

# ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



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**The Island Waters Fly Fishers  
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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



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/>

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## President's Report

Hi everybody. Welcome to the month of April and hopefully a warm spring season so that we can all enjoy some comfortable productive fishing. Our directors meeting was last night (April 1<sup>st</sup>) and it is my pleasure to tell you that our directors voted unanimously to offer to host the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the BCFFF here in Nanaimo. Past president Steve and vice president Keith have offered to co-ordinate the event. I can't think of two people who are more qualified. We will try to book the Coast Bastion as that facility is ideal for the event. Thank you all for your support for this idea at the last two meetings. Our membership has now equaled that of last year so it looks as if we will continue the upward trend again this year. It's great to be a part of the growing interest in fly fishing in our area. Hope to see you at our social dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup> and at our informal get-together on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Dave



## Newsletter on the Web

Steve has set up a spot on our web page to hold past copies of the newsletter. I will advise all of you, who have given me your email address, of when each new issue has been posted. It can be accessed by entering [www.members.shaw.ca/iwffnews/](http://www.members.shaw.ca/iwffnews/). If you do not have Adobe Acrobat to open the newsletter, click on the yellow Adobe logo "get Adobe Acrobat" and a form will pop up to register you for a free download. Please advise me if you do not require a hard copy. It will save the club money and your humble editor time.

## IWFF in the News

Mark Brett did a full-page feature on our club in the March 14, 2003 issue of the Daily News. It featured Keith McDonald demonstrating fly tying and rod building. It also had a few photos of our fishout at Ellison Lake. There were 10 guests who signed in at the last meeting - so it looks like it pays to advertise.

## March 26, Meeting



Ralph Carlson, right, collects his prize from the fly draw - some really great flies donated by the members. This portion of the meeting is getting to be very popular and is a good source of revenue. Over \$90.00 was collected - all profit!



Don Chater, left, was one of the winners of the Gilly Draw. Ray Honig, right, is the Gilly for the meetings. He starts the session by telling his version of an experience (sometimes it is even credible!) and then passes the box to someone nearby. Each person at the meeting has the opportunity to drop a loonie in the box to qualify for the draw from the list of paid members. They also have the option of telling the group about their fishing experiences - it can even be truthful!

## Calendar of Events

### **April 19, 2003**

The Spring Dinner will be held at the Howard Johnson Motel. Bring a guest and order off the menu. Cocktails at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm.

### **April 22, 2003**

The regular meeting will be replaced with fly tying and other demonstrations. It will be at 7:30pm at the Ukrainian Hall.

### **April 26, 2003 Boys and Girls Fishout**

Remember when you caught your first fish? Relive that experience through a child's viewpoint at Ellison Lake on Saturday April 26. Our club is sponsoring a fishout for 10 kids from the Boys and Girls Club. Please call Bruce Cumming at 390-2236 with your offer to help out.



### **May 3-4, 2003 Taylor Arm Fishout**

Pack up your leeches, caddis and stone flies for a weekend at Taylor Arm. Roy Sorenson (390-4415) is organizing it and, after 35+ years worth of experiences, declares it to be his favourite lake. Who wouldn't after landing a 9 pounder! He suggests going out Friday evening but even a day trip would be better than missing out. Directions: 108 km from Frank Perilli's place on highway #4 towards Port Alberni. Need more information? OK. After the Sproat Lake turn-off, look for a "Point of Interest" sign on the left hand side of the highway. Go 6km, turn left and go to the site which is at the end of Sproat Lake. If you get lost, blame Frank. Dress warm and enjoy!

## **May 27, 2003**

The regular meeting resumes at the Ukrainian Hall at 7:30pm. The guest speaker will be Brian Tutter, Pacific Biological Station and his topic will be "The Evolution of the Hardy Reel Company".

### **Summer BBQ**

The date and location will be announced. For those of you who prefer to bring their own meat, we discussed providing the BBQ's for your use.



### **Fly Casting Seminars**

These are being held on most Sunday afternoons (weather permitting) behind the Crow and Gate Pub, Cedar, at 2:00pm. Phone John O'Brien at Sealand Tackle (754-1432) to confirm if the session will be held. John is offering these as a free service to club members.

### **Fly Tying Sessions**

2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30pm, Harold Tinling's. If you have a fly pattern or will demonstrate your favourite fly, call Matt Haapla, 390-1917 or Larry Miller, 390-4495. Larry will be back by mid April.





## Ellison Lake Fishing Trip

March 8, 2003

Left to right: Paul Inscho, John O'Brien, Bill McColl, Ed Tremblay, Bernie Heinrichs, Jack Toomer, John Ellis, Larry Bishop at one of the casting beaches. Great guys to go fishing with.



The fishing trip started out with some fairly ominous signs. It started snowing then Jack Tooner's stew got spilled. Barry Ellison, owner (right) salvaged our food dilemma by providing moose and bear sausage. He estimated his cost of the meat was about \$100.00 per sausage. We ate it anyway.



