

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



**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.

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.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A big welcome to all and hope you have all had an eventful and fulfilling summer. My favourite thing in life is sunshine and sunshine and we have had it in abundance. One of my other favourites



of course is fishing and I have done pretty well in that department as well. I won't bore with the details, suffice to say that I am very happy and satisfied with my summer and the fall is looking pretty good too, what with beach fishing for coho coming up as well as Larry Miller's 2nd annual fishout at Port Renfrew the first week in October.

We have something new for you in OCTOBER or I guess I should say new to most of you because a few years ago this was an annual event. It goes like this – Each and every one of you will have an opportunity to share with the rest of us “THE ABSOLUTELY BEST FISHING STORY THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU.” You will be given an example or two at the September meeting. Please come. Prizes and awards for the best stories. See you at the meeting.

Dave



Calendar of Events

September 23, 2003

Regular meeting at 7:30 pm at the Ukrainian Hall on Victoria Street, Nanaimo, B.C. There will be a lot of descriptions (or should that be stories?) of the summer's fishing activities during the “Gilly”. The details of the photo contest and the tall tales contest will also be discussed. The guest speaker will be Fr. Charles A.E. Brandt - winner of the Cal Woods Trophy for his work with various environmental and fish enhancement organizations. He will be discussing the effects of the leachate from a copper mine into the Tsolum River and the work underway to reclaim it.

First Week of October

Port Renfrew Fishout. Details will be announced at the September 23rd meeting.

October 28, 2003

Regular meeting at 7:30 pm at the Ukrainian Hall featuring the Tall Tales Contest.

November 25, 2003

Regular meeting at the Ukainian Hall and the A.G.M.

December, 2003

Annual Christmas Party and auction.

Nile Creek Enhancement Fund Raiser



John O'Brien helps develop casting skills for a future fly fisher during the September 6th casting competition. More photos in the next issue.

June 24th Meeting

Gilly Winners



Ray Honig congratulating himself for drawing his name at his Gilly Draw. If it had been anyone else doing the draw, a foul would have been called. We also congratulate Ray for a great job!



John O'Brien accepting his prize with Ray Brunt looking on.



Ray Honig presenting a gift certificate to Robert Todd another winner of the Gilly Draw.



Bob Crampton accepting the second gift certificate from the draw.

Fly Draw Winner



Guest Dan Ritter won the fly draw - another good reason to join the club! Bruce Cumming presented the prize in Harold's absence.

Cat Stream Project Update



Charles Thirkill presented an update on the progress of the restoration of the Cat Stream which is being funded by the Iwff, the Td Canada Trust Bank and the BCFFF.

-The fry which had been incubated at the Fairview School were released into the adjacent Cat Stream.

-Over 1500 seedling trees were planted by the school's students in the Jingle Pot Marsh.

-Six high school students had just started on the assessment portion of the project during the week of the June 24th meeting.

-The board walk across a portion of the Jingle Pot Marsh the was installed by the city during the same week.

The Gilly

Chris Depka enticed a few trout in Chemainus Lake with Doc Sprately and Chironomid patterns.

Doug Evans proved that the fish were still biting in St. Mary's Lake

Don Clarke showed his grandson how to use a Black Sparkle Leech - or was it vice versa Don?

Gerald Stevens continues to successfully use his Red Streamers in Westwood Lake.

Ray Garton was happy with the performance of his Elk Hair Caddis in Lost Lake and Green Lake.

Terry Gjerness, Guest Speaker reported that he has not been fishing - just wishing. Perhaps this will change with his upcoming retirement.

Jim McEwan only found enough time for one trip out into the saltchuck and did not luck out on any salmon.

John O'Brien's Stickleback Streamers, Black Leeches and Woolly Buggers worked well June 19th in Ellison Lake. Those Leeches and Elk Hair Caddis also worked well June 23rd at Henry's Lake.

Bruce Cumming was towed around Nanoose Bay by a Chinook who had latched onto a Pink Krill.

Keith McDonald had a great fishing vacation. He hooked 12 Rainbows up to 4 pounds in Corbett Lake (near Merritt). He witnessed a 15 pounder taken from the same lake. Mosquito and Tom Thumb dry flies attracted lots of fish in Panther.

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The Gilly (continued)

Ray Brunt stated that he has not caught any fish yet because he is too busy chasing the ladies at his retirement home.

Bernie Heinrichs reported that the thermocline "turn over" in Brannen Lake probably explained the lacklustre fishing (at least on the flies that he was using) for the week prior to the June 24th meeting. The water skiers were also the predominant users of the lake as the weather was getting warmer.

Guest Speaker



Terry Gjerness speaking about Coho Salmon

Terry told us that Coho sport fishing has changed dramatically since 1991. Over 1,000,000 were allowed that year. The decline can be contributed to several factors. Global warming and El Nino melted the snow pack and created more rain. This increased the fresh water run off and decreased the ocean's salinity. Studies and tests have proven that Coho survival rate is much better in higher salinity water.

