

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

Quarterly Newsletter — Oct. to Dec. 2012

A Summer to Remember!

It was a summer to remember as far as weather and fishing for many of the IWFF members. Multiple reports of productive and fun trips to the Eve r and other North-Island rivers fishing for pinks and later coho and even a Chinook or two were on the hook! Starting in mid-July fishing just got better and better. However, the lack of rain caused fishing success to cool down significantly through September and into October. Now that the normal fall patterns are beginning, including rain in relatively significant amounts, there should be a late fall push in fishing success for those hearty enough to brave the elements. Chum are showing up in the local rivers and those freshwater trout are hungry to build up their reserves for the winter!



“Basher” Bob Kissinger’s grand-son Oliver with a pink salmon of his own. Word is that he has already been trained by grandpa in the art of wielding a fish club...

SOME EVE RIVER PHOTOS: .



Above: Don Ginter landing a pink.

Below: Bob McEachern's switch rod and the pink it caught.



Sample Eve River report (from 'Basher' Bob) Mid-July:

Arrived at the village at about 3 p.m. Wow was it crowded! Spoke to Jerry S. who confirmed that the pinks were in but still on the small side. Decided to push on to Naka creek where there is a provincial rec. site. It was a great camping. Came back to the Eve Thursday morning to fish. Started by the stump at the top of the "boundary run" Noted that the river was about a foot higher than normal and cold, only 51.1' F. Felt it was too high to safely cross over in this area so we fished it from the road side for about half an hour with no luck and no fish being spotted.

We then went to the village and started fishing at the top of the "island". I started with a regular "kiss-off" but after 15 minutes with no luck I swithed over th a little lime green thing on which I got 3 fish on in 3 casts, losing all 3, before I lost that fly. I then went to a green butted kiss-off and managed to beach 2 monsters of about 2 pound each.

My son, Mark, in the interim hooked 6 and managed to bring the rod over to his son , Oliver, who proceeds to land 3. Naturally being my grandson he volunteered to do the fish wacking. He got his own kid sized custom made fish wacker (courtesy of Mike O.) this past Christmas.

Went back to the Eve the next morning for about 2 hours. We went staight to the top of the island. I started with the green butted kiss-off but couldn't buy a fish . Switched to a pink angel hair shrimp and almost immediatedly beached another 2 pound monster. My son beached one just a touch smaller. Over the next 45 minutes I hook 2 more but loose them. As it was starting to sprinkle we decided to push off for home. As I had caught the first and biggest fish of this day, I won a free lunch on the way home.

The eggs in the females were very small and a long way from maturity. It was similar for the milt in the males. I would guess that the run should last for quite some time yet judging by the egg and milt development. I understand that others have reported bigger fish but I didn't see any on this trip.

Despite the small fish it was a great trip.

Andrew Cathers with a coho caught off the Little Qualicum. A little later he managed to catch a hatchery fish which he was able to take home for the bbq...



2012 Chum-Fest a Fun-fest!

Friday, October 26th was the opening day for retention of chum salmon on the Nanaimo river and many club members met to fish and then socialize later at the Wheatsheaf pub in Cedar for lunch.





Wednesday noon get-togethers at 'The Well' are more than just a cheap lunch and chat. It is also an opportunity to keep abreast of club activities, informal fishing trips and outings - and also entertaining too!

Overheard at the last lunch: Bernie Heinrichs tells a story of hooking a large chum during chum-fest and losing his fly. Then within 5 minutes or so catching another chum among the hundreds in the immediate area and, when going to release it finding his lost fly in the mouth -same fish! Hmmm, fact or fiction - you be the judge...

Dennis Mullins broke yet another switch rod during a recent chum fishout at Nanaimo river; makes you wonder if he really was present at those spey casting lessons he talks about or is he using firewood chopping techniques?...



Above: Recent lunch at the Wellington Pub, where you never know what you're going to hear...

Nanaimo River Hatchery Spawning Days Fundraiser

Sunday, November 4th, 2012 10-3

Nanaimo River Hatchery 2775 Rugby Road, Cassidy

Come out and support the Nanaimo River Hatchery. Take a guided river walk and observe chum salmon spawning in their natural habitat. Watch actual eggtakes and spawning performed by hatchery staff. Learn the anatomy of a salmon while watching a salmon dissection. Adopt a coho fry and release it into the wild. Enjoy a delicious salmon BBQ. Used fishing and boating gear garage sale.

Entry is by donation. All proceeds support the Nanaimo River Stewardship Society's operation of the Nanaimo River Hatchery. 250-245-7780 info@nanaimoriverhatchery.ca

Island Waters Fly Fishers Monthly Meeting
 Start Time: 7:15 PM 23 Oct. 12
 At the Rotary Field House

Call to Order.
 DVD Presentation – Voices Of the River (Intro by Bernie H.)

8:30 Business Meeting
 Minutes of the May 12 Meeting
 Treasurers Report
 Health and Welfare

Old Business

Webmaster We are pleased to announce that Dan Hooper has accepted the Webmaster position.

November Elections – At this juncture we are looking for members to fill the following elected positions. **President, Vice President and a Director. There may be an additional Director position.** Committee members will be surveyed for their continued support. A committee of the the 3 Ron's has been formed to conduct arm twisting activities.

New Business

Departure Creek Project(s) – Administrative Support to Jean Michelle Hansens, a volunteer project manager with the Pacific Salmon Foundation and others. Ron M. and / or Harry M.

