



SPECIAL BCFFF AGM EDITION



Phil Rowley (see page 7)



Brian Chan (see page 6)

Island Waters Fly Fishers

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Special AGM Edition

There are a few updated items listed below.

This edition of the Island Waters Newsletters is dedicated to the B. C. Federation of Fly Fisher's Annual General Meeting for April 25 to 27th in Nanaimo, B.C. Everything that you need to know about this event is summarized in the next six pages. The IWFF local news has been relegated to the last pages.

We were able to add a few more plates (from 100 to 128) for the dinner/auction Saturday evening due to an exceptional response! The hotel needs to know by April 18th. If it is too late to mail a check to Mike Orr as directed in the pamphlet or in www.iwff.ca, you can register by giving your credit card number to Harold Tinling at 250 758-2655.

Thanks to the generosity of the donors, there are some very fine pieces coming in for the auction! These include a broad range of fishing equipment, art work and some items for the ladies. If you know of another potential donor, please invite them to contribute - we have a lot of eager buyers coming to bid on them.

A big thank you to the many members from all of the clubs who have collected donor items, sold raffle tickets and to the local guys for all the work that they have put into what is shaping up to be a GREAT EVENT!

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



President's Message

Well fishers we are now well into April and the weather is still not cooperating for fishing. Maybe we should be having a sun dance ceremony. Anyway it should change soon. Our



guest speaker this month is Ian Forbes, speaking on the Nitinat River. Ian always puts on a very good presentation.

We are a little over two weeks away from the BCFFF, AGM and I hope everyone will try to make it out for this event.

I would like to thank Mike Orr for organizing the Casting Clinics at Westwood Lake. & for those who helped with the instruction,. All told about 20 club members turned out for each evening of casting. Another big thank you to Bob Kissinger for organizing a great dinner at the Nanaimo Golf and Country Club. All for now see you at the next meeting.

Jack Toomer



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/>

WITH BRIAN CHAN, PHIL ROWLEY & PETER MORRISON

NANAIMO - TRADE SHOW

April 26, 2008, 9 am to 4 pm
Grand Hotel, Nanaimo

Haig-Brown memorabilia. Hardy, Sage and Grey's Rods & Reels. Snowbee's, Beulah, RST & Fishpond's equipment. Collectible fly fishing & fly tying books. Stillwater Solutions products. A private collection of bamboo rods & Hardy Reels. Fly Fishing Art
Local vendors with equipment & material for sale.

Continuous Fly Tying demos by Island Clubs
Introductory, Hands-On Fly Tying for New Tyers

