



Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club

Newsletter Spring 2018

12 December 2017: Christmas Lunch Finn's

Approximately 35 people enjoyed our annual dinner at Finn's restaurant downtown. A good time was had by all. The traditional Christmas Present Swap was a major hit as usual.



15 February 2018 Chinese Lunch at Finn's

A record crowd of 48 people had a wonderful meal at our annual Christmas Lunch at the Golden City restaurant on upper Fisgard. We had 5 tables of 10 to make this a great opportunity to socialize with everyone, and some of their partners. Also attending: life members Helen Wells and Pat Owen. Unfortunately, no one had a camera, so no pictures I am afraid.

7 March 2018 Durrance Lake Fishout/Lunch

Fishing and hot dogs and coffee! They go together like eggs and bacon. A good crowd enjoyed landing or boating a few nice Durrance trout.



15 March 2018 St Patrick's Potluck Dinner

What a great feast! Everyone outdid themselves this time with a huge selection of green food at our Silver Threads Potluck.

After dinner, Ron on fiddle, his guest Jeanne on piano, and John on guitar played a few reels and jigs.

Again we had a super turn-out, and the social side of our club was evident to everyone.

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Golden Rods And Reels, Memories

Blast From The Past

Some random jottings on the history and members of our club since its founding in 1977

By Jim Macdonald



We have a great opportunity to memorialize our past Members. Paula Polson was the guiding source in establishing our Club, Golden Rods and Reels. Paula left England and acted upon instructions to establish a Fishing Club in Canada, by her father. Her father, was an ardent Fisher and gifted her with a rod and reel. Get it, the name of our Club!!

Rods and Reels funding came from donations by the Provincial Government and the James Bay Athletic Association. Isn't it ironic that we continue to contribute to worthy causes? It really is an integral part of our DNA or payback for our Club to donate to worthy Environmental and Social Causes. Our First President was Tom Edwards. The next Members are from my memory, I am always afraid of mentioning names, one very important name always seems to be missed and so I will apologize for in advance for any omissions.

Frank Darlington pushed for the Bathroom and Fishing Pier at Elk Lake: Jeff Barnard, one of the first Committee Members of the Elk Lake Beaver Lake Advisory Board, who with Frank coerced the funding from CRD to build said structures. GR&R donated significant funding and was rewarded

by a plaque at the Fishing Pier: Stan Jones for his impact on the cleanup of O'Donnell Creek, dealing with Landowner's and Heavy Equipment donations, Fresh Water Fisheries and the CRD: Barney Steele for his Photography Legacy in recording our history: Bill Carnes, was instrumental in ensuring GR&R Members reported all near collisions on Elk Lake.

I remember one incident when Bill Carnes was reporting to the Police; he reached over and grabbed the Sergeant by the Lapels and said "You are not listening to me!" This action established better communication with the Police, Rowers and promoted harmony between groups.

A generous bequeath by Bill's Family greatly enhanced our Environment Fund: Bob Spooner for hosting our Founder's Day outing at his beautiful home overlooking James Island. Bob created a purpose built outbuilding with a heat source that could comfortably provide weather protection for the entire Club. What about the Peanut Brittle?!

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

Bob Ladbury was our traveling troubadour who I am sure visited every country in the world with little more than a backpack. Bob would arrange for the Dodge Truck used at the BC Wildlife Raffle: Rollie and Edith, on your birthday, you received an invitation to their home for a special lunch. Edith was a Garage-Sale-Aholic and their home was very eclectic with furnishings gleaned from Garage Sales. This influenced our Club and resulted in our hosting of the annual Garage Sale:

Clive Lane our charismatic Salt Water Chairperson, was an active volunteer with Colquitz River, Goldstream Hatchery and anything else aquatic that needed action. Several Members not attending Meetings also deserve recognition, including Ray Wallis for continuing in the photographic legacy established by Barney. The Times Colonist had a fishing contest, King Fisher Club, and Ray was a consistent winner:

Blast From The Past, continued

Helen Wells started our Memorial Book, her husband was one of the Charter Members and Helen joined to keep the numbers high: Pat Owen diligently sat at the entrance and recorded names and issued monetary penalties to those that neglected to wear their badge: John Edge was the BC Wildlife Coordinator and ran the Yearly Truck Raffle. This raffle was our major revenue source and generated revenues of up to \$10,000.00 on a yearly basis. We were a very wealthy Club

I am not mentioning any of the activities of present Members who are, I will call it immersed, in providing resources, financial and time, to support environmental and social activities. In general continuing the heritage created by our initial Charter Members.

Jim Macdonald

Editor's Note: It is hoped that from time to time we can showcase some former members in this newsletter. You can help by emailing me a reminiscence preferably with photos. John Francis. john@johnfrancis.net

Old club photos, enjoy!



Summer gathering at the late Bob Spooner's house, 2012



Ray Wallis shows how it's done



Larry Repp helps out with fish replacement



Dennis Gedney instructs on knots

R.I.P.
Clive Lane



LANE, Clive
July 12, 1941 – January 24, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Clive on Wednesday 24 January 2018. Clive peacefully passed away as a result of cancer after a happy and productive life.

Clive was the beloved husband of the late Eleanor Lane and ex-husband of Olimpia Romita. He was a loving father to his children Stuart (Shelley) Lane, Jeanette (Brad) Fulford, and Ryan Lane, as well as loving grandfather to his grandchildren Jason (Rachel), Ashley (Shawn), Justin (Ashlei) and Vincent (Sabrina), and also to his great-children Jacob, Alanna, Bryson, and Eleanor.

Clive will be missed by his brother Colin, nephew Richard and his family, niece Beverley and family, and by his many close friends in Victoria, BC, and in Ontario.

There will be a Celebration Of Life for Clive on Saturday 28th April, 1:30–4:30 pm, at The Chief Petty Officer's Mess, 1575 Lyall Street, CFB Esquimalt, BC. All welcome.

Upcoming Events 2018 Spring

- 3 April Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting
- 10 April Fishing Topic
- 17 April UVic Speaker, Desiree Bulger
Fish communities on BC's artificial reefs
- 24 April UVic Speaker, Emma Pascoe
Changes in the conditions of herring in BC
- 26 April Fishout at Durrance, Chile potluck lunch
- 1 May Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting
- 8 May Peter McCully
Goldstream Fish Hatchery
- 15-19 May: Buttle Lake Camp and Fishing (no meeting on 15 May)
- 22 May TBA
- 29 May UVic Speaker, Stefania Gorgopa
Can sports divers support marine conservation?
- 5 June Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting
- 12 June TBA
- 19 Jun TBA
- 21 or 28 June Summer Solstice Potluck
- 26 Jun Last meeting until September
- 23 Aug Corn Roast and Over-85s. Tulista Park.

Meetings

The club meets (September through June) on **Tuesdays at Silver Threads**, 2340 Richmond Rd., in the CNIB building across from Royal Jubilee Hospital, located on the #14 bus route. : **Pre-meeting coffee at 9:00, meeting 9:30-10:15, More coffee 10:15-10:30, Speaker 10:30-11:30 am**
Good comradeship and interesting speakers!

Love fishing-Join Us?

We welcome newcomers—women or men. Check us out at a meeting! The coffee's on us, and you can see if this club is for you.

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