



Fly Lines

December 2013



Fly Lines is alive and kicking, but it definitely needed resuscitation. Although there has been widespread support for a newsletter, that support has not always translated into anyone taking it on! So we set up a committee.

We will all miss the polished appearance, the sharp line drawings, and advertisements that were in the “old Fly Lines”, but we felt it is more important to get on with the job than to produce a pretty product. It is more important to renew our communications with clubs and members. That is the mission for the

“new Fly Lines”. And toward that end, this is an appeal to all member clubs to inform the Fly Line editors about the activities of your clubs; send us website URLs, or addresses for newsletters. Let us know what you would like to see in **Fly Lines**, and what the BCFFF should do to further our goals of promoting fly fishing and protecting fish and fish habitat throughout the province. And what should we be doing to increase our membership?

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I would like to thank members of the BCFFF Board of Directors for their help in producing this newsletter. In particular, Peter Caverhill and Phil Rogers provided significant contributions.

Lloyd Erickson Editor

AGM

We would like to commend Rich Ronyecz for arranging the facilities for the AGM, and for the amazing associated activities on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday eve there was a reception with John and Bill McMillan in the General Money Library at the Crown Mansion in Qualicum. Twenty-eight people attended. Highlights were the food and longtime BCFFF members that showed up at Crown Mansion in QB.

Totems Lingren, Broomhall, and Kilburn presented the Totem Flyfisher's Haig-Brown Conservation award to Bill McMillan for 2013. Bill replied with a heartfelt speech touching on how Haig-Brown affected his life. Everyone was left feeling the emotion in the room, and McMillan's passion for wild fish.

Meeting Summary

The Annual General Meeting was held at Beach Club Resort in Parksville. Acting President Kyle Sawayama called the meeting to order at 10:18 am. A quorum was assured. Minutes from the 2012 AGM were read and accepted. No business was brought forward. Jim McEwan submitted the Treasurer's report which included the 2012 Annual Financial Report for the BCFFF operating account and the 2012 Annual Financial Report for the Gilly account. The bank (operating) account contains \$4,479, and the Gilly accounts total \$152,157. Ken Burgess (membership committee) reported we have 672 members. Ken Burgess (Gilly Fund) reported one grant of \$10k to SSBC for the Spius Creek project. He also notes that the Gilly Fund committee needs new members. Outdoor Recreation Committee representative is Rob Way; he will attend the ORC AGM in June. Peter Caverhill reported the activities of the Provincial Angling Advisory Team (PAAT). Topics considered in the past year included Thompson fisheries opening protocol, Steelhead hatchery report, the Province's proposed regulation changes, and a Public Involvement Engagement website.

- Correspondence: was routinely dealt with through the year.
- Old Business:
 - membership in FFF has been dropped because of the potential cost. Some BCFFF members continue to be members of FFF.
 - ORC membership was renewed.
 - Insurance costs were discussed. Expensive but will be continued.
 - Michael & Young "Spey Day" in April provided us with \$4000.

- Media: Kyle continues to update website, and a committee was formed to restart the newsletter.
 - Family Fishing Weekend: member Don Grimway represented us.
- New Business:
 - Kyle presented a paper for discussion “Goals Going Forward”, expressing ideas for the BCFFF to move ahead.
 - Access issues: -West Coast Fly Fishers (Garry Bettridge) expressed problems with TimberWest allowing access to some lakes in the Sooke area. A common and increasing issue.
- Election of Officers: 12 members were elected to positions on the Board of Directors. These are listed below.
- AGM 2014: Nothing was finalized. AGM will be held in May as usual.
- Final items:
 - Kyle suggested BCFFF explore ways to get some “Closed to fishing” areas opened, based on new tackle restrictions.
 - Joe Saysell asked for confirmation that “conservation” was still part of our mandate. Confirmed. Also, he reminded us about continuing the fly fishing only area on the Cowichan, and how it is important to protect.

No resolutions.

Adjourned at 12:42PM

Board of Directors

President	Kyle Sawayama
1st Vice President	Rich Ronyecz
2nd Vice President	vacant
Secretary	Peter Caverhill
Treasurer	Jim McEwan
Membership director	Ken Burgess

Directors	Rob Way Dan Holder Steve Hanson Jesse Blake Phil Rogers Lloyd Erickson Trevor Nowak Winston Jackson
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Saturday afternoon , Aaron Goodis provided a photographic presentation “Our Sacred Coast” . Aaron Hill, of Watershed Watch, spoke to us about “Factors Affecting Wild Salmon”.