Phil Rowley at the bench

Brian Chan on Chironomids

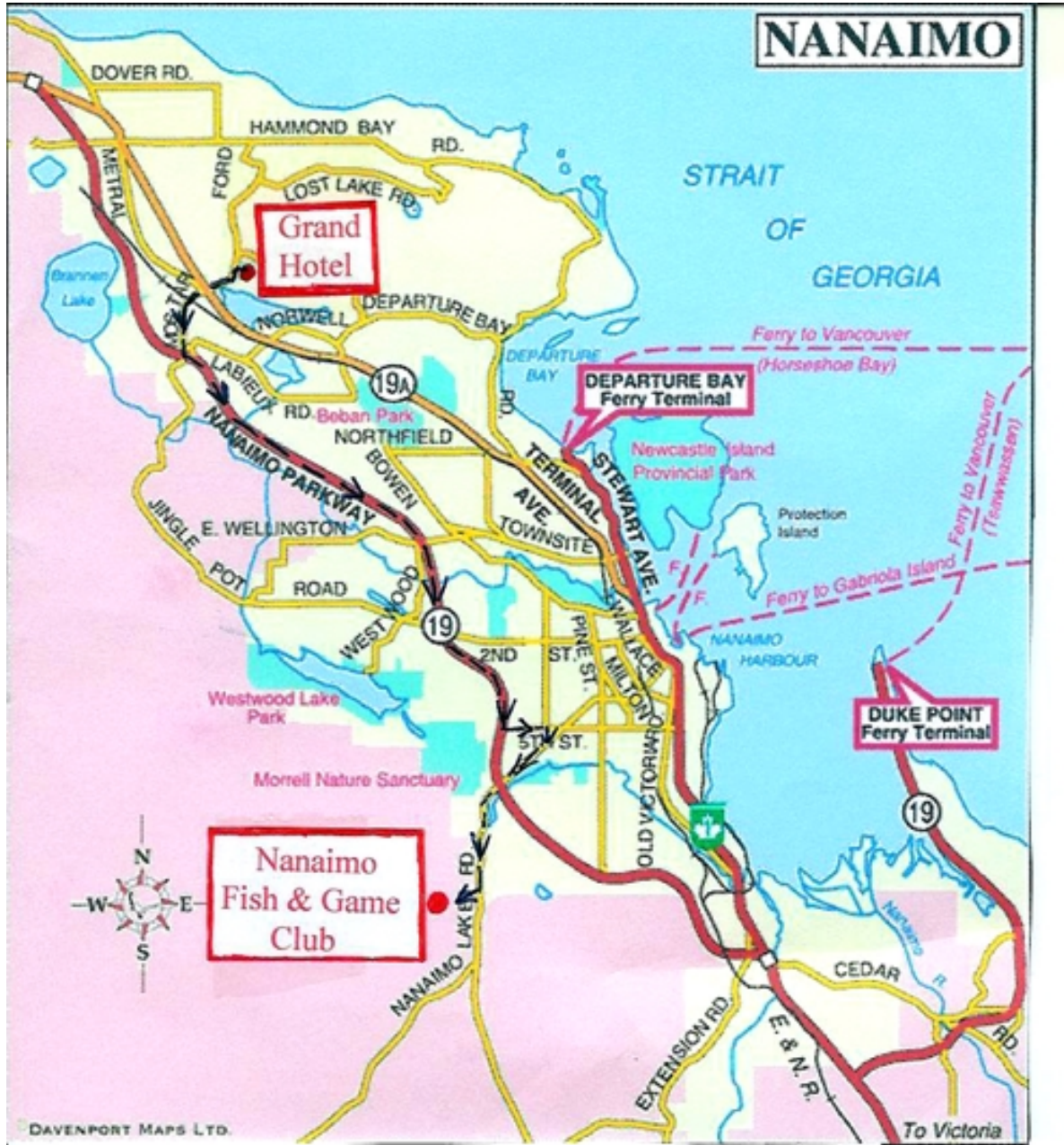
FLY FISHING EDUCATION

April 27, 2008, 10 am to 3 pm
Nanaimo fish & game club

Phil Rowley: Seminar on fly selection
Peter Morrison: Choosing the right rod and Sage casting analyzer
Courtenay Ogilvie: Spey casting
Joie Coe: FFF certified caster
Harold Tinling: Casting Challenge Game

For more information: www.iwff.ca. Click on BCFFF AGM

Venues for the BCFF Events



Nanaimo has more to offer than the AGM, Trade Show and Open House:

- The Pacific Biological Station, on Departure Bay, is holding its Annual Open House on the same weekend (Friday to Sunday). For more information call 250 756-7000 or http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sci/pbs/centennial/openhouse_e.htm
- The biggest mall on Vancouver Island, Woodgrove Mall, and two others are within 5 minutes of the Grand Hotel
- The Harbour and Sea Wall Walk, which has become a cruise ship destination, is 15 minutes from the hotel.
- Check these out and other attractions at www.nanaimo.ca.

BCFFF AGM April 25 to 27, 2008

Island Waters Fly Fishers are hosting the BCFFF AGM with the Friday and Saturday events at the Grand Hotel, Rutherford Road, Nanaimo and the Sunday events at the Nanaimo Fish and Game clubhouse and grounds on Nanaimo Lakes Rd.

Friday Evening: Meet and Greet

-1900 - 2100 In the upper section of the restaurant in the Grand Hotel

Saturday: Trade Show and AGM

- 0900 - 1200 AGM in the Emerald Room (2nd floor).
- 0900 - 1600 Trade show, fly tying and displays in the Crystal Room (main floor)
- 1500 Brian Chan: "Freshwater Fisheries Society Update" then "Chironomid Tactics". All events are free - donations to the Ray Brunt Conservation Fund (Sea-Run Cut-throat Research) will be appreciated.

Trade Show Displayers

- **BCFFF/IWFF** - Information & Membership
- **Art Lingren** - Haig-Brown table
- **Bill Jollymore** - Bamboo rods/Hardy reel collection
- **Fly Fishing Fine Art** - Diane Michelin
- **Feathercraft Boats**
- **BC Outdoors**
- **Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)**
- **Frank Dalziel** - Trout Unlimited table
- **Greg Lewis** - Handmade nets/fly-boxes
- **Courtney Ogilvie** - Beulah/Snowbees etc:
- **Joie Coe** - RST rods and reels
- **Bygone Books** - Collectible fly fishing/fly tying books
- **Peter Morrison** - Sage Rods
- **Andy Snedden** - Rod building equipment/ instant epoxies
- **Gone Fishin'** - Fly fishing material
- **Teddy's Tackle** - Fly tying supplies/Stillwater Solutions material

- **Chinook Tackle** - Hardy rods & reels/
Fishponds equipment

- **Phil Rowley** - Stillwater solutions display/fly tying demos

- **Fly Tying Demonstrations** - Cowichan Fly Fishers, Mid-Island Castaways and the Comox Valley Fly Fishers

- **Introductory, Hands-On Fly Tying** - Four benches for young people and new tyers by the Island Waters Fly Fishers

Saturday Evening: Dinner and Auction

- 1730 -Cocktails and view auction items
- 1800 -Dinner served, Awards, Guest Speaker
- 2000 Auctions

Tickets:

Registration: morr1@iwff.ca (preferred method)
Credit Card: Harold at 250 758-2655

Sunday: Open House

All of these events are at the Nanaimo Fish and Game club house and grounds on Nanaimo Lakes Road. Events are free, donations to the Ray Brunt Conservation Fund will be appreciated. Lunches sold by the Archery Club.

