



Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club

Newsletter Fall 2017

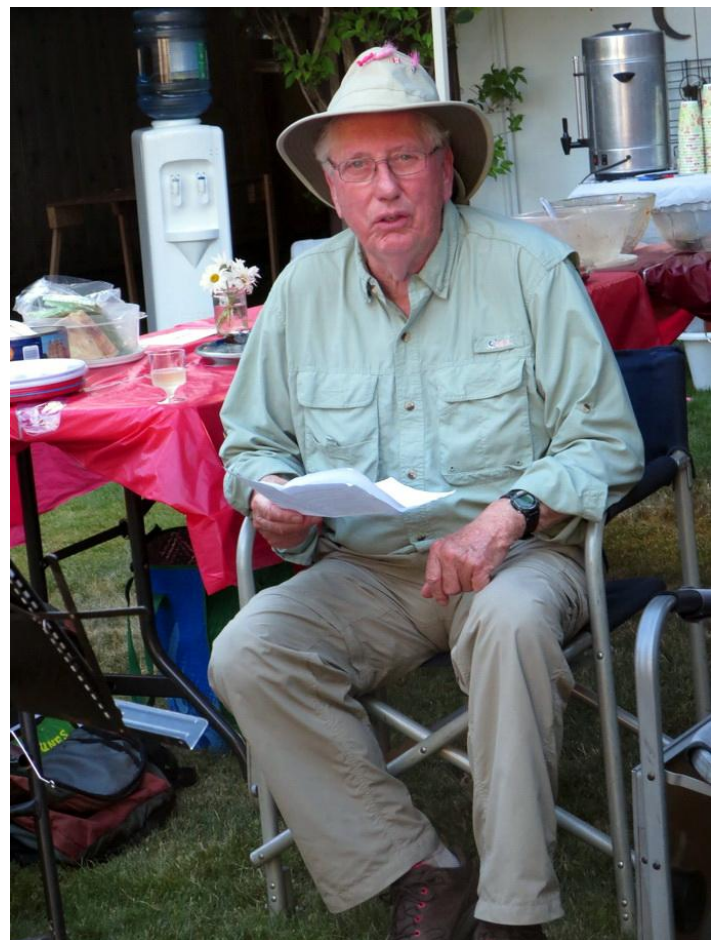
Our Club Is 40 Years old!

We had a great 40th Party in July, and celebrated with a seafood feast. See all the details inside



A Couple Of Whoppers!

Club Member Ron Estey with two beautiful Coho from the San Juan



State Of The Union

Club President Ron Duncan delivers a report on the club's activities at the 40th Anniversary Party held in July 2017. More details inside

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Golden Rods And Reels 40th Anniversary Party

What a great bash!

Not many fishing clubs are still going strong 40 years later. In early July of this year Victoria Golden Rods and Reels celebrated that accomplishment in grand fashion.

Hosted by Wendy and Dennis Gedney in their beautiful back yard, it was a well-organized event under the leadership of Dennis, Sandy, and Solange.

The scene was reminiscent of our many camping fishing outings held over the years with the back yard strewn with tents, fishing gear, tables and cooking facilities.

Helen Wells, one of the original members, was in attendance and having a great time. The social component of the club keeps senior members, who no longer fish, in touch with the club. Some dozen of them eagerly look forward our many social events held throughout the year.

The club has accomplished a lot over the last four decades with conservation and up island fishing trips being the highlights. Elk/Beaver Lake and the Colquitz system have benefitted from the labour and dedication of club members. We have taught kids and immigrant refugees to fish, and collaborated with other local fishing clubs in these endeavours.

A seafood feast was the highlight of the celebration where the President and Secretary showed off their culinary skills. We were up to our elbows in cooked crab, prawns, mussels, oysters and salmon. Everyone left with groaning stomachs and smiles a yard wide.

The club has a renewed vigour with new members bringing fishing expertise and energy to the club to improve the experience of us all. This bodes well for the future success of the club.

I am already looking forward to the 50th Celebration a decade from now. Hope to see you there.

Ron Duncan, President



Longtime members Ray Wallis and Frank Szarkowicz admire the cake

Solange, our host Dennis, Sandy, the party organisers





The President and the Past President were the cooks. Thanks Ron and Robert!

Left: Nice in the shade



Right: Richard managed the coffee and soft drink stand, but Mick wanted something a little stronger



Left to right: Solange, Sandy, Peter, John, Sean

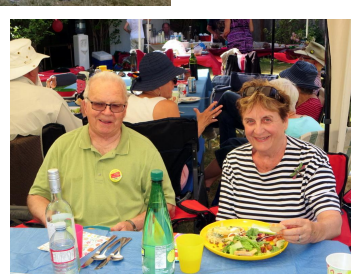
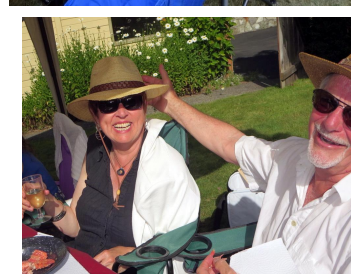
Left: Laura and John, just hanging around



Right: John and Nina



Below: Our hostess, Wendy





Clive and John



The Palas's



The Thomas's



Pat, Ron, and John provide a musical interlude



Lee helps the cooks

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Upcoming Events

9 November 2017, 11:00 a.m. Goldstream
Soup and Hotdog Feast.

21 November, 10 a.m. Club Annual General
Meeting, Silver Threads

12 December 2017, 11:30 a.m. Annual
Christmas Party Lunch at Finns (formerly
the Docks) 1208 Wharf St.

Meetings

The club meets (September through June)
on Tuesdays at 9:00-11:30 am at Silver
Threads, 2340 Richmond Rd., across from
Royal Jubilee Hospital, located on the #14
bus route. Good comradeship and
interesting speakers.

Love fishing?

If you love fishing, or want to take it up, this is the club for you. Club members are very experienced in all type of fishing, including fly, bait, trolling, and saltwater, and will share their experience with you. We welcome newcomers. Check us out at a meeting!

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