
November 2004

Fish Tales...

Fish Tales Fly Shop

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Fish Tales Winter Hours
(effective until May 20, 2005):

Sunday & Holidays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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(effective May 21, 2005):

Sunday & Holidays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Saltwater Salmon Fishing - August 2005

Keen anglers who are interested in fishing one of Western Canada's most beautiful areas will want to consider this trip to Vancouver Island's Quatsino Sound. If you sign on for this excursion, you'll be headed to the west-coast of the Northern tip of Vancouver Island.

Participants in the 2004 trip thoroughly enjoyed their experience. In an e-mailed trip report one participant wrote, "This was really an outstanding experience. We had comradeship, good weather, and an opportunity to try something new...."

Your fishing experience could include everything from beach-fishing for Cohos to casting into bait busting schools of Coho and Chinook salmon. You may also get a chance to fish for halibut and other bottom fish.

Fish Tales is planning to host a few trips to Quatsino during August of 2005. Trip duration will vary from two to four days. Limited space available. Contact the store for prices, dates, etc.

Fly Tying Courses - Winter 2005 Schedule

Introduction to Fly Tying - This five-week course starts with the basics of fly tying - tying the thread on the hook - and goes on to teach techniques for tying nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. During the 12.5 hours of instruction, students learn techniques for dubbing, ribbing, hackling dry flies, etc. Classes are limited to six students, which means a lot of time and attention for everyone.

Course cost is \$75.00. Students must supply their own tying tools and materials.

Fall 2004 courses are currently underway. Winter 2005 schedule is outlined below.

Winter 2005 Schedule:

Introductory Tying "C" - Thursdays, January 20, 27, and February 3, 10, 17

Introductory Tying "D" - Tuesdays, February 15, 22, and March 1, 8, 15

Introductory Tying "E" - Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 13

Courses run from 7 p.m. to 9:30 each night.

Intermediate Fly Tying - This course will introduce students to techniques not covered in our introductory course. Students will learn the skills necessary for parachute posts, spinning deer hair, hair wings, dubbing ropes, dealing with peacock, and using CDC. Students are responsible for supplying all their own

materials and equipment. Course cost is \$100.00. This 10-hour course is limited to four students.

Prerequisite: completion of an introductory course or proven ability to dub and hackle, plus an understanding of the importance of proportion.

Winter 2005 Schedule:

Wednesdays, February 16 and 23, Thursdays, February 24 and March 3.

New ...One night tying sessions...

Want to improve your fly tying skills, but not interested in participating in a complete intermediate course? Or interested in refining a few specific techniques... then this is the option for you!

These one night tying seminars are a great way to brush up on specific tying skills or learn new techniques.

Seminar cost is \$25. Seminars are limited to six students. Each seminar will be approximately 2.5 hours. Students are responsible for supplying their own materials and tools.

Wednesday, January 12 - Tying tropical/saltwater patterns.

Additional sessions are being considered. Check at the store or on-line at fishtales.ca (courses page) for additional courses/dates.

CUBA Flats Fishing Excursion - April 2005

Join David and/or Terry for a journey into Cuba's wilderness in April 2005. You'll spend a week on a live-aboard boat and fish Cuba's magnificent saltwater flats daily with your Cuban guide. This unique experience will appeal to all anglers whether they're new to saltwater flats fishing or have been exploring saltwater flats for years. You'll have opportunities to fish for bonefish, barracuda, Jacks, tarpon, permit, and more. Contact the store for additional information.

Fly Fishing Courses – Spring/Summer 2005 Schedule

Introduction to Fly Fishing – If you've ever considered learning to fly fish, this course is an ideal introduction. Students will spend most of the day in this two-part class. The morning session is spent in a classroom where you'll learn about equipment, lines, knot tying, etc. We provide lunch and then the group heads outdoors for a dry-land casting session, which allows students to concentrate on learning proper casting techniques. By the end of the day, students will be able to cast 30 feet of fly line and have an excellent understanding about the basics of fly fishing.

Introductory courses are limited to eight students with two instructors for the casting session. Course cost is **\$95.00** (+GST) per person.

2005 course dates:

- Saturday, April 30
- Saturday, May 14
- Sunday, May 15
- Sunday, May 29
- Saturday, June 4
- Saturday, June 11
- Sunday, June 12
- Sunday, June 26
- Saturday, July 9
- Sunday, July 24

Intermediate Fly Fishing – Spend a day on the Lower Bow with a member of Team Fish Tales. You'll learn nymphing techniques including single and double fly rigs, as well as some basic streamer and - weather (hatch) permitting - dry fly techniques. Learn to "read the water" and what techniques to use for various water conditions.