- **Introductory, Hands-On Fly Tying** by IWFF for new tyers. Available all day.

-10:00 "**Fly Selection**" by Phil Rowley

-11:30 **Spey Casting** Demo by Courtney Ogilvie

-12:15 **Single Handed Fly Casting** Demo by Joie Coe, FFF Certified Casting Instructor

-11:30-15:00 **Casting Game**, Organized by Harold Tinling. Bring your fly rod with more than 5 feet of leader and try it. This is not a competition - all for fun! Draws and prizes for participants.

-**Casting Analysis** on Sage's computerized Casting Analyser throughout the day

-13:00 "**Fly Rod Selection**" by Peter Morrison

Brian Chan's Biography

Brian Chan has been an avid still water fly fisher and fly tier for over 30 years. Brian is a professional fisheries biologist who for many years has managed small lake recreational fisheries for the province of British Columbia. Since 2003, Brian has been with the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC where he heads up the Sport Fishing Division. His current duties include the promotion and marketing of freshwater fishing in the province. Brian is also a fly fishing author, video producer, lecturer and angling guide. Some of his more recent works include the books "Morris and Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes", "Stillwater Solutions Recipes – 30 proven patterns by Brian Chan and Phil Rowley and the DVD "Expert Techniques for Stillwater Fly Fishing". He is also a regular contributor to several fly fishing magazine publications. Brian is a regular guest on several TV fishing shows and is a co-host of The New Fly Fisher Show.



Brian's favourite fishing haunts are the many trout lakes surrounding his home city of Kamloops but he can often be found wading rivers in other provinces and states as well as making forays to the North West Territories and the Yukon for big lake trout and pike.

Brian has a number of professional fly fishing industry affiliations including Sage, Mustad, Rio, Islander, Superfly and Outcast Sporting Gear.

Art Lingren's Biography

Art Lingren has been fishing with the fly for over 30 years. He has fished both Canada's coasts for practically all members of the Salmon family. But Steelhead, for him, remain number one. He casts a fine line with both the single and double-handed rod, ties superb flies and seeks little notice as he goes about such pleasures.



We know him also as the most noteworthy author and Historian of fly fishing in British Columbia: through his books on our rivers; his documentation of the origin and patterns of flies that have been used since the early 1900s; and his success in keeping abreast of the evolution of fly fishing in our great province.

Art's efforts in fighting to maintain quality waters required for healthy Salmon and Trout populations has provided a strong focus for all members of the fly fishing community. During his tenure as President of the BCFFF, he established a solid foundation for the future of fly fishing in British Columbia. We would all do well to emulate his example.

Phil Rowley's Biography

At the age of 6 Phil Rowley was introduced to coarse fishing in England and has been hooked ever since. For over 20 years Phil Rowley has been fly-fishing still waters almost exclusively. His love of still water fly fishing has taken him all over British Columbia and Washington in the pursuit of trout and char. A former commercial fly tyer Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. His contributions also include books and numerous feature articles, 2 regular columns on fly-fishing with particular attention towards still waters and still water fly patterns. Phil's book *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters* has become a best seller. As a complement to *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters* Phil released *Stillwater Solutions Recipes Volume 1*, co authored with long time friend Brian Chan. Phil has a number of DVD's including DVD *Tying Flies for Stillwaters* and 2 recently released DVD's with Jack Dennis and Snake River Books.

When he is not tying flies or on the water, Phil travels Western North America performing at outdoor shows, teaching a variety of seminars, speaking to fly clubs and conducting weekend fly-fishing schools. In addition to Phil's shows and seminars he has had the good fortune to appear on such T.V. shows as *Sport Fishing B.C.*, *Fishing Alberta*, *The New Fly Fisher* and *Fishing with Shelly and Courtney*. Recently Phil became one of the co-hosts of the *New Fly Fisher*, a television production dedicated to fly fisher education.

Phil's website, www.flycraftangling.com is dedicated to fly-fishing and fly tying education. Featuring tips, techniques and streaming video this comprehensive site is constantly changing to meet the needs of its members.

In early 2004 Phil, along with good friend Brian Chan, released a signature line of fly tying materials christened *Stillwater Solutions* in partnership with Super Fly. Phil is currently the Director of Marketing and Communications and co-host for the *New Fly Fisher* T.V. show.



