

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



Left: Harold Tinling assists new tier Ralph Carlson tie a fly. Above: a Rolled Muddler Minnow as tied by Dave Degner.

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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

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Meetings on 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome. Phone 754-3650 for information. Please leave message.



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.

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Calendar of Events

May 28th We welcome back **Bill Luscombe** as guest speaker. Bill 's presentaion will be on Fly Fishing Lakes of Vancouver Island. We have enjoyed Bill's presentation in the past and I am sure this will be the same.

June 25th TBA

July 28th Annual salmon barbeque at Bob and Linda Crampton's residence beginning at 2 PM . A good turnout last year and I will try not to miss it this year

HALIBUT FISHING TRIP -

30 June to 05 July 2002

1. There is a fishing trip planned for the Queen Charlotte Islands aboard the vessel "Snowfall", a 70 foot fishing boat owned by and Captained by a club member, Dan Brynjolfson. The crew will consist of Dan and a regular crew member. Doug and Gerry are going which leaves a vacancy for three club members to make up the remainder of the crew.
2. These additional three members will be selected during the regular May meeting. The cost of the trip is expected to be about \$400.00. The actual cost could be plus or minus the \$400.00, depending on the fuel consumption. Those members interested in the fishing trip should have a \$200.00 deposit available for the May meeting.
3. If there are more than three interested members (with a \$200.00 deposit) the names will go into a hat and three names plus a spare will be drawn.
4. In addition to the cost of the fuel there will also have to be arrangements made for food, however this can be decided later.
5. We will probably depart from Port Hardy but there is a possibility that we could depart from Nanaimo which would mean an additional charge

6. See you at the May meeting.

Doug Winters

Letter to the Editor

Hi, Steve,

Just wanted to pass on to you (and the rest of the club) a quick word on our prawn fishing expedition with Larry, yesterday. You may recall that Mary Jane purchased the trip at our club Christmas auction, oh, so long ago. Well, we finally got out onto the water, which was a bit bumpy, but not bad. We had swell, but no white caps. Larry treated us royally, whisking us out to his favorite spot just off the Winchelseas, where we dropped the traps in about 300 feet of water. While we waited, we toured the islands where the sea lions and seals lounged on the rocks. We watched eagles—both bald and golden, and even coasted past a \$5 million mansion where it is rumored that retired teachers go to live off their pensions. (I *think* that's what he said.) Anyway, we pulled the traps in about an hour and a half, then headed in—with almost 350 prawns in the bucket! (Try buying 350 of those little rascals in your local seafood store!) Wonderful! We feasted on garlic prawns, caesar salad, and white wine last night, and still put 300 away in the freezer.

Okay, maybe we're not rich enough for the mansion, but last night, we sure felt like it. I just wanted to publicly thank Larry for donating the trip to the club auction last Christmas, and to let him know just how much we enjoyed ourselves—both on the water and at the table later on. On second thought, maybe we should keep this trip a secret just between ourselves. If any of those other guys find out how well we did,

Talk to you later,

Ken

Fly Tying

Formal fly tying sessions have ended. If you wish to continue meeting, call members to get together. Most of the people who attended would be glad to accommodate you. Most people felt that they would rather be fishing if the weather was suitable. 17 members were present at Harold Tinling's on April 11th.

Dave Degner demonstrated the tying of Murray's Rolled Muddler.

Six members met at Ray Brunt's on the following Tuesday for an informal session of tying.

Thanks go out to Larry Miller for coordinating the fly tying and to the Brunts and Tinlings for being fine hosts.

Dave Degner ties a rolled muddler. Members from left to right are: Larry Miller, Roberta Todd,



Bruce Cumming, Ray Brunt, Ray Garton, Harvey Stern, Don Mounce and Paul Inscho.

Murray's Rolled Muddler

Tom Murray, former president of the IWFF, developed this pattern. The Rolled Muddler was tied to imitate the fry of saltwater fish. The targeted species is the sea-run cutthroat trout. This pattern with colored variations and larger hooks is also effective on coho salmon.