Saturday auction was well prescribed with approximately 80 guests, and was followed by an excellent dinner at the Beach Club. The evening was topped off with Bill and John McMillan showing the slides of their newly released book, "May the Rivers Never Sleep" with amazing play by play of the book by John. We were lucky to have such wonderful people as our guests.

President's Report

Kyle Sawayama (delivered May 2013)

The past year has been a difficult one for the BCFFF. It saw now past president Greg Gordon resign, the inability of the Gilly Committee to carry out its duties as well as a host of other issues. The majority of the difficulty stems from the lack of people power. People who are interested and have the time to work towards protecting fish and fish habitat and advancing the interests of fly anglers in BC are seemingly in short supply. The fact that at this time last year I was not even on the board and in that time became a director, vice-president and now president speaks to the void in the BCFFF. In preparing this report, my first ever, I reviewed past reports and was amazed at how many people had been involved with the BCFFF in one or more capacities not even five years ago. Today we are nine board members, most of whom are quite committed, and a disengaged membership of about seven hundred. We need to turn things around and get the membership involved again. We need to get the board to capacity and we need people to make meaningful contributions, no matter the size.

Now that I've set the negative mood, I can say that the horizon is brighter. The current board, while small, is efficient and committed. We have added two new directors with Rich Ronyecz and Dan Holder. Together these two have led the effort to put on the AGM.

Since assuming the role of president in 2013, we have met monthly by teleconference to turn over quicker decisions and to effect change faster. A good example of this is the rewriting of the organization's position on fish farms and our financial contribution to the Raincoast Society to aid in ISA virus testing. We started discussions in March and as of today the money has been sent and the position paper is in the process of being finalized.

We have been in communication with Provincial Fish & Wildlife on two issues. The first being the way the Thompson steelhead fishery opening is managed and the second being the way they request feedback for proposed regulation changes. On the latter we asked them to change their timing and deadlines and they agreed. Instead of giving two weeks over the Christmas holidays to comment on a proposal, BC anglers will now have 4 weeks and they will be published in the fall.

We have given money to worthy causes such as the Divas on the Fly program and through the Gilly Fund, the Thompson steelhead habitat efforts led by the Steelhead Society of BC.

We have had a presence at the Outdoors Show at Tradex in Abbotsford as well as the Michael and Young Spey Clave in Chilliwack. The latter being a good financial shot in the arm with over \$4000 raised.

In the coming year I envision an increased and engaged membership. We can achieve this by:

- Leveraging social media and web-based forums
- A contact management system to ensure that our communications are getting out to the membership
- A new way for the board to communicate with a central file repository instead of relying on email and our own disparate and siloed systems
- A new website
- The ability for current and prospective members to renew or join online.

By having a larger and more interested group to draw on, our current human capital deficit should hopefully become a surplus. This will in turn give us a bigger stick at the negotiation table when it comes to competing interests that negatively impact fish, fish habitat and our pursuit of those fish with the fly.

New Members

We encourage all fly fishers to join a fly fishing club in their area. Also, we welcome you to become a member of the BCFFF directly. Please contact Ken Burgess at burgesskd@shaw.ca for more information.

Lethal Gear on the Thompson is Crazy (a letter by Bob Hooton)

Dear Minister Thompson:

Today your Ministry announced the Thompson River steelhead fishery would open on Saturday, Oct 12 [2013]. I'm instructed the opening is based on 21 steelhead caught at the DFO [federal department of Fisheries and Oceans] test fishery site on the lower Fraser. Your technical gurus somehow translate this to an expectation of a required spawning escapement (850 fish) six months hence that will magically seed the productive steelhead habitat of one of the largest steelhead systems in British Columbia. I'll offer that, at present, there might be a maximum of 500 steelhead currently in the Thompson River. For perspective, consider that a number of tiny summer steelhead rivers on Vancouver Island support steelhead populations not far off that number. Because the populations

supported by those rivers are so vulnerable and because their conservation has been led by forward thinking managers, all of them have been either closed to fishing or regulated on the basis of single, barbless hook, artificial lure only and catch and release since the mid to late 1970s. Call it enlightened. In fact every summer steelhead stream in the province except the Thompson has been managed similarly for almost that long.

