



ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS



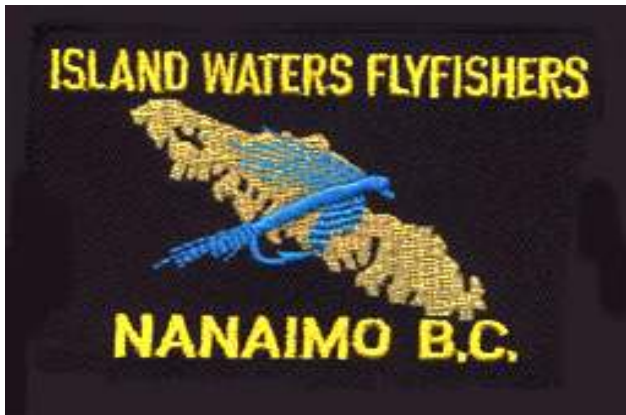
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Island Waters Fly Fishers

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Island Waters Fly Fishers

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

Pinks at Mafeo-Suttan Park



Some, like Andrew Cathers, came to see what they could catch.

President's Message



Jack Toomer

Hello to Everyone,

I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and get some of the last decent fishing of the fall. Winter will soon be here and our thoughts will drift back to some of the great fishing we had in the past year. Good memories all. As you read this we will have had our first fly tying session at Oliver Woods Rec. Centre. Soon to come will be our Banquet and Auction, I hope all members will support this endeavour by coming out to the banquet and supplying a auction item as this is our main fundraiser of the year.

The Nov. meeting will be our annual general meeting, this will be when we elect a new slate of officers. The club has always been strong from the executive to the general membership. At this time I strongly urge you to put your name forward to stand on the executive. We NEED YOUR SUPPORT to keep our club healthy and strong.

Yours in Fishing, the Pres.



Others came to be seen and to be caught.

Events and Services

Pub Lunches

Come out to the Black Bear Pub every Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. to late noon. Guests and new members are especially welcome to join this very informal gathering.

Club Library and Videos

Wayne Legge is the custodian for both, and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 756-3114 or email him at: twolegges@shaw.ca.

Check out the list of books and videos on our website. He is revising and updating the lists and will be bringing a few of the popular ones to the meetings. They are free to members - just sign them out.

Some of the popular fishing location books are:

- COMPLETE GUIDE TO FISHING ACROSS NORTHAMERICA
- LAKE FISHING KARL BRUHUN
- LAKES OF LAC LA BICHE DISTRICT
- A GUIDE TO FISH WATER SPORTS FISHES OF CANADA
- FLY LIFE
- ANGLING IN THE SHADOWS OF CANADIAN ROCKIES
- TROUT STREAMS OF ALBERTA JIM MCLENNAN
- LOGGING ROADS TRAVEL MERRIMAN
- FISHING IN ALBERTA

Wednesday Fly Tying

These fly tying demonstrations are held the first and third Wednesdays except December at approximately 1:00 pm (or when we are done with the Pub Lunch at the Black Bear Pub). Bring your tying equipment and learn some of the members' favourite patterns. The schedule so far is:

- Nov. 4 - Wayne Pealo - Steelhead Flash Fly
- Nov. 18 - Bob Leverman - Gary LaFontaine's Emerging Pupa.
- Dec. 2 - Bernie Heinrichs - Foam Stimulator

Fourth Tuesday Meetings and Events

November 14, 2009: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

November 24, 2009: Bill Pollard will show us how to place flies into glass balls for Christmas decorations. AGM and election of officers and directors.

December 5, 2009: Christmas Party and Auction in the Lantzville Legion. Refreshments at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each again this year plus your donation or craft for the auction. Bob Kissinger and Tom Skilton are accepting them and need them by the November meeting

January 16, 2010: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

January 26, 2010: Mel Sheng, DFO Biologist, will be discussing the state of the Salmon Fishery on the Coast.

February 13, 2010: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

February 23, 2010. Wally Nowak, Comox Valley Fly Fishers: A lively and vivacious presentation on fishing in the Arctic and Isaac Walton Country.

March 13, 2010: All day fly tying at Oliver Woods 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 23, 2010. Ralph Shaw: A biography of Jack Shaw .

April 27, 2010. A B.C. Federation of Fly Fisher's member will give us the benefits of belonging to the BCFFF.

May 25, 2010. Allen Tavender, Fly Fishing Guide: Steelheading Today.

Some of the bookings are tentative and are subject to changes.

October Meeting

Bill McColl entertained us again from the side line as he demonstrates his foible of recovering his dropped reel while wading out into the Nanaimo River at our recent fishout.



Ron Schiefke's turn at the "Gilly".



Steve Wawrykow, left, shows his winnings from the fly draw run by an unbiased Tom Skilton.



Larry Miller, left, accepts his cash prize for winning the Gilly prize from Ray Honig



And Gerry Stevens won the second draw of the Gilly

More Winners



Peter Lechthaler won a package of polar bear donated by Doug Peterson.



And the grand prize winner of the evening was Jim MacFie with this prize donated by Ron Busche.

Nanaimo River Fishouts



Gerry Stevens shows one of his scrappier catches - a male chum.