Hook : Mustad 9672, size 12 Or 14 or equivalent

Thread: Red 8/0 UNI-Thread

Tail: Mallard breast feather fibres

Body: flat silver tinsel (Dave Degner counter wraps the tinsel with fine silver wire.

Wing: Mallard breast feather fibres

Head and Collar: Deer hair

Tying Instructions

1. Tie in a few rolled fibres at the bend, as long as the shank
2. Leave and red tag showing, warp a tinsel body leaving 1/3 of the shank length for the head. Counter wrap the tinsel with fine silver wire to make the body more durable.
3. Tie a sparse wing of rolled muddler fibres. Extend to the end of the tail.
4. Leaving a few wraps of thread showing(red gills); spin deer hair ahead of the wing. Trim the deer hair to form a head. Clip all hair from under the hook. This fly should not be bulky; keep it sparse.

Welcome to our newest members Bob Gentles and Wayne Legge. We are now 47 members strong and still growing.

April 23rd Meeting

Twenty four members and guests attended the “extra” meeting this month. We had a presentation by **Charles Thirkill**, a fisheries biologist, and **Joan Rogerson**, a teacher from the Fairview School, on the ongoing salmon project on the Cat Stream. Joan’s classes have been hatching and rearing Coho Salmon in their classroom for a number of years. They have released the fry into the waters of the Cat Stream. They have also cleaned debris from the water course and worked at restoring a suitable habitat for salmon and trout by planting trees and other suitable plants. The executive are considering having the IWFF support this ongoing project.

President Dave Connolly and yours truly were truly impressed by our visit to Joan and her school and the nearby Cat Stream. We were pleased to meet various people who lived in the neighborhood who met us and expressed their support for the work being done by Joan and various other school groups.

Following the presentation we had various demonstrations of fly tying and loop building by various members of the club. Thanks to Bob Crampton and John O’Brien for their loop demos; to John Ellis and Peter Hughebaert for their fly tying.



Charles and Joan making their presentation.



Charles Thirkill



Joan Rogerson



John Ellis ties as Robert Todd, Dave Newman and Bill McColl watch.



Glass bead chironomid tied by Peter



Peter Huyghebaert ties chironomids as guest Ray Evans and members Bill McColl, Harold Tinling and John O'Brien watch.



Bob Crampton shows Doug winter how to make loops for leaders and fly lines.



Bruce Cumming illustrates leader setup for fishing coho slamon in rivers to Harold Tinling, Elizabeth Kristensen and Wayne Legge.



Bill McColl, Larry Miller and newest member Wayne Legge observe John O'Brien splicing lines and making

Annual Supper meeting

Thirty six members and guests attended the annual supper meeting at the Howard Johnston on Saturday, April 20th. It was great to meet the wives of members and to socialize on an informal basis. Thanks to all for attending. Pictures below are of newer members and the grand old couple of the IWFF, **Bill and Lenie Brown**.

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Ron and Helen Britton



Bill and Lenie Brown



Guests Stan and Pam Wood



Wayne & Judy Legge



Bob & Sylvia Gentles

Taylor Arm Fishout

Hi Steve

Just as Eric and I left home, on Friday at 4:30 pm, the clouds opened up in a biblical down-pour. The air turned into a muted grey—I leaned forward in the drivers seat and squinted through the windshield and gritted my teeth. Oh yah, this is going to be fun. The windshield wipers were giving it all they had. I looked in my rear-view mirror to make sure the trailer was in tow—things didn't feel like they were going to go right. A pleasant blue-grey smoke billowed around the truck box and trailed us down the highway. The rear main seal on my engine had blown and was leaking onto the exhaust. There would be no problem finding us in this rain storm. Too late to fix it—keep going. Getting up the hump was tough. The new 3.08 rear-end did not like it at all. Well, at least I had first gear. Then, of course, the construction zone and their fifty kazillion lane-posts tested my driving mettle. Finally, Port Alberni, the roads were dry—yay!

