



ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS

Peter Morrison, February Guest Speaker: Arctic Fly Fishing



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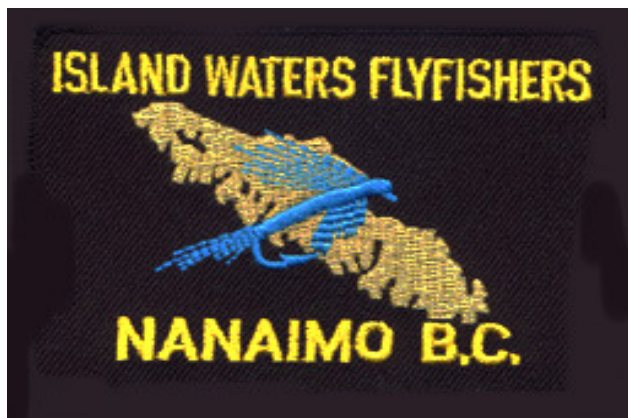
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Island Waters Fly Fishers

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Meetings at 7:00 pm. on the 4th Tuesday of the
Month at the Ukrainian Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave.
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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

Hello to all of you fly fishers, by the time you read this hopefully SPRING will be here and kick the hell out of this winter weather. It would be kind of nice to be able to wet a line instead of breaking ice. I'm sure we are all itching to get out.



Jack Toomer

We are looking to have a fish out at Ellison Lk. in Duncan sometime in April, also there is a club campout and fishing on May 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th at Buttle Lk. we have reserved the group campsite

and everyone is welcome. The last week of March we will be at the boat show at Woodgrove Mall, Brian still has a couple of spots he needs filled to sell our boat raffle tickets, also we will be selling BCFFF raffle tickets, some great fly fishing trips so come out and buy a ticket

Recently you received an e-mail about the changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Act. I hope you have all read this bulletin. It could have some dire consequences for our rivers and streams. I urge you all to write your Federal MP, and Prime Minister Steven Harper and DEMAND they remove the amendments to the Navigable Waters Protection Act Bill C-10. All for now guys.

Your pres.

Jack

Casting Clinics



6:00 PM

April 14 and April 16, 2009

Westwood Lake Beaches



What caused the "squiggle" in the line as it left the rod? Find out at the Casting Clinics in April.

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 100 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.

Casting Clinics

Jim, the real, McCoy will be organizing casting clinics which will be held in April at Westwood Lake. Come to the March meeting for more details. He will be assisted by several good casters in our club who will help beginners, intermediates and experienced casters to learn or improve their skills. This has always been a popular event.

For Sale



Buck's High and Dry Float Tube

One owner, well maintained, used only in quality trout lakes. \$50.00

Call Tom at 250 729-5685

Fourth Tuesday Meetings

March 24, 2009: Ted Brookman: How Changes to the 'Navigable Water Protection Act' will affect us and how we can fight it along with other bad legislation.

April 28, 2009: An update on the stocking program by the local Department of Environment's new Fisheries Biologist, Scott Silverstein.

May 26, 2009: Wayne Pealo will be giving us some of his secrets to fly fish for Coho and steelhead in the Skeena River.

June 23, 2009 (or earlier): Picnic and fishout at Westwood Lake.

July - August: Too busy fishing to have meetings

Wednesday Fly Tying Schedule:

Jan. 21 - Leo Snye - Damsel in Distress

Feb. 4 - Bill Pollard - Black Ant

Feb. 18 - Wayne Legge - Dragon Fly Nymph

Mar. 4 - Ron Moll - Synthetic Seal Fur Leach
and Gorilla Glue Bodies

Mar. 18 - Doug Peterson - Deer Hair Caddis

Saturday Fly Tying

March 21, 2009: Fly Tying at Oliver Woods Centre 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Your Dues are Over Due

Renewals: \$40.00

New Members: \$50.00

The 10% discount from the fly shops will pay your membership fees!

Register with Lloyd Erickson or see any director at the next meeting.

This is another entry from the Tall Tales night done last November.

THE BEST SHOT

By Harold Tinning

Back in '75 I was hunting Mule Deer with my friend "Red" along the South Castle River near Lumbrick Alberta. We had been at it for a while when we met up on a high bank



overlooking the river and sat down for a rest.

On the other side of the river we watched a nice four point mule deer buck emerge from the heavy scrub and start feeding. Before we got our senses and took a shot he moved behind what appeared to be a low ridge and all we could see was his rack when he raised his head.

It was decided that I would go down and cross the river at a little riffle that had very low water, follow the bank till I was below where the buck was feeding, climb up the bank and knock the buck off. I would watch "Red" for hand signals as to my progress. So off I went down the bank across the river and along the bank. Red signalled when I was below the buck and I started up the bank, as I slowly poked my head over the crest of the bank I was in range and had a shot. I took the safety off my 3006 auto loader, took a bead and shot.

What happened next would be in our memories forever. I hit the buck and he took a death leap forward, my footing gave way and I lost my balance and started to slide down the bank. Reflexes caused my hands to tighten up and I squeezed the trigger and fired another one on the way down. As I slid down my rifle was snatched from my grip and then I hit the water feet first. I sat there with my feet in the water contemplating what had happened.

Red came down the bank and crossed the river hooting and hollering claiming he had never seen any thing in his life like it. He said the second shot I had accidentally let off hit the lead goose in a small flock that was approaching the river and that goose should be dead somewhere around the buck. I couldn't believe it and was anxious to get up the bank and get to the deer. "Red" started to help me get back on my feet when he noticed I had a trout about 16" jammed between my feet and a rock, we bonked that trout and did a couple of hi fives then climbed the bank

We found the buck laying over a mole hill stretched right out with his ass in the air like we had laid him on it, the bullet had hit him in the throat just below the head and he was well bled out. We dressed him and went looking for the goose. The goose was about thirty feet away and when "Red" picked it up he let out another holler for when that goose hit the ground it landed on a bush partridge that was having a dirt bath.