Committee Reports

Fly Tying – Jack T.
 Date: 27 October
 Where: Oliver Woods Recreational Center, Room ?
 Time: 9 AM – 3 PM Approximately
 Lunch: Mark M. - chili

Christmas Shindig – Wayne P.

Date: Afternoon 8 December 2012
 Location: Rotary Field House
 Theme: Pot Luck meal, draw for a fly rod other details

Pacific Salmon Foundation Dinner / Auction

Date; 24 November
 Location: Beban Park
 Timings: 5:30 Pm - Cocktails
 7:00 PM – Dinner
 8:30 PM – Auction
 Cost: \$60.00 per person
 Tickets: Mel Sheng – (250) 390 – 0815
 Gone Fishing - (250) 758 – 7726
 Wholesale Sports – (250) 729 - 2668

The Island Waters Fly Fishers (IWFF)

Membership fees:

Annual fee - \$40.00 Initial fee - \$50.00.

(The extra \$10.00 defrays club costs for a name tag and club operating documents).

There are no initiation requirements.

Benefits of Membership

Aside from a lot of laughs at the meetings,

- A great learning environment and excellent outdoor activities,
- your membership card also qualifies for a 10 to 15 % discount at selected fishing tackle outlets.

As well as:

-Fly Tying Sessions and Casting Clinics

-Fish-outs and other activities.

-Participate in the annual Christmas Banquet, the Spring Dinner and Summer Barbeques

IWFF - Monthly Meetings

Monthly Meetings (except July, August & December) at 7:15 pm. on the 4th Tuesday of the Month.
Meetings at the Rotary Field House, 850 Third Ave.

Access and parking from Jingle Pot Rd. (see map)

Visitors and Guests welcome. For Info Phone 390-3266.

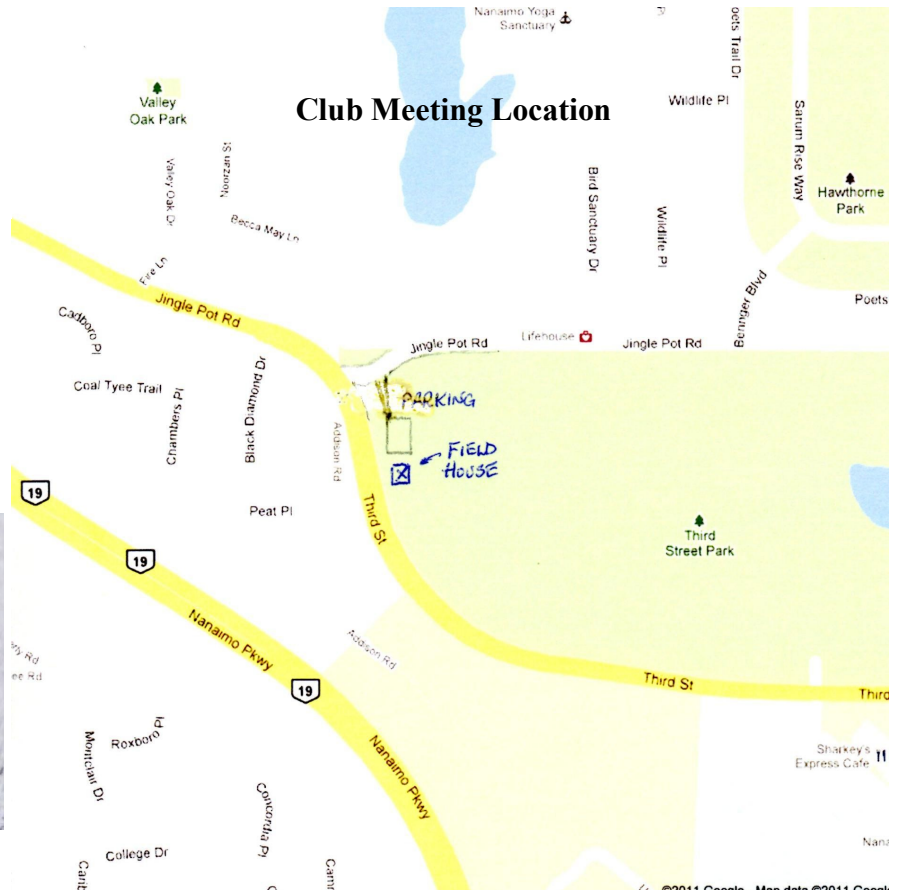


Pub Lunches

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



Tie a fly and catch a kid



CLUB EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEES, ETC.

President: Ron Moll	754-3978
Vice President: Ian Stewart	722-2158
Secretary: Ron Busche	758-2225
Treasurer: Ian Stewart	722-2158
Past Pres.: Jack Toomer	756-0987

Directors:

Program: Ron Schiefke	245-7261
Entertainment: Wayne Pealo	743-4569
Communications/Publicity: Bernie Heinrichs	390-3266
Conservation: Harry McLeod	390-1695

Committees:

Webmaster: Steve Wawrykow	754-3650
Videos/Library: Don Ginter	756-4867
Welcome Table: Leo Snye	729-7242
Membership: Rick Wanhill	753-3982
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**Island Waters Fly Fishers**

Is a fun club and organization.

Its purpose is:

- 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

Website

Visit our website: www.iwffl.ca . It details club activities, fly tying recipes, fishing events,