Okay, to make a long story short, the weather cleared as we arrived at Sproat Lake. The weather and company were fantastic. I managed to land 2 cutts and 1 rainbow in about the 3 lb range, and my son landed a cutt, also about 3 lb. Paul Inscho landed the big fish of the weekend—a rainbow about 6lb. The fish were a little spooky because there were so many boats on the lake. This is not typical of this spot, especially if you go during the week. Many times I have been there all by myself. Anyway, it was a weekend enjoyed by all.

And for those who got lost trying to find the spot—turn when you see the end of the lake—20 miles passed it is just too far.... In other words, I'm not taking the blame, he-he-he.

Roy



Campsite on Friday



Father and Son Sorensen with fish.



President Dave Connolly with Rainbow



Leo Snye, Ray Honig, Elizabeth Kristensen prepare to go out for an afternoon of fishing



Godfather of the Campsite



Doug Winters returns with a rainbow



Harold Tinling and Matt Haapala



Brad Canaday holds a rainbow



The Kingfisher Paul Inscho heading out.

Fuller Lake Fishout



Lunch at Fuller Lake - from the left - Paul Inscho, Larry Miller, Bruce Cumming, Peter Huyghebaert, Dave Connolly and Don Mounce. Missing from the photo - Ray Garton. Photo by Steve Wawrykow.

Eight members attended the fishout at Fuller Lake on May 5th. We all enjoyed the lunch provided by Larry Miller and Don Mounce. The weather changed from minute to minute it seemed and the chironomid patterns were ineffective. Dave Connolly was the most successful fisher with three fish, all ably netted by Steve Wawrykow. Ray Garton also caught one fish. We do not know at the moment if others were successful.

More Pictures



Dave Connolly with a rainbow a shade over 18" (46 cm).



Editor Steve Wawrykow and Doug Winters with a rainbow from Sproat Lake.



Frank Perilli getting ready to launch "Cuts and Bruises."



It is hard to imagine how the fish could avoid all those flies in the water

President's Comments

A lot has happened since our last newsletter and regular meeting. The year is going by quickly with lots of activity. Our Social evening at the Howard Johnson and our fly tying and loop making evening at the Hall were both well attended. Joan Rogerson and Charles Thirkhill gave us an excellent program on the Cat Stream and something to think about for a club project.

Attendance at the Sproat Lake Taylor Arm fishout was excellent with 17 club members plus several guests turning out, including half a dozen RV's that stayed for the weekend. Fishing was tough but a number of Rainbow and Cutthroat up to at least 5 lbs. were caught.

This last Sunday, May 5th eight club members showed up for a chilly day of fishing on Fuller Lake. Yours truly was the lucky fisherperson of the day with dare I say a 20 inch plus 3 pound Rainbow. (Larry Miller served us all a great hot dog and hot coffee lunch.

My special thanks to Roy Sorensen for masterminding the Taylor arm weekend and to Larry Miller for arranging Fuller Lake and also to Doug Winters, our capable social planner for the Howard Johnson Evening. Many thanks to all club members who are supporting our events and adding to our fun and fellowship

Thanks Dave. Thanks also for most of the pictures of the Taylor Arm expedition.

Atlantic Salmon in Sproat Lake?

Just talked to Bob Crampton about his trip to the Cowichan River on Sunday with Ian Forbes. Bob had purchased the float trip at the Club auction a couple of years ago. The weather was variable with rain and wind and the odd sunny period. Both Bob and Ian were

into a dozen or so fish. Only a few fish were caught on the dry fly.

Bob and Wayne Sinclair fished the Taylor Arm late Sunday and caught a rainbow and a fish that Bob really wasn't too sure about. It had sea lice all over it and large dark spots. Bob wasn't too sure about the identification and released it. Upon talking to a friend who had fished the lake earlier in the week, he learned that an Atlantic Salmon had been caught and confirmed by a biologist. Bob thought the fish he caught was in poor condition and he estimated it was only about 19" in length. It will be interesting to know if any others have been caught.



Tinlings and Winters enjoying lunch on Saturday at the Taylor Arm.



Leo Snye relaxes at camp.