lend the lake and all of its facilities. Also many thanks to the IWFF volunteers, Wayne's committee from the Vancouver Island University, the Cancer Society, the donors and other individuals who helped to make this such a success.

The Eve Experience

By Steve Wawrykow



This year I spent 6 days fishing the Eve River over a period of 3 weeks. As everyone else has attested, fishing was just fabulous. I enjoyed bringing fresh pinks home for the smoker. I met many fly fishers on the Eve including a number of them from the Vancouver area. I remember well the comment of one of them, "its great to be fishing among so many fly fishers and the courtesy that exist among them."



On the first day I did well with a fly I recall being called the "pink slug". For a period of almost 2 hours I out fished most of the people there including Gerry Stevens. The next day the water was higher and the winds were strong and cold. Gerry was slaying them with his blue-green expoxied head streamer. No one else was doing well until Gerry gave them a copy of his fly. It certainly made the day for many fishers that day. Well-done Gerry! What a great way to promote our club.



Wayne Pealo plays a Pink Salmon.

Wayne Pealo chose a great day to take his Grandson Nicholas fishing. I was glad to film them fishing together. They have DVD's of their experience together.

It was the last day I fished the Eve that I will remember forever. I had switched to a coronation fly pattern I had modified and had caught and retained a few pinks - as well as releasing more. Then, on one drift, I set the hook and after a short run downstream the water exploded as a huge chrome bright fish jumped and seemed to hang for a moment. Then it rattled my knuckles as the reel screamed under protest of a long and powerful run. I just hung on and was getting ready to go further downstream when the fished stopped.

I called to a fly fisher from Courtenay (Kyle) to get my camera. He immediately did so and was able to film me playing the Coho and then snapped a few pictures. What a fortunate stroke of luck to have someone fishing alongside me to record me landing the biggest Coho I have ever caught.

I have also resolved to carry a tape measure in my fishing vest to measure the girth of fish. By using dividers and knowing the diameter of my reel being four inches, I extrapolated the length to be 32 inches and the depth at 7 inches. Using tables I found on the internet, I guess the minimum weight to be at least 16 lbs. It was with pride that I released this beautiful fish back to the waters of the Eve River.

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The Eve Experience (continued)



Steve's largest Coho - estimated at 16 lb.!

Eve Coronation Fly

Tied by Steve Wawrykow

Saltwater Coronation



Eve Coronation

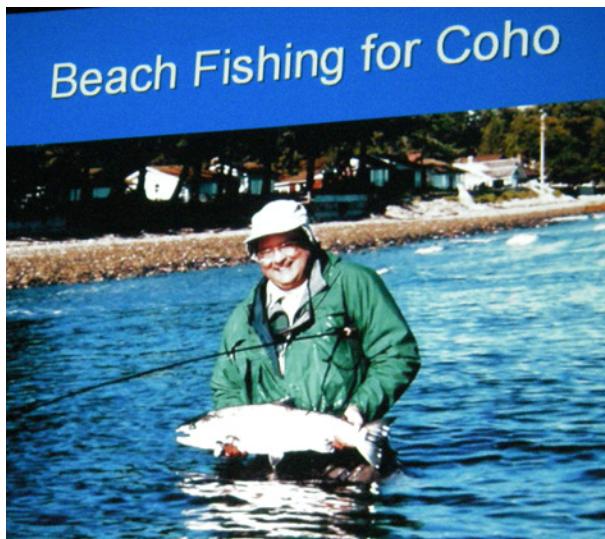
Instructions

1. Start with a #6 L1926 Eagle Claw Gold plated hook. (no longer produced) It has a wide gape and is more like a # 5 hook if one were available.
2. I used a dark olive thread, black will do.
3. For the under body use a green Arizona braid.
4. Next I slip a pearlescent flashabou tubing over the shank of the hook and tie in at the bend of the hook with bright red tag. Leave some strands as a short tail.