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Bernie's Banterings

After nearly three years since we moved onto the island, we decided to head off to the mainland (offshore as we like to call it). A family gathering scheduled in my home town, Brooks Alberta (south of Calgary), for June 7th, was enough incentive to get our butts out of Nananaimo. As the date approached, the fishing kept getting better and better - even for a novice like me. Why is it that the first two weeks of June is the universal "Best Fishing Month of the Year"? In Alberta this is when the Poplar tree fuzz is drifting in the wind and that is the signal that the Walleye are biting. And that is when my job became hectic and invariably interfered with well laid out plans to go after those voracious Walleye. Despite my bemoaning the lost opportunity on the Cutthroats, we did have a good time. One of the highlights of the trip was our journey through Southern Alberta - as depicted by the photograph.



We took the scenic route to Brooks Alberta

FOR SALE

ROOSTER NECKS Great for hackles. Over 12 in various colours at \$20.00 each. Also thread bobbins. Call George at 758-1467

And the Winner Is...



Harold Tinling was the winner of the raffle on the limited issue of the print "Fall Run" by Bruce Muir. A big thank you to Sealand Tackle for the donation, to Budget Glass for the glass and to Ray Honig for the framing and organizing the raffle. It raised over \$170.00 for the club. So Harold, aren't you going to share your prize with Mary?



IWFF in July

Submitted by Steve Wawrykow. Photos by Harold Tinling.



On Monday, July 16th, 2003 four members of the IWFF visited the Nanaimo Seniors Village and did a fly tying demo. Members participating were Ray Brunt, Frank Perilli, Harold Tinling, and Steve Wawryko. Thanks to Ray's son Kim Brunt and the staff for their assistance.



Ray, above, shows his talents to an interested resident.



As usual, Harold had a humorous story or two while tying for the residents of the village.



Frank takes a break from tying to share a few stories



Kim Brunt critiques casting techniques for one of the staff members.

OYSTER RIVER FISHOUT

August 09, 2003



Harold Tinling, left, Doug Winters, Gerry Hutchinson, Don Clarke and Wayne Legge, back, all set to chuck out some flies at the Pinks along the beach at Salmon Point near the Oyster River.



The club members gather at the Oyster River Hatchery Campsite to brag about their fishing prowess to their families. The Oyster River Enhancement Society invited the local fly fishing clubs for the weekend. It was well attended by our club and other clubs on Vancouver Island. The Society outlined their activities at the hatchery and invited all to join their organization and help out with the good work at the hatchery. Memberships are only \$10 and the camping is superb - what a bargain!

HERMAN LAKE

July 16, 2003



Ray Garton, left, with Matt Haapala, Dennis Mullins, Gerry Stevens, Harold Tinling and Chris Depka bragging about their morning successes. Gerry won the “First Fish” prize and Chris won the “Largest Fish” prize. A big thank you to Chris for the BBQ hot dogs and organizing the great trip. Herman Lake is not easy to find but with Chris’ expert guiding it was no problem.

For Sale

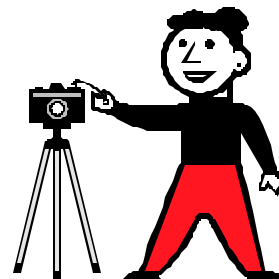
12 ft. Aluminum Boat with Oars, Drain Plugs, 2 Rod Holder Bases etc. \$1000 or Best Offer.
Bruce @ 390-2236.

Photo Contest

Steve and Chris are organizing a photo contest this fall. Rules, categories, submission guidelines etc. will be presented at the September meeting. This will also be great material for the newsletter.

Tall Tales Contest

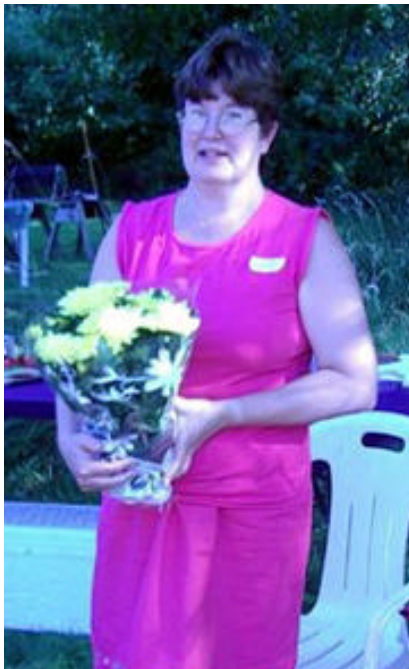
Get your tall tales ready for the October meeting. Rules and procedures will be defined at the September meeting.



ANNUAL BARBEQUE



The Annual Barbeque in July was well attended and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to Wayne Legg for organizing the event and to all who cooked, brought food and helped in many ways.



Linda Crompton receives a bouquet of flowers from the club in appreciation for hosting the BBQ. Although you would never know by the casual appearance of Bob Crompton, above, he also made a significant contribution to hosting the event. Thanks again Bob and Linda.

More BBQ



Wayne Legg presents Fran McColl with her winnings from the fly draw. So tell us Bill, who will be using this prize?

Willy Huyghebaert admires the prize she won - a jewel box crafted and donated by Harold Tinling. Thank you Harold.



Wayne Sinclair is the happy winner of the dinner raffle.