

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



Antler from a Buck Steelhead
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C'mon Baby!
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Salmonid Egg Fly
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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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Visit the BCFFF on their webpage at <http://www.bcfff.bc.ca/>

Meetings on 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome. Phone 758-2138.

Email us at iwff@shaw.ca Ph 758-2138
Visit at www.members.shaw.ca/iwff

President's Message

Hi everybody. The first thing I have to say is if you missed our last meeting (and about half of you did) then you missed the best storytelling that I've heard in years.



You will never know things like “ How to catch a fish with a hat” , “ What a big Buck Steelhead can do to your canoe”, “ How one can be towed by a huge Chinook salmon for more than two hundred miles and live to tell about it “ Did you know that Dogfish bark?, that you can train fish? (we have pictures to prove it) and that Parachute fish are an endangered species and last but not least, some trout are fur bearing. I was pleased to be one of the Judges but I must admit it was next to impossible to choose a winner. As you have probably learned, Peter Huyghebaert won first prize. I can assure you all that the fact that Peter came first had absolutely nothing to do with his offer to take the Judges on an all expense paid one week fishing trip to Hakai Pass next spring. It was a great evening. I sincerely hope we do it again next year. My thanks to Ken McLaughlin and Ray Honig for an excellent job of organizing it.

On a more serious note, our next meeting on Nov. 25th is our Annual General Meeting and that means a new President and Executive will be chosen by our club members. I sincerely hope that each of you will consider letting your name stand for one of the positions.

Over the last few years our club has grown considerably and I believe that is because we have so many strong and talented members who have dedicated themselves to making it fun and rewarding to be a part of I.W.F.F. See you on the 25th.

Dave

Calendar of Events

November 25, 2003

Regular meeting and AGM. at 7:30 pm in the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave.

November 29, 2003

Annual Christmas Party and Auction, at the Lantzville Legion Hall. Cocktails 6:00, Roast Beef dinner 7:00 pm. Guest are welcome. Price \$25 per couple. Ian Forbes is the auctioneer. Bring your donations for the auction.

No Regular Meeting in December

January 27, 2004

Regular meeting at 7:30 pm in the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave.

February 24, 2004

Regular Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Ukrainian Hall

Noon Socials and Luncheons

Every 2nd Tuesdays at 11:30. Locations will be advised by email or phone.

Fly Tying

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, starting Nov. 18
At Gerry Stevens, 620 Hawkins St. 754-4124

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm, starting Nov. 13
At Wayne Legge, 5701 Malibu Terrace 756-3114

Demonstrators: Please call Gerry Stevens at 754-4124 with a list of materials that will be required to tie your fly. He needs a few days notice.

Cat Stream Tree Assessment



Skye Skagfeld, left, her Grandfather, Bill McColl and Charles Thirkill at Charles' favourite spot on the Cat Stream Marsh. He would like to see a platform erected on this site to encourage school children and nature enthusiasts to participate in naturalistic activities. The Fairview School planted 1700 trees and so far there is a 53% survival rate. Willows are the hardiest and douglas fir suffer the most in this area. The IWFF donated \$1000.00 and raised matching funds of an additional \$2000.00 from the TD Canada Trust, "Friends of the Environment" fund and the BCFFF Gilley Fund for the Cat Stream Project.



Joan Rogerson, left, Jeremy Sumner, Alice, Jenny, and Dave Connolly paused during their meeting where Charles Thirkill provided an update on the work done on the Cat Stream this year.

Island Waters Fly Fishers Society Annual General Meeting - Notice

By order of the Board of Directors, I hereby give notice under paragraph 14 of the constitution and by-laws of the Island Waters Flyfishers Society, that the Annual general Meeting of the Island Waters Flyfishers Society will be held on Tuesday, November 25th, 2003 at 7.30 pm. in the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Avenue, Nanaimo, B.C.

AGENDA

1. To receive the President's report for the year 2003.
2. To receive the Treasurer's report for the year 2003.
3. Any other business of which seven days notice has been given to the Secretary.
4. To elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors for the ensuing year.

**Only Fully Paid Up Members Of The
Island Waters Flyfishers Society Are
Eligible To Vote.**

Interim Secretary: Chris Depka

Annual Banquet and Auction

Location: Lantzville Legion, Lantzville

Time: Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00
Saturday, November 29, 2003

Cost: \$25.00 per couple and a prize to
donate to the Auction.

The caterers need a head count, therefore the tickets will have to be purchased no later than November 25, 2003 (at the meeting) or from Wayne Legge at **756-3114**. There will be no refunds on tickets because the caterers bill us when the plates are ordered.

