



A sure sign of Winter - fly tying has started!

Island Waters Fly Fishers

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Meetings at 7:00 pm. on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave. off Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome. Phone 390-3266.

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The Island Waters Fly Fishers

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



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

This fall has been a bee hive of activity for Island Waters Fly Fishers and for me also. Busy with everything except catching fish and that has got to change!



Bernie Heinrichs

As you go through the newsletter you will see the progress that has been made in organizing the BCFFF AGM next May 2 to 4th. The volunteers for each position has been chosen. If you have any suggestions, please contact the appropriate person. We need your ideas now and more help at the time of the event.

Plans for the Christmas Dinner and Auction are progressing well. It is in the capable and experienced hands of Jack and Elena Toomer. You will notice that this year the date is moved to December 8, 2008 which is after our AGM and election of officers and directors. This also allows us to purchase tickets at the November 27th meeting and to bring in your donations for the auction. This event is very important for our fund raising. We need your donations, any ideas on who else will donate and, most importantly, your attendance (which has been excellent in previous years).

Ron Heusen, Conservation Officer and Field Supervisor of Central Island Zone, will be at our next meeting to hear your suggestions to change the regulations. We all bitch about them - here's your chance to do something about it!

The Pacific Salmon Foundation will be holding their annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, November 24, 2007. This is the group who raised the funding for the Millstone Bypass Channel in Bowen Park. Our club is being honoured at this event and it would be great if you could support it by attending. Tickets will be on sale at the October meeting. We will be asking for your approval to donate \$1000.00 to them as we have done for the last several years.

Speaking of the Millstone Bypass Channel - you have got to go down and see the results of your efforts. The water has been at full volume now and the flow through the stumps, over the riffles and the control structures is well worth a visit. A trail and four bridges has been built beside most of it. Let me know when you see the Coho. Catching brood stock for the Nanaimo River Hatchery by angling has been approved by the DFO. We are in a position to fly fish for Springs then Coho and maybe some chum later. More on this at the October 23rd meeting.

We have talked a fair bit about educating young people on fly fishing, tying, casting etc. We should be much smarter after Gary Bettridge, Robert Gamache and Jochen Moehr give their presentation at our next meeting.

Bernie Heinrichs

BCFFF AGM May 2 - 4, 2008

Island Waters Fly Fishers has stepped up to the plate and has offered to host the B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers Annual General Meeting again. With the experience gained from hosting the 2003 AGM, we are determined to exceed the excellent results achieved then.

The plans so far include:

Friday

-1900 - 2100 Meet and Greet in the upper section of the restaurant

Saturday

-0900 - 1200 AGM in the Emerald Room (2nd floor).

-0900 - 1600 Trade show, fly tying and displays in the Crystal Room (main floor).

-1800 -Cocktails and view auction items

-1900 -Dinner served

-2000 -Close silent auction

-2030 -Live auction

Sunday

1000 -Celebrity speakers at the Nanaimo Fish and Game (F&G) club house

1200 -BBQ at F&G

1300 -Casting demonstrations (overhand and spey) at F&G

1400 Casting Game at F&G

Organization

Peter Huyghebaert and Bernie Heinrichs: Co-chairs

Peter: Hotel booking, banquet, meet and greet, trade show, publicity and press

Bernie: Speakers

Harold Tinling: Finances and the Casting Game

Keith MacDonald and Steve Wawrykow: Auction co-ordination letters and liason with other clubs, and item pickups and auctioneer

Ron Schiefke: receive items, assignments, and auction display setup

Ray Honig: Track the auction item winning bids for payments

Jack Toomer: BBQ on Sunday

Bob Leverman and Ron Busche: Organize fly tying demonstrators

Steve Wawrykow: Welcome package and maps

Mike Orr: Web site

If you have any suggestions, please call the applicable person from the above list.



Annual Banquet and Auction

Location: Lantzville Legion, Lantzville

Time: Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00
Saturday, December 8, 2006

Cost: \$20.00 each and **an article to donate to the Auction.**

Purchase your tickets at the next meeting.

Jack wants your auction items prior to the auction so that they can be sorted and described.

Call Jack at 756- 0987 for more information.

Guest Speaker: Changes to the Conservation Officer Service



Ron Heusen, Field Supervisor of Central Island Zone, told us that some needed changes have taken place in all of B.C.'s Conservation Service areas. The severe budget cuts had resulted in a reduction of 30 conservation officers out of a staff of 100 who were expected to patrol all of the province. These have all been restored now and they are in the process of hiring 6 to 8 seasonal officers by next year and will eventually expand it to 16.

The changes also included a restructuring of the organization so that each area can focus on wildlife issues better. Ron's area is Central Vancouver Island where he has 4 officers assigned to field duties.

