

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

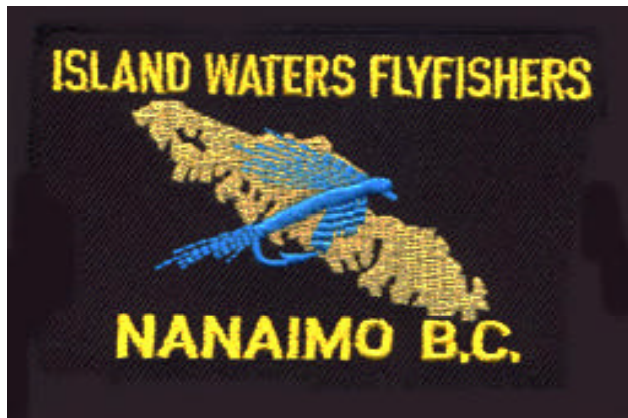


Joie Coe dazzles the crowd with his some of his fancy casting at the BCFFF Open House held April 27th at one of the Fish and Game's Rifle Ranges.

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/>

Haig-Brown Fishout

Join the Haig-Brown Fly Fishers (from Victoria) in their fishout at Westwood Lake May 24 - 25th. They will be camping at Resort on the Lake, Arbot Rd. Saturday evening (5:30 pm) will be their steak and pot luck barbecue at the Resort on the Lake campground. Please note this on your calendar and let Harold, Jack or myself know that you are coming so that the Haig-Brown club can order enough steaks. Watch for more details.

President's Message

Hello to everyone and I hope you have had a chance to wet a line, and maybe even catch a fish or two. Well the AGM is, as they say, history and IWFF should be proud of the whole affair. It was really good: the trade show, which was full, the banquet and auction and the Sunday events at the Fish & Game. WELL DONE TO ALL and a very special thanks to all of you who helped out. Without your help we could not have done it. It's now time to take in some fishing and a little R&R. Hope to see everyone at the May meeting - our guest speaker will be our very own Wayne Pealo, talking about fishing in New Zealand.



Jack Toomer

Program

May 27, 08: Wayne Pealo will show and tell us about his experiences fly fishing some of New Zealand's incredible waters.

June: Larry Miller and Ron Busche, club picnic - date to be chosen at the May 27th meeting.

September 23, 2008: David Clough will describe the Stream Keeper's Program

October 28, 2008: Tall Tales Night. Bring your fishing story and share it with us.

November 26, 2008: Guest Speaker, AGM and Election of Officers.

December 6, 2008: Christmas Dinner and Auction at the Lantzville Legion.

January 6, 2009: Ton Plynaar has consented to show us some of the advanced techniques used to tie display salmon flies.

February 3, 2009: Bob Leverman will give his eagerly anticipated "Match the Hatch" presentation.

Trade Show at the BCFFF AGM

Seventeen exhibitors and several fly tyers impressed the steady stream of visitors to the Grand Hotel April 27, 2008. These exhibitors expressed their satisfaction with the show and a few declared that they were able to reach more people here than at shows where they had to pay over \$1000.00 for booth rental.



Gerry Stevens demonstrates one of the flies that the IWFF featured at their "Hands on Table".



Brian Chan articulates a point during his presentation updating us on the activities of the B.C. Freshwater Fisheries Society. This was followed by "Chironomid Tactics". The room was filled to "standing room only" and all were much more informed about chironomids and how to fish them.



Phil Rowley attracted many each time he came in to demonstrate some of his favourite patterns.



Wally Nowak, the star of the Comox Valley Fly Fisher's tying group also kept his audience spellbound with his skill and explanations.



Leo Snye, the tying co-ordinator for the IWFF table, draws another youngster into fly tying.

BCFFF AGM Dinner/Auction



Roy Sorensen, Master of Ceremonies, introduces Art Lingren, the dinner speaker. Art gave us a few highlights of the life of Roderick Haig-Brown. This year is the centenary of the birth of Haig-Brown and the theme of this year's AGM. Thank you Art for the great presentation and the exclusive booklets you left at each table. This booklet used excerpts from his new book. Roy, you also did a masterful job - thanks again.



