



IWFF HONOURS TWO GREAT GUYS



Dave Connolly and Keith MacDonald. See "Christmas Party" page 8.

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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President's Message

Welcome to a new year and a new season for the club. We just had our first director's meeting and it was very energetic. The main feature for this year is the proposal for an additional night to accommodate more educational programs. Peter Huyghebaert has spent some considerable time to organize fly tying courses. The program and course outlines have been forwarded to all to review before the meeting for your perusal. We need to vote on this plan because it does involve renting the hall for an additional night each month. The cost of rental is \$35.00 per night and if we use it for nine more nights the total extra cost will be \$315.00. We had \$5994.84 in the bank at yearend.

Our club has a knowledgeable, skillful group of tyers and they came forward to volunteer as instructors. Although we can only accept five students per instructor for basic and 10 for intermediate, there appears to be enough instructors to open up more classes. It all depends on the response we get at the January 25th meeting.

The Entertainment Committee, headed by Jack Toomer, is planning the same events as last year - a Spring dinner, a late summer pig roast and the Christmas Party/Auction. He is looking for ideas and help on these or other activities.

It appears that the Conservation and Fishout Committees have blended into one. It is headed by Wayne Legge and Harold Tinling is assisting with locating new waters for fishouts. One of the reasons for the amalgamation is that we can cleanup or improve fish habitat while we are on a fishout - great idea! Harold and Wayne think that there are some really good lakes and campsites up island and want to check them out. They are looking for your suggestions.

Get involved, have fun and have a great year of fishing.

Bernie Heinrichs

Calendar of Events

January 25, 2005

Regular meeting in the Ukrainian Hall, Victoria Ave. The members will be asked to approve an educational program which will involve renting the hall for two nights per month. The speaker will be John O'Brien who will be discussing building your own fly rod.

Fly Tying

Every first and third Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. (after the pub lunch) and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm. Both will be at Gerry Stevens house (620 Hawkins St.) this year. 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).

FOR SALE

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

Annual General Meeting



At the Annual General Meeting held November 23, 2004 the election of officers and directors for 2005 were: left to right, seated, Doug Peterson, Secretary; Bernie Heinrichs, President; Harold Tinling, Treasurer. Back row left to right: Hale Yardley, Director, Bob Leverman, Director; Keith MacDonald, Past President; Matt Haapala, Director; Jack Toomer, Director; Wayne Legge, Vice President. Missing are Ray Honig, Director and Bill McColl, Director. To date the appointed/volunteer positions are:



Roy Sorensen chaired the nominations for officers and directors during the November 23, 2004 AGM. He was successful in obtaining a full slate of positions - not an easy task and one that requires a lot of communication. Thanks Roy.

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| Fly Tying: | Gerry Stevens |
| Videos: | Jim McEwan |
| Webmaster: | Steve Wawrykow |
| Gilly | Ray Honig |
| Entertainment: | Jack Toomer |
| Fishout/Conservation: | Wayne Legge |
| Welcome Table: | Bill McColl |
| Educational Program: | Peter Huyghebaert |

Bernie Heinrichs, left, receives the gavel from outgoing President Keith MacDonald.



Gilly



Ralph Carlson offers his apologies to Harold Tinling after he was found guilty of “causing an offence to a fellow member”. Harold’s testimony revealed compelling evidence of this guilt by showing us the spot where Ralph’s dog had committed an indecent act upon Harold’s pant leg.



Keith MacDonald gave high praise to the Haig-Brown Fly Fishers for the great symposium they hosted in Victoria November 13 and 14, 2004.



Jack Toomer showed his novice fishing buddy the joys of chum fishing in the Nanaimo River. He said that the river is a great place for beginners to really get hooked onto fly fishing because of all the action.



Bob Davies, right, introduces Al Clark, a fellow immigrant from Winnipeg. Bob claimed that the outstanding characteristic of Winnipeggers is that they always tell the truth. *Editor’s note: Yeah right!*



John Ellis has been very busy lately. He caught a 12 in. trout in Diver’s Lake, a 30 lb. Spring in the Big Qualicum River and observed many many coho at the mouth of the Millstone River and along the banks of the Swy-alana Park.



