



March 2009 Castaways Fly Fishing News

The Mid-Island Castaways Fly Fishing Club – Parksville & Qualicum Beach, B.C.

The Mid-Island Castaways Fly Fishing Club is a non-profit society formed in 1996 by a group of anglers in the Parksville/ Qualicum area. The purposes of the Club are;

- to practice & promote the sport of fishing with artificial flies
- to practice and promote the research, conservation and enhancement of all sport fish in British Columbia
- to support and encourage the preservation and enhancement of lakes, streams and beaches and the access thereto for the practice of fishing with artificial flies
- to encourage fellowship, ethics and sportsmanship amongst anglers.

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February General Meeting

Date Tuesday March 17

PLACE : Qualicum Civic Center

LOCATION : Qualicum Beach

Doors Open 7 pm

Meeting Starts 7:30 pm

Speakers :

Ken Kirkby will be providing a short update on the kelp seeding and restoration efforts in Bowser with the Nile Creek Enhancement Society . .

Pete Caverhill - BCFFF - Representative to present overview of the BCFFF, their purpose, present activities, etc.

April Meeting

SPEAKER: Ian Roberts - Marine Harvest
Discussion on fish farming

Future events

March

Pub Lunch Meet March 21

The Shady Rest, Qualicum Beach, BC

NOTE: TO BE CONFIRMED PENDING INTEREST.

Please advise your interest to Chris Lee cla@christopherlee.com a.s.a.p.
All Other Events Scheduled Go To Our Website

PRESIDENT ELECT CHRIS LEE



I don't know about you but I simply do not know where time goes - it simply does. Your new Executive has met and we have laid out some areas where we feel more emphasis needs to be placed. Of particular frustration, at least for me, is the whole issue of fish outs. The problems associated with this activity lie in trying to arrange for someone to assume responsibility for planning and arranging club fish outs.

The February fish out was cancelled due to weather, snow, and low water conditions. Fair enough, but I would like to commit the club to monthly outings. We are working on this and I must ask for your patience here.

We are moving towards implementing more findings within our survey which should benefit the club greatly. We are also aggressively pursuing interesting speakers on topics of the day. All this takes time so again be patient.

Speaking of being patient I have had **two** responses to the suggested Pub Lunch on March 21st, 2009 @ 11:45 am - Shady Rest Pub. Obviously this is a sign of disinterest even though many have expressed a desire to have such social gatherings. It would be easy to cancel this initiative out of frustration, but will see what a reminder brings.

A reminder of our general meeting on March 17th, 2009 at 7 PM - should be an interesting meeting with two presentations by:

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See you on the 17th ...

Chris

Do You Know: Steelhead? Quick Facts:

- * Scientific name: *Oncorhynchus mykiss*.
- * Steelhead were at one time considered a trout species but have been discovered by biologists to be more closely related to Pacific salmon than other trout.
- * The fresh water variant of steelhead is known as rainbow trout.
- * Unlike most other Pacific salmon, some steelhead individuals live to spawn more than once.

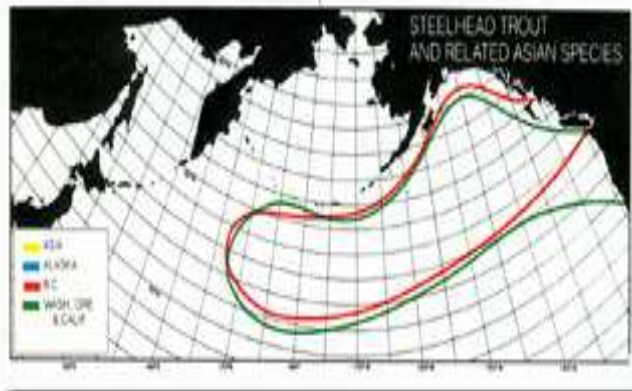
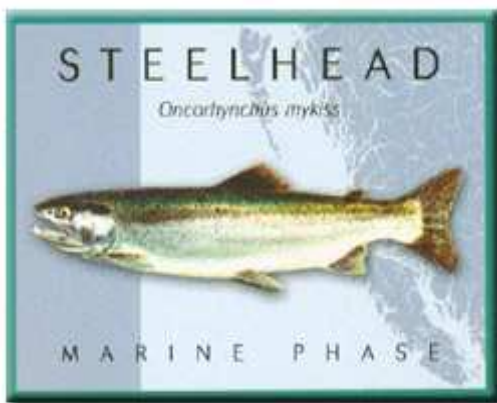
A legendary fighter, the steelhead has a long history in BC's angling community, although recent population declines in the Georgia Basin area have seen many protective measures come into effect in order to restore dwindling stocks.