Peter Caverhill presents the outstanding club award to Ruben Breitkreutz who received it on behalf of the Kalamalka Fly Fishers.



Jack Toomer accepts the gifts of appreciation from Peter Caverhill. These were fly boxes with the BCFFF logo on them and were presented to the local club (IWFF) organizers. There was not enough time to permit personal presentations to each person but there is space here for that: Peter Huyghebaert, Bernie Heinrichs, Jack Toomer, Harold Tinling, Ron Schiefke, Tom Skilton, Ron Moll, Ron Busche, Leo Snye, Ray Honig, Mike Orr, Roy Sorensen and Larry Miller. Thanks, guys, for a great effort and a very successful event!



Peter Caverhill presents the Jack Shaw Award to Brian Smith, Prince George, for notable fly tying.



Bob Hooten, left, receives his award from Art Lingren for outstanding work in fisheries.

BCFFF Open House and Education Day



Phil Rowley starts his presentation on “Fly Selection” to over 60 attendees at the Fish and Game Club House on Nanaimo Lakes Road. This facility worked well and there was even room for fly tying and a display at the back of the room.



Courtney Ogilvie demonstrates one of his spey casts with one of his two handed rods. He made it look so easy and simple. The facility for these demonstrations also worked well - at least for the audience. We stood under the shelter of one of the gun ranges while Courtney toughed it out in the rain. Actually the rain was a typical West Coast rain and he only got damp.



Ruben Breitkreutz sets up the rod used for the Sage Casting Analyser while Andrew Cathers waits his turn. This analyser prints out a chart and describes each of eight components that makes up for a casting stroke. The back stroke and the forward stroke of each component is also compared to the average of many expert’s casting strokes.



Peter Morrison, Leader Sales and Marketing, shows the choice of fly rods available for various fishing situations and at various price ranges.

April Meeting



Jack Toomer got the attention of most of the audience but Bob Leverman seems to have realized that, after all, we are in a church and there should be moments to pause and reflect. WARNING: Beware the camera man - his remarks might not be so kind next time!

Guest Speaker: Ian Forbes



Ron Busche introduces Ian Forbes prior to his presentation on "The Nitinat River". Unfortunately technology failed us! Ian had just purchased a new projector, tested it out the day before, had his daughter's approval of it but, alas, the lap top would not communicate to the projector. Forbes struggled through and did give us a few gems of information. Thanks for the effort, Ian.



This is one of the many flies that Ian Forbes pulled out of his fly box and shared with us at the April Meeting. It is an attractor pattern for steelhead but is also effective for cutthroat. The Nitinat Hatchery was established in 1980 and has greatly increased the salmon runs. There are now 300,000 chum and 100,000 Coho fry introduced to the system each year. There have been as many as 5000 Coho returning and 15,000 chinook. These numbers are less in recent years. Mid June is the best time for cutthroat and steelhead but do not build up big expectations - especially for steelhead.

Winners



Ray Honig, left, checks out Peter Lechthaler's ticket before awarding him the prize (cash this time) from the Gilly Draw. This Gilly is an opportunity for each person to tell the rest of us about his/her fishing experience or other foible or joke or whatever. A loony is dropped into the pot and a draw for it is done at the end of the spiels.



And Rick Burns was the winner of the fly draw!



This box of flies was the Island Waters Fly Fishers contribution to the BCFFF AGM Dinner and Auction. The theme of this AGM was in commemoration of Roderick Haig-Brown. This year is the centennial of his birth and these flies are patterns from his book. Club members tied six of each and Bob Leverman assembled them. Unconfirmed reports stated that it fetched about \$400.00 at the auction. Thanks to: Bob, all of the tiers, Harold Tinling for the box and to Jack Toomer for his inspiration/organization to get this done.



Harold Tinling, left, presents the runner-up prize for the fly draw to Larry Bishop. It was another pheasant tail donated by the great, white hunter, Jim MacFie. Thanks again Jim.

Ellison Lake Fishout



This newsletter tries to photograph all members at some time and especially new members. This one of Frank Charmley is most appropriate and flattering. He just joined this Spring and took advantage of the opportunity to check out Ellison Lake.



