



Single Haul

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EDITOR'S EDDY - A Name to Remember

"Finding a leaning mailbox with the name on it is the only way you'll find it. The name has been put there with stick on letters. The building itself has no company name on it and looks like any office building! Good luck!" was the advice of the fly shop clerk. I was in Titusville Florida fishing the salt flats and had taken a couple of hours off the water to run some errands. Along the roadside we approached a dilapidated generic american mailbox bent over at an angle, the name on it was barely visible but still legible. "Must be it" I quipped to Ron as he wheeled his Toyota truck into the empty parking lot. Sure enough there was no business name anywhere on the building to confirm our arrival. I could find no entrance door open. Suddenly a woman appeared holding a bunch of keys as if tipped off by some surveillance camera.

She was attractive, tastefully dressed and on unlocking the door asked if she could help me. The spanish cadence in her voice was clear. I at once said how much easier it would be for customers if the business name was on the building facade.

She gave me a look which indicated there was no reason for me to have an answer and repeated the offer of help. She spoke with a confidence which suggested she was more than just another employee. I had a hunch. "Is your surname Renzetti?" I enquired politely. "Lily Renzetti! nice, to meet you!" came the reply "now how can I help you?"

I explained that I was down from Canada fishing and by chance had noticed on the box in which my Renzetti vice had arrived that the company was in Titusville, Florida. Rather than mailing her, I decided to get the replacement part I would visit instead. A small adjustment screw had sheared in half and some weeks previously one of the vice jaws had flaked off a minor chip. I showed her the damaged parts and she walked off past several office staff and disappeared through a door. The clerk back at the fly shop in Titusville had given me a 2009 Renzetti catalogue in which a pair of new vice jaws priced out at more than I wanted to pay so I had resigned to regrinding the minor chip and re-shaping the jaws.



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While Lily was away I was wondering why such a well known company didn't have a service deskor its name at least on the building. "We don't get many customers who come here" she explained as she gave me the replacement screw. Just then she noticed my vice warranty card was still in the box as purchased, I had had the presence of mind to complete the card but forgot to mail it to Renzetti. "I'll take this then", she said "did the jaw chip when you were tying a small fly?" "Yes!" I answered, "I was going to replace the jaw but decided against it in favour of regrinding the point when I get home."



She asked me when I was leaving Florida and where I was staying and suggested I leave the vice with her and she would rebuild the jaw assembly. Not only that but she offered to deliver the unit to my motel for pick up later that day, all at no cost. I thanked her for her generous gesture. We had a pleasant chat about some Ontario dealers who we both knew personally, then, later that day, as promised, a package addressed to me, arrived hand delivered, at the motel reception desk. What wonderful service.

Gracias mi amigo Venezolano. Renzetti a name to remember....how could you forget it? **Ed.**

2008 CANADIAN NATIONAL FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP and CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

By: David Nonomura

In early September, I was lucky enough to be part of a group of young anglers who entered a team in the Canadian National Fly Fishing Championship (NFFC) hosted at Mount-Tremblant, Quebec. Team

River Tawdz consisted of John Bransfield of Calgary, Simon Wells and Mike Lennox from Ottawa, Colin Huff hailing from Chelsea, Quebec, Coach Bob Sheedy of Saskatchewan, and myself from Mississauga, Ontario. I was very fortunate to have fished with all of these individuals prior to the competition and knew the potential of our team. Although the primary reason for entering was to gain experience as well as competition practise, we managed to fish well through the entire competition and be a serious team in the event.

We arrived at the Grande Lodge Hotel in Tremblant two days before the competition began to receive instruction from Randy Taylor, Terrence Courtreille, and Bob Sheedy on various techniques. During this time we spent time covering water on Le Diable River and several lakes similar to those in the competition in order to hone our skills to compete with the very talented anglers expected at the NFFC. Under the direction of some of Canada's best fly fishers, we were able to drastically improve as anglers in our training prior to the competition.

Long before arriving in Mount Tremblant, we had heard warnings of the treacherous and downright dangerous wading of Le Diable River. In the two preparation days, I realized those warnings didn't come close to describing the difficulty of wading around the slick, massive boulders scattered on the bottom of a tea stained river. Contending with deep holes and swift currents often resulted in being swept downstream, and was truly a different experience than the wading I normally encounter. Coach Bob had joked with us that we should be filling our waders, or we weren't trying hard enough on the river. This was taken a bit too literally as very soon five soaking anglers had left a very distinctive musk in the fabric of Bob's son-in-law's car. On the lakes, we were able to gain experience and knowledge in understanding where to fish and different strategies. Since the majority of the sessions in the NFFC were on lakes, these skills were vital for our success, not only in this competition, but for the future as well.