We took our good fortune home and a few days later "Red" cooked up a feed and we held our own Wild Game Dinner for about 60 of our friends. I still have some Partridge feathers and some deer hair left from that trip if you would like to have a look at them.



Harold validates his presentation with very compelling evidence.

February Meeting



Harold finally persuaded his fishing buddies: Josh, Jedd and Clem to come to our meeting. They did not sign the guest book.



Frank Marsden renews his membership from Lloyd Erickson. Remember to show them your card, Frank, when you buy your fishing supplies so that you can get your discount.

Don Ginter, new member, told us at the Gilly that he is busy tying flies and looking forward to the fishing season. Welcome aboard Don.



Lloyd Erickson told us about his experience in a doctor's office where the receptionist wanted him to speak up. Since he was too bashful to use a descriptive word for a body part in public, he had to tell her that his urinary problem originated in his ear.

Lloyd will give you the full story because this reporter is too bashful to give it to you in print.

Jim McCoy told us about how he and his friend found an unconscious rabbit, sprayed it with an aerosol can and watched it bounce away waving at them. The instructions on the can stated: "Restores hair with a wave".

We are still trying to figure out what these stories have to do with fishing but what else can you talk about at the February Gilly?

February Winners

Ron Moll filled in for Ray Honig as the Gilly at February's Meeting. He was busy handing out some of Peter Morrison's goodies along with the usual Gilly cash.



Ron felt compelled to double check Harold's ticket before handing him the coveted Rio cap from Peter.

Two of our guests, Kyle Burns, left photo, and Phil Belt won two.



And Ray Garton, no stranger to the winner's circle, accepts the cash.



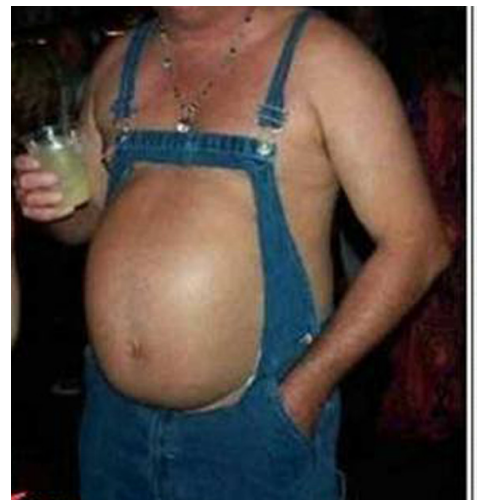
Bob Kissinger presents Paul Inscho with a box of flies that Bill Pollard left at his fly tying demo at a Wednesday afternoon session. Thanks Bill.



And Bruce won Bill's other box. The winners of the fly draw grabbed their prizes before this reporter could capture the scene.

Want comfortable jeans?

This photo's contributor wishes to remain anonymous.



Wednesday Fly Tying



Wayne Legge demonstrates his version of the Deer Hair Dragon to Leo Snye, left, Ron Busche, John Ellis, Paul Inscho and Randy Mayovsky.

Deer Hair Dragonfly



Materials:

- Number 12 Streamer Mustad Hook
- Pheasant Tail
- Deer hair
- Peacock Herl
- Black thread



This is Wayne's "Deer Hair Scud" - a bonus fly that he showed us.



Bruce Cumming wrestles in his 25 lb. buck chinook caught on his favourite blue salmon fly. The picture was photographed by a professional photographer/tourist from the Netherlands who was at the bridge of the Little Qualicum River. It took 20 minutes to land and must have jumped eight times!

WIN THIS SEAMOR INFLATABLE

BOAT



Draw: March 31, 2009

Tickets: 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00

Please bring your sold and unsold tickets to the March 24th Meeting to ensure that they are in for the draw on March 31, 2009.

Fly Fishing in the High Arctic by Guest Speaker, Peter Morrison



The high arctic has the best fresh water fly fishing in the world but you only have three weeks of the six week summer to do it. There are a few weeks of intolerable black flies then poor weather and the rest of the year it is frozen over. Peter had this 'opportunity of a lifetime' experience in 2000 and 2001 when helicopters, used for diamond mining exploration, were available along with a lodge. These were not cheap (\$1000.00 per day) then and now they are probably not even an option at any price - unless the economy has reduced mining exploration.



Ron Busche presents Peter a wood pen set with the IWFF logo turned by our own Dave Connolly. Thanks Dave and thank you Peter.

With this extremely short season, the fish are very aggressive and opportunistic to feed on the huge amount of insects in such a short time. Peter's group quickly realized that big fish need big lakes. This was learned when the pilots would fly each group to a different lake or stream several times during their 22 hours of daylight. "So how good is good fishing?" Peter was asked. "75 to 100 per day per person" was the reply. There was one 36 lb. lake trout taken and many over 20 lb. The rod of choice was a #8 but a #3 was tried on streams coming from small lakes.

Since the season is short, it was determined that spawners coming from salt water were meeting finished spawners returning to the ocean. The incoming spawners were bright silver - the outgoing fish were darker. All of this great fishing was done from shore.

Another example of how prolific the growth of all marine life is the size of shrimp. Peter brought one back and showed it to Brian Chan, Biologist, who declared that it was at least twice as big as any he had ever seen anywhere!

Thanks again, Peter, for sharing this with us and, hopefully, you have inspired at least one of us to go up to check it out for ourselves.

SPRING DINNER

6:30 pm, Saturday, April 4, 2009

**Shanghai City Restaurant
Brooks Landing**

Buffet or Order off the Menu

**Book with Bob Kissinger:
250 758-8995**