This year the Island Waters Fly Fishers went on two fishouts on the Nanaimo River. The first one was about a kilometre down stream of the No. 1 Highway Bridge and the second one was close to the estuary on October 27th, the day after this area was opened to fishing. Both pools and many in between had an abundance of chum this year.



Gerry lands another chum



Peter Huyghebaert demonstrates the effectiveness of his peach wool fly and "high sticking" technique

More Nanaimo River Fishout



Peter brings another strong chum to shore. It seems that the fish are subdued better by walking them in.



This local pooch seemed to really enjoy helping land the fish. It was quite funny until the dog started biting at the fly line.

When our arms got sore and the tide started to cut us off, it was time for a pub lunch at the Crow and Gate.



Peter Huyghebaert, left, Ron Schiefke, Doug Peterson, Harry Macleod, Bob Kissinger, Bill McColl, Ray Honig, Gerry Stevens, Dennis Mullins, Wayne Pealo and Bernie Heinrichs (behind the camera).

Guest Speaker, Bob Leverman's Match the Hatch

Actually Bob is not a guest. We are fortunate to have him as a valued member who provided us with a series of articles, "Elementary Entomology and O. Mykiss" under the pen name of the "Chalkboard Troutist". They were in previous newsletters. This presentation used some of the concepts that were in those articles and went beyond matching the hatch.

Some of facts that Bob presented are:

-If no insects are flying around and the trout are not jumping or surfacing, try nymphs (wet flies) first then try emergers when the fish are barely showing then try dun patterns when they are jumping higher.

-The Cowichan has a lot of March Browns. When they die, they spread out their wings which allows the trout to slowly sip them in without expending a lot of energy.

-Western Green Drakes are recognized by their habit of floating a long ways down a stream with their wings up to dry.

-Most mayflies and stoneflies like the riffles in a stream - a good place to present your fly patterns of them.

-Smack your Stimulator patterns on the surface to represent the way stoneflies fall into the water.

-The Blue Winged Olive is a preferred Mayfly pattern and the Callabaetis is found in Brannen Lake.

-The caddis larvae are either free swimmers or cased. The cases are made of whatever is available- sand, pine needles, leaves, small stems etc.

-Caddis will swim quickly to surface, break through the surface and immediately fly away. Trout have been seen jumping out of the water to intercept them.

-The blood worm is the larva stage of midges and are found in the mud of a lake or stream.

-The chironomid is the pupa stage of the midge. Their ascent to the surface is done by wiggling and it may take a day or more for them to reach the surface. This is a prime food source for trout and are taken by slowly swimming through the chironomid with their mouths open.



Bob Leverman lived up to his nickname "The Chalkboard Troutist" when he took up this position.

-On Vancouver Island most chironomid are brown or green.

-To determine the position of your strike indicator on your fly line:

- attach your forceps to the fly

-pull up a foot -tie on your indicator

-REMOVE YOUR FORCEPS.

-Some Caddis will lay their eggs by flitting about on the water surface and others will dive to the bottom.

-Fish do not see the same way as humans. They develop a "predator search image". That is they do not recognize the complete prey but actually focus on only aspects of their prey such as eyes, tail, certain movements, legs etc.

-Hackle is used to mainly represent movement.

-Gary Lafontaine determined that trout focus on the bubble held by rising Caddis. This lead to his "Sparkle Pupa Caddis" fly.

-Von Klinken designed his famous Klinkhammer by tying his pattern 2 to 3 times larger to exaggerate the trigger points of the fly and to create a super stimulus.

-Zeelon is a good material to make shucks on flies.



Note the increasing size of the eyes in these fly patterns to demonstrate how to take advantage of one of the trout's trigger points.

Wednesday Fly Tying

The Steelhead Flash Fly by Wayne Pealo

This pattern was developed as a version of the Alaska Flash Fly which has become very popular in Alaska. There are endless variations of this and has become Wayne's favourite salmon fly. He has caught pink, Coho, chum and cutthroat on it and is hoping someone will try it for rainbows in local lakes. Let him know how you make out if you do.

Materials

- Hook: No. 1 to 4 short salmon hooks or smaller for trout.
- Thread: Red or clear or
- Head: Bead, chain eyes, barbel eyes etc.
- Tail: Marabou, something flashy
- Body: Flashabou or any flashy material - colour of your choice
- Wing: Flashabou or any flashy material - colour of your choice
- Hackle: Colourful and longer.



Thanks Wayne for the great demonstration and tips.



An assortment of Wayne's Flash Flies. Note the variety of colors and materials used. Some are weighted heavily and use an assortment of eyes. The main feature is flash, colour and material to provide movement.

Annual Banquet and Auction

Location: Lantzville Legion Hall

Time: Cocktails at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Cost: \$20.00 each plus an article to donate to the Auction

Please bring your donated article to the November 24th meeting or sooner to Bob Kissinger at a Pub Lunch. We want to classify and prepare as many as possible before December 5th.



Memberships

Eric Lloyd will be accepting membership dues at the next meeting. \$40.00 for renewals and \$50.00 for new members nobody can recall the last time the price was increased!

-New fly fishers can recoup this fee from the discounts that many of the tackle shops give.

-Remain on the email list which reminds you of the fun activities, new newsletters, meetings and other information.

-Dinners, BBQ's, Picnics and other Events.