This course is ideal for anglers who want to improve their fly fishing skills and gain experience on the mighty Bow River. It's also a great way to combat the "I can't catch a fish on the Bow River syndrome."

Students must have all their own gear including rods, reels, waders, and license to participate. Course cost is **\$130.00** (+GST) per person. Excellent streamside lunch provided.

2005 course dates:

- Monday, May 23
- Saturday, May 28
- Saturday, July 23
- Monday, August 1

Private Lessons Fish Tales is pleased to offer private casting and fishing lessons to individuals who want to improve their angling skills. Whether you want to improve your distance casting or get better at finessing fickle trout, a private lesson may be just what you need. Lesson fee is \$35.00/hour.

NOTES: Fly tying courses start at 7:00 and run until 9:30 or 10:00. Fly fishing courses start at 9 a.m.

Groups of four are welcome to set up "private" intermediate courses any time. Call the store for additional information.

- **All** classes are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling due to insufficient registration.
- A deposit is required at time of booking.

End of season sale.... Select Rods, clothing, reels, and more...

Rod manufacturers are continually improving the technology and appearance of their product. That said Fish Tales is clearing out select rods from all our manufacturers.

Come in to check out our selection of discontinued rods. Here's a quick look at what you can expect....

Save at least 30% on all in-stock **SAGE LE** and **DS2** series rods as well as select Scott, G-Loomis, and Temple Fork rods.

Other sale items include:

- Select SAGE T-shirts for \$20 each.
- Redington RFX waders were \$100.00 now \$69.99

- Select Wardell Breathable waders (very limited.)
- In-stock River Tamer II Water Skeeter pontoon boats are 15% off.
- In-stock Renzetti Travelers for \$199.00
- Save on a spare pair of polarized Fitovers sunglasses while supplies last.

Be sure to check out our bargain bins.... We cleared them out during our year-end inventory and continue to replenish with new deals.

FISH TALES Sunday Seminar schedule (1-3 p.m.)

These two-hour sessions are a great way to brush up on the latest tying materials and techniques, learn improved knot tying techniques, etc. Seminars are **free and open** to anyone who wants to attend. If you're stopping by to shop don't be deterred by attendees – we're still open for business. **DON'T Forget** - Whenever you attend a Sunday seminar, your name is entered into a draw for a **GUIDED BOW RIVER FLOAT TRIP** during the 2005 season.

Sunday, November 14 - Winter Fly Fishing

This seminar is always a fall favorite.... Learn techniques to help you successfully fish the Bow River all season long. You'll learn some essential information on fishing two-fly rigs, nymphs, and streamers, as well as tips on avoiding ice ups and when it's best to stay behind the vise.

Sunday, November 21 - Knot Seminar Learn all the basics and more at this two-hour hands-on seminar. Demonstrations of your favorite knots are welcome.

Sunday, November 28 - Emu and Ostrich Join Seamus as he demonstrates different techniques with these two types of feathers.

Sunday, December 5 - Guest Presenter

No seminars during the rest of December.

Sunday, January 9 - Tying with Foam Learn to effectively use foam for favorite terrestrial and saltwater patterns.

Sunday, January 16 - Secret Epoxy Learn about this epoxy substitute that's suitable for small to medium-style epoxy flies. A favorite material that's extensively used by team Fish Tales.

Sunday, January 23 - Mike Sturk on fly fishing photography We've invited professional photographer Mike Sturk back. Join him for a terrific slide presentation and discussion of techniques for fishing photography.

Sunday, January 30 - Take a look at fly lines Want to know the technology behind the lines? Interested in some of the newer line setups like multi-

tip fly lines or shooting heads? Then this is the seminar for you.

Sunday, February 6 No Seminar - Calgary Fly Fishing Expo

Sunday, February 13 - Tying with South African materials During this seminar we'll take a close-up look at tying with some of our favorite synthetics.

Sunday, February 20 - Guest Presenter

Sunday, February 27 - Duelling Vises - Norvise vs. Renzetti Another favorite seminar.... Watch Seamus and Terry as they demonstrate the benefits of the top two rotary vises on the market. They'll finish the seminar with a "tie-off" – first one to finish "wins."

Sunday, March 6 - Guest Presenter

Sunday, March 13 - Synthetics vs. Natural fibers When is it ok to substitute?

Sunday, March 20 - Guest Presenter

Sunday, March 27 No seminar - Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 3 - Pike on the Fly with David Blair If you're planning a trip to nearby reservoirs or heading to a trophy lake in Canada's North, join David for this discussion on fishing for the "toothy critter."

Seminar schedule may change. Please watch the website or in-store signs for up-to-date seminar lists.

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