The most important changes are in philosophy. During the cut back period, one of the solutions to over worked staff was to restrict and discourage public contacts. Telephone numbers were kept secret. Now it is a complete reversal. Telephone numbers are widely distributed, officers are encouraged to attend meetings, to come into contact with the public and to encourage reporting of wildlife infractions.

The RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) number is: 1-877-952-RAPP (7277).

The new mandate also encourages joint compliance projects. To protect some of the catch and release lakes and to allow them to develop into trophy lakes, we are encouraged to report the details of observed infractions. An example of this was where two guys were observed using bait and keeping fish in a restricted stream. The details of this infraction, a good description of the two offenders along with a description of the vehicle used and license number were telephoned in. The two were apprehended and, due to the detailed descriptions, were convicted.

Another change that has been implemented is that of jurisdiction of streams. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is responsible for all matters concerning salmon in all parts of the stream - even beyond the high tide marks. When the salmon are not in, the Conservation Officers take responsibility again.

Ron was queried about what can be done to protect prized lakes, such as Panther (Healy), from illegal removal of trout. The simple answer is: NOTHING! This lake and others are surrounded by private land and if the owners, who have publicly stated that they are not in the business of public relations, want to block their roads, they have the legal right to do so. The members of our club are very concerned that this will allow poachers to access these lakes by ATV's and 4X4's and will not be concerned that observers will be around to report this activity. Ron concluded by requesting us to provide him with suggestions to revise the regulations and ideas on how to provide more access to better fishing. He will be at the October meeting to receive these.



Some of the members at the September Meeting pay close attention to Ron Heusen's presentation.

Winners



Ron Heusen, right, presents Jim McEwen with the runner up prize in the fly draw. It is Jim MacFie's last pheasant tail from 2006. These are always popular and we wish Jim good hunting again this year!



Harold Tinling, left, presents Bob Kissinger with what is now known as the "Kissinger Prize" (flies for the fly draw). He has now won it three times this year - three out of the last four!

Watershed Watch Salmon Society

Have you wondered what IPP is? Run-of-River Hydropower? The Watershed Watch Salmon Society and the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation have just published "Run-of-River Hydropower in BC" and "Green Hydro Power" pamphlets to explain these terms and the impacts that these projects will have on fish, land use, recreation, visual and social aspects. The first one is more of a summary but does provide a lot of information without being too prejudicial. Both can be obtained from www.watershed-watch.org - just follow the links through programs then publications. Harold Tinling also has some printed copies.



Program

October 23, 2007: Gary Bettridge, Robert Gamache and Jochen Moehr will be presenting "Youth Fishing Program".

November 27, 2007: Dan Lougheed will be the speaker and the title will be "Island Winter Steelheading". The AGM and Election of Executive and Directors follows.

December 8, 2007: Christmas Dinner and Auction at the Legion Hall in Lantzville.

January 22, 2008: Frank Dalziel's topic is "Cutthroat Trout".

February 26, 08: Trevor Andrews, Area Biologist with the Department of Environment, will be updating us on the trout stocking program for Vancouver Island

March 25, 08: Andy Sneddon, "Warm, Salt Water Fishing".

April 22, 08: Ian Forbes, "The Nitinat".

May 2-4, 08: BCFFF AGM.

May 27, 08: John Beaven, a Canadian Fly Fishing Championship Team Representative, will come up with an informative presentation.

June, 08: Larry Miller and Ron Busche, club picnic.

Quinsam Hatchery Egg Take

On October 18, 2007 Paul Inscho, John Snook and Bernie Heinrichs helped out with taking and preparing Pink Salmon eggs for incubation at the Quinsam River Hatchery. This is a fairly modern and mechanized operation where 25,000 Pinks were in the runs ready to spawn. It was early in the season because only 15 to 20% of the females were ripe enough.

On this date 10,000 fish were run through the sorting table and 1,000,000 eggs were recovered from over 750 females. The sperm from each male was only used for one female to maintain a natural diversity.



Another batch of Pinks are elevated to the anaesthetizing tank. CO2 gas is used to reduce the fish's activity during the sorting process.



Three hatchery workers from the Puntledge Hatchery came up to help out. Most of them worked on the sorting table.

Two students from Malaspina College's Aquaculture Program attended this as one of their field practicums. They were in charge of bonking.



John Snook brings a male up to the egg pan to fertilize one on the female's eggs. Only one drop is required - "a little dab will do ya".



Paul Inscho applies the sperm to the eggs recovered by Ken Kirkby. Ken is the President of the Nile Creek Enhancement Society and is hoping that his group gets a share of the eggs.

Nanaimo Hatchery Capture and Egg Take

This year was a challenge for the Nanaimo River Hatchery personnel. It is the first year that the river has received so many Pinks (over 3000 counted).

