



**Jack Toomer
presents Bob
Kissinger
with the Web
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Award at the
January 26th,
2010 Meeting.**



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 Norwell Dr. Visitors and Guests welcome.
Phone 390-3266.**

**Welcome Table: Ray Garton 758-9215
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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/>



I finally remembered—red with hunter, white with fisherman.

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:

contact Rich and Donna Ronyecz 250-594-4422 vipcare@shaw.ca

*181 Beachside Dr., Parksville, BC
(On the Beach (Hwy 19A) / Alberni Hwy junction)

See the list of 15 prizes on pages 9 and 10

Your Dues are Overdue

Renewals: \$40.00

New Members: \$50.00

Register with Rick Wanhill or see any director at the next meeting

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.



Bob Leverman offered to demonstrate another one of his favourite flies

Wednesday Fly Tying

These fly tying demonstrations are held the first and third Wednesdays 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.

Feb. 3 - Bob Kissinger, "Gartside Gurgler"

Feb. 17 - Paul Inscho, "Taliko"

Mar. 3 - Mike Orr, to be announced

All Day Fly Tying

Saturday, March 13, 2010

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Oliver Woods Community Centre

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\$2.00 plus a pot luck salad or dessert or bread

or...

Fourth Tuesday Meetings and Events

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. Ron Tanasichuk: Salmon Research

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. Picnic and Fishout at Westwood Lake

Other Events

March 16, 2010 Bob Kissinger and Mike Orr will present a mushroom identification seminar at the Woodgrove Save On Foods Community Room at 7:00 pm. Space is limited, please call Bob, 250 585-3397 before March 1st to reserve.

March 27, 2010 Annual Spring Banquet, 6:00 pm. at the Hong Kong House. Let Bob know by March 19th if you will be attending as he needs to make reservations. Pay your own dinner.

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

Winners at the January Meeting



Keith Paskin, left, guest, won the first draw of the Gilly from Ray Honig



Leo Snye won the second draw after the Gilly.



Bill Woodward won the third draw of the Gilly



Brian Lapadat won the pheasant tail during the fly draw. *Note how the Editor refrained from quoting some of the comments from the members during this presentation!*



Ron Schiefke won the bucket of flies during the fly draw.



Jeff Gallimore accepts his prize of flies which were from the Baggy Fly Tying Contest held during the All Day Fly Tying.

More Winners



Steve Wawrykow won the polar bear hair during the fly draw but decided that he has enough and graciously allowed it to be redrawn. Steve has resumed the duties of Webmaster for our club. Thank you, Steve.

The State of the Georgia Basin Coho by Guest Speaker, Mel Sheng

Mel Sheng, Resource Restoration Biologist, DFO in Nanaimo, gave us the, mostly dismal, update to the status of Coho in our area. For the last 20 years and, especially, the last 10 years the Coho returns have been declining. During the 1980's a 10% escapement rate with a 30% smolt to adult size was common. Now the escapement rate is closer to 0.1%. There are changes in the Georgia Strait: food sources, water temperature and predators. These are being studied but are very complex and still not clearly correlated to coho. Data from other areas such as Washington and Oregon indicate that when hatchery operations are reduced or shut down there is no negative impact on Coho returns and, in some cases, there is even an increase in returns.

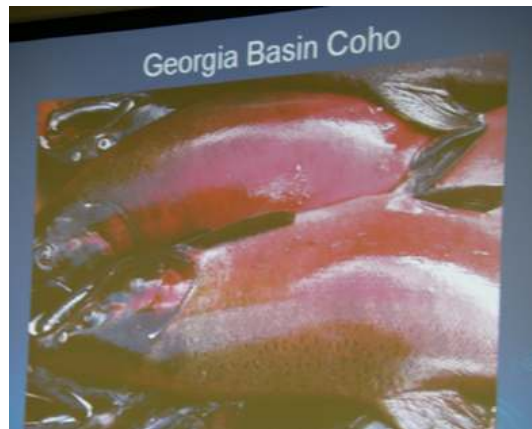
Mel has received approval to try to re-establish a blue back fishery in the Nanaimo area by holding 60,000 fry from this spring's hatch until June or September, 2011. The thinking is that these smolts will be larger and may be able to survive better by remaining in the Georgia Strait. Since the water temperature has decreased last year, Mel is forecasting another relatively good year for the pink and coho fishery again this fall.



Brian Campbell, guest, won the polar bear hair donated by Doug Peterson. Ian Stewart, another guest, looks on.



Mel Sheng, Guest Speaker, at the January Meeting



Mel's opening slide of his presentation. Thank you Mel for a very informative talk.

