

Victoria Golden Rods & Reels Fishing & Social Club

Winter 2017



*The coffee
is on us at
your first
visit to the
Golden
Rods and
Reels
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It's the 40th Anniversary of great times fishing and at social events

Forty years of good fun on the water. Forty years of tall tales and hundreds of potlucks and joyous gatherings. Helen Wells, pictured above is one of the original club members.

Today the Victoria Golden Rods and Reels continues to serve as a gathering venue for those who enjoy fishing and socializing with friendly folks. We fish both salt and fresh water. We embrace all manner and techniques for fishing local waters.

In addition to fishing we are involved in conservation with ongoing activities to help restore Elk Lake. Several members also volunteer at the Goldstream Fish Hatchery as part of our commitment to fishery enhancement.

This year there will be a number of events to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

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

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Winter days mean it is time to begin getting the equipment ready for another year on the water. Batteries need to be charged and engines tuned up. It is also a perfect time to tie up some new fly patterns that are missing in the fly box. Our first early spring fish out will be coming up soon at Durance Lake.



The Legacy Fund grows

The Carnes brothers have honoured their father, Bill Carnes by making a significant contribution to the club's Legacy Fund. This fund was started with a bequest of tying materials from Bill Truax's widow. This fund supports conservation activities, youth involvement in fishing and helps ensure that the club will continue to prosper and grow.

The restoration of Elk Lake as a key urban fishing lake is one of the main focuses of the conservation aspect funded by the Legacy Fund.



Winter Springs are biting



With the weather beginning to warm up it is time to hit the water for fresh salmon. Although the fish are not big at this time of the year it is still fun to get off the couch and pick up a rod.

The Victoria Waterfront is a good spot to try if you don't want to go too far afield. The Sooke waters will also be producing.

G-Force spoons in Irish Cream, Outfitters and No Bananas are popular. Good flashers include the Gibbs Outfitter, the Lemon Lime and the Purple Onion. As ever hoochies like the Army Truck, White Glow and Tiger Prawn can be counted on to catch their share of salmon. Keep an eye on the weather and pick your days for a good time on the water.

Annual Holiday Luncheon a great success



This year the annual Christmas party was held at The Docks with nearly fifty guests in attendance.

There was a gift exchange and a successful draw for items including Jamie Oliver cutlery. Barry Freeman conducted a 50/50 draw that made the lucky winner very happy.

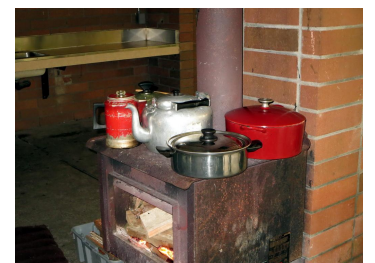
Sandy Raven and Solange Valiquette did a superb job of making this a most successful event that put everyone in the Christmas spirit.



Goldstream Soup and Hotdog Feast



Staying warm with a cup of coffee while waiting for the soup to heat.



Schedule of Activities

January 10 Regular and Executive
January 17 Dorothy Chambers "The Colquitz River salmon run"
January 24 Dr. Richard Dewey "Threats to Orcas in B.C."
January 26 Chinese New Year Lunch
January 31 Chantel Mayo
"Neuroimaging: Seeing the brain in action"
February 7 Regular and Executive
February 14 Fishing Speaker
February 21 TBA
February 28 Garth Covernton
"Microplastics in the marine environment: context and prevention"
March 7 Regular and Executive
March 14 Fishing speaker
March 16 St. Patrick's Potluck Dinner
March 21 TBA
March 28 TBA
April 4 Regular and Executive
April 11 Fishing speaker
April 18 TBA
April 25 TBA
April 27 Fish out and potluck lunch
May 2 Regular and Executive
May 9 Fishing speaker
May 15-19 Buttle Lake fishing and camping

40th Anniversary Celebration
Picnic coming this summer

OLD TIMER'S CORNER



This year three members were granted lifetime memberships in honour of their many contributions to the club over the years.

The three are: Pat Owen, Doris Humpries and John Edge.

At the Christmas luncheon President Ron Duncan presented Pat Owen with her lifetime membership. For several years Pat served as the Membership Chairman.



"Don't think she won't hear about this when she gets home!"