Ralph Carlson did not have much luck with his prawn fishing and thought maybe he was using the wrong fly.

More Gilly



Joie Coe checked out the summer run of steelhead in the Thompson River. They are still there and the winter run is coming soon.

Roy Sorensen had a fantastic time chasing Coho in Nanoose Bay. He caught 14 one day - all over 12 lb. and 8 in only 2 hours on another occasion. They were nearly all wild salmon.



Doug Hebert, guest from Salt Spring Island, won the Tall Tales book during the first draw of the Gilly. Steve Wawrykow, right, presented it to him.



Earl Stevens collected the gift certificate to Sealand Tackle as the winner of the second draw of the Gilly.

Fly Draw



John Ellis, left, receives his pheasant tail (donated by Jim MacFie) from Doug Peterson. *Note: no sexual inference this time!*



Hale Yardley won the flies at the fly draw.



Steve Wawrykow, speaker and member, presented his videos and slides of "Fishing for Pinks on Vancouver Island". These are a collection of photos and videos he started in 1996 and taken on various rivers and beaches all along the East Coast of Vancouver Island.

John O'Brien's Fly Patterns

Editor's Note: This fly pattern and write-up was submitted to Art Lingren for his forthcoming book "Fly Patterns of British Columbia". This is the fifth in a series of articles featuring our club members. They are presented here with permission from Art.

Dura Boatman



Dura Boatman

Originated and contributed by John O'Brien

Hook: Size 8 Tiemco 2457 pupa hook or equivalent

Thread: Black 8/0

Back: Thin skin /scud back or a strip of dark green 1/4" wide latex

Body: Glow Bright chenille, medium white

Paddles: Dark green, black or dark brown Super Floss or rubber legs

Thorax: Metallic, silver chenille

Intended Use: Wet fly for still water rainbow trout

Comments: The water boatman has been imitated many times with some very effective designs. Unfortunately some are very hard to tie and, because fish hit these flies very hard, you tend to break a few off. It's important for me to have a fly that is simple, durable and works well. This fly has all those in spades. The materials used in this fly help the fly sink and add sparkle to the underside to simulate the air bubble which the boatman carries with it, allowing it to breath under water. On Vancouver Island boatmen are very active in the spring and are one of the early insect food sources in lakes from February through April. I use a floating line and an Airflow sinking leader, either clear intermediate or slow sink. Casting to the rise produces good results. Once you find an area where boatmen are active, fish will be close by, for example weed beds and shoals are best. Let the fly sink a few seconds then use a four inch jerky retrieve, which simulates the paddling motion of the boatman. I tie them with silver or gold tinsel chenille and both seem to work equally well. The Dura Boatman works well in the fall on lakes in the Interior and the Rockies, when you find the water boatman fights are on.



**2004 President's Report Island Waters
Fly Fisher**

November 23,2004

2004 was certainly a year that put our club on the map. On May 1st Island Waters hosted the BCFFF Annual General Meeting. This event required a lot of hard work from some very dedicated



Keith MacDonald

volunteers - culminating in what a lot of people have said is one of the best AGMs ever. Our Trade Show was well received and we had some of the top guest speakers in the province.

The banquet and auction were well attended and a very substantial amount of money was raised for BCFFF projects.

The club was also, again, successful in it's request for funding from the BCFFF Gilley Fund for completion of the Cat Stream viewing platform. Unfortunately the club lost one of our founding members in early December, with the passing of Bill Brown "the Worlds Greatest Fly Fisherman" it was decided that the viewing platform would be named in memory of Bill. We also had a generous donation from the Totems Club from Vancouver in support of Bill's memorial. Bill was also a founding member of the Totems.

