



ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

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Tie them up and bring them to the next meeting!



The Island Waters Fly Fishers
Box 323, Lantzville, BC
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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

If you did not pay your dues at the end of February, you are no longer registered as a club member. You can regain your status if you pay 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

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 6:00 pm.

May 10 - basic & intermediate fly-tying

May 24 - Guest speaker: Larry Stefanyk on "Fly Fishing in New Zealand"

June 14 - basic & intermediate fly tying

June 28 - regular meeting and a panel discussion on fishing for pinks led by Steve Wawrykow

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.

WANTED

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

Photos, stories, poems, information, "How To's" etc. for the newsletter.

Rods, reels, and flylines for the Boys and Girls Club Fishouts. Bring your surplus equipment to the next meeting or call Bruce Cummings at 390-2236.

Calendar of Events

Fly Tying

Every first and third Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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

- 1) April: north of Campbell River for trout. Please call Larry Miller at 390-4495 or advise him at the March meeting.
 - 2) May: Tunkwa Lake
 - 3) August 14 to August 21, 2005: Livingston River and Upper Oldman River in South west Alberta. Here is your opportunity to test out your collection of dry flies. Call Bob Leverman at 756-1998 for more information and to book it.
 - 4) Sept.: Tofino for Coho, camping for 2 or 3 days
 - 5) Late October: to Puntledge River (near Courtney). Chum fishing with wives and children. This can be a day trip from Nanaimo.
- Bring more of 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 another pig roast August 27, 2005 at his place again. This event was very popular last year and will feature an auto rally at 2:00 pm before the BBQ at 5:00 pm.

Christmas Party/Auction

Saturday, November 26, 2005 at the Lantzville Legion.



Basic Fly Tying Class after the February 22nd Meeting.

Wanted

Recycle your magazines to the waiting rooms in the hospital. Bring them to Larry Miller at the next meeting or noon lunch.

Silver Doctor



As tied by Peter Huyghebaert

Peter stated that anyone who has completed an advanced fly tying course will be qualified to attempt this fly, but it will take a lot of patience, practice, perseverance and \$\$\$\$\$\$. The good news is that Peter may be persuaded to instruct the advanced class next year. You will need to demonstrate the required skills to qualify.

Tag: Silver twist and yellow silk

Tail: A Gold Pheasant crest topping

Butt: Scarlet (wool or ostrich)

Body: Silver tinsel

Rib: Oval silver tinsel

Throat: Blue hackle and guinea

Wing: A mixed wing with strands of tippet, summer duck, pintail, golden pheasant tail, yellow and blue dyed swan, bustard, brown mallard and topping.

Cheeks: Jungle cock (modern addition)

Horns: Blue macaw

Head: Scarlet (wool or ostrich)

Pattern is as follows: (Bustard replace with Amherst pheasant tail strands). Each main wing has 12 single or double fibres. The summer duck and pintail are over the main wing and the brown mallard goes over the top on each side.

Editor's note: I would have tied this fly but discovered that I am out of bustard and I refuse to substitute for the Amherst pheasant tail strands.

Nighthawk



As tied by Peter Huyghebaert

Here is another, simpler, Atlantic Salmon fly, but will still be quite challenging.

Tip: silver tinsel

Tag: yellow silk floss

Tail: Gold Pheasant topping and blue chatterer

Butt: Red Ostrich herl

Rib: oval silver tinsel

Body: flat silver tinsel

Throat: black hackle

Wing: Swan dyed black with a topping over

Shoulders: Jungle cock

Cheeks: Catterer

Head: Black with a red band of silk

Gilly

Ray Honig, our Gilly for the general meetings, suggests that each of us tell the group who you are and then about your recent fishing trip successes or busts, 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.

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.



40 Minute Fly



As tied by Ginger Allen, Fly Tier Website

If nothing else this fly filled a void in this page. How is it to tie? Will it catch a fish? What kind of fish? Tell us about it when you bring one for the fly draw and one for the BCFFF donation.

Hook: Mustad #1/0 34007

Thread: Black Gudebrod G

Tail: 2 white marabou plumes, 4 white neck hackle, 2 on each side, splayed out, 4 strands silver flashabou each side, 2 purple marabou plumes, topped with 6 strands silver krystal flash, and 6-8 peacock herl. Fly tied at hook bend, laid back style

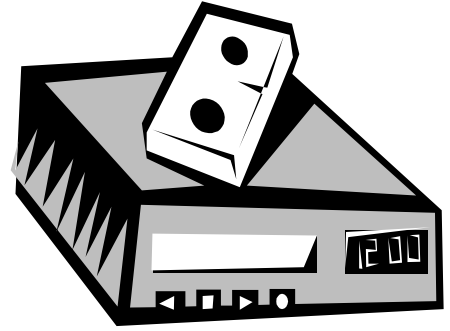
Head: Black thread head

Eyes: Small silver mylar eyes

Finish: Epoxy over head and eyes, spin on wheel

List of Videos

See Jim
McEwan to
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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.
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February Meeting

Photos by Earl Stevens



New members Glynn Currie, and Terence Swean welcome aboard Glynn and Terence.