BERNIE'S BANTERINGS

My first fishout for salmon in a river needs to be told. It was in October and was with the expert guidance of Bruce on the Big Qualicum River. Our expectations were buoyed when the notice on the bulletin board declared that numerous chinook and coho had been allowed to enter the river system and there were many more hovering at the closed gate.

One of the most striking features of this river is what it is not. It is not a pristine wilderness area. Man-made structures, paths, well trodden trails and "cleaned out river beds" are predominate. This was all ignored. I was after coho and tyeec chinook with a No. 6 fly fishing outfit. We dabbled at a few likely holes but found a lively pool about a half mile upstream of the hatchery. It was on Bruce's 3rd cast when I heard what resembled a large beaver slapping his tail onto the water - it was a big chinook and he repeated that performance three more times before escaping with Bruce's blue hook embedded into the fish's dorsal fin. This performance was repeated three more times. It was on the fourth fish's escape that I noticed the familiar blue wool on the dorsal fin.

All of this action and my rod was only twitched a few times. It was time to move into a better position. The river bottom was firm and the water was six inches below the top of my waders. That was when I stepped into a soft spot. It was a cold, clammy trek back to the parking lot. Fortunately there was a towel and a pair of grubby pants in the truck.

Three female, wildlife officers pulled up beside us only seconds after my furtive change of clothes. After a few minutes of pleasant chit chat, we were asked to produce our fishing licenses. When my soggy, ink-stained document was produced, the query about the condition of the paper hinted that I must have been chasing after those fish under water. My feeble response was "I was just testing the top of my waders". My following trips up the Big Qualicum will be with better equipment and with much more caution.

BCFFF 2004 AGM Volunteer Requirements

Please submit your offer to coordinate or to help out with one of the positions listed below to Keith McDonald or John O'Brien by the next meeting.

Auction Donation Coordinator plus 3 assistants

Trade Show

Fly Tyers (1 coordinator and 6 tiers)

AGM Raffle Coordinator plus 3 ticket sellers

Master of Ceremonies

Live Auction - 4 spotters for Ian Forbes

Silent Auction Coordinator

Auction Bucket Raffle Coordinator and 2 sellers

Auction Bid Register and Bid Collection Coordinator plus 2 helpers

Chief Financial Officer

Fishout Coordinator



Wayne Fishing at Pine River. Submitted
by Judy Legge

Port Renfrew Fishout

Coho fishing was off to a slow start on the east side of the Island but you would never know it out at Port Renfrew. Gerry Hutchinson, Larry Miller and Dave Connolly had two great days out on the saltchuck while Pat Connolly and Roberta Miller held down the fort at the campsite. They were allowed to return to camp in the evening and even had to use their GPS to guide themselves back through the fog on the first day. Their reward was a crab - steak - coho -chilli gourmet dinner. It just does not get any better! The proof of their success is shown below.



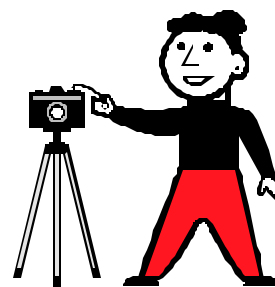
Dave Connolly loves his coho. (Submitted by Gerry Hutchinson)



Brown Trout in Lois Lake. Submitted by John O'Brien

Photo Contest

The winners of the photo contest will be judged on the submissions presented for the newsletter. Submit your photos by print or by email to Bernie or Steve. Phone 390-3266 for more details.



Wanted: Your Favourite Fly

Harold Tinling is collecting our club's favourite flies for Art Lingren's upcoming book "Contemporary Flies of BC. Please let him know which ones you feel would qualify for our area. The dead line is late November.

Guests

Dave Scobie	758-9895
Robert Lidgren	753-0288
Doug Peterson	390-4109
Bob Leverman	756-1500

Bob Leverman joined after signing in the guest sheet. Welcome to the club Bob and guests.

For Sale

12 ft. Seanymp Sport Flat Bottom Aluminum Boat. Fore and aft anchor systems. Factory wheels. No dents just paint scratches from regular use. \$850. Bob Crampton 753-7879.

October 28, 2003 Meeting Winners

Tall Tales Winners



Harold Tinling, left, presents Paul Inscho with a fly box at the Gilly Draw.



Peter Huyghebaert, left, receives his prize and trophy for the “Best Tall Tale” from Ken McLaughlin at the Tall Tales Contest during our October 28th meeting. His story and evidence of authenticity will follow.



Bob Crampton also won a fly box .



Roy Sorensen won the most “Unbelievable Tall Tale” and held a us spell bound telling about his epic struggle with a salmon on Alberni Inlet. His prize should be inspiration for another tale in the future. Thank you Ken for the great job as “Chief Judge”.



