

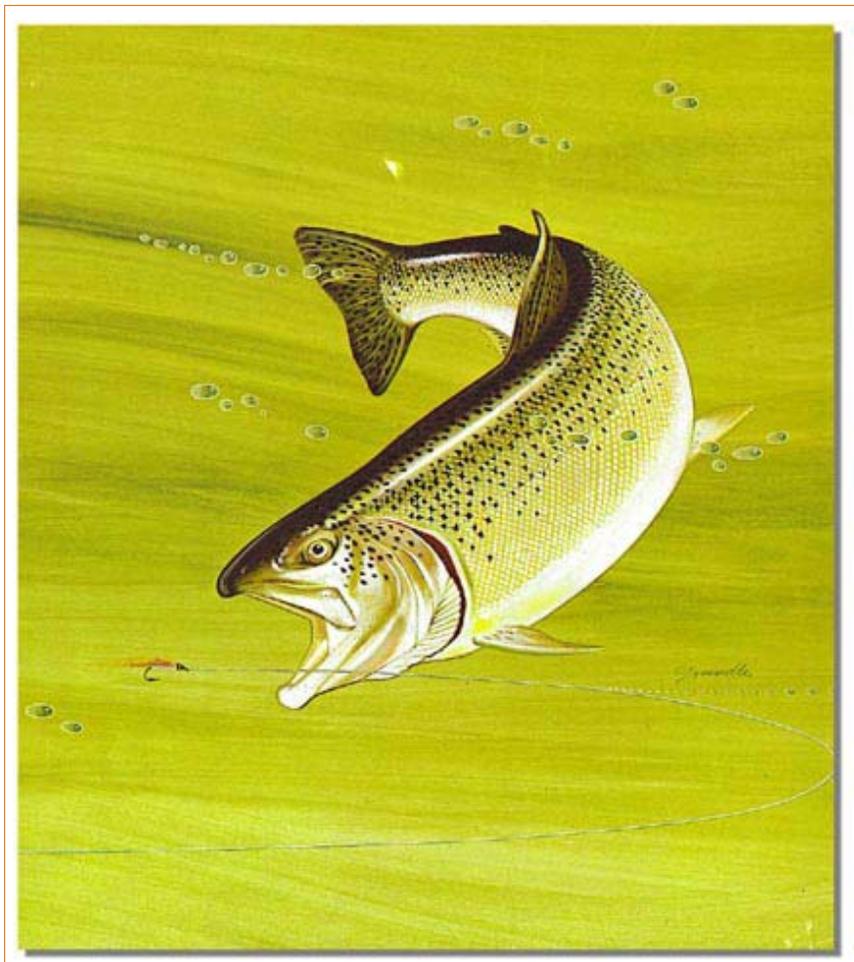


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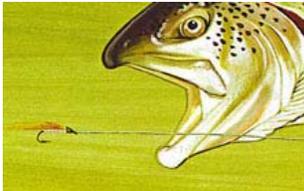
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From the President

by Peter Caverhill



As the newly elected President of BCFFF, I'd like to introduce myself by providing you with a bit of my background. I'm a life-long Lower Mainlander, and my interest in fly fishing began in earnest at age 14, after a brief sojourn with bobber and worm. This was at the end of the split cane era, and the start of glass and plastic. My favorite fly fishing adventure was a PGE train ride to Garibaldi Station where I would spend a day with the rainbows behind the Daisy Lake dam.

Time progressed, and I compromised my grade 12 finals by using important study time to finish an Earl Anderson- provided cane fly rod blank. I did, however, make it to UBC, took Zoology, spent several summers working for Fish and Wildlife, and actually graduated. I took a year of teacher training and decided that was the last thing on earth that I wanted to do. After a stint with DFO, putting rubber bands on the tails of dead sockeye at Owikeno Lake, I landed a permanent job with the provincial Fish and Wildlife Branch (Department of Recreation and Conservation, later Ministry of Environment etc. etc.). There I stayed, in fisheries management for over 30 years, mainly managing steelhead (so blame me for 2004). About the same time as the job, I married Linda (she still fishes with me, provided I don't ask her to fish "Hardhat", where she fractured her leg last summer after catching an extremely nice rainbow). I retired two years ago because the world was full of too many acronyms, and besides, it was time.

My lifelong love of fly fishing got me into the club scene (no, not that scene) early on. Several friends and I founded the Osprey Fly Fishers of BC in the late '60s and I have been around the BCFFF since it began in 1979. I have a special interest in fly casting and fly casting instruction. I tie rather crummy flies, and sometimes catch a fish, provided it's blind in one eye.

That's enough about me. What are my views for BCFFF, as we chug along through the next few years? Our mandate, distilled into its simplest form (with a bit of license from me), is to:- promote fly fishing; encourage and support the formation of new fly fishing clubs; work for the effective management of fish, fish habitat and quality, accessible angling; communicate with member clubs and direct members; and work with others on issues of mutual concern. We also have a responsibility to preserve our BC fly fishing heritage (how can we see ahead if we don't know where we've been?).

To accomplish our purposes, our first and most important necessity is to be strong internally. We must continually find better ways to encourage member participation in our essential tasks, and to get young people to enter the sport of fly fishing and the BCFFF. The need for internal stability is the reason why we are spending a fair amount of time on boring things like job descriptions, position statements, and operations manuals. We need to make it as simple as possible for people to get involved with the workings of the BCFFF. In reality, our first and greatest enemy isn't government, habitat destroyers or poachers. It is apathy. We must be constantly on the alert for this disease, and have the medicine to counteract it. Apathy and extinction are protagonists in the same play.

We must continue to work on the many fisheries issues that seem to keep popping up. Over the years, we have become a respected and credible organization in our dealings with government and other stakeholders on a variety of important issues. This must continue and expand. However, as a small, purely volunteer organization we must be careful to choose those issues that are most important to us. We can't fight them all. We must continually re-examine our roots, not getting sidetracked into areas that may burn us out and provide little reward.

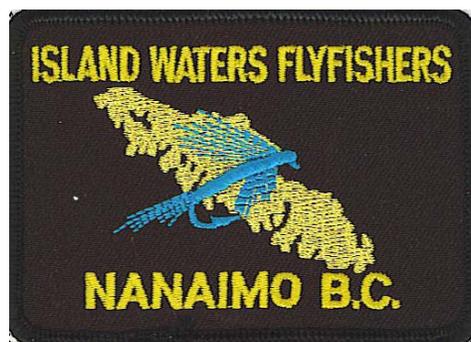
It is a challenge to lure youth away from the many interests presented by an urbanizing province, and into the outdoors and fly fishing. Without this recruitment, we will fail in our future endeavors to have nice fish in quality angling environments. The youth that will participate are tomorrow's voters. The short view is that we have enough fly fishers crowding our waters. The long view is that we need new fly fishers to guarantee any sort of future. While a number of BCFFF member clubs have youth programs, its time for the BCFFF to see what it can do in this area.

Communication with our member clubs and individual members is very important. We currently stand at 732 members in 16 active fly clubs in addition to direct and other classes of membership. In total, we hover around 900 BCFFF individuals. We are geographically spread throughout the province, and our fly fishing and fisheries issues can be quite different. Like it or not, e-mail and the internet are the most effective ways to share information. BCFFF "club contacts" are absolutely essential for our system to be effective. We need to always work to strengthen this link.