Larry Bishop launching his pontoon boat.



Paul Inscho casting from his belly boat



# Ellison Lake Fishing Trip

Continued



John O'Brien landed the first one - a nice Rainbow.



John Ellis bringing another one up to his net.

## Ellison Lake Trout Ranch

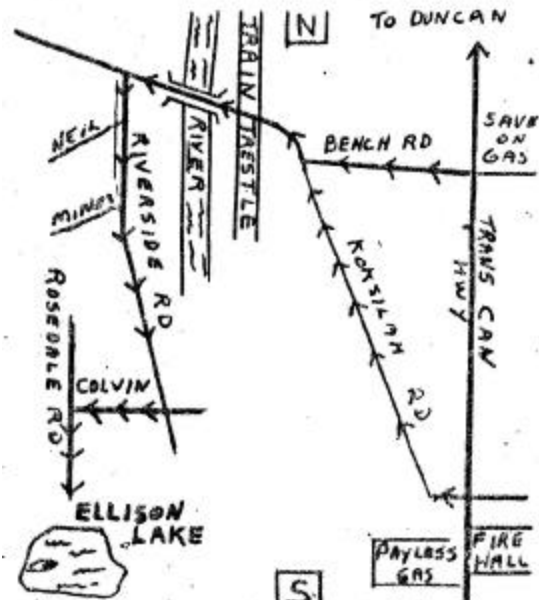
- Private lake stocked with Rainbow Trout
- Small, picturesque, picnic tables, camp fire, outhouses, horseshoe pit
- Specializes in fly fishing and wheel chair access
- Bring your own fishing gear, barbless hooks, and life jackets if required
- Rentals and bait available
- No fishing license required

**Rates:** non fishers -\$2.00/hr, fishers -\$5.00/hr  
Fish kept -\$10.00/fish

**Telephone:** Barry at 250 746-8621



Bill McColl delicately placing a Black Leech.





### **Royal Coachman**

- Hook: Mustad 9672 #4 -10
- Thread: Brown
- Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippet Fibres
- Butt: Peacock Herl
- Body: Red Floss
- Shoulder: Peacock Herl
- Hackle: Brown
- Wing: White Calf Tail or White
- Goose: Bigot

Tie in the same order as above.

The tail should be the same length as the hook.

The butt should be about 1/3 of the hook shank.

The body, red floss, is 1/4 of the hook shank.

The shoulder, peacock herl is 1/3 of hook shank but 1/4 in. from the eye.

The hackle is tied at the front of the shoulder.

The wing is in front of the shoulder.

If white goose is selected, ensure that the two bigots match and are tied in so that the curve is toward the outside on both of them.

A floating version can be tied on a floating hook and relatively more hackle is used.

Gerald Stevens has used several versions of the Royal Coachman successfully on Westwood Lake throughout the spring.



Gerald Stevens demonstrates the Royal Coachman on his home-built, tying vise.

### **Cat Stream Project**

BCFFF and the TD Canada Trust Bank has approved our application for funding the Cat Stream Project. A total of \$3000.00 will be donated towards fish habitat restoration along the Cat Stream - \$1000.00 from IWFF and \$1000.00 each from BCFF and TD. We will manage the project which will have a lot of involvement by students at the Fairmont School. It looks like this could be an ongoing program. Our president was instrumental in promoting the fund raising - congratulations Dave.

### **Raffle Prize**



This limited edition print, "Fall Run" by Bruce Muir was donated by Sealand Tackle and could be yours if you get a raffle ticket. The draw will probably be at the June meeting.





### Ed's Pink Krill

(modified from JR's Pink Euphausiids)

- Hook: Mustad 34001 #6 - 8
- Thread: Pink 6/0 w/ nylon to match
- Tail: Pink polar bear to match
- Back: Pink crystal flash to match
- Eyes: Bath tub chain
- Body: Pink or red floss, diamond braid and mono thread.

Prime hook and tie in polar bear hair for tail.  
 Tie in 12 strands crystal flash (1.5 times length of the hook) above bear hair.  
 Tie in eyes (2 chain links) at bend before hook.  
 Tie in diamond braid at chain eyes and leave it loose.  
 Tie in floss at hook eye.  
 Wrap floss to chain eyes and figure 8 tie in.  
 Wrap floss 1/4" past eyes to hook bend then back to hook eye and build up body close to hook eye.  
 Lay diamond braid back to hook eye.  
 Tie in with mono.  
 Whip Finish.



Ed Tremblay tying his version of the Pink Krill



John Ellis, left and Ray Garton observing the finer points of tying the Pink Krill as Ed Tremblay cuts out fibers for the tail from an imitation of pink polar bear fur.