A shotgun opening on a holiday weekend and the unconscionable measure of allowing the use of the most lethal terminal gear known in the summer steelhead world is the perfect storm for the obviously threatened, world renowned Thompson steelhead. I've seen all the numbers and the pathetic Ministry statement of 2012 that "the population has stabilized at a lower level of productivity" and I'm sure I'll witness the same lame defense again this year. What your people fail to understand is this is 2013, not the 1970s. The Kamloops Ministry staff have been completely out of touch and out of sync with the rest of the steelhead management world for that long. There is much room for debate on whether or not the Thompson should open at all but there is no informed opinion that the perfect storm about to unfold on those fish again this year is defensible. Conservation was once defined as wise use. The current regime in your regional office in Kamloops needs a major refresher on what that is in the world of the present. I can assure you it isn't a concept based on the output of a computer model developed for some Alaska sockeye stock and adapted by people who, if they ever did spend any time on the Thompson River during steelhead season, must have been willfully blind. For many years the anadromous fisheries specialists in your own Ministry, exclusive of Kamloops, have been openly critical of the "management" approach on the Thompson. It is high time the isolationists are brought into line. At the very least you need to abandon the opening day syndrome and the use of bait. The smarter approach is to begin the season with the fishery open, not closed. Monitor the activity through a properly designed creel survey until it becomes clear whether or not there are sufficient fish present to maintain fishing opportunity. If there aren't, no one will object to closing the fishery. Everyone except a handful of numbers focused bait slingers gets something out of that – the business community far more certainty, the anglers more opportunity, the fish more protection and, not the least, the Ministry a touch of much needed credibility and respect.

Sincerely,

R.S. Hooton
Fisheries Biologist, retired.

Proposed Interior Fraser Steelhead Fisheries Changes

Recently the Province proposed changes to the management of the Thompson steelhead fishery and to a lesser extent, other interior Fraser steelhead fisheries. At a high level, the Thompson fishery will change from the current closed-until-

open regime to open-until-closed. This was something the BCFFF board, along with several other angling organizations, requested. The BCFFF requested that should the opening protocol be changed, there should be more restrictions put in place to reduce angler impact. The proposal has three main points:

- A. Time and area sensitive bait ban
- B. Hook size restriction
- C. Lowering of the escapement requirement

Regarding point A, this is a good start however there are some issues. The proposal calls for a bait ban from Martel to the Fraser confluence from September 20th until close however in the 1km section of the mainstem Fraser just below the Thompson/Fraser confluence, bait is permitted up until Oct 1. The proposal provides no rationale for this discrepancy. Why are the fish being subjected to bait downstream for a longer period of time than they are upstream? It also contradicts the regulations simplification process that the Province has been advocating lately. If a date sensitive bait ban is to be implemented, we think the dates should be consistent across the fishery. In this case, the bait ban in the 1km Fraser section should start Sept 20.

Recent research indicates that sodium sulfites found in bait cures leads to fairly high mortality rates in juvenile salmon and steelhead that consume them. Having the bait ban implemented as proposed will benefit the large majority of the returning adult population but we are concerned about what happens to the juvenile fish the rest of the year as well. The success of any run begins with a healthy juvenile population so they must be protected as well. This issue goes beyond the Thompson to all wild steelhead streams but it is worth mentioning.

Regarding point B we think this is a good measure. A 15mm gape matches up to about a 2/0 hook which is still plenty large for most fly anglers.

Regarding point C, we are troubled by this change in position to a goal of 650 fish. While the Province has said it has a rationale for it, we have yet to see it. Does this figure provide any buffer in the event of an imperfect sex ratio and/or less than optimal spawner distribution over the assumed productive reaches of the system? Has our understanding of the river's carrying capacity, which has been studied fairly extensively over the last 40 years, really changed that drastically?

All of this leads to the overarching fact that we do not have a comprehensive Thompson Steelhead recovery plan that deals with the larger issues such as interception by the harvest fisheries along the fish's migration path as well as habitat loss and degradation through stressors like water extraction.

Regarding the other Interior Steelhead fisheries, such as the Chilko and Chilcotin, the period of angling opportunity is extended however there is no

proposed change in regulation to lower angler impact as a safety factor. We think it would be prudent to do so in a similar fashion to what is being done for the Thompson.

