



**Some members  
will do anything  
to win a fly draw  
prize.** See page 4



**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/>



The ice is off and Spring has arrived at Panther Lake! But, the fish were still active and were even chasing emergers.

Photo taken April 3, 2010

## Fourth Tuesday Meetings and Events

**April 27, 2010.** Ralph Shaw: A biography of Jack Shaw .

**May 25, 2010.** A B.C. Federation of Fly Fisher's member will give us the benefits of belonging to the BCFFF.

**June 22, 2010, 5:00 pm.** Picnic and Fishout at Westwood Lake

## Other Events

**April 24, 2010** BCFFF AGM in Parksville

**May 2, 2010, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** Open House at the Nanaimo Hatchery

**May 14 to 17, 2010** Divas on the Fly

**May 28 to 30, 2010** Campout at Elk Falls Park

**August 22, 2010, 3:00 pm.** Summer Barbecue at the Lantzville Legion.

**December 4, 2010** Christmas Dinner and Auction

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

## 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. A few members have gone fishing in the local lakes after the lunches. An email will be sent a few days ahead.



Harold Tinling, left, BCFFF Treasurer, presents the BCFFF's donation of \$1500.00 to Wayne Pealo for the Divas on the Fly program that will be conducted again this year in mid May.



Jamie Ker and Brian Dobson perfecting the double haul

### Casting Clinic



John Snook passes on another casting tip at the April 14, 2010 Casting Clinic. Over 24 people showed up and many of those were novices and newbies to the sport. We hope that they were not too discouraged and will pursue it further in their back yards. Like most skills: lots of practice is needed.



Rick Wanhill and Harold Tinling - sideline coaches

## March Meeting



Tony Francis, Guest, told us that he came in response to Bob Kissinger's ad looking for a friend. Thanks for coming Tony, Bob needs all of the support that can be mustered.



Ray Honig, left, presents Steve Wawrykow with the prize draw after the Gilly.



Wayne Legge won the Silly Face Contest (or was it another Gilly Draw?).



Jim MacFie won the first fly draw



And Brian Lapadat won the second fly draw.

### BCFFF Raffle in Woodgrove Mall



15 great prizes offered this year



Dan Kowarske, new member this year, tries out his fly tying bench that he won at our February meeting,

These fly tying demonstrations, the Divas on the Fly Poster, the list of prizes and the charm of our members resulted in raising \$1082.00 over the four days that we were in the mall during the boat show. Congratulations to Harold Tinling for organizing this and to all of the volunteers.



Lloyd Erickson applies head cement to his finished fly.



### BCFFF Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 24, 2010  
Business Portion: 1-4pm  
Cocktails: 5pm  
Dinner: 6pm

\$35.00 / person

### The Beach Club Resort\*

250-248-8999

1-888-760-2008

(mention BCFFF for special room rates)

Features great food, silent auction, Presentation by Craig Orr (Watershed Watch Salmon Society)

15 Grand Raffle prizes will be drawn.

Socialize with BC flyfishing legends!

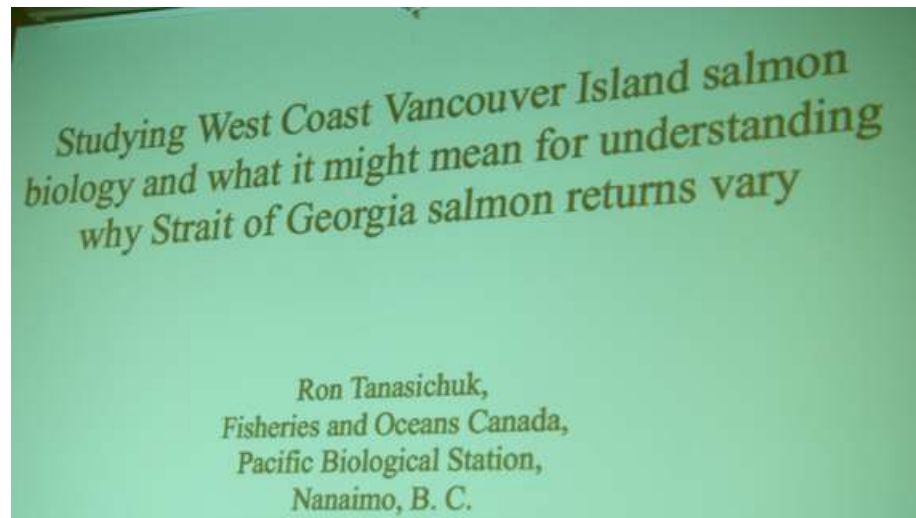
For dinner tickets or info:  
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\*181 Beachside Dr., Parksville, BC  
(On the Beach (Hwy 19A) / Alberni Hwy junction)