Membership in the BCFFF will wax and wane. Fly clubs come in and out of membership for a variety of reasons. It would be nice to think that clubs see the value in belonging, but this isn't always the case. We need to enhance the value of a membership in BCFFF or at least emphasize that the work we do on the conservation/quality angling front is worth the price of admission. I'm not big on trying to get larger and larger as an organization. I'd rather see us stay modest in order to effectively use our limited resources on the important stuff.

As my parting shots (thank god, eh!), I'd like to thank the Island Waters Flyfishers for so capably hosting the recent annual general meeting, they did a marvelous job! Also, I'd like to thank our past President Art Lingren, for his three years in the driver's seat! Art has done good work, and I sincerely hope that I'll be able to build upon this.

Pete Caverhill
President, BCFFF



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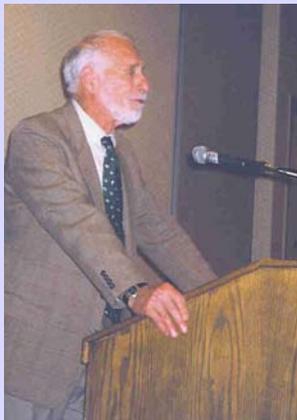
Outgoing President's Report By Art Lingren

First, this is the last time I will sit in this president's seat and talk to the members. Today you elect a new president. Above all else I want to thank the Board members who supported me over the past three years. I have said before that there is little glory and much work in volunteer organizations. In any given year, the collective volunteer efforts of a BCFFF Board amount to many hundreds of hours. Speaking for myself, I get so much pleasure from this pursuit called fly fishing and its ancillary hobbies such as fly tying, photography, and delving into its rich history that it is part of me. By doing volunteer work for the BCFFF and other fly fishing organizations, I feel I am repaying part of the debt I owe to something that gives me so much pleasure.



Rob Way and Brian Saunders are resigning from the executive today. Rob as BCFFF Secretary and Brian as Membership Director. Rob and I have known each other for a number of years but you do become closer when you serve as a member of the board on a volunteer organization. Rob is resigning his Secretary's position but will stand for election as a director at large. I didn't know Brian Saunders before he joined the Board and took over as Membership Director two years ago. He is a man with a passion for the fish and especially those of the Cowichan River. I want to thank Rob for his work over the past three years and Brian as well. It was my pleasure to work with both of you. Also, I want to thank John Warren who I will

replace as immediate past president once the new executive is elected later this morning. John has served this organization well and we will miss his wise counsel on the many issues we will be discussing in the future. And from the rest of the Board and membership I want to express our collective thanks for jobs well done to John, Rob and Brian.



The guest speaker at the dinner was fly fisher David Anderson (also Minister of Environment). David comes from a Vancouver Island family whose members have been casting lines on the Island's waters for around a century. David spoke about fly fishers being leaders in conservation, how important the water resource is and that we must continue to be engaged by expressing our opinions. The work we do is important and does protect the water resource that is life to fish. Art Lingren photo

The year from the last AGM to this one has sped by like a bullet train. It seems like just yesterday we were gathering in Penticton to celebrate our 30th Anniversary and here we are in Nanaimo at our 31 and celebrating Vancouver Island's Rich Fly-Fishing Heritage. The BCFFF had fingers in a number of pies this past year and some of those things will be highlighted in director's reports from others. I will leave it to others to provide details but some of the things we were involved in include:

- Ministry of Forest Recreation Sites: Our letters on this issue over the past couple of years helped convince the government to reverse its planned closure of many of those sites.
- Angling Guide Management & Classified Waters: This has been ongoing for about five years and it looks as if this is coming to the end. Rob Stewart summarizes the process in his report.
- South Coast Steelhead Coalition: The Georgia Basin steelhead runs are in poor shape as many in this room know. Gil Sage represents the BCFFF on the main group and Rich Ronyecz on the Vancouver Island.
- Senior Advisory Committee: To allow the Board to concentrate on the larger fishery-related issues, this year we set up a group of wise men to advise us on our administrative and operational issues. Don McDermid chairs this group and will report on SAC's activities.
- Letters on a number of issues: Coquihalla River opening, Thompson River steelhead, Sumallo River water extraction, Skeena River estuary fish farming, Dean River Protected Area to name a few.
- Central and North Coast LRMPs: Too, the BCFFF provided funds to look at the value of non-commercial sport fishing activity in these areas. All non-commercial-related recreation users (fresh water sport fishing about 2 million) contributed nearly 55 million to BC's economy.

Besides being involved in those issues we did produce a number of important documents.

- *Quality Waters*: defines what the BCFFF means when we talk of quality waters
- *BCFFFA History*: a summary of our 30-year history
- *Fly-Fishing Club Guidelines*: A thorough step by step instruction on forming a fly fishing club
- *Vancouver Island's Rich Fly-Fishing Heritage*: A capsulated history from colonial days up to present time.

It has been a rewarding experience working with the member of the Board and through my three-year service as your president I have enjoyed chairing the AGM's held in Victoria, Vancouver, Penticton and the first part of this AGM in Nanaimo. It is at our AGMs that you get to meet and know many of BC's fine fly fishers.

The fish cannot talk to those who are bent on destroying their world so we have to speak for them. The work we do for ethical and environmentally friendly angling practices, fish conservation, habitat protection, and maintenance of access to and opportunities for fishing on lakes, rivers and oceans is important. To serve is to protect their world.

Treasurer's Report By Ken Burgess

As you will notice in the "Profit and Loss Statement" we lost money in 2003. The reason is that we donated money to several projects that we felt were important to us as fly fishers. Money was donated through the recreation council, to a study of the economic impact of unguided angling on some of our major rivers. As well there was a donation to The Nature Conservancy toward purchasing some sensitive habitat in the Campbell River area, and another donation toward printing a pamphlet about the affect of sea lice on wild salmon. As of this statement the cost of printing Jim Kilburn's book was had not been full recouped from sales.

Our budget has an allowance for "Contingencies and Special Projects". For several years we have not used that. This year the projects came up that we felt worthwhile, and we were in a position to donate. We have ample reserves to cover this deficit.

Secretary's Report By Rob Way

One of the main duties of the Secretary is to conduct the correspondence, both internal and external, of the Federation. The medium of the Internet is proving to be an effective aid for distributing information and improving communication to and amongst our members and the general public, as can be seen on the BCFFF website. However, internal communication to members, specifically those who belong to clubs associated with the BCFFF, depend on their respective Club Contacts for being made aware of issues and information that is forwarded. Lack of follow-up by some club representatives has been a concern of the Board over the past few years, and appeals for improved expedition of material to members hopefully have been heeded. There are some indications that is the case; those who feel otherwise are welcome to approach the Board for further action and improvement.

The past three years as Secretary have been especially rewarding for me, associating closely with such dedicated individuals as comprise the Board, and participating in the considerations, and sometimes resolution, of important issues and concerns of the fishery and its environment; also, assisting in maintaining and promoting the functioning and viability of the Federation as an important and influential voice for concerned fishers.

For various reasons, at this time I am stepping down from the role of Secretary, and would like to thank the other Board members for their time and efforts expended on behalf of the Federation. Particular mention goes to Garth Fowler, who responded to my request for assistance in processing general inquiries that require further research and action, as well as for assuming the role of custodian of BCFFF collectables. Although leaving the main duties of Secretary, I plan to continue attending to and expediting the mail received at the BCFFF post office box, while it remains convenient to do so. In addition, I will continue to represent the BCFFF as Director of the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C. I feel sustaining the connection between the two advocacy organizations is important and, in remaining in this role, gives continuity and allows me to maintain at least some degree of involvement in the BCFFF.