We encourage you to respond to the Thompson proposal as well as the Interior Fraser proposal with the points that we have outlined. The easiest way is to register on Fish and Wildlife's engagement website found here:

<http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/ahte/>

Fish for Thought

Trevor Nowak

The more I think about it, the more I feel like the attitude of anglers needs to change long before any rules or regulations change.

Laws and restrictions can always be broken and without enforcement of them, there will always be a growing number of people willing to break them. I am all for clearly promoting the use of "fly fishing only" restrictions in order to protect high value fisheries (that is "fly fishing" as defined in the provincial regulations and synopsis). But we have to be careful about lobbying (for lack of a better term) for more rules and restrictions in one direction. Courses in order to obtain a license, dry-line only sections, limits to released fish are all great ideas warranting in-depth discussion, but the rules and restrictions are only going to be effective if they are going to be enforced.

Furthermore, the effort to create stiffer rules and regulations becomes a steepening up-hill battle. The put-and-take fishery in BC is largely what drives the freshwater fishing regulations and licensing process. Am I wrong to assume this? The majority of license holders treat freshwater fishing as an amusement park ride; I paid for my license, now I better catch fish! The stiffer the regulations get, the more and more anglers are inclined to break the rules and, ultimately, stop purchasing licenses.

In addition, there are a number of devout fly fishers out there who have a piss-poor ethic when it comes to catch-and-release fishing. Just because an angler practices catch-and-release does not make him (or her) a saint. Who is having the greater impact, the conventional angler who stops fishing after getting their limit, or the idyllic fly angler hooking and releasing dozens of fish all day long before retiring? That's not to say that we should all be harvesting what we catch, but as a biologist I often question the point in having a 20 fish day if all I am going to do is release them. This then calls into question the idea of 'point-free' hooks to entice takes but not actually capture fish. The impact is still there... however diminished it might be from using a hook with a point. Groups like PETA, etc. will really start to question our intent and the term "torture and release" may start to get thrown around again.

In summary, the sporting "attitude" needs to change first... I think... then we work towards the rules and restrictions.

South Coast Angling Advisory Team (SCAAT) – Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)

The long established Provincial Angling Advisory Team (PAAT) that BCFFF participates in has been pushing for the establishment of regional advisory teams. At the 2013 spring PAAT meeting the Assistant Deputy Minister for the South Coast Region made a commitment to establish an advisory team in his region for 2014. The SC Region encompasses the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and up the coast to Bute Inlet and up the Fraser River to just north of Yale. Provincial staff in the SC Region have been working on getting this team going. They have developed a draft Terms of Reference for how the team will operate.

The South Coast Angling Advisory Team was launched on December 5, 2013 with an orientation meeting held in Surrey, BC. It took place at the Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) regional offices. All major angling organizations were invited to participate on the team. The group will meet each spring to review potential changes to regional angling regulations in the freshwaters and possibly other fisheries management topics. The South Coast Region (formerly the Lower Mainland Region or Region 2) encompasses the lakes and streams of the southwest mainland corner of BC and extends as far north as Bute Inlet (Homathko and Southgate Rivers).

In attendance for BC Federation of Fly Fishers were representatives Jim White (Loons Fly Fishing Association, Vancouver) and Wayne Jones (Osprey Fly Fishers of BC, Coquitlam). Jim will be the "primary" and Wayne will be the "alternate" for BCFFF on the team. Pete Caverhill (BCFFF, Secretary) also attended this initial meeting.

Regional FLNRO biologists and staff provided an overview of the South Coast Region and the role that each had in managing the region's freshwater fish (ie sturgeon, Skagit River/Ross Reservoir, steelhead, small lakes, reservoirs and Kokanee, urban lakes, First nations treaty implementation, permits and licensing). A draft Terms of Reference for the team was also reviewed along with the angling regulations time table. The next 2 year Freshwater Angling Regulations synopsis is due out in spring 2015.

This meeting was very well organized and provided a useful orientation for the team, which will begin the annual meeting in March/April 2014.

BCFFF thanks Jim and Wayne for stepping up and volunteering to represent our organization on the South Coast Angling Advisory Team.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Don McDermid (March 5, 1940 – August 30, 2013)

Born March 5, 1940, son of Don and Alene McDermid, Don grew up in Kerrisdale, Vancouver, where the family had greenhouses. He attended UBC where he majored in botany.