This year the club had some great fishouts. Several members got together to take Ray Brunt to Ellison Lake in Duncan. There were trips to Tunkwa Lake, Taylor Arm and, again, this year several of our members travelled to the Eve for some outstanding pink fishing. Steve will be showing some video tonight of some of that outstanding fishing. Several members also travelled to the fishout on the Oyster sponsored by the Comox Fly Fishers. This past weekend some of our members attended the fly fishing symposium in Victoria sponsored by the Haig Brown Fly Fishers. A group of our members also attended the Fly Fishing Show in Vancouver earlier in the year.

The IWFF newsletter has, with thanks to Bernie, become one of the best club newsletters that I have seen. Bernie probably hasn't got enough to do because he also spear headed a big project in publishing a book of fishing "Tall Tales" as told by members of our club.

The club has also continued it's support of the Boys and Girls Club by providing fly tying lessons and taking a group of the kids on a fishing trip to Ellison Lake. Bruce Cummings was presented with a very nice painting at their AGM as thanks to our members for their on going support.

The club has also started to get involved in volunteering their support of some of our local rivers and hatcheries. Wayne Legge is doing a great job in locating projects that the club may get involved with in the future.

The clubs membership continues to grow and at last count we had a total of 60 members, a pretty good indication that fly fishing continues to grow in popularity. I was surprised to learn at the BCFFF AGM that there are as many members of BCFFF on Vancouver Island as there are in the rest of the province.

This year we had many excellent guest speakers but it was especially rewarding to see some of our own members stepping forward and doing presentations on some of their fishing hot spots and also on sharing some of their technical expertise in fly fishing. Our fly tying afternoons and evenings continue to be very popular with thanks to Gerry Stevens.

There are lots of members who deserve to be thanked for all their help but I would be here all night trying to thank all of you personally. We have a great group and thanks to all of you. In closing I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being your president. I don't think I could have come in at a more exciting time. At times it was very busy but the support of a great executive and hard working committee heads for the AGM have made the past year very rewarding for me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith MacDonald, President 2004

Christmas Party and Auction



Dave Connolly, left, installs the 2005 Executive and Directors: Wayne Legge, V.P.; Doug Peterson, Secretary; Harold Tinling, Treasurer; Keith MacDonald, Past President; Bernie Heinrichs, President; Matt Haapala, Director; Jack Toomer, Director; Bob Leverman, Director; Bill McColl, Director. Missing: Ray Honig, Director and Hale Yardley, Director.



Above: Dave Connolly, left, receives the “Member of the Year” award from Keith MacDonald. Keith stated that it only took him two seconds to choose his candidate due to Dave’s tireless efforts during his two years as President and his contribution to conservation - mainly the Cat Stream Project.

Above right: Bernie Heinrichs presents Keith MacDonald with a token of appreciation for the term he served as President and Chair of the BCFFF AGM.

Right: Dave Connolly receives a framed picture and plaque for winning the “Photo of the Year” award. Missing: Peter Huyghebaert won the “Literary” award for his contribution to the newsletter.



Christmas Party and Auction Continued...



Auctioneer Larry Miller, right, accepts bids on the two handed rod, reel, case and line donated by Sealand Tackle. Wayne Legge, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, displays the other half of the rod. We hope that Larry can be persuaded to do this again. It was very entertaining and raised a record amount of money - nearly \$1900.00!

These two and their wives deserve a long round of applause for not only this event but also for the great pig roast and dinner at the ABC Restaurant. Thank you Wayne and Judy, Larry and Roberta.



Bill McColl smoozes up to table no.1 (they won the wine). Jack and Elena are at his right. Bob and Diane Leverman are at his left. Rick & Lori Wanhill are the happy guests.



Kathy Sorensen exchanges her winning ticket for the fly rod, reel and case. This was the prize for the "Dice Roll Raffle". We are wondering if she will let Roy try it out. After 20 years, it probably is their turn to win this draw.



Bonnie and Matt Haapala, left, Ray and Pat Gartman, Ray Brunt, Gerry and Lil Stevens and John Ellis.



Bernie, left, Isobel, Roberta, Larry, Dixie, Bill Luscombe, Jim and Phyllis.

More Christmas Party....