Membership Report

By Brian Saunders

Current membership figure of 968 is accurate within approximately 10%.

Currently, there are 16 clubs active in the BCFFF. Every club belonging to the BCFFF pays \$5.00 for each of its members for associate membership in the BCFFF. These clubs include the following:

- Cariboo-Chilcotin – 31 members
- Comox – 59
- Cowichan (Duncan) – 58
- Haig-Brown (Victoria) – 63
- Island Waters (Nanaimo) – 58
- Kalamalka(Vernon) – 48
- Kamloops – 63
- Kamloops Women – 36
- Lonely Loons — 25
- Loons (Fraser Valley) – 24
- Mid-Island Castaways (Parksville, etc.) – 77
- Ospreys (Greater Vancouver) – 39
- Penticton - 50
- Totems (Greater Vancouver) – 46
- Westcoast (Sooke) – 42
- Westwater (Vancouver and Fraser Valley) – 13

The above clubs total 732 members.

There are a number of members that do not belong to a club but join the BCFFF as individuals and these are called direct members. There are approximately 55 direct members.

Supporting members are those who, through direct cash, merchandise, or services support the BCFFF. Currently there are 62 supporting members on the books but some of these are members of clubs as well, so a small number appear twice.

There are 13 life members who were past-presidents. Many of these are members of clubs as well so these may appear twice in the total membership list.

In terms of demographics, the majority of members come from the following areas: Vancouver Island (374), Coast (164), Okanagan (140), Kamloops (110)

Some clubs such as the Polar Coachmen (Prince George), Skeena, and Revelstoke are either dormant or have failed to renew their affiliations with the BCFFF. These do not represent a large number of members but did provide representation throughout the Province, hence it is a shame to lose them.

Items for consideration:

1. Overall, the membership numbers are healthy and reasonably stable.
2. It is not always obvious to some clubs what the BCFFF is doing for them as individual clubs or for their individual members. Perhaps we should clarify their expectations.
3. The clubs that have withdrawn or folded are those from the less populated areas. Should we be concerned about losing representation from certain areas?
4. Should the board be considering ways to “sell” the BCFFF to the clubs, or should it be obvious?
5. Should the board be considering ways to enhance the value of a BCFFF membership to individuals?
6. If not, is there any value whatsoever in issuing membership card?
7. The need for a direct membership category needs to be assessed.

Director for Direct Member Communications

by Danie Erasmus

Communication to direct members

1. New and renewed direct members are sent a membership package. Details of this package were disclosed in my report for the 2003 AGM.
2. Communication to direct members is still mainly through e-mail. I currently forward information disseminated to me from the president and secretary.
3. There are currently 15 direct members that have indicated that they are willing to assist the BCFFF either personally or professionally. These people are potentially a valuable source of much needed volunteers. I have these direct members names on file and can provide the board with names at any time.
4. A summary of direct member numbers since 2002 is included (Table 1). I have been director for direct members since January 2003 and do not have data of member numbers before 2002.

Table 1. BCFFF direct members

Year	Total number	Renewal from previous year	New members
2002	59	unknown	unknown
2003	55	29	26
2004 (up to April)	35	21	14

Although these data are only for a few years, renewal rate by direct members are low and should be improved upon. To determine the possible reasons for the low renewal rate, I developed the attached questionnaire. Any suggestions for improvement on this questionnaire are welcomed.

Information gathered from these questionnaires will be kept confidential and will only be used to try and improve communication to direct members.

Federation of Fly Fishers By John Warren

The BC Federation of Fly Fishers continues to support fly fishing on the international scene through its membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers. Based in Bozeman, Montana, the FFF also operates the Fly Fishing Discovery Centre in Livingston, Montana.

As I reported to the membership one year ago, the FFF continues to struggle with a potential re-organization under the direction of President Gary Grant. Part way through the year, the organization unexpectedly lost their new Executive Director, which has added to the turmoil the organization appears to be going through. Should the re-organization occur, the Board of Directors will be reduced in size. As the BCFFF have a seat on the existing FFF Board, we are concerned about the possible implications for the BCFFF. Earlier in the year, the FFF Executive disbanded the International Relations Committee, which may be a sign of things to come.

The Federation's premier event of the year is the Annual Conclave. This years event is being held August 16-21, 2004 in West Yellowstone, Montana. The event includes many workshops and events, and is a real "must do" for the avid fly fisher. Go to the FFF's website, www.fedflyfishers.org to get further information on the Federation of Fly Fishers and the August 2004 Conclave in West Yellowstone.

Gilly Conservation Fund Report By John Warren

Cat Stream Project

In 2003, the BCFFF Gilly Fund provided \$1,000 in funding for the Cat Stream Project carried out by the students at Fairview Community School. The funding was made through the Island Waters Fly Fishers Society, Nanaimo, BC, who along with TD Canada Trust, provided additional funding. The project involved the planting of more than 1,700 seedlings in Jingle Pot Marsh, the headwaters of the Cat Stream. The project involved over 100 students, promoting

stewardship of community streams and natural areas. The BCFFF involvement was handled by Dave Connolly, Island Waters Fly Fishers, Nanaimo, BC.

Penticton Creek Restoration Project

In March of 2004, the BCFFF Board of Directors reviewed a funding application for \$10,000 from the Penticton Fly Fishers for a restoration project at Penticton Creek. The area to be restored is located in the downtown of the City of Penticton. Prior to 1950 the creek was a prime spawning area for Okanagan Lake Kokanee. In 1948 severe flooding from the creek damaged a large portion of the downtown area and the Federal government stepped in and reconstructed the stream bed and banks with concrete.

Kokanee populations in Okanagan Lake have declined due to loss of prime spawning habitat. Recently, with improvements in other spawning areas, stream spawning kokanee numbers have been improving, but are still a long way from historical levels. The goal of this project is to restore the lower section of Penticton Creek, thereby adding additional spawning areas to the Okanagan system.

Penticton Creek has been upgraded over the years to support spawning kokanee and resident rainbow trout. The installation of fish ladders (HCTF supported), resting leaping pools and spawning beds helped to improve habitat for the fish. However, difficulty still exists for returning fish because of the design and construction of the concrete flume below the spawning areas. With the removal of the concrete flume the new system will greatly improve the population of returning Kokanee. The resident rainbow trout population should also improve.

The current proposal is for the removal and restoration of the first 100 meters during the summer of 2004. With subsequent sections removed over future years, the entire project should be completed in the fifth year to the eighth year, depending on funding. The project was approved by the BCFFF Board of Directors on March 6, 2004, and is contingent on the PFF obtaining additional funding from the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund or other similar funding.

The Gilly Fund Committee is pleased that the fund is being used for the betterment of our communities and encourages other BCFFF clubs to access these funds for similar projects.

Angling Guide & Classified Waters Review Update

By Rob Stewart

I am pleased to report that the Angling Guide & Classified Waters Review has finally wrapped up. Next time the group meets we should be meeting as a Classified Waters Board rather than a review committee. There are still many details to work out but thanks to the strong leadership provided by new Director Al Martin; we made more progress in this one meeting than we have in the past five years. Several action items are nearing completion and small committees have been tasked to work on the following issues:

1. Terms of Reference for local, regional, and provincial groups.
2. Refine Angling Management Plans.
3. Draft Toolbox for AMPs.
4. Test AMP template.
5. Finalize decision on how many Classifications of Waters we need.
6. River Guardian Program Link.
7. Data Collection: Guides reporting, Compliance and Enforcement.