Don's career included a stint at Columbia Cellulose, and a job with Econotech, a private research company. He worked in several fish and wildlife organizations. As well, he had several businesses including a West Vancouver florist shop and a North Vancouver home -based fly tying shop.

Don married Ingrid Gustaffson in 1965; they had 2 children. They later divorced. Don married Marsha Corner in 1995 where they were very active with the North Shore Alliance Church. Don had 3 grandchildren.

Don's passion was flyfishing, and he was a member of the Ospreys Fly Fishers of BC. When he moved to Campbell River he joined the Comox fly fishing club. Don received many awards for conservation work. Don also loved gardening, especially the cultivation of orchids. He also loved baking and cooking, and was a fan of the BC Lions, and the Vancouver Canucks.

On May 25, 2013 Don was elected 2nd vice president of BCFFF at our AGM. He volunteered for the newsletter committee and his suggestions will help make it a better product. Thanks Don.

Peter Morrison

Peter crossed to the other side of the river and disappeared into the mist on November 5, 2013

I have to put some thoughts and feelings down. It's an imperfect way to try to come to grips with this tragedy.

Like so many at this time, I am in a state of sadness, confusion, and disbelief. Why? Where are the answers? Peter is gone – way too soon and under unfathomable circumstances.

I considered Peter a favorite friend even though our get togethers were sporadic. Our paths first crossed over thirty years ago when Peter and his young friends were immersing themselves in the lure and lore of hunting and fishing. I think they held me a little in their awe, since I was a local government fish biologist and a fly fisher to boot. This awe was probably unfounded but I enjoyed the appreciation.

Over the years, I watched Peter as a sales rep for tobacco products and technical drafting pens, and then move (very enthusiastically) into his real passion – dealing in sales of fly fishing gear and other related doo-dads that we fly fishers like to dream about and sometimes buy. This was the big leagues. Peter was always very generous with "samples" and "discontinues". I still have a technical pen and a dried out high-end cigar in an aluminum tube. I used to look

at the cigar every once-in-a-while and wonder if I should light up? However the alarm bell in my conscience would sound. I had given up smoking years ago for ticker protection.

In the 90's, the Federation of Fly Fishers was evolving the fly casting instructor certification program. Peter and I were determined to get our certifications – Peter, because it would be a natural attribute to his profession - and me, because I always loved the beauty and skill of fly casting. We worked hard together training for the tests. We mentored each other. We got the first step, casting instructor certification (CI), and then it was on to the Masters level (MCI). In getting ready for this, we spent many hours pounding our lines at targets and distance markers on grassy schoolyards. I remember how tough we found it to achieve the required 90 feet consistently. After lots of work, we got the elusive 90 feet and the other tests. We got our Masters together in Montana at one of the FFF conclaves.

With our MCI certification we were allowed to test candidates for the CI certification. This requires two masters, so Peter and I, on many occasions, got together to do this. One time was at Whistler, where we ran six employees of a local fly shop through the tests at Rainbow Park on Alta Lake. This took most of the day, and we were eaten alive by blackflies. Some years prior to this, we tested an enthusiastic young fellow under freezing conditions at Lafarge Lake in Coquitlam – he didn't quite make it. Some months later, the rescheduled test was in a deluge of rain at the university grounds across the street from Lafarge Lake. Peter and I stood under the cover of a building while our candidate shivered in wet clothes in the downpour. He passed with honors, and later went on to get his MCI and Two-handed Casting Instructor (THCI) certification, and has become very well-known in most fly fishing circles.

My last sit-down with Peter was this past spring at a Starbucks in Poco. Peter had agreed to work with me to analyze the fly casting efforts of a number of my fellow Osprey Fly Fisher club mates whose casting had been captured on video. Our visit, as always, combined the task at hand with other chit-chat about life in general. Peter's eye problem was there but he seemed to be dealing with it effectively along with a number of other concerns. Who is to ever know? We question ourselves! Could we have seen and helped!? If only...!

So, we are left with an enigma! How could our dear friend Peter, who was so generous with his time and donations; who was so capable in the skills of the fly fisher and hunter; who always appeared positive; and who was so well known and appreciated as a friend to all, decide to leave all of us in such a state of wanting to understand (and possibly to have helped)? Our lives are poorer without Peter!

