



Bob Leverman's collection of favourite fly patterns. Full story on page 5.



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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<http://www.bcfff.bc.ca/>**

### **President's Message**

Welcome back after our 2 month summer break, I hope everyone had as good a summer fishing as I did. Although we were faced with near drought conditions and were not able to access some of our favorite lakes, the saltwater fly fishing was exceptional. Eve River was again one of the hotspots for pinks this summer and I know that several of our members did very well this year. Nile Creek was a little spotty but there was lots of action for those who were persistent and were able to get up early enough to catch them before they moved offshore. I had an exceptional trip to Milbank Sound again this summer, the coho fishing was great and there were still some



**Keith MacDonald**

large springs around. Like everywhere else the warm weather and lack of rain also affected the salmon runs in the north, everything was running 2-3 weeks late.

For those who haven't heard, our application to the "Gilley Fund" for the Bill Brown Memorial has been approved and the cheque has already been received. A special thanks to Dave Connolly for all the work that he and his committee has done. I have been appointed to sit on the Gilley Fund and have been able to review all of the recent applications. The proposal that Dave put together was exceptional. Thanks Dave for a great job. Our neighbors to the North the "Castaways" have also applied for Gilley funding for completion of the Fanny Bay project and hopefully they will be approved. It is nice to see some of the provincial money spent on the Island.

Our neighbors to the south "The Haig Brown Fly Fishing Association" are hosting a Fly Fishing Seminar November 13 and 14, I have seen a list of the programs and speakers that are presenting and it appears that it will be well worth the \$75 that they are charging. I hope that there is lots of support from our club members. With support maybe this will become an annual event.

It looks like the fall is shaping for some great fishing, I am sitting looking out over Georgia Strait and there isn't a ripple on the water and the sun is shining. All we need to get any better is a good run of fall coho on the beaches.

Enjoy our great resources, good luck and good fishing.

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## Calendar of Events

### September 28, 2004

Regular Meeting at the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave. The guest speaker will be, recently retired from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, George Reed who will be presenting his view of the future of salmon stocks.

### October 26, 2004

Regular Meeting at the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave.

### November 23, 2004

Regular Meeting at the Ukrainian Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave.

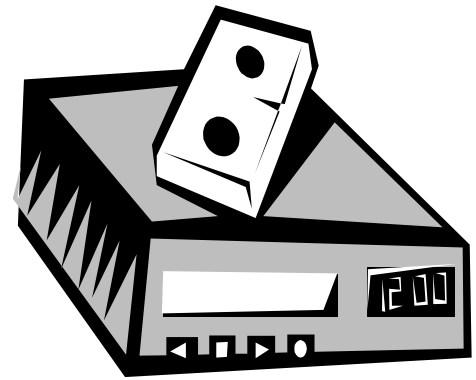
### Noon Socials and Luncheons

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



Jed Dagenais shows off his first salmon (a pink) caught on a fly. It was taken out of the Eve River last summer where the pink run was quite spectacular this year.

## List of Videos



See Jim McEwan to Check These Out

- 12 FLY FISHING MAGAZINE – OLYMPIC TROUT & STEELHEAD
- 13 THE ESSENCE OF FLY CASTING – MEL KRIEGER
- 14 FLY FISHING STILLWATERS – ALF DAVIES
- 16 SURVIVING THE HOOK – D.F.O.
- 17 RELEASE ‘EM RIGHT – D.F.O.
- 21 TROUT FISHING – STEVE WAWRYKOW – IWFF
- 23 STEELHEAD FISHING – IWFF
- 27 MAGIC OF FLY FISHING – STORIES OF MANY TRIPS
- 34 DUBBING THE LOOP WITH ROOTS
- 35 TYING BASS FLIES – IWFF
- 37 BASS – THE 99% SOLUTION – FISH’N CANADA
- 40 THE RIVER OF NO RETURN – IWFF REPORT
- 42 25 FISHING LAKES – MERRITT TO KAMLOOPS
- 43 - 1 NORTHERN LAKE TROUT – FISH’N CANADA
- 43 - 2 FLOATING FOR GATORS – FISH’N CANADA
- 43 - 3 LARGEMOUTH BASS – FISH’N CANADA

### June Meeting



Jack Toomer passes the plate after his Gilly presentation.



Ron Britton told us about how he resolved the problem of getting into his float tube from the steep banks of Rhododendren Lake. Getting out was impossible without help.



Doug Parry, guest, introduces himself and wife Lorraine. They are new to Nananimo and are eager to explore the fly fishing opportunities here.



Chris Depka, left, presents a pocket tool kit (donated by Bruce Cumming) to Paul Inscho after the Gilly Draw.