The goal was to obtain 1000 females and to incubate 1,000,000 eggs. This created an increased work load, so they looked for volunteers to help.

Jack Toomer, Wayne Legge, Ralph Carlson and Rick Wanhill responded by helping them net the first spawners from Raine's Pool near the Estuary. There were plenty of fish but the pool was just too deep for the net that was tried. About 150 females and an equal number of males were taken.

A deeper net was ordered but by the time it was delivered, over a week later, the fish had moved up to House Pool. This time Jack Toomer and Bernie Heinrichs along with five Fish and Game members responded with another 150 females and males were taken. They were spawning and time had run out for Pink brood stock captures. 600 salmon (300 females) were way more than the Nanaimo Hatchery had ever done before. They had to implement some of the Quinsam's assembly line techniques and pleaded for volunteers to help with the egg take. The females were losing their eggs in the holding run and action was needed immediately.

Gerry Stevens, Jack Toomer, Jim McEwen, John Bucchieri, Mike Orr and Bernie Heinrichs responded and recovered over 250,000 eggs from 189 females. There were 90 which were not ripe and 15 had already lost their eggs. Although the facilities are not as mechanized as the Quinsam Hatchery, the staff were well organized, knowledgeable and great to work with.

They were disappointed that their goal was not achieved but it was a remarkable feat considering the conditions and challenges.



Jack Toomer, Fish and Game members and hatchery staff at the House Pool



"Dr." Jim McEwen showing Bernie a few tricks in the art of egg taking.

Doris weighs each bucket containing eggs from 10 Pinks, picks out the blood, infertile eggs and excrement.



She adds another batch of eggs to the incubator.



Events and Services

Pub Lunches

Come out for the half price specials every Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. to late noon. We need to see some new faces - the old ones are starting to recycle their lies.

Club Library

The list of books has now swelled to over 65 books.

Gerry Stevens is the custodian and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 754-4124. Check out the list of books on our website. The link is above the calendar on the newsletter page. There will be some lists available at the meetings.

Fly Fishing Web Sites

www.iwff.ca

Our club's site containing past issues of the newsletter, fly patterns by our members and library books. It also has a link to our Message Board where members post their exploits and follies.

www.bcfff.bc.ca/

This is the site of the British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers our parent organization.

www.gofishbc.com/

The site of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. They are responsible for stocking the lakes all over B.C. Check out their stocking statistics for local lakes and many in the interior of B.C.

www.anglingbc.com

This is the most popular site in B.C. and covers fly fishing, articles, gear, fishing reports, best tackle, fishing clubs, books, forums, resorts etc. for lakes, rivers and salt water.

www.bountyfishing.com/blog/2007/08/07/27-aquatic-lifeforms-you-never-caught-while-fishing/

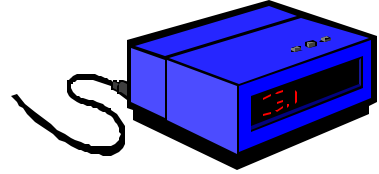
Paul Inscho found this one and it is well worth typing it into your browser

www.islandbestbuy.com is a new, local site

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List of DVD's

See Ed Tremblay (245-8552) at the meetings to check these out



Casting DVD's

Introduction of Spey Casting
Spey Fishing Steelhead
The Art of Spey Casting
Joan Wolf: Dynamics of Fly Casting

Fly Tying DVD's

Brent's Top 10 Lake Flies
Streamer Flies for Trophy Trout
Fishing Still Waters Shrimp and Leeches
Tying the Classic Salmon Fly
Expert Techniques Tying Fly Patterns
Fly Tying: The Anglers Art #1 and #2

Fly Fishing

The Trout Bum Diaries
Top 85 Tips on Fly Fishing for Trout
Expert Techniques for Stillwater Fly Fishing
Fly Fishing 2 and Matching the Hatch
Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers - Winter
Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers - Summer
Fresh Water Fishing Society & Trout Fishing
Successful Fly Fishing - Casting Techniques
Successful Fly Fishing - Salmon, Brook Trout
New Fly Fisher #1
Fly Fishing Salmon
Matching the Hatch
Casting Shadows #1 and #2
Magic of Fly Fishing - Cowichan River

There are also numerous DVD's produced by IWFF on Fly Tying, Fishing Techniques, Casting, etc

We still have the video tapes as listed in previous newsletters.

IWFF's Wednesday Fly Tying



Doug Peterson, left, John Snook, Doug Winters, Tom Skilton, Harold Tinling, Ron Busche and John Bucchieri pause from tying to enjoy Tom's comment.

