

Victoria Golden Rods & Reels

Seniors' Fishing & Social Club

Summer 2015

Fun and fishing for all

It has been a busy, fun filled spring for the members of the Golden Rods & Reels. With several fish outs and weekly informal trips on the local lakes, Cowichan River and the ocean there has been lots of action.

Regular fly-tying sessions following weekly meetings have helped to keep the fly boxes full.

The social aspect of the club has been well looked after by Sandy Raven and Solange Valiquette with a very successful Elk Lake pie bakeoff with seven different pies vying for first place.

The annual Buttle Lake trip saw eighteen members enjoying fine weather, copious amounts of appetizers and successful fishing, especially for Denis Gedney, Peter Psaila and Bob Spooner.



A lucky day at the lake



Note the Club will not meet during July & August

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The club meets
on Tuesday
9:00-11:00 at
Silver Threads,
2340
Richmond Rd.,
across from
Royal Jubilee
Hospital,
located on the
#14 bus route.

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Durance Lake fish out had an enthusiastic turnout

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Annual Buttle Lake trip brought old-timers joy and newcomers appreciation for club traditions

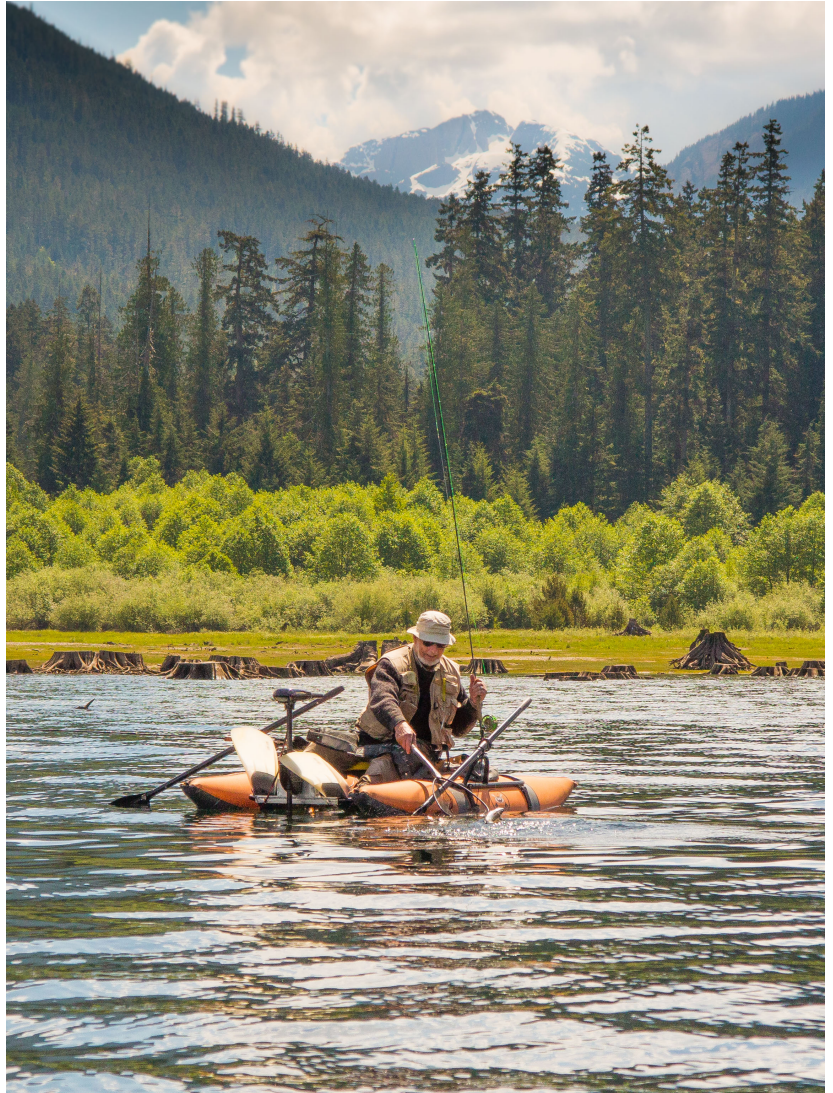
A sky full of stars by Solange Valiquette

The highlight of the Buttle Lake week for me was no doubt the night of the million stars... Pat, Wendy and I decided to go stargazing aboard our kayaks so we could enjoy an open sky. Armed with flashlights we walked the long stretch to the water at 10 pm, just in time to capture the last rosy light from the sunset nesting at the foot of the two mountains joining at the end of the lake. The lake was wonderfully calm, the evening warm; we could hear the frogs celebrating the good weather we had all week...

Then one, followed by tens, and finally thousands of stars illuminated the darkening sky. The big dipper just above, Cassiopeia, and then a myriad of shining stars glistened in the wide-open sky. A striking, unique spectacle.

From our kayaks with our noses to the sky, we did not notice that the breeze was taking us further and further away... But thankfully Dennis provided a flashing beacon so we safely paddled our way back to the shore.

On our walk back to camp, Pat, Wendy and I were filled with awe for the magnificent spectacle that was given to us. An immense sky alive with shimmering stars, a wonderful gift for the eyes, for the heart and for the soul!



OLD TIMER'S CORNER



UVic's Becky Wigen was one of the many informative speakers to present to the club during weekly meetings



Pat Palas took first place for her very tasty pie at the Elk Lake pie bakeoff and fishing potluck held in April.



Larry Repp always can be counted on to do the heavy lifting, whatever the task. At the Goldstream Fish Hatchery he has been a regular volunteer for many years. Feeding or clipping the fish fins and netting brood stock from the river are tasks that he willingly performs. Whatever the weather they count on Larry and his great sense of humor to keep everyone happy.

At the weekly meetings at Silver Threads or at any club function Larry is always the first one to lend a hand and the last one to leave after all the cleaning up is done.

The Thrifty's Smile Card program is a success due to Larry's great salesmanship.

He also makes a great pot of coffee!

Larry you are a real asset to the club.