Steve Wawrykow, right, receives his winnings of the fly draw from Keith MacDonald.



Chris presents the gift certificate prize of the Gilly Draw to Gerry Stevens.

## Guest Speaker: Bob Leverman FlyFishing in the Prince George Area

Bob Leverman has moved to Nanaimo but still has a law practice in Prince George. He joined our club last year and can now enjoy fly fishing in two great areas of our province. The years of fishing experience was very evident in Bob's informative presentation.

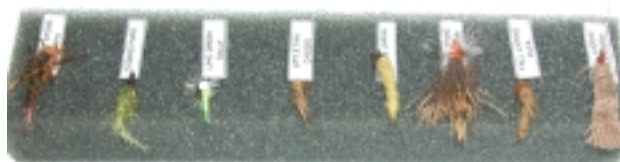
This presentation began with a sketch of prime fishing lakes and rivers in Central B.C. on a blackboard. The next topic was a quick but comprehensive review of the entomology and food sources of trout in the area. His collection of nymphs and bugs was especially interesting. The final part of the presentation was a video of the Stellako River which he had done just this spring. Thank you Steve Wawrykow for your editing skills in putting the CD together.

One of the challenges that Bob has only come close to achieving is to become a member of the 20 - 20 Club. This is accomplished by catching a 20 inch rainbow on a #20 fly. His best so far is a 19.5 inch rainbow!

Bob also referred to Dragon Lake where a 14 pound rainbow was landed. Cobb Lake can be very prolific (50+ trout) if the timing is right. Thank you Bob for the time spent preparing this great presentation.



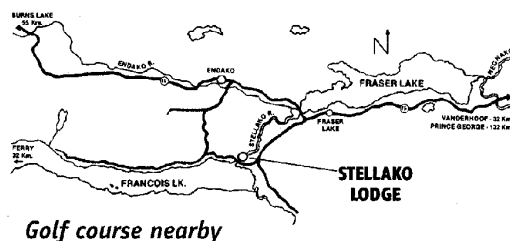
Bob Leverman: The Stellako River has got to be the prime river for trout this big!.



A collection of Bob's favourite fly patterns he uses on the Stellako and other fishing sites.



The map of Central B.C. according to Bob Leverman. This needs to be printed and kept for reference for any fisher contemplating a trip into this prime fishing area.



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### Fly Pattern Survey

Gerry Stevens is organizing the upcoming fly tying season and wants to know what you want. We also need to find flies for the newsletters and we are trying to assemble a collection of Vancouver Island favourites. To fulfill these lofty goals, please fill out the questionnaire below and bring it to the September meeting 28th meeting or email it to bheinrichs@shaw.ca. Even if you only fill out one entry, please bring it along.

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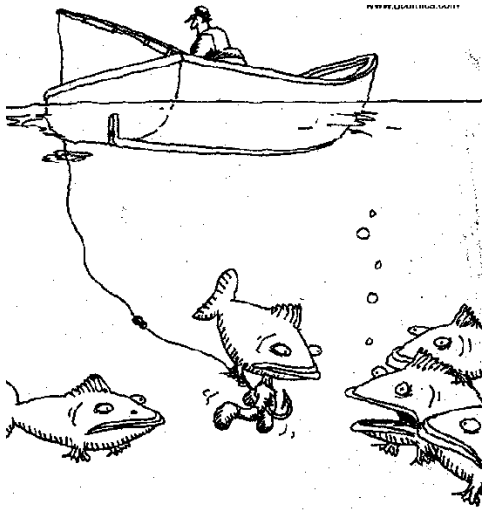
**Favourite Trout Fly:**

**Favourite Salmon Fly:**

**Fly I Will Demonstrate:**

**Fly I Want to Learn to Tie:**

**Comments:**



You gotta believe me boss! I didn't squeal! I was framed! Mugsy did it! Mugsy did it!

## Fly Fishing Symposium

**Presented by**

**Haig Brown Fly Fishing Association**

**University of Victoria**

**November 13, 14, 2004**

### Symposium Program and Speakers:

Jim Mclellan: Reading Moving Water

Favorite Waters Near and Far

Brian Chan: Understanding Still Waters

Where to Find Fish

Gordon Honey: Conjugating Chironomids

What to Expect from a Guide

Les Johnson: Fly Fishing the West

Trey Combs: Steelheading the Great Rivers

Blue Water Fly Fishing

Andy Sneddon: Building the Custom Fly Rod

Presenting Your Fly at Depth

Peter Morrison: Open Ocean Fly Fishing

Creek Mouth Fly Fishing

Shawn Bennett: Cast Fly to Salt Water Species

Open Water Coho Fishing

Ian Muirhead: Casing Analysis

Kathy Ruddick: Tropical Water Fly Fishing

New Fly Lines and Leaders

These are only some of the topics presented. For registration and more information, check out the web site at: <http://members.shaw.ca/hbffa/> or phone Pauline at (250) 881-1870 or Dale at (250) 472-1104.