See the list of 15 prizes on page 8

## Guest Speaker Presentation:

### Studying Westcoast Vancouver Island salmon biology and what it might mean for understanding why the Strait of Georgia salmon re- turns vary



by Ron Tanasichuk

The biology of salmon and their prey have been studied on the West Coast of Vancouver Island since the early 1970's and some reasonably accurate forecasts have been correlated since 2000. The main consideration for these forecasts has been the quantity of the food sources for the juvenile salmon as they enter the ocean. For example, coho prefer the *T. spinifera* species of euphausiids (krill) in August during their migration into Barkley Sound. During the years when these krill are plentiful and when there are larger numbers of juvenile coho entering the Sound at that time of year, the returns of the spawning coho two years later is up considerably.

The other factors contributing to returns are the effect of competition (e.g. herring at the time the juvenile salmon are feeding), and the effect of predation (e.g. seal population).



Ron Tanasichuk points out the causes of why salmon returns vary.

These conclusions were derived over a period of many years of studying the salmon at various ages and the food sources at these times. Initially the various species of salmon were netted quite frequently to determine when each species enters the ocean. Sockeye and chum are the earliest in May, Coho are a few weeks later and chinook are the last in June. Some of the salmon were examined to determine the food choices for each during the time that they are entering Barkley Sound. From these examinations, it was determined what food each species prefers.

Although *Thysanoessa spinifera* are very similar to *Euphausia pacifica*, the former are much preferred by most salmon. The next step in this process was to net survey the krill and do a relative count to compare abundance of this food source from year to year. The abundance of them became a fairly reliable predictor of the returns of each species as they returned. The proof of the prediction was shown the last few years when the sockeye returns were estimated to be very low until last year. Last year was a big improvement and Ron is forecasting another good return this summer.

The next logical step is to conduct similar surveys and studies on the salmon entering the Strait of Georgia and their prey. To date virtually nothing is known about these salmon's prey during their juvenile periods when their health and growth is so important.

## Club Library and Videos

Don Ginter is the custodian for both, and he will bring your requests to the next meeting if you call him at 756-4867 or email him at: donheather@shaw.ca.



Check out the list of books and videos on our new website at [www.iwff1.ca](http://www.iwff1.ca). 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 videos are:

Streamer Fishing for Trophy Trout

Top 85 Tips on Fly Fishing for Trophy Trout

Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers- Dvd 2

Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers- Winter and Spring- copy 1 and copy 2

Fly Fishing Large Rivers-Summer and Fall- #1

Fly Fishing Large Rivers-Summer and Fall- #2

Tying the Classic Salmon Fly- Dvd 1 and Dvd #2

Tying the Classic Salmon Fly- Dvd 2

The Trout Bum Diaries- Vol 1

Introduction to Spey Casting

Launch, Double xx (pontoon boats)

Freshwater Fishing Society and More Trout Fishing

Successful Fly Fishing- casting techniques #2

Successful Fly Fishing- casting techniques #1

IWFF #1, IWFF #2- copy 1, IWFF #2- copy 2  
IWFF #2- copy 3, IWFF #3- copy 1, IWFF #3- copy 2, IWFF #4- copy 1, IWFF #4- copy 2

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Magic Tool

Pink Salmon, Brook Trout, Stream Restoration

Fly Tying Anglers Art 2- copy 2

Fly Tying The Anglers Art 1- copy2

Casting Shadows 1 and 2

Fly Fishing 2 & Matching the Hatch (two copies)

Fly Fishing Salmon

The New Fly Fisher, A Nature and Fly Fishing Show- #1- copy 1

The New Fly Fisher, A Nature and Fly Fishing Show- #1- copy 2

The New Fly Fisher, A Nature and Fly Fishing Show- #1- copy 3

Fly Fishing 2 & Matching the Hatch- #1

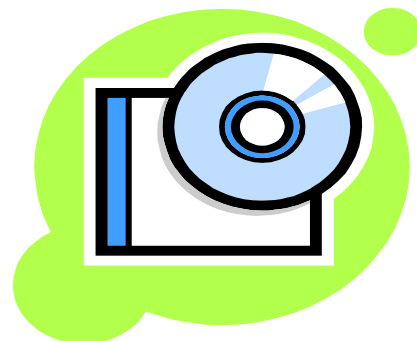
Fly Fishing Salmon- copy 2

The TNOR-Vise, Fly Tying System

Magic Head

IWFF Fly Tying 2- (three copies)