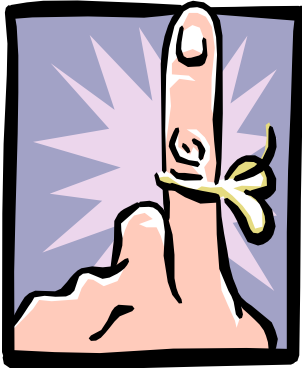
Steelhead trout can be found from southern California to the Alaska panhandle, with major spawning grounds centered between Oregon and northern BC in coastal rivers and streams as well as tributaries to major river systems.

Steelhead live up to nine years and spend between one and three years in freshwater before smolting and entering the ocean. After spawning, many adult steelhead return to the sea and some (up to 20 per cent, mostly females) return to freshwater after recuperation to spawn a second time – unlike other Pacific salmon which die after their first and only spawning. Some individuals can spawn many times and those that repeat spawn are referred to as “kelts”. Young steelhead live for one to three years in fresh water before travelling to the sea as smolts. This migration takes place in spring. Normally two or more summers are spent in the Pacific Ocean before the steelhead return to seek their spawning streams at the age of four or five.

Young steelhead are brightly coloured with tints of red, green-yellow, orange and gold. Drawing: Steelhead in Spawning Phase As they mature they more closely resemble the Atlantic salmon in structure and appearance with heavier spotting. Steelhead differ from other Pacific salmon in having a shorter anal fin containing less than 12 supporting rays. When in the sea the body is mainly silvery with a blue back. At spawning time, a band of red colour develops along each side of the body.

Material for this page taken from Underwater World: Pacific Salmon and The Incredible Salmonids (out-of-print), and additionally supplied by the Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Branch of DFO.





2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

* \$ 50 IS NOW DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE CLUB

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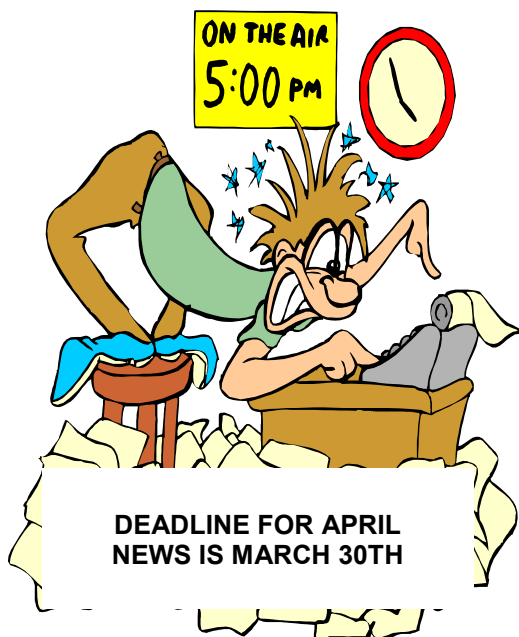
The subscription to the monthly newsletter,
Dinners , fish outs, BBQ'S ETC and liability insurance Plus lots of
other stuff such as discounts to various fishing stores .
Further info contact Bill Ratcliff

Mid Island Castaways Fly Fishing Club members who have not paid their dues by Feb 28 , 2009
will be considered to be in arrears. And will have to pay \$60

The subscription to the monthly newsletter, \$3 million liability insurance, and all other club
privileges will be cancelled as of that date. Immediate payment of the annual dues at \$ 60 will
automatically reinstate normal club privileges.

Annual dues can be paid by mail to:

Bill Ratcliff - Treasurer - Membership & Fly Tying
Phone : 468-1750
Phone Bill to obtain his address



TO THOSE HAVING A BIRTHDAY
OR AN ANNIVERSARY
THIS MONTH
HAVE A GOOD ONE