All of these committees will be subject to group review so I think we will be very busy for the next few months. The next meeting is scheduled for late May.



Island Waters president Keith MacDonald in an auction-related discussion with Bob Adshead. Bob did a stellar job as auctioneer. Art Lingren photo

Mid-Skeena 2004 Report by Sharon Robertson

North Coast Steelhead Alliance

The North Coast Steelhead Alliance (NCSA) was formed in 2002 by a group of avid steelhead enthusiasts and industry stakeholders with the goal of preserving and enhancing the world renowned Skeena River summer run steelhead. Today, we remain committed to working with the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in developing a long term sustainable management plan for steelhead.

The North Coast Steelhead Alliance has continued to expand its membership and focus since 2002. We now represent a diverse group of recreational angling enthusiasts, user groups and sport fishing industry stakeholders from communities in the Skeena watershed and around the world. The NCSA believes that the stewardship of Skeena steelhead is a shared responsibility among governments, stakeholders and users. We accept this responsibility and are actively working on a number of new and innovative initiatives to contribute to this shared effort.

A primary focus of the NCSA is our commitment to working with all levels of government, communities and stakeholders to develop and implement a long term sustainable management model for the steelhead. We believe that the existing harvest rate management model for steelhead is outdated and must be replaced with a new model that addresses current conditions, while also providing flexibility to meet future conditions.

To do so, the new model must maintain protection of the species as a cornerstone, but also equitably balance pressures on the Skeena as a mixed species river system, including the interests of commercial fishing industry, sport fishing industry and recreational anglers.

In support of this goal, we are currently working in a public-private partnership with the provincial government to complete a DNA study of Skeena steelhead stocks. It is hoped that results of this study will provide a detailed and accurate picture of the individual stock status of Skeena steelhead. This information will be instrumental in developing a new management framework for steelhead based upon individual stock abundance on an annual basis.

Other efforts that the NCSA are currently undertaking include:

- Providing written input to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on the **2004 Pacific Region Salmon Integrated Fisheries Management Plan**;
- publishing and distributing a fishing etiquette brochure to recreational anglers during the 2004 season that builds on the excellent brochures already in existence but highlights the Skeena system;
- developing a "River Host" program to provide on-river hosts to promote responsible recreational fishing activities;
- Establishing opinion/policy statements on issues of significance in the area including: aquaculture/fish farming, inland commercial fishing opportunities, and the Terrace winter steelhead kill fishery;
- Engaging work on the economics of sportfishing in the Skeena watershed; and
- exploring new opportunities to work in co-operation with government(s) and/or stakeholder groups to improve overall stewardship of Skeena River resources.

The Alliance is also actively fundraising to support its work. Donations from friends of the Alliance will ensure that we can fulfill our responsibility to preserve the Skeena River for future generations. Watch for upcoming articles on www.flyfisherman.com and auctions for guided trips to the Babine on ebay.com.

I have been serving as Chair of the North Coast Steelhead Alliance for one year.

Outdoor Recreation Council Report By Rob Way

The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC is an umbrella organization of some 120,000 members in over 40 groups representing the full range of outdoor recreation activities. ORC continues to deal with complex recreation and environment issues that affect us all, by way of conducting policy studies, lobbying government agencies that attempt to control and regulate, and often restrict, outdoor recreation and access to public and

private lands, expanding public awareness, setting initiatives, etc.; all with limited staff and a minimum budget that is subsidized solely from private, corporate and NGO sources. Government cutbacks have included the complete withdrawal of provincial assist funding (some \$75,000 annually) for ORC, which speaks volumes, in my mind, of the priorities set by the current government. In spite of this, ORC remains an effective and influential voice for those who value the environment and recreation opportunities of British Columbia

Mission

Through research, analysis and advocacy, to conserve and enhance the settings. Resources and public access for outdoor recreation throughout British Columbia.

Past Year and Current Initiatives

- **BC Trails Day:** ORC hosted BC Trails Day on June 7th to raise the level of awareness and stewardship of trails. This also marked the first ever Trail Tally, conducted in locations in the Lower Mainland and Princeton. The tally will be conducted every year at this time, and will result in an invaluable data-set that tracks trail use over time.
- **BC Rivers Day:** BC Rivers Day was held on September 28, and was again extremely successful. It was the subject of a Believe BC media campaign this year. Preparations are underway for the 25th anniversary celebration of BC Rivers Day in September 2004.
- **Lillooet LRMP:** The conservation/recreation/tourism/community coalition celebrated the second birthday of Spruce Lake Protected Area in April 2003. Work continues on the land use plan agreed to by the planning table implemented. The current government is reviewing the plan, including the protected area, primarily in response to the mining lobby. The mining industry withdrew from the planning process and lobbied the incoming Liberal government for major concessions; as a result, the plan is still in limbo.
- **Central Coast LRMP – Economic Value of Outdoor Recreation:** In conjunction with the North Coast LRMP, ORC has conducted an economic study to determine the value of outdoor recreation to the province based on the resources of the LRMP areas. Western Economic Diversification Canada has contributed nearly \$48,000 to fund the project. BCFFF has contributed (\$2800) towards the project, as well as the Sea Kayak Association of BC and the Council of BC Yacht Clubs. The report is expected to be formally released in May of 2004.
- **State of Rivers Report:** In conjunction with the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, ORC convened a workshop to enable representatives of the environmental and river recreation community to review a draft State of Rivers report in June of 2003. Nearly forty people attended and provided advice to the Ministry on format and content.
- **River Recovery: Phase II:** Building on the success of the River Recovery Report of 2001, ORC is developing the 2nd Phase of the River Recovery project. More than one half of the project funding has been committed to date by the Vancouver Foundation and BCIT. The purpose of the project is to promote improvement of the health of our rivers through decommissioning obsolete dams and managing others to mitigate downstream impacts. Phase II will focus on the 95% of BC dams (existing and proposed) which fall outside of the BC Hydro umbrella.
- **Independent Power Projects:** ORC convened a meeting of river recreation representatives to discuss issues related to the recent proliferation of independent power project (IPP) proposals. ORC sponsored a letter from Mark Angelo to Honourable Stan Hagen, who was Minister of Sustainable Resource Management at the time, to raise a number of concerns and request a meeting. The letter indicates that in the rush to approve proposals, the process has been characterized by a number of shortcomings, including a lack of a province-wide plan, no assessment of cumulative impacts, questionable accuracy with respect to fisheries data, incomplete assessment of downstream impacts on fish habitat and inadequate consideration of recreational values. The cabinet shuffle delayed the first scheduled meeting. A meeting with the new Minister of SRM, George Abbott, has been scheduled for May 10th.