Chironomid Fishing and More



## BC Federation of Fly Fishers – Grande Raffle 2010

There are 15 really excellent prizes to be won in this year's BCFFF Grande Raffle!! Here is a detailed description of each of them. Please consider supporting our fund-raising this year by purchasing a ticket (or more). If you would like a summary report on the worthy conservation projects that we have funded since 1986, check out our website at [www.bcfff.bc.ca](http://www.bcfff.bc.ca).

1 - Sage Z-Axis premium fly rod; Islander fly reel; Rio fly line – The winner will have a choice of any of the rods in the Z-Axis series except spey rods Retail Value = \$1300 - \$1400

2 - Pitt River Lodge – 2 day/3 night Cabin Package (pickup/return to Grant Narrows at the south end of Pitt Lake) - drive and let-off at fishing locations (supply own food and bedding). Retail = \$1500

3 - Fishing and Feasting Trip to Lac Des Roches - The trip includes the following: Three nights of feasting and two days of fishing the world famous mayfly hatch or the sedges on Lac des Roches, staying with Bill and Lori Jollymore in their private home on the lake. Lac Des Roches is near Lone Bute, BC (1.5 hours drive from Kamloops) \$1000 - \$1500

4 – "SteepRoofs" – Bella Coola Valley - The winner will receive one week's accommodation in this beautiful cabin on the river, under the imposing command of Mt. Stupendous. The cozy cabin accommodates 3 people comfortably. Retail = \$700

5 - Cowichan River Package - This package is: Two night's accommodations for 2 people in one of the Cowichan River Lodge's suites (includes breakfast) and a day of guided fishing on the Cowichan river (includes lunch and the use of any needed fly equipment for the days fishing.) Donated by Kenzie and Kyte Cuthbert of Kenzie's Fishing Adventures. Retail = \$830.00

Robert Bateman LE Framed Print - LE print titled "Red Tail Hawk" by Robert Bateman (#522/950 circa 1980) – non-glare glass. From the Gil Sage Legacy. Retail = \$1500

7 - Weigh West Marine Resort (Tofino, BC) - One night's stay in the resort with fly fishing for salmon the next day. This prize must be taken in 2010 prior to July 15. This has been donated by Weigh West Marine Resort. Retail = \$350

8 - Harry Lemire, "tied-in-hand", fully dressed salmon fly ("TBD"); (artistically mounted in a shadow box frame) – Harry Lemire is a Pacific Northwest icon. Fly donated by Harry Lemire. Framing donated by "All Things Fishy". Retail = \$300 - \$500

9 - Renato Muccillo – Fully dressed Atlantic Salmon Fly – "The Sir Richard" - Renato Muccillo is a very sought-after Canadian landscape artist and a keen fly angler. Retail = \$275

10 - A Matched Pair of Framed Fly Prints (very limited edition) – each fly print is rendered by artist Sarah Briston and portrays two of Art Lingren's most famous flies ('As Specified' and 'Claret and Black'). Retail = \$300 - \$400

11 - Chris Wesson - "Grand Slam" – (4 fully dressed Atlantic salmon flies in a shadow box frame) Retail = \$300 - \$400

12 - SeaRun Fly and Tackle (Coquitlam) – "Angler's Shopping Spree" – come into the store and have fun spending \$300 on anything that catches your fancy! Donated by shop owner, Kelly Davison.

13 - Corbett Lake Country Inn – One night in the lodge for 2, with breakfast, dinner and fishing (mid-week only; boat supplied). Retail = \$265

14 - Link Lake Cabins - 2 nights cabin or trailer accommodation on the lake (24 km from Princeton). Donated by Gail Dickson of Link Lake. Retail = \$150

15 - Custom Wood Fly Box c/w Steelhead Flies – This box is laser-engraved with the BCFFF logo. Ray Syrnyk provides the flies and Perk Perkins (North Pole Products, Bellingham) does the box and engraving. Retail = \$150

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