



ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



Duelling Casters: The Danish Casting Game was played twice last summer. See pages 4 and 8.

Island Waters Fly Fishers

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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

When is that newsletter editor going to change my picture? I have't worn glasses for over two years now and my hair is much greyer! Other than that how was your summer? When I went through the newsletter I did not see much fishing. Lots of fun, food, picnics, barbecues, fun, channel building, casting on grass etc. but no fish. Did I mention fun? That is the important part. Actually there were fish caught at Westwood before and after the picnic.



Bernie Heinrichs

The efforts you guys put in at the Millstone Channel was outstanding. There were at least 30 of you who put in shifts and some of you did multi shifts - a total of at least 98 for a direct savings of nearly \$6000.00. Thank you very much and this is from a club with 57 members! Kevin Lafonde, the site supervisor, stated that the benefits went beyond the direct savings. He was able to focus on the construction and did not have to worry about the public's safety. We also served as ambassadors to the public. Once they became informed of what was happening, they also became supporters. The main achievement, though, was that no one was injured and no significant incident occurred as a result of the construction. The only groups who were ticked off were the gays, who lost some of their "love nests", and the drug dealers. Isn't that just so sad! Perhaps, now, families and children can reclaim their park. Anyway, the water should be running through the bypass channel by the end of September in time for the Coho to find and, hopefully, use it. I was told by two sources that sometimes the salmon can detect the change in water and do not enter it the first year. We shall see.

The speakers that Ron Busche has lined up for this fall are looking good. Ron Hueson, Conservation Officer with the Department of Environment, is going to talk to us about the changes that have been implemented in his department. He has hinted that this time they are not all bad. This may be a good opportunity for us to put in a few plugs for changes that we would like to see. One of these is: How can we preserve some of our fine catch and release lakes such as Panther (Healy). The access to this lake has been locked out by Timber West ever since the strike has started. But some of our members have observed some pretty rough-looking characters running around in ATV's and 4WD's behind the barricades. You can just imagine what is happening to the so called "protected" lakes.

See you at the meeting,
Bernie Heinrichs

Stripping Basket - cheap but good



This stripping basket was made from plans found by Steve Wawrykow. They could not be reproduced in this newsletter but I used photos of the one that I made. The basket was less than \$4.00 from Wal Mart, the cable ties and belt are also readily available. Use the larger, stiffer cable ties and pull each one through two 1/4 in. holes about 1/4 in. apart and snug them up tight then cut them off at about 3 in. long. I used a glue gun to fill in some cracks that were catching the fly line. If the ties are cut too long, the line tends to drag a bit as it is being pulled out of the basket on the final, "shooting" cast. If they are too short (like this one at 2 in.), the coils of line tends to lay on top and could tangle. The basket recommended is about (16" X 11" X 7").



The plans that Steve sent me are quite detailed (4 pages). I will forward them, via email. Jim McCoy made up a basket from similar materials but he pulled two ends of each cable through just one hole. He also likes it.

Bernie Heinrichs: 390-3266



Program

September 25, 2007: Ron Heuson, Conservation Officer, "Conservation Officer Program Restructuring".

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 1, 2007: Christmas Dinner and Auction at the Legion Hall in Lantzville.

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

February, 08: To be determined.

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

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

May 3-4, 08: BCFFF AGM.

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

Guess What They're Looking At



Guess what Lill Stevens, Roberta Miller, Dave Connolly, Ron Busche, Larry Miller and Doug Winters are looking at and win a coveted prize to be announced at the September 25th meeting.

Rathrevor Camping and Picnic

A group of members decided to try a mid week campout at Rathrevor during early July when the trout become sluggish and the Pinks have not arrived. On Thursday, the last evening, a pot luck picnic was held and was open to everyone including non-campers. Appetites were stimulated by playing a bit of Bocce followed by The Danish Casting Game. Harold Tinling and Jack Toomer set out the hoops for the game. The scores were not formally declared but nobody challenged Harold's lowest score and was unofficially declared the winner.

At the end of the meal a cake and trinkets were presented to Jack Toomer in recognition of his recent retirement.



Harold tightened up his loops and shot his line through the vertical hoop.



Frank Perilli and Dave Newman worked on the 8th and 9th hoops.



Gerry Stevens and Ray Garton refereed the first and second targets while Larry Miller showed off his casting skills on the 4th one.



Ron Busche delicately places his fly through the 2nd hoop.



Then it was time to dig into the pot luck. Those dishes could not have been better if it had been carefully planned. Mary Tinling was heard to comment that we should be renamed the Island Waters Eaters Club.



