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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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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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An Interview with Dave Connolly



How long have you been fishing? fly fishing?

I didn't get many chances to go fishing when I was a kid. My dad worked long hard hours just to keep the family in necessities, so he didn't have time to take me fishing although he had lots of stories from when he was a boy on Big Fish Lake in northeastern Alberta. He couldn't afford to give me an allowance so I started working when I was six, selling Magazine Digest. From there I progressed to Liberty Magazine, Star Weekly, Saturday Evening Post and finally I had a Vancouver Sun paper route.

I started fishing seriously shortly after Pat and I were married and the company I worked for transferred me to Prince George. This was in 1957 and 1958 and in those days the fishing was pretty good in the local lakes. Those were the days too for trolling Ford fenders (gang trolls) with worms. My first memory of fly fishing was watching a fellow stand on the wharf at Six Mile Lake just outside Prince George, pulling out one 16" trout after another, using a dry fly. At that point I knew my ultimate destiny was to acquire that skill.

How did you get started? Where?

Not long after Prince George, we moved to Dawson Creek where I bought a business and in due course found time to do some fishing. Most fishing in those days in that part of the Province was done in rivers with spinning gear and we had great success when we river boated on the upper Peace, the Pine, the Murray and the Parsnip. The vision of that Fly Fisher in Prince George had stayed with me over the years and I did acquire a flyrod, line and reel and very ineptly attempted to learn the skills. I even caught a few fish with my store bought flies and vowed that someday I would become better at this fascinating challenge. In 1971 we moved to Kelowna where I joined the local Fly Fishing Club, learned to tie flies and further improved my casting and fishing skills to the master beginner level where I still teeter today.

Favourite fishing spot? Now? From memory?

Rivers have always attracted me and my favourite Vancouver Island river is the Cowichan. It has Rainbow, Cutts and Browns and is usually reasonably productive. The odd fish is also a fairly good size and in that fast water can provide a great battle. It is also catch and release and it's great to know that one can go back next year and the fishing is still good.

From memory? I have had all kinds of really memorable wonderful fishing experiences and many stand out. The truth is though, my first love is the outdoors. It's being there, surrounded by the beauty and complexity of God's creation, that's the real high.

Favourite fly?

That's easy. For the last several years I have tied my own version of the "woolly bugger". It is only a little different than the traditional version in that it has a brass bead head and the body material is Peacock green "Arizona Diamond Braid" however, I'll swear that it almost always outfishes the competition.

Favourite fishing story?

This is about the biggest fish I ever caught. When I was younger, I liked to fish for Sturgeon. Mind you, Sturgeon fishing was always an exercise in futility for me. Even though I tried and tried, the best ones always seemed to get away. That is, until one warm June morning in 1955, over at Big Lake, north of Vancouver.

I was just making my first cast of the day when a jet boat pulling a water skier went flashing by. I watched in shock as my smelt-baited line sailed out across the river and hooked the water skier firmly in the back of her ski vest.

The next thing I knew, my reel was screaming as the line peeled off at an incredible rate. As I held on, I looked up to see the water skier make a spectacular crash-she fell over backward, skipped across the water and came to rest not 20 yards from shore. She was coughing and sputtering and generally seemed to be in need of assistance. Since she was attached to my line, I just reeled her in.

As I took her hand and helped her out of the water, I wasn't sure if she was injured, until a big smile appeared on her face as the other bank anglers shouted out "Hey, what kind of bait are you using?" Once I saw that smile, I was the one who was hooked. We started dating the next day. We got married a year later. (next page)

What was your occupation before Retirement?

I Started working for a Vancouver Glass company in 1955. They moved us to Prince George and then Edmonton. In late 1960, we purchased our own business in Dawson Creek. In 1971 we expanded and moved to Kelowna. We sold our companies in 1982 and moved to Nanaimo in 1983. In late 1983, in partnership with our oldest son, we started Budget Glass, where I remained working until I retired in November 1999.

Goals for the club? For yourself?

I've enjoyed being president of I.W.F.F. That is the nice thing about being retired. You can choose what you would like to do rather than being stuck with doing what you have to do. I'm very pleased with the way our club has grown and the high calibre of our membership and I have been particularly delighted to see our growing involvement in the community. Things like working with the Boys and Girls club and making an environmental difference on the Cat Stream are examples of our ability to give something back to our community as well as enjoy our own fellowship.

Retirement hasn't meant all kinds of freedom and free time. At times I am so busy that I wonder how I had any time to work. In fact, this spring I went back to work part time for a month and it just about drove me crazy. I didn't have any free time whatsoever. If I have any ambition at all in my busy life, it is to stay healthy and enjoy.