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 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 these books are:

Fishing Methods

- POSITIVE FISHING -ROBERT DEINDORFER
- CHALKSTRECAM CHRONICLES -NEIL PATTERSON
- MODERN SALT WATER FISHING -VIC DUNAWAY
- FLY LURE FISHING -ALEX LANGER
- PRIMER OF FLY FISHING -HAIG BROWN
- TROUT FISHING (THE TACTICAL SECRETS) -ED RYCHKUM
- A CUTTHROAT COLLECTION -
- HERMAN’S SPRING -HAIG BROWN
- FISHERMAN’S FALL -HAIG BROWN
- FLY ROD STEELHEAD -BILL STINSON
- FLY FISHING IN THE NWT -CHRIS HANKS
- A MODERN DRY-FLY CODE -VINCENT MARINARO
- MICHIGAN TROUT STREAMS - STEVE NEVALA
- WHERE THE FISH ARE -LENARD WRIGHT
- HOW TO FISH SALT WATER -BARNES
- HOW TO FIND FISH AND MAKE THEM STRIKE -JOSEPH BATES
- 500 FISHING EXPERTS -VLAD EVANOFF
- BRIGHT RIVERS -NICK LYONS
- THE FISHERMAN’S ENCYCLOPEDA -
- THE RIVER WHY -DAVID DUNCAN
- FRESH WATER FISHING -BARRIE RICHARDS
- TROUT FLIES -CHARLES WETZEL
- ICEFISHING EAST & WEST -JIM ZUMBO
- ADVANCED FLY FISHING FOR STEELHEAD -DEKE MEYER
- THE 12 BASIC SKILLS OF FLY FISHING -ED PECK
- LAKE FISHING STRATEGIES -BOB SHEEDY
- LAKE FISHING WITH A FLY -RON CORDES
- TROUT HUNTING -WOOLNER
- GETTING HOOKED ON FISHING -JEROME KNAPP
- THE CANADIAN ICE ANGLERS GUIDE -ANDREW MACPHERSON

- ICE FISHING -GENE
- LITTLE
- SIMON ON THE FLY -JOHN
- MERWIN
- THE SKILLFULL TUBER -ROBERT
- ALLEY
- NORTH WEST FLY FISHING -JOHN
- SHEWLEY
- PACIFIC COAST FISHING -OLD HI
- SALT WATER SPORTS FISHING -OLD HI
- FISHING FOR MILLIONS -OLD HI
- ~~FLY TYING AND ROD BUILDING~~
- TACKLE BOX LIBRARY -
- FLY TYING KIT INSTRUCTIONS -
- FLY TYING -JOHN CLARK
- THE FLY TYERS ALMANAC -H. BOYLE
- FLY TYERS MASTER CLASS - OLIVER
- EDWARDS
- CONTEMPORARY FLY PATTERNS -ART LINGREN
- MODERN FLY CRAFT -JAMES
- RYNDMAN
- NYMPHING A BASIC BOOK -ROBERT PHILS
- FLY ROD -GEORGE
- SHERINGHAM TYING FLIES FOR TROPHY
- TROUT -JACK SHAW
- FLIES OF THE NORTH WET -
- 150 STILL WATER PATTERNS -

LOCATIONS TO FISH

- COMPLETE GUIDE TO FISHING ACROSS NORTH AMERICA -JOE BROOKS
- LAKE FISHING -KARL
- BRUHUN
- LAKES OF LAC LA BICHE -R.C.
- CHIPANIUK
- A GUIDE TO FISH WATER SPORTS FISHES OF CANADA -
- CROSSMAN
- FLY LIFE -
- ANGLING IN THE SHADOWS OF CANADIAN ROCKIES
- TROUT STREAMS OF ALBERTA -JIM
- MCLENNAN
- LOGGING ROADS TRAVEL -MERRIMAN
- FISHING IN ALBERTA

FISH SCIENCE

- A STORM UPON THE SEA (FISH FARMING) -SUZUKI
- SELECTIVE TROUT -DOUG
- SWISHER

FISH STORIES

Over 25 titles written by such authors as Isaak Walton, Haig Brown, Raif Mair, Van Egan etc.

All Day Fly Tying

At least 23 tyers came out to Oliver Woods Centre for the All Day Fly Tying session. Jack Toomer provided the spaghetti and sauce and everyone else brought pot luck bread, salad or desserts.

Ron Moll, Bill McColl and Jack Toomer focus on the job at hand.



The highlight of the day was the Baggy Fly Tying Contest organized by Wayne Pealo. About 19 tyers were provided little bags of various fly tying materials and were instructed to tie a fly with what they were given. The end product of each contestant was then placed in a cup (see below). Everyone was given a ticket to place in the cup that they thought contained the best fly. Ton Plynaar and guest, Terry Leclair, tied for the most votes. Ton, right, and Terry are in the adjacent photo.



The final results of the Baggy Fly Tying Contest. Ton's fly is in between the two guinea flies in the front row.

Mounting a Depth Sounder and Anchor on an Inflatable Boat

by Ron Moll

Here are a couple of modifications I made to my boat. It works like a hot damn.

The first principle: Drilling holes is not an option.

First the anchor bow mount: The item consists of a Scotty Anchor Bow Mount, three pieces of wood and some bungee cord. The following three pictures give the idea.



Depth Sounder

Two pictures of my depth sounder:



Editor's Note: Another advantage of this system is that it can be readily moved and mounted on a variety of boats.

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.

