

ISLAND WATERS FLYFISHERS

What do we do?

IWFF has been operating as a society for thirty-seven (37) years and although winter is not the time you would expect to see FFF (fly fishing folk) out in the cold, here are a few examples of what we have been doing. If you're a new member or thinking about joining these may be some of the FFF you might want to talk to, especially about staying warm... Vancouver Island has mild winters but when you are outdoors on the water or even casting from shore a little wind can drop the temperature enough for hands to get cold.



Green Lake is a lovely little lake somewhat sheltered which cuts down on the wind when you cast from a boat. There isn't an easily accessible spot where you can cast from shore unless you want to catch pumpkin seeds and frogs. Everyone fishes from some sort of watercraft and in this case our members seem to be contemplating how to keep warm while floating and casting.



During the winter months and early spring IWFF hosts fly tying sessions at Oliver Woods Community Centre. We welcome guests for two sessions and hope the experience will encourage them to join the club. In this photo new member Chris Flynn looks to be discussing various fly patterns with long time member Basher Bob. Member, John Ellis, on the left, always has a wide range of fascinating fly-tying materials which he uses while creating flies.



Graeme & Jenny embark on the maiden voyage of their new boat in the waters of Green Lake. Graeme has been recovering from an illness so it was great to see him out on the water and catching his first fish in a year. Members have a multitude of various watercraft which are applicable to various water conditions and always happy to help out each other in searching for the proper watercraft.



Westwood Lake is a favourite spot for IWFF casting clinics where members and guests gather to share tips, expertise and practice the fine art of fly casting. This photo shows new member Loren who has been fly fishing for quite awhile displaying his casting abilities into the wind on Westwood Lake.



Westwood Lake is at an elevation which can present some very unexpected weather, wind, and other challenges. Every Monday throughout the month of March various members braved the cool temperatures and gathered together to practice casting and occasionally the sunshine before heading off for hot coffee to warm up.



The February fly tying session was well attended and offered members a chance to exchange some old and new ideas on fly patterns. In the centre of the photo, one of our Founding Members-Paul appears to be giving the ladies at the table some ideas, but on what?

Photo of Flies from the February session



And then there is nothing like a pink rod, line, and reel!