- **Provincial Trails Strategy:** Strategy facilitator, Les Carter, is meeting with government officials in various ministries and departments to discuss recreational trail policy recommendations. Preparations to draft a BC Trails Act are underway.
- **Risk Assessment for Ministry of Forests Recreation Sites and Trails**
The Ministry of Forests has contracted ORC to provide an inventory of the repair needs and a qualitative assessment of risks on user-maintained Forest Service trails throughout the province. A list of resources to be inventoried is being developed, and protocol on risk assessment in other jurisdictions is being reviewed.
- **BC's Most Endangered Rivers List:** The 12th annual list, representing the views of river enthusiasts across BC, members ORC and many of BC's river management professionals, was released this April and received substantial newspaper, radio and TV coverage across the province. Major concerns highlighted this year include threatened steelhead fish stocks, excessive water extraction and the proliferation of independent power projects. According to ORC Rivers Chair, Mark Angelo, "The fact that the Nicola and Coldwater rivers are topping this year's endangered rivers list reflects the broader need to better manage BC's water resources and, in future, we must strike a more appropriate balance between allocating water for development and ensuring protection of the needs of fish".
- **Commercial Recreation Policy and the Sea-to-Sky corridor**
ORC has been in correspondence with Bill Valentine, President and CEO of Land and Water BC, to raise concerns with respect to the proliferation of applications for commercial tenures in the Sea-to-Sky corridor that conflict with the Backcountry Forum zoning recommendations. ORC is calling for a moratorium on further issuance of tenures until the completion of the LRMP.

Senior Advisory Committee By Don McDermid

Background: The Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) was established in mid-2003 in order to assist the BCFFF Board of Directors with internal organizational issues. These issues are critical to the future effective functioning, and sustainability, of the BCFFF. Also, it was thought SAC's work would help to free up the Board members for dealing with the other issues facing the membership. Much of what SAC does will make it easier to run the organization and to encourage new people to volunteer for executive, committee or other jobs.

The SAC is comprised of 4 members of whom at least one should be a past president. All participants are long standing BCFFF members who have served on the Board at one time or another and have a good understanding of the organizational structure of the BCFFF.

Function: The purpose of the SAC is to assist the BCFFF Board with organizational issues such as:

- 1) The writing and assembly of an **Operations Manual** consisting of;
 - Detailed job descriptions for Board members,
 - Terms of reference for each of the committees,
 - A perpetual calendar
- 2) The complete review of the **Constitution and Bylaws** in order to clarify processes;
- 3) The construction of a **Five Year Plan** for the BCFFF;

SAC reports and makes recommendations to the Board.

Status: To date SAC has prepared and presented **job descriptions** for Executive and Board member positions and is awaiting approval by the Board before including into the Operations Manual.

Currently, SAC has identified **BCFFF Committees** and is preparing terms of reference / guidelines for each of them.

Concurrently, SAC and the Board are putting together a **perpetual calendar** which will identify necessary BCFFF tasks that occur over the course of a typical year ie. insurance and affiliation dues, resolutions for the AGM etc.

South Coast Steelhead Coalition

Lower Mainland Region Report
By BCFFF reps. Steve Hanson and Gil Sage

The South Coast Steelhead Committee (BCFDF, BC Wildlife Federation, BCFFF, Steelhead Society of BC, Streamkeepers Federation) holds formal meeting approximately every four months, the majority of it business is carried out via on going e-mail.

The SCSC received a \$4500 grant from the HCTF, this grant was intended to fund a project that would educate anglers and the general public on the Lower Mainland Steelhead Recovery Plan and the current conservation crisis facing the Georgia Basin Steelhead stocks. I regret to report that little action on developing such a plan.

In a fund raising venture the SCSC has participated in a collaborative effort with the BC Federation of Drift Fishers (BCFDF) and BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) to purchase the original art and 500 limited addition prints entitled "Survivor" by highly acclaimed wildlife artist Bruce Muir. Profits from the sale of this artwork will be used for project funding with allocation of monies being made by a board consisting of representatives of the SCSC, BCFDF and BCCF. Prints can be ordered on-line through the Greater Georgia Basin Steelhead Recovery Plan website at www.SteelheadRecoveryPlan.ca. This print is offered at \$125.00 (including taxes) with all proceeds used to support Steelhead Recovery Activities in the Greater Georgia Basin. Framed Prints are also available for \$275 (including taxes) upon request.

The SCSC had hoped to establish four regional committees in the Lower Mainland; at present three are active, Squamish, North Shore and Upper Fraser Valley. The hands on work is being conducted by volunteers at the regional level while the SCSC functions more as a co-ordination and lobby group.

The problems faced by steelhead recovery are immense, the hard questions that must be answered are what are we hoping to accomplish and how can it be accomplished. If the hope is to rebuild wild steelhead stocks back to historic levels the reality may be that it is impossible even if funding was available. The reality facing steelhead in the urban environment, and basically all of the Lower Mainland is urban, is that one cannot realistically expect to restore the habitat, and funding is almost non existent so what are we going to do. Certainly we should strive to protect further habitat destruction, we should attempt to increase in stream fish habitat and we must address the issue of what can we do to rebuild stocks. With regard to stocks it is my personnel opinion that we need to classify the various streams on the basis of whether the wild stock can be saved, in which case there may have to be restrictions on the fishery up to complete closure or whether the wild stock is basically extinct, which means the run is so small that it is no longer capable of sustaining itself, in which case we must consider some form of hatchery program.

South Coast Steelhead Coalition
Vancouver Island Report
By BCFFF rep Rich Ronyecz

The Island SCSC group has met 3 times in Nanoose, the last meeting was in the fall which I was unable to attend. Since then discussions have been held thru the informal email route.

The group is captained by Pat Ahern of the BCFDF. Other members include 2 other BCFDF members, BCWF (Ted Brookman shop owner of Teddy's Tackle), streamkeeper representatives (including Dave Clough-biologist), Castaways president, myself representing the BCFFF.

We are a loose organization that has had a few ideas to get funds together towards steelhead survival. The louder components of the group tend to be the BCFDF members who have a long history of discussions with Craig Wightman, the Ministry expert on Georgia Straight Steelhead stocks. Early this year word was out that a meeting had been secured with WLAP Minister, and was suggested that 3 representatives from the SCSC would be invited, arguably from the larger groups represented. That meeting ended up being held with 2 from the BCFDF, representing their own group. To their credit, they also carried letters from other SCSC groups.

The hatchery introduction of fish suggestions started at a reasonable level, and continued to a loud roar with BCFDF members threatening to quit the SCSC if government did not take advantage of the Goldstream Hatchery

offers to raise hatchery steelhead. What amounts to arm-twisting verbal abuse/insults were thrown at Craig and staff.

Voting took place on continuing with the Coalition, and was passed to continue for now. The latest stand from the BCFDF seems to have been toned down a bit, with some admissions that maybe we should proceed a little more cautiously with introduction of hatchery fish.

I have tended to support Ministry staff, who probably are the resident experts, and represent the best interests of long-term wild steelhead sustainability.

We must carry on in this political arena and try moderate the effects of such outspoken groups, as we truly have the best interests of the wild steelhead in mind.



The new Board at its working lunch. From front to back on right: President Peter Caverhill, Second VP Brian Saunders, Director Bob Taylor, and Treasurer Ken Burgess. On the left front to back: SAC chair Don McDermid; Membership chair Garth Fowler, First VP Gil Sage, Director Rob Way, Secretary Ron Schiefke, and Director Danie Erasmus. Art Lingren photo

Book Review

by Bob Jones

VANCOUVER ISLAND'S FLY-FISHING HERITAGE by Art Lingren
British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers

Good things do, indeed, come in small packages. In this case, a 5.5 x 8.5-inch, 32-page booklet written and edited as an obvious labour of love to commemorate the BCFFF annual general meeting held at Nanaimo in May 2004, and to recognize and celebrate the rich fly-fishing heritage of Vancouver Island. The author was Art Lingren, the editor Peter Caverhill, and the fellow tasked with the eye-crossing job of dotting the i's and crossing the t's, Rob Way. The end result is a neat little package that does precisely what a publication like this is supposed to do — educate the readers about the interesting history of fly-fishing on Vancouver Island, and do so in a way that makes for enlightening, interesting and thought-provoking reading.