For Sale

One set of five Camper stairs, Accordion Style. \$40.00

One set of Extension Mirrors For 1999 and newer. Should Fit GMC as well as Chev Truck \$40.00

One Float Tube. "Trout Trap"Dounut. Excellent condition \$100.00 obo

One Pontoon Boat. "Bucks Bags""Bronco" Model. Absolutely topcondition. Used sparingly.\$500.00 firm.

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Calendar of Events

May 27, 2003

Regular meeting at 7:30pm in the Ukrainian Hall on Victoria Street, Nanaimo B.C. The guest speaker will be Brian Tutter, Pacific Biological Station. His topic will be "The evolution of the Hardy Reel Company".

Summer BBQ

2:00 pm, Sunday, July 27, 2003 at Bob Crampton's, 935 Howard Ave.

For those of you who prefer to bring their own meat, we will provide the BBQ's for your use.



Westwood Lake Fishout

Sunday June 1, 2003 at the boat launch and picnic areas. Hot dogs at 12:00 noon and pot luck at 5:00 pm. Also a great family and social event.

Raffle Prize



"Fall Run", limited edition, tickets will be sold at the May27th meeting and will be drawn at the June 24th meeting. Sealand Tackle donated it.

Cheap Dubbing



Gerald Stevens brought some pieces of a brown carpet to one of the fly tying sessions for us to try out. It is fairly easy to do - just shave out a patch (about 1.0 square inch) and shred it into a ball of fine fibers. Using a mixer with water speeds up the process. Some of the carpet fibers have nice sheens to them but do not stick to dubbing wax very well. Experiment and tell us about it.

Roy's Gratitude

Bernie,
Would you mind putting in a thank-you to Don Clarke and Ken McGlaughlin for helping out with fly-casting lessons at the Fish and Game Club Junior Program. Even though few kids showed up, it was still worthwhile. They've managed to hook another kid—he's pretty keen on learning and doing more. Not only that, but my son Eric now has a friend to go flyfishing with. Good stuff.
Thanks, Roy Sorenson

BCFFF AGM May 31, 2003

Keith McDonald will be representing our club at the AGM in Penticton this year. We are donating a wood fly box (crafted by Harold Tinling) and we need to fill it up with flies tied by our club members. Please bring a few extra to the May 27th meeting or call Keith at 758-2138. Keith will be getting a few ideas about how to organize the AGM in preparation for our hosting of the event next year.

Discount Fishing Trip

Roy Sorenson's friend, Butch Demoors, is unable to take in a booked fishing trip to Milbanke Sound August 30 to September 3, 2003. The trip includes:

- Round trip flights
 - All meals and wine
 - Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages
 - Instructor for 5 hours per day
 - All gear and boats etc. etc.
 - Catch Chinook, Coho, Chum, Halibut and Cod
 - Whale watching etc. etc.
- Butch paid \$2800 and will sell it for \$1500!
Telephone him at 758-3989 (day) or 758-2662.

Bernie's Banterings

John O'Brien passed along a really neat tip for us guys trying to tie on a #20 fly on a crisp morning with five left thumbs on the right hand. Just get an electrical clip (Radio Shack has them) and clip it onto the hook as shown below.



I demonstrated this little trick to my fishing partner recently but he was not too impressed - especially a short time later. We were trolling dead slow - he was getting some hits and I was not. When my line was retrieved, I was reminded to pass along one more bit of advice: "REMOVE THE CLIP".



Pink Krill

As Tied by Bruce Cumming

- Hook: #6 to 8, Mustad 34007 (stainless)
- Thread: Pink
- Tail: Green Chrystal Flash (3x hook length)
- Body: 1/8 in. strip of Red Lazer Wrap
- Back: Green Chrystal Flash

Tie in the tail the length of the hook gap.
 Fold the Chrystal Back back towards the tail from 1/4 in. away from where the tail was tied.
 Tie in the Lazer Wrap on the shank just above the point of the hook and tie it towards the tail.
 Bring the thread back to the hook eye.
 Wrap the Lazer Wrap towards the hook eye by overlapping it by a half wrap.
 Tie off the Lazer Wrap behind the hook eye.
 Lay the Chrystal Flash over the body and tie it off behind the hook eye.
 Whip finish and apply head cement.

Email Addresses

If you did not receive a notification of the posting of the newsletter by email, please send your address to Bernie at bheinrichs@shaw.ca or to Keith at keithmac@shaw.ca. The website version of the newsletter is in full color and is available sooner. Email is also an efficient way to pass along timely messages. An example of this was the recent Taylor Arm Fishout. We provided the addresses (listed to date) to Roy Sorensen. He was able to notify over 2/3 of the members of last minute advice to all concerned and with only a few minutes of typing. If you have access to email, you may want to try it out.



