



Kevin Tutty, star fly tyer. See page 9.



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Joie Coe's demo fly at the BCFFF AGM

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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

Meetings on 4th Tuesday of the Month at the
 Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell
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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/>

President's Message

A year's planning and organizing has come and gone and I think that the members of IWFF can be proud of our accomplishments. Of course, I am



Keith MacDonald

speaking about the BCFFF Annual General Meeting that our club hosted this past weekend. Our club did a very special job and there are some individuals that deserve a special thank you. Dave Connolly and his crew did an outstanding job of organizing the auction and collecting and cataloguing all of the donated merchandise. Peter Huyghebaert organized a great trade show. Even with the last minute withdrawal of some of our exhibitors, there was a good variety of displays and a lot of interest throughout the day. Chris Depka had a great array of fly tyers throughout the day demonstrating

some of their favourite patterns. Bernie Heinrichs and his crew, who were registering and keeping track of all the auction bids, were so organized it was almost scary.

Harold Tinling and Mary, as usual, looked after all of our financial issues as if it were their own money -- everything balanced to the penny. A special thanks to Steve Wawryko. Steve looked after all of our web site information and also all of our banquet tickets, Steve was feeling so sick on Friday and Saturday that he should have been home in bed but he hung in there until the bitter end. Also, a special thank you to Courtney Ogilvie of the Mid Island Castaways for heading up and looking after the BCFFF raffle. The raffle was almost sold out. Throughout the day there were a lot of our members pitching in and helping out. Thanks to all of you.

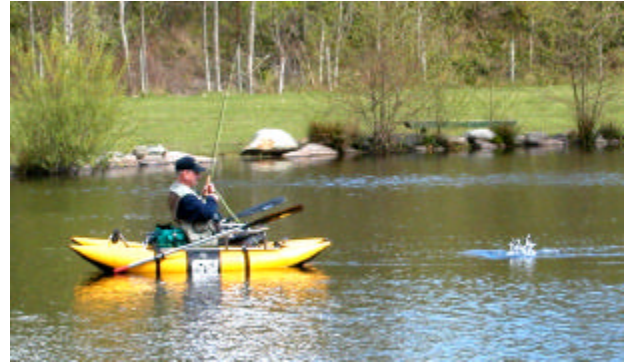
Lastly a very special thank you to Bob Adshead. Bob volunteered to be our Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer. Bob did an outstanding job and his efforts were appreciated by everyone who attended. I have heard numerous positive comments from BCFFF executive members and from our out-of-town guests on what a great job IWFF members did as hosts for the 2004 AGM. Everyone should be very proud of how we represented our club and our city in a very memorable way.

Finally, I would like to thank our guest speakers: Shawn Bennett, Courtney Ogilvie and especially Brian Chan who attended even though he lost his father on Friday morning. Also a big thank you to all of our exhibitors and fly tiers at the trade show and to all of the donors to the auction. It's been a lot of fun, a lot of work and I'm glad its over as I am sure are the rest of the committee. Now we can concentrate on getting some of the important things looked after like wetting a fly and spending some time on our favourite lakes and rivers. A GREAT JOB AND THANKS TO ALL.

Ellison Lake Fishout April 18, 2004



“First Fish” prize went to Doug Peterson who, coincidentally, caught his first fish on a fly.



This is definitely not Keith McDonald’s first fish.



Ed Tremblay admires Bill McColl’s catch



Dave Connolly: “I caught the biggest fish!”



Keith MacDonald: “ I caught the biggest fish!”

Answer: Dave knows how to show off his catch to the best advantage.

More Ellison Lake..



Ray Brunt ponders on which fly to use as soon as the shower lets up.



Bob Davies casts another one. His first trout on a fly eluded the camera man.

Ed Tremblay, left, Dave Connolly, Jack Toomer, Ray Brunt, Doug Peterson and John O'Brien. Ellison Lake is a privately owned trout ranch south west of Duncan. Barry Ellison (250 746-8521), the owner, caters to groups and especially appreciates fly fishers. John rents the facilities for his fly fishing training schools because of the easy access to the water - where beginners can catch fish and experts can catch many fish.