There are special hotel rates available at the Howard Johnson 1 800-I-GO-HOJO.

It is only slightly more than one hour - we could car pool.

More information will will be at the next meeting or call Bernie at 390-3266.

## Beach Bums



This group of beach fly fishers, at Nile Creek, were swapping tales but this log was empty five minutes later when the “bite was on”. Left to right: unknown (who does know?), John Pronk, John O’Brien, Ray Evans, Lloyd St. Cyr, Dwayne Lavigne and Harvey Stern. Photo by Peter McMullen, 2000.

### Guest Editorial

Once upon a time in Canada we used to fish freely and without complication Today the rules change faster then we change our socks, and I change mine every day. If you have a hard time trying to figure them out, don’t feel alone. The changes from year to year really don’t make much difference to the average “catch and release” fly fisher. All we ask for is to walk the river and cast a few flies after supper -- that’s why we live here. Rivers like the Nanaimo ,Little Q and the Englishman come to mind. We need to make sure that these rivers are kept for the fly fisher. A bitter pill to swallow but the best fisherman are fly fisherman ,They don’t leave bait jars along the river. Even when it’s fly fishing only, they usually stick to a catch and release procedure that is easy on the fish. The single, barbless hook helps, plus, most hooks are smaller than most bait hooks that are used. How often do you see foam floats by the dozens complete with fish and lead. I have had the pleasure of fishing these rivers for over 25 years and

have seen disregard for fishing ethics go down the tube. A sign of the times I suppose. .But at least I was there when it was good. It’s up to the clubs to push for more fly fishing only and no closures. We have a right to fish these rivers even if we may not be able to keep them.

I’m sending some of my personal pictures. Each one brings fond memories. The cutty was caught just below the trestle on the Little Q about 15 years ago. The springs were caught by myself and Bryce Olsen about 5 years ago. The beautiful Nanaimo River was taken about 20 years ago. And of course - what fishing is all about: a bunch of beach fly fishers swapping tales waiting for the fish to show, five minutes later the log was empty and the bite was on . For sure all of these back yard fisheries need to be left to the fly fishers. We do care the most don’t we! Lets not forget about them.

FFFF John R.O’Brien

## John's Memories

## Tall Tales Book Presentation



John's cutty caught below the trestle on the Little Qualicum about 15 years ago.



Bernie Heinrichs presents Lenie Brown with a complimentary copy of "The Trout That Climbed a Tree". It was given to honour the contributions given to the book by her late husband, Bill Brown.



Bryce Olsen showing his spring caught about five years ago.



Lenie giving her usual form of gratitude.



## Boys and Girls Club Fishout

This year the Island Waters Fly Fishers teamed up with the Nanaimo Boys and Girls Club to introduce them to fly fishing. During the winter, fly tying lessons were provide and culminated in a fishout to Ellison Lake. They were assisted by the members shown below along with Gerry Stevens and Bruce Cummings. Thank you Bruce for the photos and all the work you did with the Boys and Girls Club.



Jarrod Anton caught the first fish



Ray Garton, IWFF Club member, helps out.



Ed Tremblay, IWFF Director, releases a nice rainbow



Will Butler, Boys and Girls Club Director, releases a tree trout. That was a fine cast Will!

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## More Boys and Girls Club Fishout

## Annual Barbecue, August 8, 2004



Chef Larry Miller, centre, supervises carvers Wayne Legge and Bob Davies



Larry and Roberta pause during the carving of the roast pig. Wayne Legge, left, was the Entertainment Chair this year and played a significant role in helping the Millers with this hugely successful event.



John O'Brien helps Cody catch his first fish.



Matt and Bonnie Haapala agreed "Best pork ever"

## More BBQ



Roberta Miller receives her plant and flowers from Wayne Legge for the great job her and Larry did hosting the pig roast at their place. Larry, jestingly, thanked us for the Number 9 Sage fly rod - although we all agreed that he deserved it. There were over 40 guests and there were only small pickings available from the roast for second helpings. The salmon and the dishes of salads, deserts etc. were also very tasty.



Peter Huyghebaert, right, congratulates Wayne on behalf of the guests for a very successful BBQ.



Mary Jane and Ken McLaughlin praise the cooks



Christina and Eric Kjerulf, Carole and Ed Degenais, John O'Brien, and Gerry Stevens