Blue River

As tied by John Ellis

- Hook: #4 to #8
- Thread: Black
- Tail: Rolled Mallard Flank
- Body: Silver or Gold Mylar Tinsel
- Wing: Rolled Mallard Flank
- Head: Blue Chenile

Tie in the same sequence as above and as illustrated. Try out different tail and wing materials.



Nigh's Ugly

As Tied by Ray Brunt

- Hook: #8 Streamer, bent
- Thread: Black
- Shellback: Light Green Swiss Straw
- Body: Brown Dubbing
- Beard: Brown Hackle

Tie in shellback at the hook bend.
 Apply dubbing
 Tie in hackle on top and cover it with the shell
 Tie in the shellbacking behind the eye
 Whip finish and cement



Fran and Bill McColl enjoying Doug and Jeanne Winters' sense of humour.

Spring Dinner at the Howard Johnson

April 19, 2003

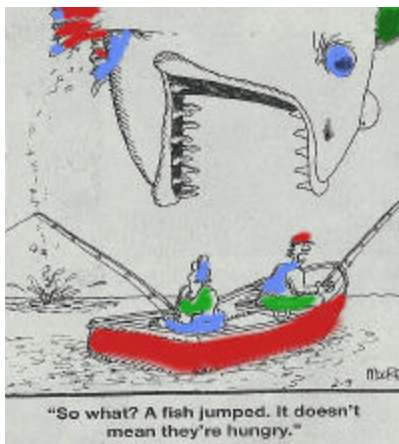
Over 30 members and guests enjoyed a fine evening and especially the visiting. Wayne must have had the crowd size figured out - there was only one empty chair and reservations were not required.



Frank and Sylvia Perilli



Steve and Vi Wawrykow with Pat Connolly.
Dave is not in the picture (pun intended).



Lee Roberge with Gerald and Lil Stevens

Boys and Girl's Club at Ellison Lake



Dave Connolly preparing to take the distracted Zack across the lake to their "hot spot". Each one of them landed over seven fine Rainbows!



Chris Depka giving some pointers on landing another fish.

Boys and Girls Club at Ellison Lake (continued)

The Island Waters Fly Fishers Club sponsored a fishout for the Nanaimo Boys and Girls Club at Ellison Lake on April 26, 2003. It was a huge success for all. Over forty fish were hooked and so were all of the seven kids! Barry Ellison donated the seven keeper fish and the tasty bear sausage - a heart felt thank you to Barry! The fly fishing club sponsored the fishing fees and provided lunch which was devoured by the vanished young fishers.

A hearty thank you to IWFF members: Dave Connolly, John O'Brien, Chris Depka, Bernie Heinrichs and Bruce Cumming who were kept busy tying on flies, assisting with equipment and coaching.



Bruce Cummings serving up smokies and burgers. Great lunch and well organized Bruce!



The result of fine coaching by John O'Brien!



Zak, left, Justin, Jordan, Dan, Kyle, Jory. Jeremy, Will Butler, John O'Brien, and Bruce Cumming in the back row. A great group for fun and fishing!

The President's Report

Well, I hope you have all been tying flies like mad all winter. It's now time to put all that hard work and fun to use. We tend to always look at the experience of fishing from our own point of view. I hope the following will give you a new perspective.

THE EXPERIENCE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE FISH.

Suppose you get caught and you're thrown back in.

WHAT DO YOU TELL YOUR BUDDIES?

“ Man, I had an out of body experience.
I was just minding my own business,
Living my life, when suddenly I FELT myself
Under the control of a powerful force.
I was drawn up toward the light. I went
Through a hole in the sky and found
Myself surrounded by all my dead relatives.
And GOD was wearing a flannel SHIRT
And a Budweiser HAT.”

So there you have it. The rest of the story.



On a more serious note, I am pleased to announce that the \$1000.00 promised to us from the T. D. Canada Trust “Friends of the Environment Foundation” are now in our possession. In addition, Vice President Keith will be picking up a cheque from B.C.F.F.F. at the AGM in Penticton at the end of May, so that completes our Cat Stream funding so now the work can progress over the next few months That's all for now folks, Pat and I are off to Ireland for 2 weeks and will look forward to seeing you all in June.

Taylor Arm Fishout



Harold and Mary Tinling left, with Laurie Winters, Jean Winters, Judy Legg and Doug Winters enjoying Harold's camera acrobatics



Doug Winters, Supreme Chief Marshmallow Roaster! Slow fishing but great company.