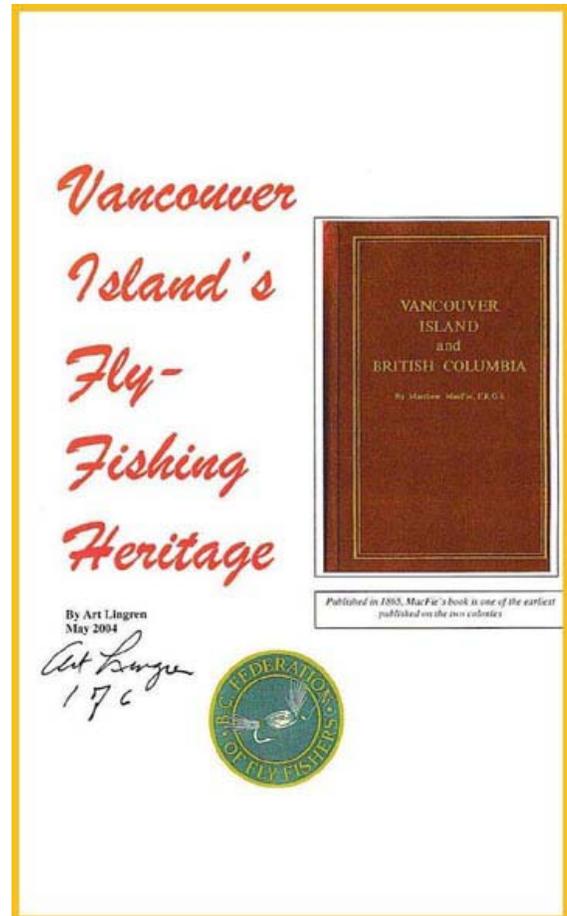
Many of the Island's important rivers are mentioned, including the Cowichan, Stamp and Campbell, and those who fished them in the early days and chronicled their efforts — General Noel Money, Roderick Haig-Brown and, more recently, Van Egan. Had this booklet been written a few years later, I'm sure it would include "younger" Island fly-fishers like Ian Ricketson, Kevin Reid and Rory Glennie, which covers a good spread of writers from their early 20s to their late 40s.

In addition to an encapsulated treatment of the history, there are short vignettes about the BCFFF affiliate clubs on the Island, and a detailed bibliography of books that have been written about fishing on the Island (not necessarily all about fly-fishing). All in all, it makes for a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening read.

I don't know if any thought has ever been given to appointing Lingren as the official historian of all things relating to fly-fishing in British Columbia, but if the powers-that-be ever decide to do so, he is certainly as well qualified as they come to fill the post. One need only look at the impressive list of books that he has had published over recent years to determine this — five that I know of thus far and another out this year. All are extremely well researched and documented, as is this outstanding little booklet.

If ever an "in house" publication deserved to be expanded upon and made available to the general reading public this is it (for a price, of course). And in that I include our school system, for I'm sure that young students would find Lingren's easy-reading historical treatment of fly-fishing quite interesting, and possibly tempt a few of them to investigate just what it is that we old fogies consider so intriguing.

For an e-copy of the booklet please see <http://www.bcfff.bc.ca/Vancouver%20Island%20Fly%20Fishing%20History.pdf>



The Classics in British Columbia

By Art Lingren



The Silver Wilkinson

Art Lingren Photo

If ever there was a group of flies that displays the elegance of fly tying it is surely the one that includes the elaborately-dressed Atlantic salmon flies from the Victorian era—1837 to 1901. Jock Scott, Silver Doctor, Red Sandy and a myriad of other patterns dressed with colourful feathers from all places in on the globe exemplify this era of classic fly patterns. Regal pattern names such as “Britannia”, “Balmoral”, “The Duchess and the Duke”, were indicative of a time when Atlantic salmon fishing was the sport of kings.

During Queen Victoria’s era, Great Britain was in its full glory with an empire that spanned the globe. Canada, Vancouver Island and British Columbia were colonies in this British Empire. Many of Britain’s wealthy gentry explored the sport of rod and gun in the colonies, and of course they introduced the Victorian fly pattern classics to many waters of the world. British Columbia was an important destination.

Horrace Annesley Vachell in his *Life and Sport on the Pacific Slope* (1900), for fishing the trout waters on Vancouver Island above Victoria, recommends:

“The fly of flies for these turbulent northern waters is the Jock Scott, of the size used in Scotland for small grilse. Buy plenty of these, tied by the best man you know, and take others of the same size and colour, like the Silver Doctor, the Silver Grey, the Silver Wilkinson, the Blue Boyne, and the deadly insect, the Alexandra.” (p. 237)

In 1908, Sir John Rogers came to Vancouver Island in pursuit of sport and fly fished Campbell River for trout and coho in the saltwater with fly. About the flies he found effective, he writes:

“*Flies*.—I started with the idea that the ordinary trout fly on No. 11 or 13 hook should



The Black Doctor

Art Lingren Photo

be as good in Vancouver as it was in Scotland. I had very soon to acknowledge my mistake—the trout preferred a small salmon fly on No. 8 hook: silver grey, silver doctor, Wilkinson and Jock Scott, I found the best patterns.

The coho took a 2-inch silver doctor and rose steadily to the fly.” (p. 69)

Bryan Williams in his *Rod & Creel in British Columbia* (1919) about the Jock Scott says that:

“It is liable to do good work at any time for not only trout but salmon and steelheads” and that the Silver Doctor “is often a very killing fly, especially with a bit of colour in the water, but it should be fished extra deep.” (p. 42).”

Roderick Haig-Brown, of Campbell River, recommends the Jock Scott and Silver Doctor in his early writings.

In *The Western Angler* (1939) he writes that, “One could fish satisfactorily through a season with a range of full-dressed Jock Scotts, on hook sizes from 1 or slightly larger up to 12.” (p. 164).



The Jock Scott— Probably the most famous of all Salmon flies
Art Lingren Photo

Roy Patrick (Patrick’s Fly Shop, Seattle) provides dressings in the Canadian, B.C. section of his *Pacific Northwest Fly Patterns* books, early 1960s editions, for the Jock Scott, Silver Doctor and Silver Grey. About the Jock Scott, he says:

“A British Columbia pattern generally for lakes, though it is good for sea-run cutthroat in the Fall of the year. Quite a bit of material and a challenge to a tyer, but well worth the efforts in the results.” (p. 69)

The classics enjoyed wide use, spanning nearly a century, on British Columbia waters. However, many of

these beautiful flies were just too complicated for the amateur fly dresser and they taxed the skills of many professionals. Patrick’s “quite a bit of material and a challenge to a tyer” is certainly an understatement. For example, the Jock Scott is truly a test of any fly tier’s skills. It requires over two dozen materials—some very exotic ones at that—and a considerable number of different tying steps to produce a single fly,. The Silver Doctor, with just a dozen and a half materials, is a little less complicated to dress. However, for this fly, local fly tiers realized that all the feathers in a Silver Doctor were not really necessary to have a fly that caught fish well. “The Big Bertha”, a simplified Silver Doctor, was a very effective fly on the Interior still waters and streams, from the 1930s onward. Even it was later replaced by simpler silver-bodied flies. The “Local Silver Doctor”, another simplification of this classic, was used on coast streams for cutthroat from the 1930s, and can still found in some coastal fly fishers’ boxes.

