



# ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

Quarterly Newsletter — Spring 2012

## SPRING JUST AROUND THE CORNER - IS YOUR FISHING GEAR READY?

Reports are coming in from around the island of suspiciously spring-like weather. There have even been rumours of club members participating in fishing activity. With this in mind, it is only prudent to remain vigilant and keep your equipment in order, in case you are called upon to carry out some form of fishing activity, even if only in self-defence.

- Wash rods with luke-warm soapy water and a soft sponge. I like Sunlight soap for this as it cuts grease as well. Use an old tooth brush to remove dirt from the guide rings and reel seat.
- Add some paraffin or wax to the male portion of the ferrule to stop it from sticking together. Be careful here with how much wax you apply as you do not want the rod to come apart during a cast from using too much wax.
- Check your guides for imperfections at this time. Use a Q-Tip and check the inside of the guide for any nicks. Nicks will cause your line to fray and become weak possibly resulting in a lost trophy. If the Q-Tip leaves any fibers behind, wet sand the inside of the guide using 1500 grit sand paper until the nick is removed, or replace the guide if necessary.
- Immediately after fishing, rinse the reel under a LOW pressure tap. Remove the spool, shake off excess water and leave it to dry before reassembling.
- Apply new grease and lubricate according to the manufacturer's instructions. Apply a light coating of oil or car polish on the housing. For those who fish year-round in saltwater, in-depth reel maintenance should be done at least 4 times a year.
- Always loosen the drag completely when the reel is not in use.
- Don't leave your fly line exposed to the sun when not in use.
- Store a double taper fly line on a large arbour,vented spool between fishing sessions instead of on your fly reel. You will be able to reverse it and use the rear taper next season.
- To remove twists and kinks, take off leader and fly and troll the line behind the boat for a few minutes. On a river, just let the line hang in the current. Removal of twists can also be achieved by pulling the flyline between your fingers - always from the rear end towards the front taper. Use a piece of cloth to avoid burned fingers. You might have to repeat the operation several times.
- Damp fly lines and backing in a enclosed environment will get stained and sticky from mildew. It attacks the finish, which results in poor casting and reduced floatability. To prevent mildew on backing and flyline, better to stow it on a large arbour, vented spool.



## IWFF FLY FISHING COURSE

The Island Waters Fly Fishing club will be holding an in depth fly fishing course beginning March 28, 2012. The course will be held at the Rotary Field Clubhouse and on-water at Westwood Lake and will cover most aspects of the sport. Details below:

### Island Waters Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Course Timetable

Location: Rotary Field Clubhouse Cost: \$75.00 Registration: [ireg.nanaimo.ca](http://ireg.nanaimo.ca) (online) or (250) 756-5200 (By Phone)

Date	Time	Subject	Instructor
<b>28 Mar 12</b>	7:00 – 7:15 PM	Course Administration	Ron Moll
7:15 – 7:30 PM	Opening Comments	Ron Moll	Instructors / Student Introductions
7:30 – 8:00 PM	What is Fly Fishing?		Ron Moll
8:00 – 9:00 PM		Fly Fishing System Components	
<b>04 Apr 12</b>	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Knots 1	Attaching Backing and Main Line
8:00 – 9:00 PM		Knots 2	Leaders and Tippet
<b>11 Apr 12</b>	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Knots 3	Attaching Fly and Expedient Knots
8:00 – 8:30 PM		Entomology	Getting to know your friendly bugs
8:30 – 9:00 PM		Fly Fishing Accessories	
<b>18 Apr 12</b>	7:00 – 7:30 PM	Overview of Fly Tying	Doug Peterson
7:30 – 8:00 PM		Watercraft	Belly Boats, etc
8:00 - 9:00 PM		Reading Water	
<b>25 Apr 12</b>	7:00 – 8:30 PM	Fly Fishing Opportunities	Seminar
8:30 – 9:00 PM		Open Discussion	
<b>02 May 12</b>	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Practical Casting	Westwood Lake
<b>09 May 12</b>	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Practical Casting	Westwood Lake



**Dennis Mullins, Bob McEachern & Cal Tant fishing the Cowichan River.  
March 20, 2012**

## CASTING CLINICS HELD JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WELL ATTENDED

The club held several spey and overhand fly casting seminars during the last few months. Ian Muirhead, a certified Federation of Fly Fishers casting instructor, gave several interested club members instruction on the basics of spey casting as well as single and double-haul techniques. Possible future clinics may be held. Contact Bernie Heinrichs for info.



## ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**Held On:** January 24, 2012, at the Rotary Field House, Nanaimo BC.

**Call to Order:** The meeting began at 7:20 pm with Ian Stewart's presentation on the origin and historical development of the salmon and trout of BC. After a coffee break the General Meeting began at 8:20 pm.

**Guests:** Returning members Mas Iwasawa and Dan Hooper, new member Nick Rothwell and Brian Triplow visiting from Adelaide, South Australia.