The first two days of the competition are considered to be official practise. During these days, teams were to alternate between fishing the lakes and river for the morning and afternoon sessions. Our team was able to fine-tune some of the new tactics that we were going to be using in the competition, as well as determine the most productive rigs of flies.

Once the official practise concluded, anglers were divided by random draw into groups, with one member from each team, to fish each of the five sessions. From a learning standpoint, I was very pleased with the anglers in my group, but from a competitive eye, I was worried by the calibre of anglers in my group. Seven of the eleven anglers had fished in a World Championship or on a National Team. Also, the order of the venues to be fished was determined; I was fishing the three lakes first, and finishing with the two river sessions.

My first session, I fished on Lac Du Cap, and managed one small brookie. I was frustrated with that result but managed to save the blank. The performance earned me a disappointing 11th place. Mike and Simon placed first and second in sessions and were leading the way on our team. That afternoon I fished Lac Vinet, the toughest lake. The morning session had very low catch rates, with most anglers blanking. I did not have high expectations going into the session, but was determined to land one. An hour into the session, my boat partner and I lost our drogue when a strong wind ripped off the clamp attaching it to our boat. The drogue acts as a wind sock and slows the drift of the boat down by dragging in the water and creating resistance. Unfortunately, it sunk to the bottom of the lake and we weren't able to retrieve it. I ended up blanking that session despite my best efforts. Although I was again very disappointed with my placing, there is little that I would have done differently if I had the opportunity to pick up my slack as Simon again placed second, and John took third in their groups.

On the second day of competition, I fished Lac Renversis and the Upper Diable. I was looking

forward to the morning session on Renversis because I did reasonably well there in the practise. This turned out to be my best session as I managed 6 trout including one 40cm brook trout. This brought me a second place in the session in my group of anglers which I was proud to have earned. In addition, Mike finished third on Lac Vinet and continued to thrive. On the upper Diable, I found not only the wading to be a challenge, but also the fishing. I struggled through much of the three hour session but managed to land two trout. Again I had a discouraging session and received eight placing points; Mike on the other hand came first of Lac Renversis and was leading the way for our team.

On the final day of competition, there were sessions only in the morning. Our team began in 4th place, just outside of the medals. With fresh determination, we had a strong final session. To close, I fished the lower Diable in a promising beat. The river had risen slightly and made it impossible to get to some of the sections of the beat for obvious safety reasons. However, I landed four trout in the session including one on my final drift, seconds before time expired. Although not the catch rate I had hoped for, I placed 6th. My teammates placed well with John and Colin taking first places, Mike a second, and the overall standings of the team looked promising.

The afternoon brought the annual Conservation Symposium, this year with the theme Fish as an Indicator of Water Quality. Midway through, the symposium the final results of the competition were posted. Our team had made up two places in the final session and placed second in the competition. Team USA placed first and Team Airflo Equipe third, which meant we had the honour of top Canadian team. Remarkably, but not unexpected, Mike Lennox placed first individually, and Simon Wells a close second due to their constantly good performance through the entire competition.



The closing banquet was a lot of fun; it was a chance to relax and joke around with some of the great people we had all met. The awards ceremony began when most of our team was upstairs trying to gather some of our productive flies to add to Fly Fishing Canada's auction. Colin had to run up to our room to get us, and then a quick sprint down the stairs got us back to the awards ceremonies only a bit late. It was a great feeling to receive the medals because we had all worked our hardest and this was a perfect finale for all we had learned and accomplished.

The competition was a fantastic experience with many new friendships and a great wealth of knowledge. I can't believe the amount that I learned in such a short period of time, and I am truly grateful for all the assistance many great individuals provided. I am finding more and more how much I enjoy competitive fly fishing and recommend that everyone give it a try. This was another unforgettable experience and a great end to my season of trout fishing.

Congratulations David on a great individual and team performance. I'm wondering if you fish under the Izaak Walton clubname when you register your entry?
Ed.

CONSERVATION UPDATE

Without clean water, there are no aquatic bugs, without aquatic bugs there are no fish, without fish there is no flyfishing. Please support these events even if it is your onetime trip out. We all benefit.