Dave Connolly, left, Dave Degner, Brian and Janet Dusch. Steve Wawrykow, right, Cecilia Degner, Vi Wawrykow, and Pat Connolly. A lot of auction items ended up on this table - thanks for the support.



Bob and Linda Crampton, left; Ron Britton, and Guests Peter and Uchi Robertson. Even more auction items ended up here! Thank you all for your fun and participation.



Roy and Kathy Sorensen, left, Keith and Sharon MacDonald and John Snook.



These three lovelies Jeanne Winters, left, Louise Carlson and Isabel McEwan were seated across from the three stooges.



Paul Inscho, left, receives his gift of appreciation from Keith MacDonald.

Our apologies to those who were missed. But, some of you were caught at a bad moment and would have preferred to have been left out.



Ron Moll, left, and Jim McEwan.

Bill Brown Platform



City of Nanaimo Councillor Larry McNabb, centre, accepts a \$2500.00 cheque from the Island Waters Fly Fishing Society. Dave Connolly, left, Harold Tinling, Larry McNabb, Joan Rodgerson (Fairview Community School Cat Stream Coordinator), Bernie Heinrichs, Alan Briton, City Foreman, and Richard Harding, City Parks and Recreation, celebrated the completion of the platform. Photo by Nanaimo Daily News.

The wildlife observation platform, located on the Jingle Pot March between Jingle Pot Road and Third Street, was designed by Joan Rodgerson and funding was coordinated by Dave Connolly. The low benches were built for elementary school children to view marshland wildlife from a safe distance without disturbing the vegetation or the animals. IWFF and BCFFF each contributed \$1000.00 and the Totem Flyfishers gave \$500.00. Last year IWFF, BCFFF and TD Canada Trust each donated similar amounts to plant trees and improve the fish habitat for spawning Coho and cutthroat trout. Congratulations Dave and others in the club for three years of great work on a great project.

Let's Fill it Up -

Memberships

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

Please pay them at the next meeting.

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 to Harold at the next regular meeting.



Proposed 2005 Program

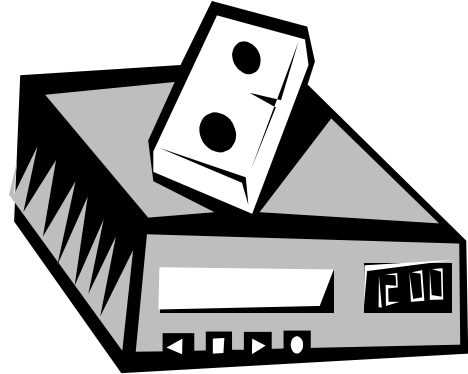
This is the proposed program that will be presented at the January 25th meeting. Observers are welcome at the tying courses.

- Jan - speaker and talk about proposed program.
- Feb - 2nd Tues evening - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- Feb - regular meeting (short) and fly-tying
- March - 2nd Tues evening - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- March - regular meeting (short) and knots/backing/leaders
- April - 2nd Tues evening - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- April - no regular meeting - fly-casting at the beach at long lake at 6:00 pm
- May - 2nd Tues evening - intermediate fly-tying
- May - regular meeting and speaker
- June - 2nd Tuesday evening – intermediate fly tying
- June -regular meeting and speaker or educational program
- Sep - 2nd Tues evening - basic & intermediate fly-tying
- Sep - regular meeting and fly-tying
- Oct - 2nd Tues evening - final night of courses
- Oct - SUPER GILLY ‘‘ TALL TALES’
- Nov - 2nd Tues evening - swap night! old gear and stuff
- Nov - regular meeting - Elections.

If some of you feel that there is too much emphasis on fly tying, please present your ideas. These could include round table discussions held concurrently with the courses - such as fishing locations, techniques, flies used, presentations etc. We would need a leader who could kick start the discussion with his “show and tell”. From what has been seen at the noon lunches, the discourse will then take on a life of its own. Topics could be Steve’s “Pink Fishing”, stream fishing, lake fishing etc.

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