5. Tie off the tubing leaving enough space to finish the head.
6. For the under wing use Fuchsia Thompson Ultra Hair
7. Use 3 or 4 strand of Ostrich herl for the top wing. The herl in the Eve Coronation above was chewed off by fish.
8. Form a head and attach eyes.
9. Finish off with epoxy or multi coats of hard as nails nail polish.

I used this fly effectively on the Eve River for Pink Salmon and caught the Coho of my fly fishing life on it. I will have to tie more for my Eve fly box.

Coho Beach Fishing Panel Discussion - at the September Meeting



John Snook organized and lead the panel which included Jim McCoy and Roy Sorensen. The session was started by showing Frank Dalziel's Power Point Presentation which showed equipment, recommended flies and tips.

John prefers the term "hunting for Coho" to "searching for Coho". The best way to hunt them is to walk along the water's edge and carefully examine the water nearby and further out. They are not always jumping out of the water. When the fish are "finning"

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at the surface, they are referred to as “happy fish” and are more likely to take a fly. Coho are known to move a lot and will go from beach to beach - sometimes several miles overnight.

John Snook displays his “keeper bag” - hand made from burlap with a carry strap.



Some other tips:

- Roy really likes Rio’s “Streamer Tip” fly line but ensure that it is one weight size larger than your rod.
- Jim McCoy made his own shooting line by tying on 35 ft of a fly line’s tapered head to a 35 lb. slick line. It shoots well for distance.
- John likes a 6 wt. rod because it is easier on his arm. Others prefer 7 or 8 wt. rods.
- Use a 9 ft. tapered leader with a 10 lb. tippet.
- Beach Coho do not seem to be leader shy.
- Use a stripping basket for your fly line.
- Frank only uses a cord “necklace” containing his nippers, hook sharpener, tippets etc hung around his neck and a pouch for flies
- Use an all-plastic fly box and do not put your used flies back into it! That salt water can corrode the whole box of flies.

- John’s favourite fly is the California Neal with yellow tail, green body with diamond braid and grizzly hackle.
- Others include: American Coachman to 3 in., Olive Wizard, and the Coho Spider in sizes 6 to 8.
- He likes to use “Hard as Nails” nail polish to finish the heads.
- Line retrieves can be fast or slow or variable.



Some of John’s Flies for Coho

Timing:

- Roy prefers a falling tide because the fish will often stay in the same place and can be eventually reached.
- Morning or evening when the sun is not directly on the water or when it is cloudy, a bit cooler and a bit of chop on the water.

Triggers in Coho Flies

- Use fibres, hackle, hair etc. that provide movement such as Woolly Buggers, Neals etc.
- Use flash, blue over green or over silver
- Try #10 fly tied sparsely when the bite is off.
- Use eyes
- Tie

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on with loop knots give more movement

Some of Jim McCoy’s tube flies - note the blues and greens. The big advantage of these is that they are not beat up when a fish takes them - they slide away from the hook.

September Meeting Guests



Although this is the first meeting for three of the Divas (see Divas on the Fly story on page 4), they were not technically guests - they are members. All thirteen were give free memberships to IWFF. Leo Snye welcomed Pat Anderson, left, Lynn Dean and Cathy Taylor. A Dragon Boat AGM was on the same night which inhibited more attendees.

Fly Draw Winner



Tom Skilton, left and Fly Draw Master, checks out Paul Inscho's winning ticket.



Art Meyer, left, was introduced by Bill McColl

Grandpa's Dream Becomes Reality



Greyson, Bernie Heinrichs' grandson, proudly shows off his first real fish taken from Brannen Lake. Bob Leverman emphasizes that bullheads, pumpkin seeds and even bass do not count. Bob Kissinger will be happy to know that Greyson enjoyed eating it almost as much as catching it. Before the Die Hards in the club scoff at the sight of the gear-flinging equipment, note the fly rod at the ready beside him. One step at a time, please. Those same Die Hards, who know of Bernie's fishing skills (lack of), will not be surprised to hear that he also out fished his Grandpa.



Bill also welcomed Bill Woodworth, left, and Jeff Stevens.

Sorry, Jeff Gallimore, but all three photos caught you blinking but we will get to know you anyway.