

Course Announcement
Introduction to Fly Fishing
May 7 to 10, 2022

The Mid-Island Castaways Fly Fishing Club is holding its annual Introduction to Fly Fishing course in May 2022. The course covers the basics of fly casting, safety, equipment selection, knot tying, fly selection, fish ecology, where and when to fly fish, and much more. A trip to a local river to learn about stream ecology and how to present a fly is included. Loaner fly rods will be provided for students to use during the course.

Application Process:

- Seats in the course are limited to 20 on a first come first served basis.
- Numbered application forms are available and **must be filled out at 'A Blaze in the Northern Fly' shop located at 8-698 Beach Rd, Qualicum Beach BC.**
- Application forms will be available starting April 1, 2022.
- Please complete and submit the application while at the fly shop, and include payment for applicable fees in the numbered envelope provided.
- Payment may be made by **cash or by cheque made out to Mid Island Castaways.**

Fees:

- The course fee is \$75. If requested, a refund for the course fee will be provided for cancellations made prior to one week before the first day of the course.
- To participate in the course you must be a member of the Club. There is no membership fee due if you are already a current member of the club.
- New single (\$50) or family ((\$70) memberships are valid for the remainder of 2022 and can be paid for at the same time as you apply for a seat in the course.
- Club membership fees are non-refundable.

Course manual:

- A course manual may be downloaded for free from the Club's website under the members only page (<https://midislandcastaways.com/members-only-area-2/>), or a hard copy may be purchased for \$40 at the course registration desk (cheque, or cash - exact change please).
- You are encouraged to read the manual in preparation for the course.

Logistics:

- The course will be held on May 7 and 8 at the Qualicum Bay Lions Club building and adjacent sports field (9:00 AM start both days).
- An ecology field trip will be held on the evening of May 9 at the Little Qualicum River fish hatchery (park on the main road beside the entrance gate to the hatchery and walk down to the river).
- The location of an evening casting clinic on May 10 will be announced during the course.
- The Club will provide a fly rod to students for use during casting lessons.
- Other equipment needs: eye protection, camp chair, lunch for May 7 and 8, water bottle, and clothing appropriate for weather conditions.