**Treasurer's Report:** New treasurer, Ian Stewart, reported the cash balance from the 2011 year as \$242.00.

**Health and Welfare:** Leo Snye's wife, Marlene, had successful cancer surgery. Harold Tinling had a mild heart attack but is now doing fine. Steve Wawrykow fell and cracked a hip but should be ready to go by the end of February.

**Special Note:** Ron Moll wanted to send out some special thanks to members for their service to the club over the past two years. Those thanked were: Frank Perilli, Lloyd Erickson, Harold Tinling, Bob Kissinger, Leo Snye, Brian Lapadat, Ray Honig, Bill McColl, and Wayne Legge.

### Club Business:

**Beban Park:** Room 7 at Beban Park will be booked for the May 22<sup>nd</sup> general meeting for a trial run. The available storage cupboard would cost \$40.00/year. Members can then decide where to book space for next year's general meetings.

**Activity Calendar:** The club will be adding some new activities for the weekends. These activities will focus on acquainting members with different Island fishing venues. ie. Cowichan River, Nanaimo River, Nile creek, Chemainus River, etc. These outings will most often be educational walking tours as opposed to fishing outings. Members should look for e-mails, newsletters, Activity Calendars and website postings for these additional activities.

### Committee Reports:

**Entertainment:** Wayne Pealo handed out some awards left over from the Xmas banquet.

**Fly Tying:** Jack Toomer reminded members of the next fly tying session at the Rotary Field House on February 11. Jack asked for a volunteer to provide the lunch.

**Membership:** Rick Wanhill handed out initiating packages to new members and announced there were 37 paid up members with several new memberships to add.

**Library:** Don Ginter announced the addition of several new books to the library, thanks to the efforts of Ron Schiefke.

**Gilley:** Gerry Stevens presented the Gilley envelope to Gordon Davis.

**Fly Draw:** George McGladrey handed out the fly draw prize to Bob Kissinger.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

## MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING Feb. 21, 2012

**Held On:** 7:05 pm, February 21, 2012, Woodgrove Save-On-Foods meeting room.

**In Attendance:** Ron Moll, Harry McLeod, Jack Toomer, Bernie Heinrichs, Ron Busche, Rick Wanhill, Wayne Pealo, Ron Schiefke.

**Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved Jack Toomer, seconded Rick Wanhill, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** As Ian Stewart was absent, Ron Moll reported a balance of \$615.71.

**Budget:** Ron Moll and Ian Stewart continue to work on the 2012 Budget. Ron reported that it will be pretty well the same as last year.

### Coordination Points:

**-Spring Events:** Ron Schiefke will lead the March 17, Nile Creek tour. The March 28 meeting speaker will be replaced by one or two films.

**-Fly Tying:** The final fly tying session will be held on March 10 at the Oliver Woods Centre. Wayne Legge will provide the lunch.

**-Spring Fling:** The theme for the March 24 Spring Fling will be Spring Fever. There will be a potluck dinner with a video on Spring Creeks and a raffle for a spring creek rod.

**-Biffy Caper:** Bob Kissinger requested some funds to do maintenance on the Eve River Biffies. Members wanted more details on maintenance and also floated the idea of installing an outhouse at Panther Lake.

### Round-table:

**Harry McLeod-** A proposal was made to the Pacific Salmon Foundation to repair weirs in Departure Bay Creek.

**Bernie Heinrichs:** The club costs to obtain a key to Panther Lake appear to have shrunk to \$100. Access would start May 1 & \$500 deposit for the key would be required. Also, the hatchery open house will be on May 6 this year. In conjunction with the event, Bernie will be organizing a ticket booth at Woodgrove Mall to help raffle off one of our inflatable boats.

**Rick Wanhill:** Rick is preparing to send the \$10/member fee to the BCFFF.

**Wayne Pealo:** Divas on the Fly will be a one day event this year. Wayne is looking at holding it at Ellison Lake on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Some alumni will be invited to join the new applicants.

**Ron Moll:** The fly fishing course will begin on March 28. Some funds will be required for food and supplies.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20 pm.

## Other Events

### Fly Fishing Course

March 28th to May 9th (see page 2 of this newsletter)

### Saturday Fly-Tying

Last session was held Sat. March 10th at the **Oliver Woods Centre.**

### Spring Fling - Potluck Dinner

March 24, 2012 - Contact Wayne Pealo

### March 28, 2011 - General Meeting

Rotary Field House - 7:00 pm

**Wayne Pealo working a steelhead on the Cowichan River.  
March 20, 2012**



# 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 Meeting Location**

## CLUB EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEES, ETC.

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

### Directors:

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

### Committees:

<b>Webmaster: Steve Wawrykow</b>	<b>754-3650</b>
<b>Videos/Library: Don Ginter</b>	<b>756-4867</b>
<b>Welcome Table: Leo Snye</b>	<b>729-7242</b>
<b>Membership: Rick Wanhill</b>	<b>753-3982</b>
<b>Newsletter: Howard Matwick</b>	<b>z00dles@shaw.ca</b>



### 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](http://www.iwffl.ca) . It details club activities, fly tying recipes, fishing events,