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 (you could upgrade to a spey rod, or any of the other rods, for a nominal fee). You can pick the Islander fly reel and Rio fly line that best suits your chosen rod and angling needs. Many thanks to Peter Morrison of Leeder Sales (Sage and Rio products) and Barry Stokes (Islander Precision Reels) for their generous donation. - 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). Leave for the lodge in the afternoon of day 1, with a boat ride up Pitt Lake, then a truck transfer to the Lodge and your cabin on the river. Spend day 2 and day 3 exploring and fishing the Upper Pitt River, then return to the south end of Pitt Lake in the morning of day 4. Donated by Lee MacGregor and Danny Gerak of Pitt River Lodge- 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. Dates to be agreed upon by the winner and the mayflies (mayfly hatch usually occurs mid-July). Lac Des Roches is near Lone Bute, BC (1.5 hours drive from Kamloops)

Day 1- Guests arrive by 5:00 for appetizers and cocktails followed by a five course French gourmet dinner served with the appropriate wines Day 2- Breakfast followed by a day of fishing with Bill. Picnic lunch on board. Evening cocktails followed by a barbeque and lakeside campfire Day 3- Breakfast followed by another day of fishing. Picnic lunch on board. Cocktails followed by a second French gourmet dinner. All courses to be served with appropriate wines. Day 4- Breakfast and a farewell to Lac des Roches This trip is appropriate for a fishing couple or two fishing buddies. If there is a non-fisher lady involved, Lori will be happy to show off the beauty of the Cariboo. Bill and Lori cook in the French style and their menus includes lamb, duck, rare beef and fish. Dinner menus will be decided on prior to the trip to ensure you enjoy your stay. Donated by Bill and Lori Jollymore. This auction trip is for the summer of 2010. Contact Bill at 250-593-9305 to set dates- Retail = pretty hard to determine. This is a private donation. If it were commercial, retail would be in the vicinity of \$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 and has complete facilities with a stove, oven, microwave, TV and library, featuring local information. (Winner will provide own food and bedding) The Bella Coola River Valley is one of the most spectacular and beautiful places on the planet – especially in the springtime! The drive west from Williams Lake over the Chilcotin Plateau and down the switchbacks of "The Road" into the Bella Coola valley is a true adventure that one should do at least once in a lifetime. Fly fishing can be extremely interesting in the spring for cutthroat trout, and later in the fall for salmon. There are many drive-to, walk-to (or float to) runs and pools on the Atnarko and Bella Coola Rivers. All you need to do is bring your own bedding, food and boat (boat not really necessary as there are plenty of spots to access with a vehicle and on foot).

This prize has been donated by Rob Stewart, whose home is on this property. Retail = \$700 (This prize must be taken within a year from the April 24/10 draw date and arrangements re. dates should be made as soon as possible with Rob Stewart)

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

6- 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. His knowledge is extensive about steelhead fly fishing in rivers flowing into the Pacific Ocean, from Alaska to California. He is particularly well-known for his ability to tie very complex, fully dressed Atlantic salmon fly patterns without using a vise ("tied-in-hand"). His flies and fly plaques are extremely sought after as important collector items. They command considerable interest (and \$\$) wherever fly anglers gather. 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. This fly is from an earlier time in his career when he had time to focus on fly tying. Now he is too busy satisfying a growing number of art collectors with his incredible paintings. Renato's love of fly-fishing has also won him praise among the sport fishing community for his fly-tying skills, and he is considered one of the finest tiers in North America. In 1996, Renato was featured on "Casting Shadows", a Canadian-based documentary highlighting the history of fly-fishing and art that surrounds it. His paintings, limited edition lithographs, and intricate salmon flies can be found in collections around the world. This fly has been donated by Renato Muccillo. Framing has been donated by "All Things Fishy". 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'). Each print includes the actual fly tied by Art. Both the artist and Art Lingren have signed each work. Shadow box framing of each print is by "All Things Fishy". Donated by "Heritage Angling" (Blair Thomas). Retail = \$300 - \$400
- 11 - Chris Wesson - "Grand Slam" – (4 fully dressed Atlantic salmon flies in a shadow box frame) Chris has tied and donated 4 of his exquisite, fully dressed Atlantic salmon flies. He considers these four his "Grand Slam" as they represent some of the most famous of this type of fly pattern. Chris' flies are well known and sought after by Pacific Northwest fly tiers and collectors. The 4 flies are presented in a shadow box frame, created by "All Things Fishy". 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). The Inn is a fifteen minute drive from Merritt, BC. Corbett Lake is a private lake that is stocked with rainbow trout grown for the purpose by the Inn. This has been donated by Peter McVey, the proprietor. 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

NOTE: BCFFF will hold the raffle draw at their AGM/Dinner in Parksville at 'The Beach Club Resort' on April 24, 2010. Prizes will be drawn in the order that they appear on the raffle ticket. BCFFF will provide the winners with details on how/when and where to collect the prizes (phone numbers; e-mail addresses etc). Winners of trip/accommodation prizes are advised to book reservations as soon as possible after the draw date to avoid disappointment, and to be fair to the donors (with some exceptions, these trip/accommodation prizes will be for 2010). More information on the gear and the locations can easily be accessed by using Google on your computer.

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