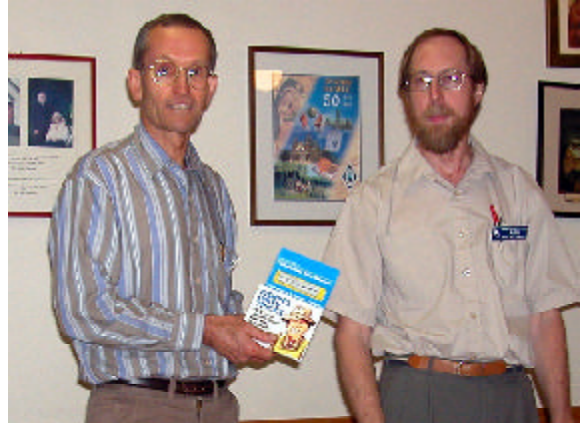
Jim McEwan, left won the fly draw.

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More Tall Tales Contest



Judges Ken McLaughlin, Dave Connolly, and Robert Lidgren



Bernie Heinrichs' prize for "Worst Tall Tale"



Bill McColl and Chris Depka with their runner up prizes.



Ken and Dave enjoying Peter's evidence of his encounter with the buck steelhead. Note that the scaly velvet is still on the horn.



And the horn is passed on to Robert for his review.



Bob Davies won runner-up in the "Unbelievable" category for his "Catching Pinks with Ray's Hat" story.



Harold Tinling won the Tim Bit box for the "Most Gall Award".

STORIES FROM THE TALL TALES CONTEST

Over the next several issues of this newsletter we will be publishing the entries submitted to the Tall Tales Contest held at our October 28th meeting. This one was by Bernie Heinrichs.

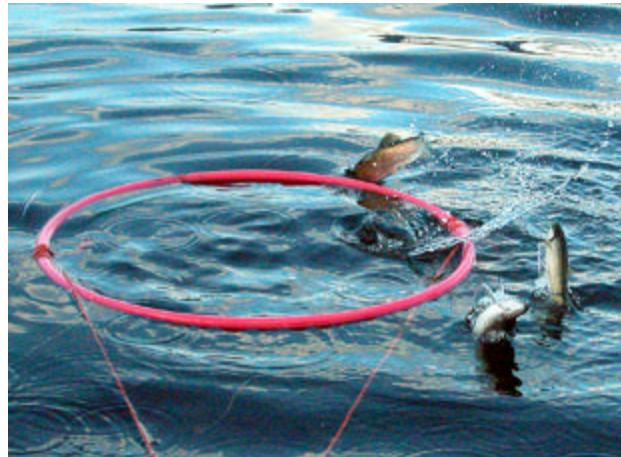
For some time now I have wondered why the trout are so difficult to catch in Brannen Lake. Then it occurred to me that perhaps it is because they are more elusive and smarter than the average fish. To prove how smart they really are, I decided to see if they could be trained. Intelligent animals can be trained. Smarter dogs can do more tricks.



So, the first thing that needs to be done is to get their attention and teach them basic commands.



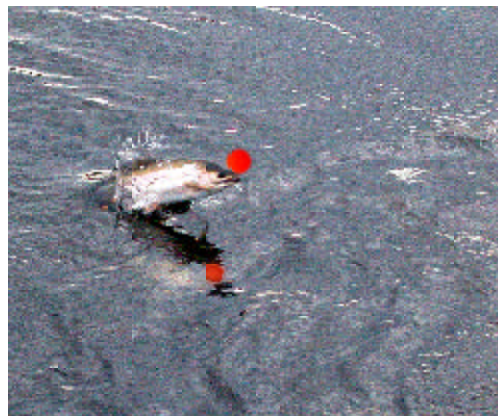
Then you teach them simple tricks such as jumping through a hoop.



A couple of students learning from the master.



Granddaughter Paige teaching advanced jumping



Not retrieving nor juggling yet - hopefully this will be the next stage of the training program. So, as you can see, the evidence proves that the trout in Brannen Lake are indeed smarter..

The Winning Story in the “Best Tall Tale” Contest Category

Revenge of the Buck Steelhead

By Peter Huyghebaert



Our annual late October hunting & fishing trip to the Chilcotins was turning out to be a bust. Not a grouse! And the fishing at our secret little lake - pitiful!

As luck would have it we ran into a couple of natives who suggested that we try the outlet of Talayoko Lake for Steelhead. We checked our Rec Atlas and it not only mentioned Steelhead but also showed us the way there, about three miles further than the old bush road..