Spring Banquet

April 17, 2004 at ABC Restaurant



Roberta Miller (Larry was off promoting the desert pot luck hosted at their place) chats with Gerry Hutchinson and Bruce Cumming.



Steve and Vi Wawrykow with Mary Tinling are spellbound by Harold Tinling's exploits.



Jack and Elena Toomer, Wayne Legge (we wish a speedy recovery to Judy with broken ribs and injured back), Peter and Willi Huygebaert, and Doug Peterson.



Pat Connolly, Pat and Ray Garton, Lil and Gerry Stevens, Dave and Cecillia Degner

More Spring Banquet



Ed and Maureen Tremblay and both kids.



Larry Miller, centre, promoting the pot luck desert to Paul Inscho, left, and to Dave Connolly.

BCFFF Annual General Meeting May 1, 2004



The members of the 2003 executive committee who were present in Nanaimo for the AGM were (left to right): Rob Way, Secretary; Brian Saunders, Membership; Art Lingren, President; Ken Burgess, Treasurer and Peter Caverhill, First V.P. Art chaired the meeting until the election was held.



The newly elected executive: Brian Saunders, 2nd V.P; Art Lingren, Past President; Ron Schiefke, Secretary; Garth Fowler, Membership; Gil Sage, 1st V.P; Danie Erasmus; Rob Way; Ken Burgess (seated), Treasurer; and Peter Caverhill (seated), President.

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May 9, 2004

Island Waters Fly Fishers
Nanaimo, BC
c/o Keith MacDonald (delivered by e-mail)

Dear Keith and all the other Island volunteers associated with the BCFFF AGM/Dinner/Auction May 1, 2004 (Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo, BC):

As the newly elected President of the BCFFF, I want to thank you and all of your Island crew for hosting this year's AGM and fundraiser. From what I have heard and seen, your group has organized one of our most successful events. It was a great venue, the attendance was high, everyone had a lot of fun and it appears that the dinner/auction pried a considerable amount of loot from people's wallets. You even arranged for the sun to shine! Please pass on my thanks to your team.

Also, let me know if I can be of any assistance as you wrap-up this year's event (thank you letters, etc).

Sincerely,

Peter A. Caverhill

Peter Caverhill
President BCFFF

Bernie's Banterings

If one is not a participant, a three hour AGM is a daunting challenge to undertake -- but Keith MacDonald and I were determined to tackle it. We took our positions in the front row to prevent dosing off and to take a few photos. Even if the BCFFF executive are a great bunch (and like we suspected, they are) three hours is tough. My purpose, other than photos, was to get to know the organization better. I was not disappointed. Although there were a few long winded discourses from the floor, there were neat tidbits of information gleaned from the meeting.

The most impressive bit was the size of the Gilly Fund. \$135,000! Of this amount, \$22,000 is the interest earned and is the amount available for fish-related projects. This fund was the earnings from the popular book "The Gilly" which is still on sale. I bought my copy last year but it was published in 1985. What a legacy!

Speakers Session at the BCFFF AGM

Shawn Bennet



Shawn Bennet, Weigh West, Tofino presented “Saltwater Fly Fishing.” His company conducts guided fly fishing in the Clayoquot Sound. It can be done from boats because much of the water is less than 15 feet. The Coho are best in August but July and September are also good. Shawn’s favourite fly is a Clouser Minnow on an eight weight, forward sinking line.

Brian Chan



Brian Chan, Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C., presented “Stillwater Fly Fishing with Chironomids” which is his favourite method of fly fishing. This is because of the huge number of species (2500), the endless varieties of colours and sizes. Brian’s favourite fly is black and red with a white, metal bead on a #12 hook. He brings a black marker to darken the bead in certain situations.

Courtney Ogilvie



Courtney Ogilvie, President of the Castaways in Parksville, presented “Spey and Two-handed Fly Casting on Vancouver Island.” Although the ceiling was too low for Courtney to demonstrate casting with his favourite 12 foot long rod, he did give us some good tips on where it is very advantageous to use these rods.

Trade Show at the BCFFF AGM

Joie and Marla Coe, Gone Fishin’, at their table set up in the room dedicated to the Trade Show during the BCFFF Annual General Meeting.