Guest: Geoff Robbins - welcome Geoff and Sherry



Above: John Ellis, right, had two winning tickets for the fly draw and won a pheasant tail and the flies. Yes, there were more than his two tickets in the bucket!

Right: Paul Inscho told us that he was not skunked at a recent salmon fishing trip - that is if catching a rock cod qualifies.



Guest Sherry Couatts drew the winner of the fly draw from Harold Tinling, Treasurer.



Gilly Winners



Jim McEwan, left, won the first Gilly draw and collects from the Gilly, Ray Honig.



Larry Miller won the second Gilly draw while Ray is living up to the old axiom: "It is better to give than to receive".

Fly Tying Classes

Right: Peter Huyghebaer, center shows Al Clark, left and Ray Honig another tip at the Basic Fly Tying Class. This class and the intermediate class is held every second Tuesday evenings at the Ukrainian Hall. It was an extra one held after the regular meeting February 22, 2005.



Left: Dave Degner instructs the intermediate fly tying class to (clockwise) Ron Creber, Keith MacDonald, Paul Inscho, Jim MacFie, Larry Bishop, and Dave Newman, seated. John Ellis, Doug Peterson, Bernie Heinrichs and Bill McColl were also captivated by Dave's demonstration. Not all were tying - observers are more than welcome.

Thanks, Earl, for the great photos - that was a great idea getting the guests and the new members.

President's Message
Bernie Heinrichs

I will not be able to attend the March 22, 2005 meeting so I would like to use this space to elaborate on the discussions we have had with the Fish and Game Club. At the last general meeting there was a suspicion that there was a push on our behalf to amalgamate with them. There is another article in this newsletter that provides a timeline of events which have occurred so far. From this it is apparent that we did not initiate these discussions. As mentioned in the last newsletter, there is merit in maintaining some kind of contact between our clubs. We agreed that a representative from our club could provide this contact at their meetings. Bill McColl attended the Fish and Game's Executive meeting on February 28, 2005. He was impressed with the financial value of the club - over \$700,000. They did not hesitate to approve spawning pens for salmon in the harbour area of Nanaimo. Bill also reported that this is their 100th year and will be celebrating with an open house etc. on May 6, 2005. The BCWF will also be holding their AGM this year in Nanaimo.

I think that some of this information is useful for some of our membership and we should continue this type of contact. At our last Director's meeting we agreed to encourage someone to join the Fish and Game Club as a single member or we could join as a group member. Hopefully this answers your questions concerning this matter. If not, please call me.

Now on to other news. Keith MacDonald has been asked to let his name stand to run as a Director with the BCFFF at the next AGM to be held in Vernon in May. Good luck Keith.

We have already filled our meeting dates with educational and guest speaker programs for the rest of the year. There is also a good variety of fishouts planned throughout the year. If a couple of you guys are planning on a fishing trip and want some more members to attend, please let me know and I will send out the information by email.

We want to maintain our reputation as a contributor to the BCFFF AGM Fund-raiser by filling up the fly box. Please do your part and bring a few of your favourite flies to the next meeting. They do not need to be fancy but they should be neat and well tied.

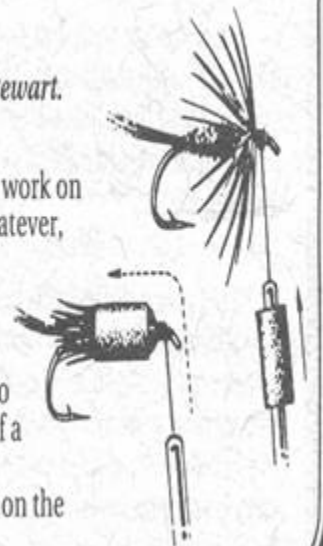
FLY TYING TIP

Superior Hackle Guard

This tying tip was taken from the Revised & Enlarged Fly-Tying Tips, edited by Dick Stewart. Try this tip when you are having problems tying in hackle or wings.

Fingers make pretty good hackle guards but then you're left with only one hand to work on the fly. The arrangement I'm going to tell you about keeps the hackle, or wings, or whatever, out of the way, but leaves both hands free. Your local Radio Shack store will be happy to sell you a package of heat shrink tubing in a variety of diameters.

A 1 to 2 inch section of 1/4" tubing slipped over the tube of your bobbin before you attach the thread to the hook will ride on the tube, out of your way, until you want to trim, or glue or whatever without the hackle or wing getting in the way. It's a matter of a moment to slide the tube off the bobbin and over the head of the fly, do whatever trimming or lacquering you want, and then remove the hackle guard to its resting place on the bobbin tube.



SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FISH AND GAME CLUB

By Bernie Heinrichs

There were a number of questions at the February 22, 2005 general meeting of the Island Waters Fly Fishers about ongoing discussions with the Nanaimo Fish and Game Protective Association concerning a merger between the two clubs. To establish the context of these discussions, the following is a brief review of the various contacts and discussions. Some of the dates are approximate.

