



ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

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Island Waters Fly Fishers

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.

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/>

Eve River Outhouse Update

Wayne Pealo decided that the late evening fishers at the Eve needed some illumination in the outhouse installed last July (see page 5). So he asked three members of the club to go along to help screw in the light bulb after the fixture was installed. After considerable deliberation the task was completed. Wayne said that he will need the same crew to replace the bulb when it burns out.



President's Message



Jack Toomer

Hello everyone. After the summer off it's time we got back to business. First of all I hope everyone has partaken in the fantastic pink salmon fishing offered this year. For an off year return it has been nothing short of sensational. Huge runs at the Eve, Campbell and Nile etc. Over 800,000 fish are in the Quinsum, 7000 are up Nile Creek, the Nanaimo has over 19,000 in the river. We helped the Hatchery net fish, and collected over 900 pinks. They will be doing the netting again and will need more volunteers. I would like to thank the four members who turned out to help on the 10th. Speaking of THANK YOU'S they go out to Bob Kissinger for organizing a BBQ. in June at Westwood Lake and our annual summer BBQ at Bowen Park this year. Both good venues - well done. Also a HUGE thank you should go out to the crew from IWFF who built and erected the outhouse at the Eve. This was very well received by the fishing community. On another note ELECTION of OFFICERS is coming up shortly, the club needs 2 directors, a secretary, vice president and president. Please think about these important positions, and running for office. Our next regular meeting is September 22 nd - hope to see all of you there.

The Pres.

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. 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.

Our Summer Barbecue Guest from England



Jack Toomer welcomed Mal Middleton, centre, who had just arrived from England the day before. Mal met Dave Fuller, right, about eight years ago in Victoria and was persuaded to come back to visit Dave in Nanaimo and to try out the fly fishing here. He found our club on the internet, contacted Jack and came out to check it out. Wayne Pealo offered to take him up to the Eve, which was in its prime with record runs of pinks. Mal was very impressed!

Fourth Tuesday Meetings and Events

September 22, 2009: John Snook is organizing a panel discussion on beach fishing

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

November 24, 2009: Bill Pollard will show us how he puts his 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 26, 2010: Mel Sheng, DFO Biologist, will be discussing the state of the Salmon Fishery on the Coast.

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

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.

June Barbecue



Matt Haapal, Gerry Stevens prepare the onions while Bob Kissinger cooks them. The shore of Westwood Lake makes a good setting for the kitchen.



While Tom Skilton grills up the gourmet smokies while Bernie Heinrichs is only trusted with the tube steaks.

Thanks again to Bob for organizing, rounding up the food and cooking for this popular event.

Divas on the Fly Donation



The Westwood Barbecue has been held in lieu of a meeting in June. It is promoted as a fish out and barbecue and we usually someone (often a new member) to actually come out and fish! This year Dennis Mullins actually caught this one and another one. To add insult to injury, he even ate it in front of us.



Harold Tinling, BCFFF Treasurer, presents Wayne Pealo, right, a cheque from the B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers to help fund the Divas on the Fly event to be held September 18 to 20, 2009 at Tamagawa Lodge. The 12 “divas” are breast cancer survivors who are participating to obtain and introduction to fly fishing for the weekend. Island Waters Fly Fishers is also helping to fund it and to supply volunteers for tying, casting and as gillies for the day of fishing.

The Great Eve River Outhouse Project



Bob Kissinger took on this project by prefabbing it and painting each panel. By scrounging for used materials, he was able to deliver the outhouse on time and much below budget. This allowed funding for hot dogs and beer for the hard working volunteers who assembled it on site just before the crowds of fishers descended on the campsite.



Assembly volunteers vying to be the first: Brian Lapadat, left, Ron Busche, Bernie Heinrichs, Mike Orr and Mike Fall.



Bob Kissinger, left, was the photographer for the photo above. This building proved to be very popular during the busy pink season and added to our club's great reputation.

The Eve River Estuary



There were over 25 fishers at the Eve a week before the pinks really started to come in. For some reason the number of anglers really dropped off when the pinks came in record numbers for the last 30 years.

August Barbecue



Ray Garton ensured quality control while Chef Jim McEwan grilled up some of the pink fillets.



Mike Orr delivers another plate of fillets from Chef Bob Kissinger. Thanks again Bob for your culinary skills, organizing, purchasing the groceries, filletting and, especially, that superb fish chowder. You will have to be the first to sample it next time rather than politely expecting some to be left.



Enjoying their reprieve from the kitchen: Christine Labadat, Colleen Busche, Sylvia Perilli, Pat Garton, Isobel Heinrichs, Sue Orr and Lillian Stevens.



Gerry Stevens, 2nd from left, revealed some of his pink fishing secrets to Tom Skilton, Matt Haapala and Brian Lapadat. He was preparing for his fifth trip the next morning.