The next morning we put my 13 ft. aluminium canoe on top of the truck and headed for the lake, arriving at a washed out creek short of the outlet. Unfazed, we launched and started paddling with great expectations. It was a beautiful sight. The slick current broken by numerous boulders spelled Steelhead!. My buddy Harold held the canoe in place as I shot out 80 to 100 feet of line with my favourite fly. Three casts and bang, a solid take from a huge fish! He burned line off the reel. Thank god I had a 20 lb. leader on my 9 weight. Hard to believe, but he started towing us back up the lake. I pumped and reeled like mad, trying to bring him in closer. I gained some line but then realized that I was just pulling the canoe closer to him. He finally turned and came straight towards us.. Something hit the side of the canoe, hard!. I looked down and saw water on the bottom, thinking a rivet had been popped as the fish took off.. He slowed down as I started pumping again. Once more he turned on us and this time I knew it was him when the canoe was hit with a long glancing blow. The water started pouring in. We swamped. The fish broke off. We were in the water. I frantically pulled the ripcord on my vest and bobbed to the surface. We made it to shore in spite of the freezing cold water, but he had pulled us nearly back to the outlet and the wind had

come up. We faced a cold three mile walk along a rough wilderness beach.

Harold suddenly pointed to the lake, “look”, he cried “a boat”. We yelled and waved and were shortly picked up by a group of native fisherman who took us back to our truck. We spent no time in getting back to camp, stripping off, warming up and having more than a few shots of liquid heat. Then off to bed still a bit shaken by our experience.

The next morning we had early visitors. It was the same group of natives who had helped us out. They had picked up my canoe and brought it back for us. As I began to thank them, one pointed out the long, clean cut on the bottom left side. As Harold and I looked, he smiled and said “looks like work of big Buck Steelhead”. We laughed and then he said “this stuck in canoe”, holding up what looked like half a pair of deer antlers. He handed it to me as they jumped back into their truck and left.

We looked closely at the antler. Harold shook his head and said “Good God is that velvet at the base”? and, unbelievably, we realized that the velvet was covered with distinct rings of scales.



Peter Huyghebaert holds up the Buck Steelhead’s horn found stuck in the side of his canoe. We were all very impressed with this evidence presented by Peter - the authenticity was even more compelling by the unique scaly velvet. After this incident, fishing the Talayoko will be classified as an extreme sport.

Grand Opening of New Tackle Store

John O'Brien and Michael Gerbert have expanded their fly fishing school to include a tackle shop located at 619 Townsite Rd (next to Janitor Supplies). Their grand opening is November 21, 2003 with prizes, wine and cheese, testing out rods etc. They are offering a 15% discount and volume discounts to IWFF members. Good luck John and Mike.

List of Videos

See Jim McEwan to Check These Out

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Salmonid Egg Fly



Hook: 6 - 10 wet fly

Thread: White or monofilament (10 lb.)

Body: Pink or red yarn fibres with optional yellow patch

Run heavy thread to midway along the hook and tie in a piece of yarn about the length of the hook to its mid point at the top of the hook. Add further strands of yarn at the sides and bottom of hook. The final small strand could be a piece of yellow yarn to give it a bright spot in the egg. Try tying the thread similarly to tying a rolled muddler. Pull and roll the final wrap to get the yarn to roll around the hook. Pull the yarn up and secure the thread with tight turns. Whip finish. Pull the yarn up and cut off over half of it in a curving slice to give the fly an egg shape when it falls back into place. Tidy up the loose ends with further cuts to give it a nice round profile. Other colors such as orange or peach could be tried.



CAT STREAM REPORT

By President Dave

I am pleased to report to all interested parties that this years Cat Stream project is now complete. Because of the long dry summer we were unable to finish our tree planting until November 3rd when the boys and girls from Fairview school planted the last 80 trees.

The project got off to its start in June with the planting by Fairview School Students of 1500 seedlings in the Jingle Pot Marsh, the Headwaters of the Cat Stream. These were mostly Douglas Fir with some Willow as well. The next planting didn't occur until October 17th when 210 more were planted including a number of large Douglas Fir. This was during those extremely heavy rains and an ideal time to put

trees on the banks of the Cat Stream and in the Marsh during the year. In addition we were able to purchase and donate to the School, 36 pair of gumboots for field trips, 8 tree planting shovels and 14 regular junior size shovels.

I must say after having been heavily involved in this project for the past year that I am really pleased that the things we have been doing have such far reaching effects. Not only have we been able to contribute to the improvement of the Cat Stream, its fishery potential, and the environment, we have also had the opportunity to help to make our young people aware of some important values.

TREE PLANTING AT THE CAT STREAM PROJECT

Dave Connolly, left, Steve Wawrykow, Rick Deering (TD Canada Trust) and Charles Thirkill planted 220 trees along the Cat Stream during the monsoons we got in mid October. They replaced the trees, mostly douglas fir which were lost during the summer after last June's planting.

This was part of the project funded by the IWFF, TD Canada Trust "Friends of the Environment and BCFFF Gilly Fund who contributed \$1000. each.



Atlin Lake last July. Submitted by Wayne Legge