Pete Caverhill

CLUB REPORTS

Penticton Fly Fishers

The Penticton Flyfishers (PFF) was formed in June 1979 and registered as a non-profit society on March 31st 1980. The founding members of the club were Harry Shaw, Bob Cavill, Rene Barone, Bob Barkwill and Patricia Hill

The purposes of the Club are;

- to practice and promote fishing with artificial flies;
- to support and further fish propagation, research and conservation of all fish species throughout BC;
- to support and encourage the preservation and development of lake and stream waters for the practice of fishing with artificial flies;
- and to support MFLNRO in projects which are intended to enhance fishing opportunities generally.

During it's early years the PFF managed a hatchery on Penticton Creek that helped maintain a genetic pool of kokanee for Okanagan Lake. This hatchery was needed to offset the devastating loss of natural habitat caused by the channelization of Penticton Creek for flood control measures in the 1950s. In the 1990s the PFF took on the responsibilities of looking after two sets of fish ladders and spawning beds that had been constructed in the creek. The hatchery was closed and the kokanee run has relied on the dedication of the PFF to maintain the ladders and the spawning beds to this day. This year we added a new large holding pool for the kokanee at the start of the first fish ladder. This pool provides a large structure for the fish to stage and rest in prior to ascending the ladder.

The PFF has assisted MFLNRO in various fish related projects and lake stewardships throughout it's history. The PFF continues to maintain two docks on Yellow Lake. This year the PFF assisted in the addition of a 65 ft long fishing dock on Yellow Lake. This dock provides a great opportunity for family fishing and has been well utilized by the general public. For several years the PFF hosted the Family Fish Day in the south Okanagan. We were not able to host the event for the past two years due to the lack of a suitable location. With the arrival of the new fishing dock on Yellow Lake we are hoping to restart this event.

The PFF has assisted in the care and maintenance of Sawmill Lake, which remains the only catch & release, trophy, artificial fly only lake in the south Okanagan. Rainbow trout in excess of ten pounds have been caught in this lake.

In 2011 and 2012 the PFF assisted MFLNRO in a Mark and Recapture Study on Enhanced sections on the Kettle River.

In 2011, the PFF assisted the Okanagan Native Alliance in their project to restore sockeye salmon to the Okanagan. The last two summers have seen a sockeye

fishery open in Osoyoos Lake. There is a possibility that this opening may be extended this year.

This year MFLNRO asked the PFF to assist them in reintroducing Kokanee into Ellis Creek. Ellis Creek is a major stream that flows through the City of Penticton into the Okanagan River Channel that enters into Skaha Lake. Ellis Creek was a major kokanee and rainbow trout spawning creek that has lain fallow for numerous years as a result of industrial development and major silting. Various agencies are involved in an attempt to restore Ellis Creek to a natural state. We have reopened the Penticton Creek Hatchery and are now in the process of rearing kokanee eggs collected from the Okanagan River channel this fall. The fry will be released into Ellis Creek early this spring in an attempt to restart the Ellis Creek run. If this reintroduction of kokanee proves successful than we will attempt to restore the rainbow trout to the creek.

After a failed attempt at restoring Penticton Creek to a natural state in the early 2000s the PFF is once again involved in an attempt to restore this major Okanagan creek. If we can remove the existing concrete flume and restore it to it's native state, the creek should once again be one of the top three spawning kokanee and rainbow trout streams for Okanagan Lake.

While keeping busy with these projects the PFF remains an active fishing club. We hold several club fishouts throughout the fishing season. This past year saw fishouts on Darke Lake, Link Lake, Idleback Lake, Kettle River, Salmon Lake and several other locations. We had the privilege to have hosted a casting clinic by Dennis Grant in October. Dennis is the owner of the Atlantic Fly Casting School in Nova Scotia and has been a master casting instructor (both single and two handed) and examiner for the FFF for many years. This fall he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in Casting by the FFF. This was the first time a non-American has won the award.

The PFF supports several local charitable organizations such as Good News Bears (Food Bank) and the Heart & Stroke Society.

The PFF has 48 active members and meets in the Old Railway Building on Hastings St in Penticton on the first Thursday each month. We hold a fly-tying night at the same location on the second Thursday each month. All BCFFF members are welcome to attend these meetings if you are in the area.

Phil Rogers
Penticton Flyfishers