More Trade Show



Dave Degner and Van Egan manning the BCFFF table.



Peter Huyghebaert pauses during his hectic day of organizing the trade show to sit behind his own table of great crafts.



Harold and Mary Tinling at their display of their fine wood products related to fishing. Two great hobbies at one show.



Paul Inscho, left, John Snook, Steve Wawrykow and Ray Honig busy classifying and registering the auction items.

Fly Tying Demonstrations at the AGM

Jared Abel, left, and Kevin Tutty represented the juniors division of the fly tying demonstrations. This was a popular feature of the event.



More Fly Tying



This three-part, articulated fly tied by Joie Coe was a great hit amongst the fly tying audience.

Banquet and Auction



Dave Anderson, Minister of Environment and MP for Victoria was the guest speaker. He values the rare times he gets the opportunity to go fly fishing and is proud to be associated with fly fishers. They are watch dogs and defenders of environmental issues. Dave feels that the scarcity of fresh water will become the cause of future conflicts between jurisdictions. Canada is fortunate to have over 9% of the world's supply of fresh water and fly fishers are among the first to notice potential problems with this supply.



Kevin Tutty picking up some fine points from the Master Fly Tyer Bob Hetzler. Photos by Ron Moll.



Bob Adshead, auctioneer, did a great job in coaxing extra money out of reluctant bidders. The revenue from this event was more than twice as much as was budgeted by the BCFFF Treasurer.

Acknowledgements and Awards Presented at the BCFFF Banquet

Our apologies to Keith MacDonald for missing the photo of him receiving his award. You did a bang up job of organizing the whole event and had worked tirelessly for over a year on it.



Steve Wawrykow set up the web site and sold the banquet tickets. Did a flawless job of tracking the various types of sales and receipts.



Harold Tinling was the Chief Financial Officer. He and his wife Mary were reconciling the financial statements until after midnight.



Peter Huyghebaert coordinated the trade show by soliciting vendors, organizing the location and the advertising.

Courtney Ogilvie did a great job of selling raffle tickets before and during the banquet. Thank you Courtney.



Dave Connolly was very busy with collecting, describing and displaying the over 100 auction items. He was assisted by Ray Sorensen, Paul Inscho, John Snook, Ron Moll and Tom Ramshaw. Congratulations on raising over \$8400.00 --much more than expected!

John O'Brien was also awarded a certificate for his work as Co-chair on the organizing committee. Thanks John.

More Awards and Acknowledgements



Chris Depka organized the fly tying demonstrations by finding a great group of tyers them scheduling them at one hour intervals throughout the day during the trade show hours. Along with our own Dave Degner and Joie Coe, he had nine demonstrators including the popular junior tyers.



Bernie Heinrichs got the credit for coordinating the registration for the auctions but most of that work was done by Ray Honig. His lap top proved invaluable when it came time to reconcile the payouts and to balance the cash to receipts. Ron Moll also helped in this department and he took a lot of the photos shown in this newsletter. Thank you Ray and Ron.

Our apologies to anyone not acknowledged for their assistance.

Calendar of Events

May 18 to 24 at Tunkwa Lake

A camping fishout organized by Peter Huyghebaert 756-3241.

May 25, 2004

Regular meeting at the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave. The guest speaker will be Bill Luscombe whose topic will be "Island Lakes." Bring your flies for the fly draw and there will be 2 (two) draws for the Gilly to make up for last month's draw.

May 29 or 30 at Lois Lake

More details to follow. Call Chris Depka 754-6569.

June 22, 2004

Regular meeting at the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave. The last one until September.

Noon Socials and Luncheons

At 11:30 am every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Wellington Pub (half price specials).

Summer BBQ

Larry Miller has been offering his services as head chef for a whole pig barbecue. It looks like we will be taking him up on it. Keep posted for location and time.

Tall Tales Book

Copies will be available for sale at the meeting. Most of them are stories presented at our "Tall Tales Contests."

Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Jim MacFie and his family on the loss of his wife Evelyn. She passed away suddenly at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital on May 1, 2004.