We have got photos of Bruce Richman before but he obviously knows how to show off a very nice fish!



This picture looks very similar to the one taken of Ellison Lake last year but be reassured that these are different fishers. It looks like Mike Orr is still out there but Frank Charmley, to the left, was not there last year. There were 9 other members at various locations on the lake. Most of them were fishing from shore and did not seem to mind being outfished by the floaters. Shore fishers were only averaging four per hour which were in the two to five pound range.

Events and Services

Pub Lunches

Come out to the Wellington Pub on Victoria Ave. every Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. to late noon. After the smokers were banished, we took over one of their rooms and are enjoying the new, affordable buffet meals. Guests and new members are especially welcome 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 site contains past issues of the newsletter, fly patterns by our members, photo stories, calendar of events, library books etc.

www.bcff.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/

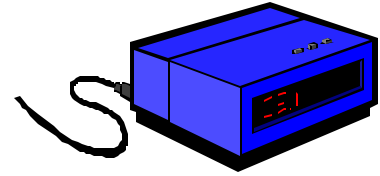
Paul Inscho found this one and it is well worth typing it into your browser

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.

2008 BCFFF AGM Meeting Report

by Harold Tinling

On April 26, 2008 I attended the BCFFF annual general meeting as the club delegate.

There were a few minor glitches as the president Dan Cahill was not able to attend due to some surgery.

The meeting was chaired by Gill Sage and Peter Caverhill who did a great job with short notice. The order of business followed the agenda and the reports were given in good time with not too much discussion. The finances are in good health, as with the "Gilly" Fund.

The annual report listed the activities the board members have been involved in during 2007. These were many and they reflected the time and efforts the executive and committee chair persons put in for the betterment of fishers and the environment.

A welcome was extended to the two new clubs in the BCFFF. They were the Campbell River club and the Cranbrook Fly Fishers

The election of officers was held and a full slate was elected. I was encouraging to see people putting up their hands to run for office. After a bitter fight yours truly was re elected as treasurer. The directors now come from a good cross section of BC as two of the new ones come from Kelowna and Penticton.

New business included run of the river projects, Steelhead and sea run Cutthroat trout along with other concerns that were identified.

The fisheries and education committees will be rearranged at the next directors meeting. Some of our members have indicated that they will sit on them.

An excellent talk was put on by Anne McCarthy, from the Aquaculture Department, Vancouver Island University, on the Cutthroat trout program on going in Nanaimo.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Harold Tinling

More Fly Fishing/Tying Sites

These websites were provided by Norm Neiderer, Comox Valley Fly Fishers. Thanks Norm.

<http://globalflyfisher.com/sitemap/> This site has more info than probably all the other sites put together.

<http://www.flyangleronline.com/> Another great site.

<http://www.fishbc.com/> Fish BC

Fishing Forums:

<http://forum.fishbc.com/index.php>

<http://www.flybc.ca/forum/index.php>

<http://www.hitsunlimited.com/fish/100topflyfish/frames0.html> 100 best sites

<http://sfotf.com/main/Home.10.0.html> They have a tv program Saturday morning

<http://www.anglingbc.com/bcpage.html> links around BC

Fly Patterns:

<http://www.virtualflybox.com/index.php>

<http://flytyingworld.com/flyindex.shtml>

<http://www.ultimateflytying.com/>

<http://www.westfly.com/patterns/patterns.shtml>

<http://www.akflyfishers.com/index.html>

<http://www.guidebc.com/flypatterns.asp> (B.C.)

<http://www.mustad.no/action/flyofthemoth/archive.php>

<http://www.danica.com/flytier/>

<http://www.danica.com/flytier/patternindex.htm>

<http://www.flyfishnw.com>

Aquatic Insects

<http://www.troutnut.com/>

Bob Kissinger has 50 of these printed up and will be bringing them to the next meeting for distribution to your favourite lakes and streams.

The directors also suggested that everyone records the

amount of garbage that they clean up and report that amount to Bob. Let's see how much we get at the end of the year!

