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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.

Visit the BCFFF on their webpage at <http://www.bcfff.bc.ca/>

Memberships

Your 2005 memberships were due at the end of the year.

Please pay them at the next meeting.

ACCESS TO NORTHWEST BAY LOGGING ROADS

Bill WAH advises that the public will have access to their roads if they are not hauling logs on them. Persons wishing to use their roads should call their office at (250)468-8111 and ask if logs are being hauled on the road to be used.

2005 Program

- Feb. 8 - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- Feb. 22 - short meeting and fly-tying
- March 8 - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- March 22 - short meeting then knots/backing/leaders. Bring your gear and get some help to set it up for the season
- April 12 - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- April 26 - no regular meeting - fly-casting at the beach at long lake starting at 6pm.
- May 10 - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- May 24 - regular meeting and speaker
- June 14 - basic & intermediate fly tying
- June 28 - regular meeting and speaker or educational program
- Sep 13 - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- Sep 27 - regular meeting and fly-tying
- Oct 11 - final night for fly tying courses
- Oct 25 - SUPER GILLY " TALL TALES'
- Nov 8 - swap night! old gear and stuff
- Nov 22 - regular meeting - Elections.

FOR SALE

Mustang Inflatable Fly Vest, Medium, Orange, CO2 or Mouth Inflate, First \$35, Bruce at 390-2236.

WANTED

A used float tube. Call Wayne Legge at 756-3114

Calendar of Events

Fly Tying

Every first and third Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. (after the pub lunch). They will be held at Gerry Stevens home (620 Hawkins St.). He is looking for demonstrators, new or old patterns, ideas etc. Gerry can be reached at 754-4124.

Noon Socials and Luncheons

At 11:30 am every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Wellington Pub (half price specials). This is getting so popular that there are some who lunch there every Wednesday.

Club Library

Matt Haapala has offered to serve as the club's first librarian. If you have any appropriate books that you would like to recycle, please bring them to Matt or call him at 390-1917. Thank you Matt.

Fishouts

Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Spring Dinner

Saturday, April 9 at the ABC Restaurant on Mary Ellen Rd. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Potluck desserts following the dinner at Jack and Elena Toomer's place.

Summer Barbecue

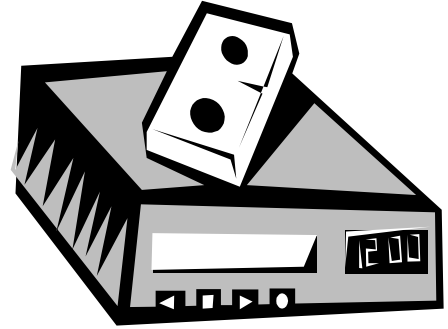
Larry Miller is planning on another pig roast in August, 2005 at his place again. This event was very popular last year and will feature an auto rally before the BBQ.

Christmas Party/Auction

Saturday, November 26, 2005 at the Lantzville Legion.

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

Quill Gordon



- Hook:** Mustad 9480, size 14
Thread: Black 6/0
Wing: Wood duck flank feather or dyed mallard flank
Tail: Blue dun hackle fibres
Body: Stripped peacock herl
Hackle: Blue dun

1. Select a wood duck feather that has even tips. Tie the feather to the top of the hook with the tips pointing forward. Don't crowd the eye of the hackle.
2. Trim the butt ends of the feather at an angle. Raise the tips up, and wrap a dam of thread in front of the feather.
3. Divide the feather tips into two bunches. Make a series of figure-eight wraps around the base of the wings.
4. Tie on about a dozen dun hackle fibres to form the tail of the fly. The tail should be about equal to the length of the hook shank.
5. Choose a wide peacock herl from just below the eye of the tail feather. Use your forefinger and thumb to strip the herl fuzz from the quill.
6. Tie on the quill at the base of the tail. Wrap a smooth underbody of thread to the base of the wings. Wrap the stripped herl up the shank to form the body; leave a small amount of space between the front of the body and the base of the wings to tie on the hackle. Tie off and clip the excess herl.
7. Tie on the hackle behind the wings with the dull side of the feather facing up. Wrap the thread to the hook eye.
8. Wind the hackle. Make 2/3 of the wraps behind the wings, and wrap the remainder of the hackle in front of the wings. Tie off, form a thread head, whip finish and clip the thread.

Orange Stimulator



- Hook:** TMC 2312, #10 or Mustad C53S, #10
Thread: Orange 6/0 nylon
Body: Orange dubbing and brown hackle palmered
Wing: Elk hair
Hackle: Grizzly, in front
Tail: Elk hair

Instructions:

1. Prime the hook.
2. Tie in the elk hair for the tail.
3. Tie in the brown hackle at the bend of the hook.
4. Dub the body from the bend to 2/3 of the way towards the eye, tie it off.
5. Palmer the brown hackle to 2/3 towards the eye, tie it off.
6. Tie in the wing of the elk hair, tie it off.
7. Tie in the grizzly hackle, tie it off.
8. Tie an orange head with thread.
9. Whip finish.