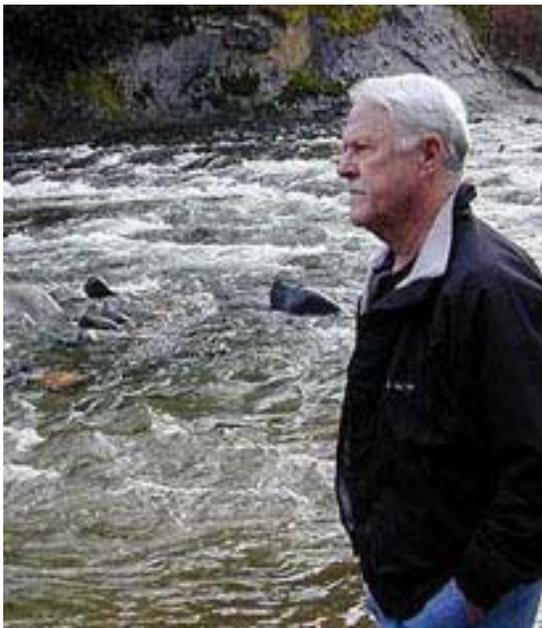
During the Victorian era, Britannia’s empire spanned the globe and the classics enjoyed use just about everywhere with the Silver Doctor and Jock Scott ruling the waters of far flung places. As the world changed for the British Empire, so did the use of the classics. Fly fishers no longer cast fully dressed Jock Scotts and Silver Doctors into B.C. waters. Fortunately, the classics do live on and over the past 20 years there has been a revived interest in recreating the elaborate beauty of these flies. An ever increasing number of fly tiers continue to develop the skills needed to find near original materials and to dress the elaborate and intricate classics. These flies now are not created to swim through waters, but to display and express the art and craft of fly tying.



This Gut-eyed Tarnished Silver Doctor dates back to the early 20th Century
Art Lingren Photo

Jack Grundle SFCA (1922 - 2004)

By Ian Beveridge in conjunction with Jim Kilburn



Another tall tree has fallen by the river.

For the majority of his 81 years, Jack Grundle lived little more than a stone's throw from BC's coastline, and his life was greatly influenced by the natural beauty that constantly surrounded him.

His business career spanned a period during which he worked as a commercial illustrator before progressing to becoming the art director of Canada's largest advertising agency. Subsequently, because of his enduring appreciation for wildlife and nature in general, he turned his talents to publishing, editing and illustrating a series of outdoor magazines and books. He spent his retirement years living in his beautiful home on the banks of the Oyster River on Vancouver Island, where he lived with his wife Lia, while pursuing his two primary interests in life... fly fishing and painting in water colours and acrylics.

Within the fly fishing fraternity in BC, perhaps Jack Grundle will be best remembered for his publications: The book *British Columbia Game Fish*; *Western Fish & Game*; *Western Fish and Wildlife*; and *Western Angling* magazines. Most recently the BC Federation of Fly Fishers was grateful to receive Jack Grundle's approval to assemble and re-publish in book format, Jim Kilburn's fly fishing articles from these magazines, including many of Jack's own line art sketches which had accompanied the articles when they were first published between 1968 and 1977.

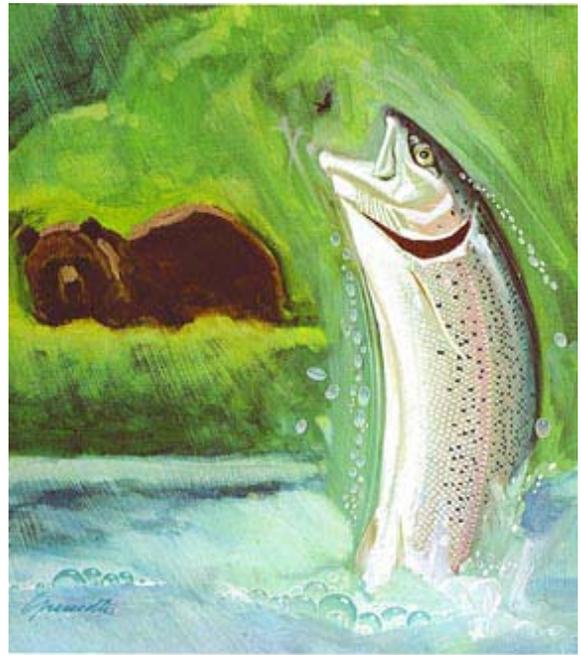
Jim Kilburn perhaps knew Jack as well as any angler during these days and remembers him as an outdoorsman who became ever more environmentally conscious with the passage of time. Among Jim's most treasured possessions is the dramatic water colour of the rainbow trout which was selected as the cover of Jack's 1970 classic "*British Columbia Game Fish*" to which so many of BC's well known anglers of the time contributed their knowledgeable input. This original painting was presented to Jim on the occasion of his retirement as the first editor of the Totem Fly Fishers Club news letter. Jack, who was also one of the early Totem members, designed the cover of several issues of this news letter.

Jim and Jack enjoyed fishing together and did so on many occasions, sometimes for the large sea-run cutthroats off the Sechelt peninsula beaches, other times for the big rainbows in the Interior Lakes. Indeed, one of the chapters in the recently published "*The Compleat Kilburn*" book, details an amusing episode when the two were fishing on "Jumping Chub" Lake (a pseudo name for Dragon Lake near Quesnel, which was substituted in the article to avoid any possible onslaught of anglers who might otherwise have poured in as a result of the story). On this occasion the pair was accompanied by Collin Schadrech and Mike Wolf from the Osprey Flyfishers Club. Jack elected to fish with his rather unkempt, tailless version of the Anderson nymph, with which he proceeded to dramatically out-fish the others until he finally succumbed to their whining and shared his pattern with them. Kilburn later declared the fishing to be his best ever day of troutng.