This year's fly tying session was kicked off with John Snook demonstrating a typical chironomid based on "Chan's Bead Head Chironomid Pupae". He depends on them because they are effective all year and especially so in Spider Lake. You need a variety of sizes in different colours in various patterns. They can be fished on bottom (a blood worm pattern), rising or sinking in different heights of the water column. This includes the surface where emergers are effective. John claims that when the trout stop biting it is time to change flies because the fish are feeding on a different hatch or food source. He has noticed that most of the chironomids on the island are black and usually about a size 14. Most of his hooks are caddis style but some straight are also effective.

This first session was held in the Community Meeting Room of Woodgrove Save-On-Foods. Ron Busche has scheduled a fly tying demonstrator for every 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon to the end of March, 2008. Thanks Ron.



John shows Doug how to wrap the rib on his chironomid fly.

Below: John's collection of chironomid flies.



Chan's Bead Head Chironomid Pupae

as Tied by John Snook



- Hook:** 12 - 14 Caddis or straight
- Head:** Black or Tungsten Bead
- Thread:** Black #08
- Gill:** White fluff from a marabou feather
- Body:** Black wool thread
- Rib:** Silver thread or holographic tinsel
- Thorax:** Peacock Herl

Procedure

- Pinch barb and slide on bead
- Tie in the gill
- Wrap thread down to the curve of the hook
- Tie in rib
- Tie in the strand of wool, bring thread to the bead, wrap the wool towards the eye and tie in
- Wrap the rib and tie it in
- Tie in the thorax
- Whip finish and apply head cement

IWFF Meeting: September, 2007

Time & Location: 7:15 pm, Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at the Ukrainian Hall

Call to Order: Ron Moll moved, second by Tom Skilton that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read. Carried

Moved by Harold Tinling and second by Paul Insko that the agenda be approved as provided. Carried

Treasurer's Bank Balance. Moved by Harold Tinling and second by Jack Toomer that the treasurer's report be accepted. We have \$3323.46 in our account, all bills paid

Committee Reports:

Entertainment: Jack Toomer confirmed the auction date of December 8. Cost is \$20.00/ticket. He is ready to accept donations for the auction.

Conservation:

Millstone Bypass Project. Almost finished this project, before deadline and under cost estimate. Worth a slow drive past all the new construction.

Hatchery Volunteers needed at Nanaimo hatchery to remove eggs from 300 female, pink salmon. Lots of fun!

Fishing Events: Bruce Cummins reports more than 600 pinks caught in Departure Bay this fall.

Nanaimo Hatchery reports many spawning salmon in the Nanaimo River. We have every species of salmon and Springs to 40 lbs.

Videos and DVDs: Ed Tremblay 245-8552

Library: Bring your donations to Gerry Stevens or call him at 754-4124 to borrow a book. Our library now has over 70 books. Mike Orr will add the new titles to the IWFFS Website

Program: 2007 is scheduled and most of 2008 (Yea Ron!)

Fly Tying: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons starting October 3rd at the meeting room in Woodgrove Save On Foods store. The goal of this 11 session program is to learn to tie successful patterns that our members use.

There will be a short (very) basic class offered by Doug Peterson to help novice tiers so they can take full advantage of the above sessions. This will occur very soon and probably at Ron's basement.

Introduce Guests None tonight

New Business Approve Hosting the BCFFF AGM: May 3 and 4, 2008 at the Grand Hotel. *Moved by Peter*

and second by Ron M that we host the 2008 BCFFF AGM. Carried

The following is the volunteer list for the AGM

Co-chairs Peter H and Bernie H
 Peter—Hotel booking/banquet/Meet and Greet/trade show/PR
 Bernie/Ron B—after dinner speaker, celebrity speaker. Set up for Sunday
 Harold T—banquet sales/finances/casting game
 Keith McD/Steve W—liason with other clubs for auction item donation and collection, responsible for Nanaimo area collection
 Ron S—receiving auction items and assignment
 Ray H—issuing personal numbers, auction item data base
 Jack T—Sunday BBQ organization and coordination, includes ticket sales
 Bob L—organizes fly tying at trade show all day Sat
 Steve W—maps and welcome package for guests
 Ron and Tom—BCFFF table at trade show
 Dave C—oversee auction

Membership The updated list is in the WORD format and will remain so unless members can not access. Any problems, call Ron M.

He has two lists. One contains all the personal information and only given to executive members whereas the other has names and phone only and is available to all members.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2007

Gilly: None tonight as we had too little time.

Fly Draw: Jim Mc. won the piece of tail and Bob Kissinger won the flies for the umpteenth time this year. Perhaps he plans on opening a fly shop?

Guest Speaker: Ron Heuson, Conservation Officer, Conservation Officer Program Restructuring. This was a worthwhile information sharing. He plans on coming back next meeting and would like our comments to his question "What can we do better, how can we have more impact on fishing in the central part of Vancouver island and what changes would we like to see in the regulations?"

36members, 1 speaker