Let's Fill it Up -

- with flies for the fly box (built by Harold Tinling) to be auctioned off at the BCFFF AGM, May, 2005 in Vernon. Please hand them in at the next regular meeting.



Gilly

Ray Honig, our Gilly for the general meetings, suggests that each of us tells the group about what flies you are tying now and, more importantly, where you are going to be using them during your first few fish outs this coming spring. As always, please don't feel obligated to make a major speech - any topic, a joke or even letting us know who you are is OK. We are even more delighted if you could pop a loony into the can to support buying a prize for the draw following the round of comments, fishing stories, jokes etc.

Fly Tying

We held our first fly tying classes Tuesday evening, February 8, 2005. There were seven students for the basic class and the same number for the intermediate class. The seven in the basic class were two more than optimum but Chris Depka and Bob Leverman helped Peter Huyghebaert with some "one on one" help.

Dave Degner lead off instructing the intermediate class and his organized presentation was appreciated. These guys and the other instructors deserve a great round of applause for their extraordinary efforts. This is just another example of the strength and talent within our club.

President's Message

Yes, the rumors about some of your directors meeting and discussing closer ties with the Nanaimo Fish and Game Club are true. These discussions started when Wayne Legge asked about the logging companies allowing access to some of the small lakes in the Nanaimo Lakes area. They suggested that one representation to the logging companies would be more effective.

One discussion lead to another and we ended up with a tour of the Fish and Games facilities. Their other reasons for approaching us was to gain more members (presently 702 paid and over 1200 including families) but, more importantly, to fulfill their mandate to protect and enhance fishing. There is over \$25,000 in their fish conservation/enhancement fund and no one is promoting any worthy projects.

The members of the tour were Bernie Heinrichs, Doug Peterson, Ray Honig and Bill McColl. Bill likes the idea of joining. The rest of us have not come up with compelling reasons for the membership to go all out with a total merger - even after being promised that we could maintain our identity and would be able to carry on with all the functions in which we are presently involved. We would become another discipline similar to the Archery, Black Powder, Skeet, Trap etc. groups. Each of these have their own executive, events, meetings and functions. Some of the enticing features of their offer are:

- Large clubhouse for meetings.
- Large parking lot.
- BBQ pits and picnic area.
- Storage would become available for equipment.
- Access to a TV on a stand, VCR, overview and screen, office equipment, photo copier etc.
- A large organization to support us for submissions to government, corporations or other organizations.
- Access to more funding for conservation, habitat enhancement, or other projects.

-Access to the Fish and Game's many activities such as the ranges, fund raisers, family days etc.

The main problem with a complete merger would be to ensure that we do not lose our identity and character. We would be a fairly small entity within a large organization. Would we become overwhelmed with a lot of new members? There would be an increase in membership dues- from \$40.00 to \$60.00 (\$45.00 if you are over 60 years old). Membership with the BCFFF would be another \$5.00 per year. A sense of loss would also be felt because we would not control our finances. Membership dues and fund raiser money would go to one bank account. This would be recovered by submitting a budget and obtaining expense money from the treasurer. We would keep our existing bank account. If we could justify good projects, we could be getting more back than we submitted. \$17.00 of the membership dues goes to the BCWF and only \$3.50 goes to membership liability insurance. A large proportion of the existing membership belong because they support wildlife conservation.

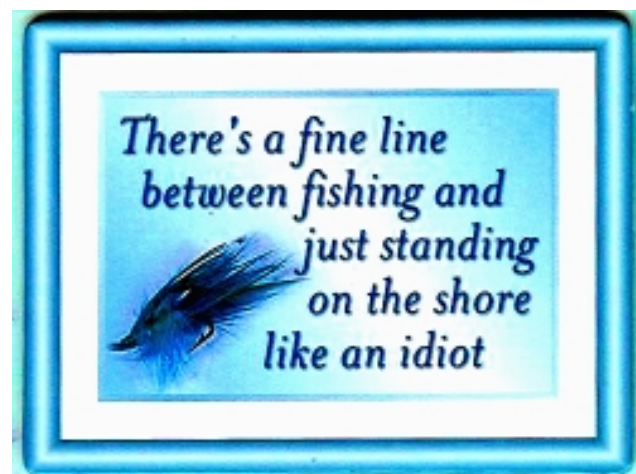
At this time, My intention is to present the findings and open up some discussion. This whole exercise really helps us to define what we really want to become. Everybody I have talked to so far likes the club just the way it is. Why fix it if it isn't broken? There must be another way to take advantage of some of the opportunities that are there. Perhaps someone could come forward and become a Fly Fishing Representative on the Fish and Game's board. This way we could talk about how we could help them with their problem of putting that \$25,000, referred to earlier, towards good purposes. Shared projects are good for small organizations such as ours. The Cat Stream Project is a good example. Another potential opportunity is to expand their little fishing pond. Something like the privately owned Ellison Lake in Duncan would be a huge asset to our whole community. This lake is stocked with a good supply of mature trout and is easily accessed from shore or small water craft.