The venue proved to be a perfect facility. It threatened to rain but the shelter was big enough to hold everyone. Bob said that he will book it earlier next year so that we can get it for a Sunday instead of Tuesday.

This is the last story submitted at last October's Tall Tales Night.

Fish Aphrodisiac

by Bernie Heinrichs

I met John at Nile Creek Beach sitting on a log waiting for a pink salmon to show itself. As usual these showings were slow and infrequent and our conversation went from what fly are you using to how deep to fish to the dismal state of the salmon runs in Georgia Straight. Since we were the only ones on that log, John quietly stated that he should have brought his home-made, power bait along to try. This really caught my attention and I pressed him for more details.

“So why didn't you bring it?” I asked.

“Because it uses substances not normally used for Power Bait.” He replied.

John went on to explain that he mixed in some products that he sells at his store, Whispers Adult Superstore, and he is quite concerned about any reaction that he may get or the fish may get if he actually used it.

Well this really got to me and I grandly offered to sacrifice myself to science and give it a try. After all this may be the greatest fish attractant since worms. After considerable discussion, which was not interrupted by any pinks, John finally agreed that this should really be tried. My reassurance that this is strictly for science, that it will be done confidentially and in the privacy of my boat on Brannen Lake were helpful in convincing him. He suggested that I come to his store on Terminal Avenue first thing in the morning before the customers came in. John is an early riser which is unusual for a person in his trade.

The next morning saw me at John's store and sure enough he was already hard at work stocking shelves. Without any comment or salutation, he slipped into his back room and came back with a photo film container.

“Make sure you wear rubber gloves and do not even get a whiff of this stuff.” he admonished.

I quietly thanked him and quickly made a retreat back to the front door. I was ecstatic! Finally, I'm



on even ground with those elusive trout in Brannen Lake!

My boat was loaded with the required fishing gear and I was off to a lonely spot on the lake. My first fly was a fuzzy, #6 Leach Pattern because it would hold more of John's potion.

In my haste to get this stuff tested, I applied it in the manner that the Power Bait ads showed on TV - by rubbing it in with my thumb and forefinger. The reaction on me occurred before I could even get the hook into the water. My last coherent thought was, “Damn I forgot to use my rubber gloves!”

“How do I describe this reaction to a mixed audience?”

It can be best described by the story of the 12 year old boy who was perusing a Penthouse magazine in the privacy of his bedroom. Suddenly he leapt up, ran down stairs and told his dad, a preacher, “Remember how you told me that if I even saw sin that I would turn to stone?”

“Yes, I do, son” he replied.

“Well it looks like I have already started!”

So there I sat with this problem, in a boat, by myself. It must have been pretty bad - I even stopped thinking about fishing for a while. Well, if nothing else, the answer could be at hand. But no, why not just wash it off? After some minutes of

vigorous washing in the lake, my body temperature started to cool and there was some reduced swelling. What a relief, but then these fish started splashing and rolling around next to my boat and seemed focused on that little oily slick that was left on the surface of the lake.



Hey these fish really go for that stuff. My fishing enthusiasm had returned. My first cast was only out 30 feet but not that bad considering the stress and excitement of the moment. The results were immediate but a bit subtle. There was a bump; I pulled up, another bump and another pull up on the rod. This little game continued for a bit then there was a solid hit, a run and a few leaps into the air by a nice looking rainbow. Alas, when he was finally subdued and brought into the boat, it was foul hooked and was released. Did I mention that my rubber gloves were on for this operation? Anyway, another cast and some more hits, misses, bumps, misses and then another fish was on. This one was also foul hooked but closer examination showed that it was by the anal fin. Well the third cast was a repeat of the previous two. More hits, misses then another foul hook. Only this time it was right into the vent! That has got to hurt. They claim that a fish has no feeling in its mouth. But the vent?

There has to be millions of nerve endings there. It was time to wind up my line, pull anchor and head back to the dock.

The next day saw John and me discussing the results of the experiment at his shop. Using this bait was just not ethical. Our final conclusion was that this product had to be kept away from fish and that fishermen should be warned. He did not ask for the container and I forgot to give it back to him.

As I walked out of his store there was a lady who seemed to be in her sexual prime and was desperately searching through John's displays. He came up to her asked if there was anything that he could help her with. She told him "I want that cute red one up there."

John told her that he could not sell it to her. "Why not?" She retorted.

"Because", he replied, "That is our fire extinguisher!"

Who is this?



This photo was taken July 29, 2009 at the Eve River Estuary. His name is Nick and lives in the Cedar area. He was going to give me an email address for the photos of the Coho that he had caught but we never crossed paths again. Contact Bernie at 250 390-3266.