### Bernie's Banterings

At the Ellison Lake Fishout, Barry, the owner, declared that there were countless Rainbows lurking in the depths and he had just cut off their winter rations. My first plan of attack was to engage Barry into an in-depth conversation about local fishing tactics then get him to pose for a few photos. But this distraction caused him to stumble against the grate above the fire pit which resulted in the spilling of Jack's stew all over the ground. Barry's embarrassment and profuse apologies were not enthusiastically accepted. This gave him the inspiration to replace our vital loss with a package of home made sausage. He declared that it was our choice: moose or bear. Naturally, the result of the poll amongst us eight fishers was not unanimous. Barry, obviously a veteran of child rearing, took the easy way out and donated both. He was no longer in a chatty mood - it was time for me to go fishing.

**BCFFF AGM May 31, 2003**

*Join us in Penticton as the  
BC Federation of Fly Fishers  
Celebrates 30 Years of Fly Fishing  
and Environmental Advocacy.*

BCFFF AGM: Saturday, May 31, 2003 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Mini Trade Show: 10:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Dinner and Fundraiser: 6:00 pm to Midnight  
(Dinner, Auction, Silent Auction, Bucket Draws, Raffles)

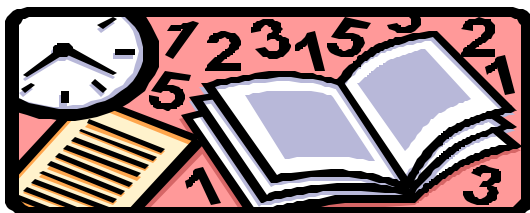
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Keith MacDonald will be attending the BCFFF AGM in Penticton to pick up some pointers on how to host this event. Steve and Keith are coordinating the AGM if it is held in Nanaimo next year. If you would like to obtain more information, call Keith at 758-2138.

**Fly Tying Book**

Art Lingren, President of BCFFF is compiling fly patterns for a book to be titled "Contemporary Fly Patterns of B.C." He is soliciting individuals and clubs to contribute their favourite flies. He has sent out the criteria used to select the patterns to all of the clubs who are associated with the BCFFF. If you have ideas or want to participate in this please contact Harold Tinling at 758-8685. The deadline is this November and would appreciate at least a half dozen contributions from us.



**BCFF 2004 AGM**

The executive of the BCFFF would like to see the next AGM held on Vancouver Island next year. Dave Connolly told the attendees at the March meeting that we are now big enough to host this prestigious event and that Nanaimo has the facilities to handle it. The Castaways Club in Parksville offered to help us. The members at the meeting expressed an interest and there were even offers to volunteer. Dave has advised the BCFFF that we are definitely interested. A list describing over 20 job descriptions was provided by the BCFFF to give us an idea of what is required by our club to host the event. We will keep you posted.

**Help Wanted**

Reporters and Photographers

The Island Waters Fly Fishers Club needs Reporters and Photographers to cover fishouts and other club events. Fishing articles, fly tying recipes, fishing tips, your memorable fishing trip etc. are also on the job description. No experience necessary - just a desire to learn and vent some creative energy. The salary is not negotiable but the benefits are excellent. Email Bernie at bheinrichs@shaw.ca or phone 390-3266. Resumes are not required.



**Best Wishes**

**Sonia Brunt**

We missed Ray at our March 25 meeting. He was with Sonia in the hospital where she had been admitted for a brief stay. We hope the best for both of you.

**John O'Brien**

We are looking forward to seeing John return to work and club activities after his hospital stay.



## FANNY BAY SALMONID ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY'S PRESENTATION AT THE MARCH MEETING



Peter McCully, Government of Canada Fisheries and Oceans explains the government's philosophy concerning fish enhancement to John Ebell, Biologist Consultant, and Judy Ackinclose, President of Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society (FBSES) during their presentation at the March meeting.

### Presentation Highlights

Judy Ackinclose presented the objectives and some of the projects that the FBSES is involved with in the past and ongoing. The society has 75 members who have adopted 24 streams from Union Bay to Deep Bay. They also operate a fish hatchery next to a DFO hatchery on Berray Road between Deep Bay and Fanny Bay. Their work involves:

- Planting trees to increase stream habitat.
- Constructing structures in the streams.
- Rescuing smolts from trapped pools.
- Nose tagging released fish.
- Clipping adipose fins on released fish.
- Fund raising.
- Meetings with industry to review proposed projects.
- Meetings with government for funding and law enforcement.
- Stream observations for land clearing and muddy streams.
- Hatchery operations (feeding fry, collecting eggs).

Judy welcomed everyone to come out to the hatchery for a tour during their work party days which are on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Phone 335-0010. She promised coffee and cake for all working volunteers.

### John Ebell's Presentation

John described how streams have lost their pools and habitat to the point where Vancouver Island only has 40% of their original habitat. Therefore, the island can only support 40% of the original fish stocks. This loss was largely due to the removal of large old conifers along the stream banks. These banks have eroded and greatly reduced the depth of pools. These large conifers also created pools by causing the water to wash out areas adjacent to fallen trees. There are no more large trees left to fall into many of these streams to create new pools.

### Directions to FBSES Hatchery