This is an ideal lake for kids, beginners, experienced fly fishers and even wheel chairs. The fees are about \$5.00 per hour and \$10.00 per fish not released from barbless hooks. The Fish and Game location looks small and would require a lot of "hoop jumping" to get approvals because it is located next to a stream, the archery range and some wooded areas. A positive advantage of this location is that there is already a resident caretaker on site to collect fees and provide security.

There are probably other opportunities for our two similarly-focused clubs to explore. Regardless of which way we go, the minimum we need to do is to continue our dialogue with them and between our own club members. I need to get some guidance from your directors before proceeding any further but I thought it best to lay out what we have learned so far and see if any more discussion can be generated. As always, we need your ideas and input into this and other opportunities.

The February general meeting will be followed by fly tying but please come out and observe or chat it up with the others.

We would appreciate it if someone could bring a digital camera to the meeting so that we can liven up the newsletter some more. An SLR camera is fine if you can email the photos.



I think I have crossed that line a few more times than I care to admit.

Bernie Heinrichs

Island Waters Fly Fishers Society

Minutes of General Meeting

Held on Tuesday Jan 25 at 7:30 in the Ukrainian Church Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave., Nanaimo, B.C.

33 members and 4 guests in attendance

Meeting Called to order at 7:30

President Introduced new guests: Daryl Chapman, Glynn Currie, Lloyd Erickson, Donavon Lynch and New members Terry Swean and Wayne Pealo

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Larry Miller
MSC (moved , seconded, carried)

Treasurer's Report: Harold states we have an account of \$5715.13 . Matt noted that the proposed budget for 2005 has understated resources and overstated expenses. Harold agreed this is so but it assures we will have sufficient funds for all our needs. It can be updated and changed.

Program: Members were offered a proposal for 2005 club programming. It stresses fly tying as this seems to be of common interest. Peter H. was asked to formulate a fly tying teaching program and did so. He now has approximately 6 members for beginning class and 11 for the intermediate class. He has found several teachers/ tiers from within our membership. The program is designed to teach methodology, not necessarily specific flies although all participants will tie recognized patterns during the year. It was also noted that everyone is welcome to attend these special sessions for coffee and fellowship.

Concern was raised from the floor that some members are not interested in fly tying and enjoy the speakers. All agreed it would be inappropriate to lose this element so speakers will be included in the plans for the year.

MOTION: by Keith MacDonald That the society spend the extra monies for hall rental to support the fly tying classes. Seconded Earl Stevens, carried

Committee Reports:

Health: no report

Entertainment: Jack Toomer reported we have set August 13 for the annual Bar-B-Q. He is looking at several dates in April for the spring supper. He will report back to us when he has a date and a restaurant.

Conservation & Fishing Events: Wayne Legge reported he and Harold have been asked organize a couple of fish-outs this summer. Looking for an overnight event as well as day trips.

Conservation ideas would be appreciated. We should become involved in an activity that is local such as cleaning a stream or clearing trails to lakes and streams.

Question and comments from the floor regarding the closure of many of the logging roads due to a new practice of logging 7 days a week .Suggestion we contact Greg Stevens from the Nanaimo Fish and Game as he is actively involved in helping sports men and women get access to back country roads.

Membership: We have 40 paid members as of tonight.

Newsletter: No one has come forward to assume this responsibility as yet. Therefore the newsletter will be sparse and infrequent.

Fly Tying: Gerry Stevens stated that due to the formal fly tying classes, Jan 26 would be the last evening class at his house but he would continue to open his home to tying following the bi-weekly lunch meeting. This class starts about 1:15 on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Boys and Girls Club: Bruce Cumming wants to provide fly tying for the boys and girls on Friday afternoons at 2:30 starting the end of February. He needs some members to help teach. Classes will run for two months.

New Business: Reminder we need flies for the fly box we donate to the BCFFF each spring. The box is made (thank you Harold) and is empty. Bruce offered 5 flies so we only need another 395.

Following a lengthy discussion about rod building and purchasing a *rod winding jig*

MOTION: by Wayne Legge That the IWFF purchase a rod winding jig for the use of club members. That we spend no more than \$100. Seconded by Matt Haapala. During discussion it was decided to TABLE this motion to the next meeting.

Chair opened a discussion about starting a book library similar to the video library. Matt H. offered to be the first librarian.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32