For your conservation diary :

April 11th Trout Unlimited cleanup at Sligo Bridge

April 25th IWFFC/CVC and TU Tree Planting along Mill Creek, Orangeville

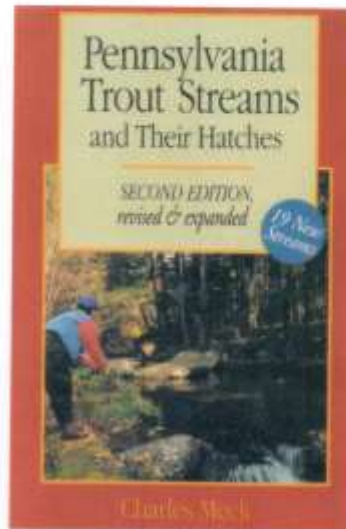
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CLUB LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW



Hello Fellow Members

Here is another book review from the books that the club library has to offer. This book has terrific information regarding the Pennsylvania Trout Streams by Charles Meck. During the introduction chapter his information details the days that he was on the streams and sometimes even the time of day. The book has plenty of information on the numerous streams and it's layed out in seven areas so you can choose the Northwest near our area or the Southeast, down towards New Jersey and everything in between. The descriptions show maps and mention roads and highways that cross the streams so you can almost pinpoint the pools he fished. Along with stream information there is a "Best Times to Fly-Fish" area with some good flies and sizes to use for each stream. I really enjoyed reading this book and it has me very interested in making a trip to Pennsylvania to do some fishing. Maybe over a long weekend some Pennsylvania trout will fall to my presentations.

Regards

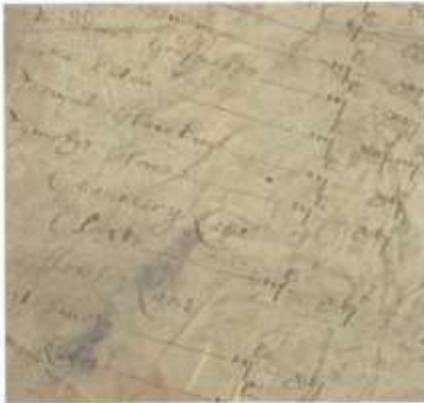
Kevin McGill

ED. The latest on 'Walt : Once a wormer!!

NATIONAL ARCHIVES EXPOSE IZAAK WALTON'S SECRET LIFE.

By David Prudames

Famed for his classic study of fishing, *The Compleat Angler*, it seems Izaak Walton was also a tax collector. Newly discovered documents at The National Archives have revealed that Izaak Walton, author of one of the most popular fishing books ever written and a friend of John Donne, was a tax collector in his spare time. Well known as the writer of the much-loved *The Compleat Angler* and an ironmonger, until now Walton's life as a public official has been a well-kept secret.



This insight into the life of one of fishing's most celebrated exponents comes as U.K. National Fishing Week gets under way. Aimed at encouraging people of all ages to give it a go, the event continues until August 30. "While he is well known to have been an ironmonger and a keen angler, it was not known that he also served as a tax collector," explained Jonathan Mackman, the researcher at The National Archives who uncovered the information. The tax documents held at Kew reveal how Walton collected taxes in London.

"This is a good example of how the tax records at The National Archives can add a little more colour to our knowledge of famous figures from the past."

The National Archives, based at Kew in south west London, has one of the largest archival collections in the world, spanning 1000 years of British history from the Domesday Book to newly released government papers. Jonathan Mackman made this latest discovery while sifting through a box of unsorted documents from the 'King's Remembrancer' records relating to lay and clerical taxation. "Walton was charged with collecting the taxes of many of his friends and neighbours in his home parish of St Dunstan in the West, around Fleet Street in London," he added.

"However, the document shows some of the problems of the job of that time, as many of the taxpayers had either run away or were unable to pay, and Walton had to account for his failure to the government." Izaak Walton was born in Stafford in 1593, the son of an alehouse keeper. He left for London to take up an apprenticeship and by 1624 had his own business as a linen draper. It was while in the capital that Walton began writing. Although he left behind a number of literary works, including a biography of poet John Donne, it is for a well-loved tome about fishing that he is remembered and celebrated. First published in 1653, *The Compleat Angler* discussed advanced fishing techniques for its time such as using specific varieties of worms for particular types and size of fish as well as dyeing horsehair the right shade of green to match the water.

But more than just a practical guide to fishing, the book offers a snapshot of country life in the 17th century and remains a hugely popular and influential work to this day. In around 1655, Walton returned to Staffordshire and bought Halfhead Farm outside the town of his birth. Despite going on to work as a steward (bar steward) to Bishop George Morley at Worcester and later Winchester, he kept the half-timbered cottage near Stafford for the rest of his life and donated it to the local authority when he died. Nowadays Izaak Walton's Cottage is a museum in the care of Stafford Borough Council.

Izaak Walton's former home in Staffordshire is now a museum and open to the public.



Courtesy The National Archives and Stafford Borough Council.

SEASON OPENER -Where to fish.

With the trout opener set for April 25th I can already hear reels whirring with fresh oil, see lines being dressed, fly boxes sorted and re-arranged and local maps looked over. Who said "...perhaps the greatest satisfaction on the first day of the season is the knowledge in the evening that the whole of the rest of the season is to come.