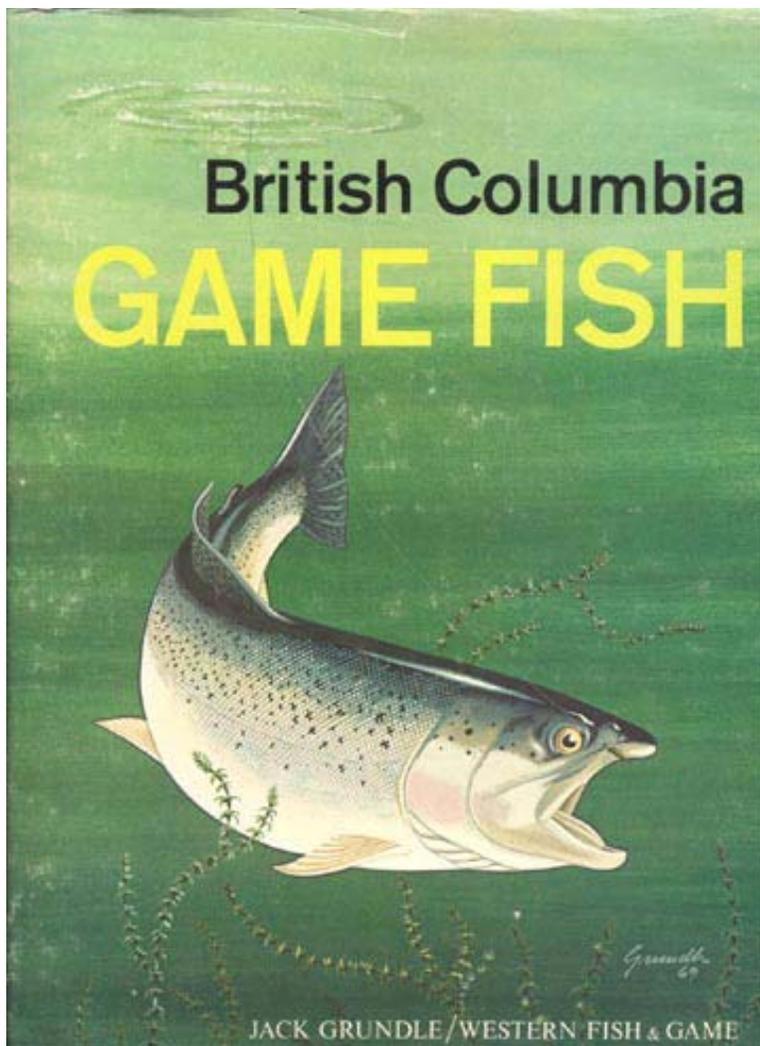
As a youth Jack lived for some time in Powell River where he flyfished for the resident and migratory cutthroat and rainbow trout in the adjacent watersheds. Later from his West Vancouver residence, Jack often travelled to the Squamish area to fish Lucille Lake, which at that time held some remarkably large resident rainbows.

It can certainly be said of Jack Grundle, that through both his publishing and angling accomplishments, he contributed substantially to the fly fishing lore of British Columbia. Perhaps more importantly, his art will continue to provide

enjoyment to those with the good fortune to have his work displayed in their collections. Through Jack's paintings, these individuals will continue to be reminded that this spectacular Province is one of the most beautiful places on earth in which to enjoy the wonders that mother nature has so generously bestowed upon those of us who have chosen to live in British Columbia.



Rainbow Trout



For those who are interested in Jack's wildlife and landscape artistic works, examples will continue to be displayed at his website <http://www.jackgrundle.ca> which Lia Grundle will be maintaining in Jack's memory. The Grundle illustrated Kilburn book is available via the BCFFF website.

Awards Report 2004

BCFFF permanent awards are presented at the annual Dinner/Auction. Not all of these awards are presented every year. Recipients are chosen by an “awards committee” and the Board, after canvassing the membership for recommendations. In addition to the permanent awards, the BCFFF tradition has been to recognize the many members who, over the year, have rolled up their sleeves and contributed.

For 2004 the following awards were presented by BCFFF President Peter Caverhill:

The Jack Shaw Fly Tying Award

This award is: Given in recognition to that BCFFF master fly tyer who has excelled in the art and craft of fly tying.

This year’s award goes to a BCFFF member who is a Canadian with one foot in BC and the other in Washington. **Bill Jollymore**, our master fly tier 2004, has 60 years with fur, feathers and tinsel. Bill started his stream and lake explorations in his native Nova Scotia. Later he experienced the Kamloops when getting there took considerably more effort than a frantically quick “one-dayer” up over the Coquihalla. The word chironomid hadn’t yet been invented. Bill was fortunate to have rubbed shoulders with many of the local Kamloops area legends as he honed his tying skills and ran the sport shop in town. As some of you may remember from a previous AGM in Kamloops, Bill is the “keeper” of the Bill Nation fly tying trunk, the only tangible asset that remains from this early pioneering fly fishing guide.

Bill has been a generous supporter of BCFFF fundraisers over the years (and those of many other worthwhile organizations throughout Canada and the US), with his donations of artistically created fly plaques.



For his excellence in fly tying, Bill Jollymore accepting the Jack Shaw Keeper Award from Peter Caverhill.

Bernie Heinrichs photo

(May 19, 2004 Bill sent letters to both Art Lingren and Pete Caverhill, thanking BCFFF for the award. Bill adds that he has been tying, now, for 62 years and, early-on, supplemented his income to help raise four children. His fly plaques and flies have raised a lot of dollars for conservation but this is the first time that he has ever received an award for this work. Bill fished with Jack Shaw in the waters around Kamloops, so this award is very special to him.)



David Anderson and Don McDermid, Don was this year’s recipient of the Gilly Award, which recognized his service to the BCFFF and the fishery over many years. Art Lingren photo

The Gilly Award

This award is:

Given in recognition to that BCFFF member who has continuously given exceptional service to BC’s Fishery, the Sport of Fly Fishing, and the BC Federation of Fly Fishers.

This year’s recipient has been around BC’s fly fishing, fisheries and conservation scene for many decades. He has a passion for critical analysis and debate, especially when it applies to the fisheries environment and its many issues. He has worked for the BCWF and was the founding president of the Seymour Salmonid Society (North Vancouver). He is always ready to lend a hand for noble causes.

Don McDermid is our 2004 recipient of the Gilly award.

Don has been with the BCFFF almost since its beginning, and has filled

a number of roles. On several occasions, he pulled the Federation's fat out of the fire by taking on the Federation newsletter "Flylines", when it looked like our paper was going to falter. These days, he is the chair of the BCFFF "Senior Advisory Committee".

The Angul Award



This award is:

Given to that individual, who is not necessarily a BCFFF member, for their outstanding contribution to the heritage of the Arte & Science of fly fishing in British Columbia.

This year, we go to Vancouver Island to find our recipient of The Angul Award. **Barry Thornton** of Comox is the man with the hyperactive pen, fly tying vice and general concern for the environment..

Long time conservationist and writer, Barry Thornton received the Angul Award. Barry is a retired educator, the founding chair and three times president of the SSBC and is involved with many other organizations. He is being recognized here tonight for his many contributions to BC's growing body of angling and outdoor literature. Amazingly, he has penned over 600 newspaper columns and magazine articles, as well as several books. In addition, he has pioneered fly fishing in saltwater for salmon and trout. He developed a number of original flies and techniques. Most of us coasters have heard of, and likely use, Barry's "Silver Thorn" and its several variations.

(Barry corrected the above figures when he came to the podium. They were very outdated. His written material has grown considerably greater).

Certificates of Appreciation

Thanks folks for you efforts over this past year!! Framed certificates were presented to the following BCFFF members and clubs:

Colin Funk
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Jaymer's Fishing Tackle	Howard Paish
Van Egan	
Kamloops Fly Fishers	



Many people donated items for the fund raiser. Your *Fly Lines* editor was successful in acquiring at the auction this oak fly box with etched stonefly nymph made by Harold Tinling and filled with Island Waters fly tying handiwork. Art Lingren photo



Front right Peter Huyghebaert organized and participated in the trade show. Art Lingren photo

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Three Vets
Fred Watts

Gilly Fund Update

by Garth Fowler



Garth Folwer reports that some Haig-Brown Fly Fishing Association (HBFFA) members visited the Goldstream River hatchery to place a HBFFA sticker on the egg sorting machine. The BCFFF, though a Gilly Fund grant, contributed funds towards the purchase of the egg sorting machine, which was of great assistance during this year's egg sorting process. Here is a picture of the machine sporting the BCFFF logo.



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- Direct \$15
- Supporting \$100
- Donation

\$ _____

- New Member
- Renewal

Yes, I/we want to become involved; please sign me/us up!

Name(s)

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Home Phone

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Are you interested/available to assist the BCFFF?

- yes
- no
- personally
- professionally