When he is not focused upon fly fishing, Phil spends time with his wife Patsy and their two active sons, Brandon and Sean. The entire family enjoys the outdoors and fly fishing in particular. It is common for Phil's travels to include his family on his speaking engagements and fishing trips.

Cheers,

Phil Rowley

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Peter Morrison

Peter has been fly fishing for over 30 years. He has traveled North America extensively and his experience includes almost every species of game fish available in Canada, as well as, exotic species such as Tarpon and Bonefish and many other saltwater species.

Peter is a former professional angling guide and a pioneer of saltwater fly fishing - most notably in the quest for Pacific salmon.

He has been involved in the fishing tackle industry for over 15 years and is now with Leader Sales and Marketing.



Peter presenting "Fly Fishing Salmon" at an Island Waters

The following is the news release given to the media:

NANAIMO FLY FISHERS HOST MEETING

The Island Waters Fly Fishers of Nanaimo will host the B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers annual general meeting at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, April 26. The theme this year will be The Haig-Brown Centenary - Carrying on the Tradition.

A number of venues at the Grand Hotel will be open to the public, including a fly fishing trade show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art Lingren will be displaying Haig-Brown memorabilia, Phil Rowley will be at the fly tying bench and Peter Morrison will be presenting the latest in Sage rods. Brian Chan, Director of Sport Fishing Development will be speaking on the Freshwater Fisheries Society and Chironomid fly fishing after lunch. Admission is by voluntary contribution to the Ray Brunt Conservation Fund

On Sunday, April 27th, an "Open House" will be held at the Nanaimo Fish and Game Club from 10 a.m. to 3. p.m. The focus will be on fly fishing education, featuring Phil Rowley on fly selection, Courtney Ogilvie demonstrating spey casting and Joie Coe on the single handed rod. Peter Morrison will present a session on rod selection and then man the Sage "Casting Analyzer" for attendees. Admission to this session is also by donation to the Ray Brunt Conservation Fund. Lunch will be available at the club canteen.

The BCFFF has been an active sponsor of the Millstream Bypass Project along with the IWFF, whose membership carries on working with the young people of Nanaimo through the Dover Bay school outdoor program. Both organizations continue to promote the stewardship of community streams and natural areas in the Nanaimo region with all funds contributed to the "Ray Brunt Conservation Fund" being dedicated to this purpose.

There is a block of rooms reserved for these events at the Grand Hotel at a discount price (phone 877 414-7263).



This young student was so inspired by Gil Sage that he came back for another lesson.



Leo Snye's instruction resulted in another two graduates of "Introductory Fly Tying". He will be doing it again at the Trade Show and Open House.

March Guest Speaker: Andy Sneddon



Despite his viral infection, Andy kept his distance and enthralled his audience of over 40 members and guests at the Island Waters Fly Fisher's March meeting. They all came away with a huge appreciation of fly fishing in the tropics and no reports of being infected. Thanks Andy for driving up from Victoria for this great presentation.

Winners

A new member, Frank Charmley (left), won the Gilly from Ron Moll who filled in for Gilly Master, Ray Honig.



Harold Tinling, left, presents the prize of the fly draw to the winner: Jim MacFie.



Some of Andy's flies used for bonefish, tarpon, baracuda, jacks, blue runners and a multitude of other warm, salt water fish. It looks like a few of them were taken from his steelhead, pink, Coho and trout boxes of flies.

Events and Services

Pub Lunches

Come out to the Wellington Pub on Victoria Ave. every Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. to late noon. Guests and new members are especially welcomed to join this very informal gathering.

Club Library

The list of books has now swelled to over 85 books.

Larry Miller is the custodian and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 390-4495. Check out the list of books on our website. There will be some lists available at the meetings.

Fly Fishing Web Sites

www.iwff.ca

Our club's newly revamped site contains past issues of the newsletter, fly patterns by our members, photo stories, calendar of events, library books etc.

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

Please send us your favourite site.

Program

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

April 25 - 27, 08: BCFFF AGM.

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

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

September, 08: David Clough will describe the Stream Keepers Program.

October 28, 08: Tall Tales Night. Bring your fishing story and share it with us.

November 26, 08: Guest Speaker, AGM and Election of Executive

December 6, 08: Christmas Party and Auction

January 27, 09: To be determined

February 24, 09: Our own Bob Leverman needs a lot of lead time to prepare for his "Match the Hatch" presentation. It is in its second year now.

Casting Clinic



This year the annual spring casting clinic was coached by four members: John Snook and Paul Inscho for the Basics Class, Jim McCoy for the Intermediate Class and Wayne Pealo for the Advanced/Two Handed Class. Thanks for the great instruction guys.