** The First Day at the River, Rod and Line, 1929 - Arthur Ransome.*

How come he didn't mention escape from the "honeymo syndrome???" However, with that in mind here is one fishing location suggestion from Bill Christmas. **Ed**

One of the places on the Grand river to consider is the Fergus "City Run", especially if it is a windy day. This secluded area could be more crowded than the open country but it's "in the town" location with its playground can be popular if youngsters are with you. Take highway #6 to Fergus, then Queen Street along the east bank of the river and into the park behind the hospital. You can also access this area from Scotland Street bridge upstream. As an

alternative walk down to the Fire Station (no parking) for further access downstream.

Coldwater (42-46F) on opening day dictates slow moving nymphs or caddis pupae in slow current areas and if the fishing is slow there's always the Fergus Market at Queen and Highway #6 or Grandriver Troutfitters shop til you drop Fly Shop.



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47	95	Knott	Knott and Moore Tying	Oskar's Hexagenia Nymph, Bead Head Hare's Ear Nymph
48	96	Kreh	Tying	tying tips, Woolly Bugger, hook preparation, Clouser Minnow, Half and Half, Crystal Floater, Lefty's Deceiver
49	97	Kustich	Tying Steelhead Flies for the Great Lakes	Frammus, Cattnip, Spey, Marabou Spey
50	99	Kuznick	Andrew Kuznick and Roy De Guisti Tying	rough dubbing
51	90	Lawson	Tying at Forum 1990	No Hackle Dun, Floating Nymph, Partridge Spinner, Spent Caddis, Peacock Caddis, Henry's Fork Hopper
52	06	Lemieux	Tying	Isonychia Nymph, March Brown Parachute, Soft Hackle Fly
53	01	Lemieux	Tying Syl Nemes Style Soft Hackle Flies	Dun Variant, Dun Variant Emerger, Long Hackle Dun Variant
54		Lemieux		Hendrickson Emerger, March Brown Wet Fly, Dragonfly Adult
55	02	May	Tying Woolhead Flies	Perchie, Popovic's Silicone, Woolhead Sculpin
56	06	May	Tying Tube Flies	Terrace Tramp, Clouser Minnow, Blue Moon Marabou Bead Head, Double Bunny, Cone Head Snake
57	95	Marshall	Marshall, Wenger, Gould Tying	Tying Twisted Yam Extended Body Flies, XT Caddis, XT Hopper
58	92	Moore	Tying	Stewart Wet Fly, Partridge and Orange, Hendrickson Nymph, Bronze Mallard, Rolled Wing, March Brown Nymph
59	95	Moore	Knott and Moore Tying	Tube Fly, Mackerel Skin Nymph, Klinckhammer Special Caddis Emerger
60	96	Moore	Tying	Serendipity Fly, Bead Head Chimarra Larva, Bead Head Hydropsyche
61		Moore	Tying	March Brown Nymph, Alderfly Adult, Point Au Baril Streamer
62	98	Morris	Tying at the 1998 Forum	Skip Nymph, Foam Golden Stonefly Adult, Scaddis Fly
63	91	Nemes	Tying Damp or Wet Dry Flies	Syl's Midge, Mother's Day Caddis, Pale Morning Dunn, Rusty Spinner
64	91	Nemes	Tying Soft Hackle Wet Flies	Partridge and Orange, Green Drake, Pheasant Tail, March Brown Spider, Water Hen, Olive Baetis,
65	82	Nieymeyer	Advanced Fly tying Part 1	Nymph Legs, Hewitt Skater, Little Nymph, Nymph Casting, Squirrel Tail Skater, Ingles Butterfly
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67	02	Noble	Tying Noble Flies	Fire Pupa, Halloweenie, Outcast Crayfish, Damsel Nymph
68	94	Nowak	Tying Atlantic Salmon Flies	Thunder and Lightning, Shady Lady
69	98	Nowak	Tom Adamchick and Wally Nowak Tying	Tricolour Dee Pattern, Coastory Spey Pattern, Salmon Flies
70	97	Passmore	Tying	Olive Damsel Nymph, Brown Damsel Nymph, Brown Damsel Adult, Blue Damsel Adult
71		Passmore	Tying	Dragonfly Nymph, Dragonfly Adult, Wool Head Sculpin, One Wing Mayfly
72	08	Passmore	Tying at 2008 Forum	Thin-Skin Crayfish, Grand River Sculpin

CLUB DVD LIBRARY.

Above is a continuing list of club library DVD's. For the tying meeting you missed, you can pick up a video version for \$10. All proceeds go support the club. There will be one more list of DVD's published in the next Single Haul which will complete the entire club library of DVD reference material. Best wishes Pat for a full recovery. **Ed**

