



Welcome to all club members and fishing enthusiasts. The 2024 Tyee Club season will be a busy but very memorable year as the Tyee Club of British Columbia celebrates its 100th anniversary.

When a group of 3 avid fishermen met in the Willows Hotel in Campbell River in 1924, their intention was to form a fishing club that would catch large chinook salmon in a sporting manner. To see the Tyee Club flourishing still 100 years later would make this initial group of fishermen very proud. Sports fishing over the years has changed drastically with the use of electronic devices but the Tyee Club has stayed true to its roots. The allure of catching a chinook salmon 30 pounds or more on 20 lb test line with 6 ounces of weight or less and using an artificial lure with a single barbless hook while being rowed keeps fishing enthusiasts coming back year after year.

For an organization to last 100 years, it has had support from many sources. This support comes from the countless individuals and many organizations who have dedicated their time and energy for many years. The City of Campbell River, the Campbell River Salmon Foundation, and the Pacific Salmon Foundation have consistently aided the Tyee Club for many years. Local businesses such as River Sportsman, Painters Lodge, DKS Industries and the Rip Tide Pub have supported the Club also.

The backbone of the Tyee Club is its members that continue to help year after year. Our caretakers at the clubhouse that keep the grounds in meticulous shape, the passionate group that have contributed to the centennial celebration, the many individuals that contributed to the clubhouse renovation and the numerous folks who contribute to our fund raising events year after year all help make the Tyee Club successful and overcome any challenges it encounters.

The winter and spring months have seen many projects taking place. Wharf repairs on the Tyee Club wharf were completed in early May. Peter Wipper has been leading a team of UVic grad students this spring who are digitizing club records so they will be recorded safely and be accessible to the public. Randy Killoran and his group have been working on the Centennial Tyee Club yearbook. Jeremy Maynard and the Campbell River Guides Association have organized a net pen for chinook smolts once again at the Fisherman's wharf near the Campbell River pier.

The 2024 summer will be a time to celebrate the Tyee Clubs rich history. The Campbell River Museum will be hosting a Tyee Club exhibit that will showcase the Club's history with exhibits and pictures throughout the summer months. The AGM on August 17 will be followed by a potluck dinner at the clubhouse where locals and visitors can attend and meet old friends and make new friends with the odd fish story likely being told also.

Fund raising activities will have a few new additions this year. Local artist Robert Aydon will be showcasing his talents with items for sale at the clubhouse. The Campbell River Museum will be selling clothing and a few smaller items also to support the Tyee Club. Raffle ticket sales for 3 main prizes will be coordinated through the clubhouse this season. A gear and tackle sale will be held on July 27th at the clubhouse which will have local members set up tables and showcase Tyee Club memorabilia for sale.

To help celebrate it's 100th birthday, the Tyee Club will continue to Centennial pins till September 15. Single pins or a set of three (bronze, silver, and gold) can be purchased either at the club house or on-line. A tradition from many years ago that will occur in 2024, will be the awarding of silver spoons to anglers who caught the largest tyee in each week of the season. This year's weekly winners will receive their silver spoons at last night celebrations at the clubhouse on September 15.

The Annual General Meeting will be held August 17 this year. The directors are discussing options for location for the AGM and the final decision will be communicated once a location has been determined. Being the centennial season of the Tyee Club, we hope to see many of our long time members attend as we can recognize their efforts in help building and maintaining the Tyee Club to its current state.

Looking ahead, the Tyee Club will continue to support local community events such as the Campbell River estuary cleanup, Campbell River Salmon Foundation dinner and auction and the local Dragon Boats rowing team. Discussions with both the Wei Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nations regarding a shared vision for the local fishery and how we can work together to maintain a strong chinook fishery that will support both the Tyee Club's and First Nation's needs will carry on.

The year 2024 is for looking back and celebrating our rich history. As we look ahead, the Tyee Club will continue to work with our supporters who have kept the Club strong but also look to align ourselves with new supporters so we will appeal to anglers from all ages and interests. The world around us is changing very quickly but in times like this, the love for nostalgia and respect for the chinook salmon shared by a group of volunteers is the real strength of the Tyee Club.

Hope to see you on the water.

Roger Gage

President Tyee Club of British Columbia