January 25, 2005. IWFF General Membership Meeting: Wayne Legge was given the name of a Nanaimo Fish and Game member who is responsible for access to local, privately-owned land. This was to determine the status of access to the Nanaimo Lakes area.

January 27, 2005. Wayne called to inform me about his discussion with Greg Stephens, Access Chairman, Fish and Game Club. During their talks Greg said that the owners of these private lands would prefer to deal with only one contact. This then led to the offer of the IWFF becoming associated with the Fish and Game club. Since there were a few more questions raised, I called Greg to obtain more information. There were a number of interesting proposals suggested which are outlined in my "President's Message" in the February Newsletter.

January 28, 2005. Greg Stephens emailed an invitation to me to attend their executive meeting and to tour their facilities.

February 02, 2005. Steve Corscadden, Treasurer and Past President, Fish and Game Club emailed me their newsletter and calendar of events.

Note: After January 27, 2005 I sent out emails to the Directors and others outlining the opportunities and challenges of this merger. There were also telephone calls to clarify and discuss this further. There were a couple of negative responses, a couple of positive responses and most were apprehensive but felt that all the facts should be obtained.

February 08, 2005. IWFF Directors Meeting: After some discussion, a motion was passed authorizing a tour of the facilities and to report back to the next Director's meeting.

Ray Honig, Doug Peterson, Bill McColl and I were provided a tour of the Fish and Game facilities by Steve Corscadden. Steve Wawrykow was unable to attend. There were more emails and telephone discussions following this tour. Most of the respondents were concerned about losing our identity.

February 16, 2005. I outlined the concerns and opportunities in the newsletter to inform all the members about the discussions to date. No decisions had been reached but it was felt that we did not want to appear to be "cooking up" something without full involvement from the membership. It also seemed that a compromise to full involvement would be to have a representative from our club attend their meetings. A request for a volunteer was issued and still stands.

February 22, 2005 General IWFF meeting: Several concerns about joining the Fish and Game Club were raised. I provided a very brief summary of the discussions to date. Since no decisions had been made by the Directors, the matter was deferred until this has been done.



Bob Leverman celebrates Father's Day on the Stellaco.

Island Waters Fly Fishers Society

Minutes of General Meeting

Held on Tuesday February 22 at 7:15 in the Ukrainian Church Hall, 4017 Victoria Ave., Nanaimo, B.C.

36 members and 2 guests

Meeting called to order at 7:15

President Introduced new guests: Geoff Robins and Sherry Kutz.

New members: Terence Swean, Al Clarke, Glynnna Carrie

Minutes of previous meeting: Paul Inscho (MSC)

Treasurer's Report: Harold reports we now have \$6442.91 and all our bills are paid. Harold also stated that 15 members from last year have not paid in 2005

Correspondence: Letter reminding us that the BCFFF Annual General Meeting is May 14 and we are asked to donate something for the event. We have already started donating flies for the box built by Harold. If there is sufficient interest there may be a 1 to 4 day fish out following this provincial event. The B.C. Boat and Sportsman show is in Abbotsford March 4 -6

Committee Reports:

Entertainment: Confirmed that the spring event will be held April 9 at the ABC restaurant. Cocktails @ 6 pm and meal at 6:30

Summer B-B-Q probably on August 27. Plan on entering the 'fun rally' starting about 2:00 for a couple of hours

Conservation & Fishing Events: Larry Miller suggested we contact him if we are interested in the following four events.

- 1) April north of Campbell River for trout;
- 2) May to the Tunkwa lake;
- 3) Sept. to Tofino for Coho, camping for 2 or 3 days
- 4) Late October to Puntledge River (near Courtney) Chum fishing with wives and children. This can be a day trip from Nanaimo.

Videos: lots in stock. Paid members are encouraged to borrow these tapes.

Fly Tying: Remind members that we are tying at Gerry's on first and third Wed. following lunch at The Well. Gerry listed the equipment owned by the club which includes 4 vices and various other pieces of equipment in good repair.

Boys and Girls Club: The first class will be held April 1 about 2:30 and every Friday for two months (or so). Bruce needs 6 tiers to help with the children

Old Business: Motion made Jan 25 by Wayne Legge to invest in a rod winding jig. Tabled at that time and tabled again tonight until more research can be completed.

New Business: Bruce Cumming asked the members to consider providing 3 or 4 rods and reels and lines to the Boys and Girls club. Directors will consider at the next meeting and return the request to the membership.

There were a series of questions about the suggestion we join the Nanaimo Fish and Game Association. Hopefully all the questions were answered. In brief, the process is continuing. The directors need to meet and consider all the information before returning to the membership. However, notes were taken about concerns raised at this meeting. This will be on topic next meeting.

Next director's meeting will take place on 2nd Tuesday in March

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05

Gilly: The fund stands at \$53.21 after tonight when we gave away \$50.00 and a book

Jim McEwan and Larry Miller won \$25.00 each

Fly Draw: John Ellis won both the pheasant tail and the flies.

Evening entertainment was two classes of fly tiers; beginners and intermediate.