Elena Toomer brought out decorative attire and trinkets while Jack cut up his retirement cake.



Roberta Miller picked up one of the casting targets and performed a 3 minute demonstration of Hooola Hooping.

Westwood Lake Picnic and Fishout



Larry Miller, left, and Ron Busche help Shirley to decide: Hot dog or smoky? Thank you Larry and Ron for organizing, picking up the food, slicing onions, running the barbecues etc.



Dave Connolly, left, and Steve Wawrykow provide Larry with a bit of unsolicited advice.



Roberta Miller: "No dear - it was only this big"



David Stech, Bruce Richman and Ron Moll took a little time out from fishing. Gerry and Lill Stevens provided encouragement.



Harold Tinling, Tom Skilton, Bob Kissinger, Bill McColl and Keith MacDonald all agreed that Bob makes the best strawberry/rhubarb pie.



Joan and Jack Nelson found out how well Sue and Mike Orr did on the lake before the picnic.

Mary and Harold Tinling enjoyed Dave Connolly's comment.



Millstone River Bypass

During the summer IWFF and the Nanaimo Fish and Game Protective Association teamed up to provide security for the users of Bowen Park during the construction of the Millstone River Bypass Channel. This security ensured that nobody came too close to the construction equipment or blasting operations. This channel not only allows salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout to migrate around the falls but to also increase the spawning beds and rearing ponds. The public and tourists will be encouraged to view the spawning from trails, bridges and viewing platforms placed along this 800 metre channel. A mini Gold Stream right in the middle of Nanaimo!

The participation by you guys was phenomenal! Well over one half of the members took part and many did multiple, regular shifts. This is probably the biggest project, in terms of value in hours committed, that our club has ever done.

Mel Sheng, with the DFO and the Pacific Salmon Foundation came up with the concept, obtained approvals and raised the money. Kevin Lafonde supervised the job site and ensured that it was done on time and below budget. The City of Nanaimo officials are ecstatic over this project and are in the process of further development.



Doug Peterson, left, Bob Kissinger and Bill McColl at shift change in Bowen Park just in time for the mid-summer rain. They even had time to try out Bill's bamboo rod.



Jim McCoy keeps a watchfull eye out for pedestrians and vehicles while the excavator cleans out the rock which had just been blasted loose in the channel.



The driller checks the levels before drilling another blast hole for dynamite in the channel near the Millstone River.

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.

Book Reviews

Are you looking for ideas for an article for the newsletter? How about a book review? It could be one from our library, your favourite fishing book, a fly tying book or whatever.

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.

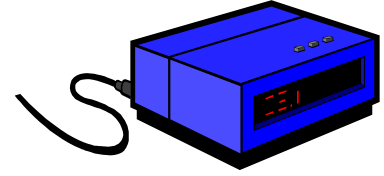
www.anglingbc.com

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.

Please send us your favourite site.

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.

The Casting Game at the Summer BBQ



Ron Busche records his score while Wayne Legge tries for the "Tight Loops" shot.



Dennis Bonwick's "Shoot to the Moon" was admired by Dave Connolly, Bernie Heinrichs, Frank Perilli, Paul Inscho and Ralph Carlson.



Ralph Carlson, appropriately, at the "Vespers" station.



John Buchieri at the "Straight and Narrow" station.



Paul Inscho tucked his fly behind the barrel obstacle.



Rick Wanhill leans into his "Limbo" shot.



Mike Orr's fly found a tree branch.



And Harold Tinling's found a fence.

And the Ladies Played Bocce



Lori Wanhill's shot impresses Mary Tinling and Linda Crampton



Lill Stevens, left, Elena Toomer, and Colleen Busche cheer (jeer?) for Judy Legge.



Isobel Heinrichs, left, Sheila Bonwick and Isabel McEwen were impressed with Pat Garton's shot.



Bernie Heinrichs presents the first draw prize to Linda Crampton.



Then one to Lori Wanhill



And another one to Judy Legge

Casting Game Winners



Bernie Heinrichs, with the funny hat, presents the “Best Score” prize to Gerry Stevens



The first ‘Hidden Score’ prize went to Paul In-scho.



The second ‘Hidden Score’ prize was won by Ralph Carlson



And the third “Hidden Score” prize went to Ray Garton.



Gerry came back into the winner’s circle to collect the draw prize

Bernie, still wearing that goofy hat, presented Elena and Jack Toomer with an appreciation gift and a round of applause from a very appreciative audience.



Thank you, Harold and Mary Tinling for organizing the games and prizes.