



FISHING FOREVER REPORT

Under a cool, overcast sky members of the Parksville-Qualicum Fish & Game Association gathered to greet residents of the local Care Homes. Over 70 guests were in attendance, some in wheel chairs, but all happy to have a day out in the park-like setting.

This year's event took place on Thursday, May 24 at the Coombs Campground pond which had been stocked with rainbow trout raised at Vancouver Island University.

Fish and game volunteers provide fishing rods to the participants, the hooks are baited with a worm, cast out and the rod handed to the fishers who patiently await a strike and hopefully a nice rainbow. However this year the trout were not cooperative and only one trout was brought in by the local chapter of the Heart & Stroke Recovery Foundation. Unlike last year when over 30 trout were nabbed it was disappointing to have so many trying to reel in a fish with the dismal results.

Coombs Old Time Fiddlers entertained the participants for over an hour before lunch, which is perennially provided gratis by Qualicum Foods. Tents were generously donated by Spunky's Motorcycle Shop and Coombs Campground provided their premises for the event.

A big thank you to the Care Givers and volunteers who made this event possible.