

Looking Upstream

Eagles Lodge	February 18 th	WVFF	General Meeting	
Club Business	7:00 pm	Wet Fly Time	5:45 pm	Dinner 6:30 pm
		Fish Biologists	7:15 pm	

Local Fish Biologists

Travis Maitland Dist. 7 - Chelan Co., Chad Jackson Dist. 5 – Douglas and Grant Co. and Ryan Fortier from Dist. 6 – Okanogan Co. will discuss any rule changes for 2016 and fishing prospects for their home waters. They also run through the lakes and rivers in their four county area and talk about stocking, carry over details and lots of tips to help you plan your upcoming fishing season. They are a fantastic resource and we expect a full house. Handouts are usually provided but bring a pad and pen to copy down all those unwritten clues that slip out...

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Our membership fees of \$35 (payable by cash or check) are due January 31st each year. The board recommends continuing this fee structure for 2016. For those who've already paid for 2016, thanks! For those who have not had a chance to pay, please see Eric Rainbolt. Your support helps keep our club running.

"AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL"

This year's club annual meeting and banquet at the Wenatchee Red Lion turned out to be a great success. With 79 guests in attendance, participation exceeded last year. The prime rib and salmon were very nicely done as were all of the sides. The bread-pudding was also a much-appreciated complement to a fine meal. We appreciate the extra effort that the management and staff of the Red Lion provided in making this a very special evening for all in attendance.

Of course this is our annual fundraiser, and in that regard we were very successful. Our live and silent auctions did quite well, earning our club over \$5,000. Generous contributions by The Evening Hatch, The Desert Angler (and Al Smith), Griff's Fly Fishing Adventures, K&E Outfitter and Arrow Massage & Wellness (Eric and Kyra Davis), The Freestone Inn, The Warm Springs Inn, Sportsman's Warehouse, All Seasons RV, Tumbleweed Beads, numerous individual WVFF members and many, many more contributors whose names are listed in our event program helped us enjoy a fun and productive event.

We owe thanks to a number of people for guiding and supporting this year's "Ladies Night Out" event. The Banquet Donations Committee (Eric Rainbolt, Jack Squires, Rob Winters and JoAnn Lane) contacted local and out-of-area businesses asking for their support. JoAnn, Beverly Squires and Cathy Kunzmann assisted by Dee Rainbolt, Shirley Ward and Pat Whiteside worked together on silent auction items and banquet decorations. This year's offerings included novel, theme baskets designed by Beverly Squires, a Gourmet Picnic for 4 offered by Bruce and Jain, as well as the popular "WVFF Wine Cellar" spearheaded by JoAnn and Bruce Merighi. With so many additional items for raffle and auction, Gary Anderson, John Murio and Fred Kunzmann stayed even busier than usual with cataloging and set up. Our tag team of John Murio and Jack Squires kept things interesting during the auctions. Fishermen, as usual, had plenty of angling items to satisfy their wants and needs. Thanks to all who attended this year's event. If you couldn't make it, you missed a good time. Plan on being there in 2017. A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL. . . AGAIN!

International Fly-Fishing Film Festival

We'll be raffling off some really cool fishin' stuff and WVFF will receive 20% of the gate! The Sleeping Lady will also be offering a dinner/film package so check out their website. So tell your friends and come on up to the Barbarian Village and check out some outrageous fly fishing films. February 25th 7 pm Snowy Owl Theater - 7409 Icicle Road, Leavenworth

International Fly Fishing Film Festival consists of short and feature length films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing. The films at this popular event are capturing the attention of anglers around the world.

Tickets online at: Icicle.org \$12 / \$14 At the Door

2016 Outings

Greetings from the Outings Coordinator: Fred Kunzmann This month's outing will be at Rocky Ford, on February 20th thanks to the help of John Murio. Have fun and Good Luck!

We are in the process of updating the website calendar. The new format will be a twelve month document. All information for upcoming club activities should be listed by month and day. This will make it easier to check out your participation in upcoming events. Anyone with info of an upcoming event please contact a [Board Member](#) so the event can be added to the calendar for all to see.

This past week I was contacted by Gil Biles about including some Bass Outings. Unfortunately, I omitted to schedule a summer Bass outing. This will be corrected. Gil is hoping that there is interest in warm water Fisheries. His letter is to follow.

This month's word of wisdom for anyone considering fishing in a warm climate: Remember a striping basket is not where you put your clothes if you decide to fish naked.

Happy fishing!! Fred PS: Next month's outing will be at Quincy Lakes.

Not knowing how many members like to fish warm water fish or, would like to have outing's like we do for trout, I am going to get together an e-mail list of those that would like to have warm water fishing outings. I will not plan any outings that will interfere with any of the club outings. There are

several of us now that fish together for these fish. Gary Bates, Jim Paulson, Richard Zimmersen, Walt Wittgow, myself and some nonmembers of the club.

This will include; Some of the lakes that I have fished that have been good fishing that I
Walleye plan on outings to:
Crappie Banks Lake, Pot Holes Reservoir, Washburn Lake, Hutchinson Lake
Blue Gill Lower Yakima, Rose Lake, Wapato Lake, Columbia River by John Day Dam,
Shad Horse Thief Lake, Upper and Lower Goose Lakes, Moses Lake, and other
Carp that you would like to do that I don't know about. Some of the lakes
Bass are combination lakes with trout in them, so take your pick.

Some of the outings will be one day outings and because of the distance, two or three days outings. As some of you know that in the summer months when the water heats up trout fishing goes to pot and that is when warm water fishing is the best. If you have some that are not members that would like to be on the list let me know.

Another thing is on some of the outings I will bring my camp stove and knife and we can cooke some of the fish on the spot for lunch. Just a new idea may be fun.

Club member, Gil Biles Gilbertbiles2@nwi.net PH. 663-2325

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eric Davis just joined the WVFF and recently moved to Wenatchee from Bend, OR. Eric is a passionate fly-fisher who is looking forward to learning our "local waters". Eric's "day job" is a physician assistant and his wife, Kyra, is a licensed massage therapist and operates Arrow Massage and Wellness in Wenatchee. Clif Bottemiller & Niki, Alex Fisher & Marti and Ford Paul recently joined our band of merry casters. A three cheers welcome to yawl.

Let's Keep Adding To Our Ranks in 2016
President Bob Winters

One of the best things we started last year was a project to increase our membership. I hope we can build on Steve Harvey's success by welcoming new folks into our ranks.

Our outings and meetings are a great way to help those new to the area or to the sport learn what's available in North Central Washington. Growing the club is easy. Be sure to invite people to our meetings and to our outings. Share word of our programs with those you think might like to know what our presenters offer. Invite someone new into your circle of fishing partners. When visitors or new members join us, make them feel welcome. Share our love for the sport and the pleasure we find in being part of WVFF.

We all have some knowledge about fly fishing someone else would love to have. Getting others to our meetings and showing our appreciation of their participation is good for the sport and the club itself. It can be helpful to them and to us.

After all, they might share something we'd like to know...

WDFW FISHING RULE CHANGE

Steelhead fishing expands on Wenatchee River and Icicle River

Open the Icicle River and an additional section of the Wenatchee River above Leavenworth on February 4, 2016 to fishing for hatchery steelhead. Areas that will open to fishing for steelhead one hour before sunrise on Feb. 4, 2016 until further notice include:

1. Wenatchee River: From the Icicle Road Bridge to 400 feet below Tumwater Dam.
2. Icicle River: From the mouth to 500 feet downstream of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Barrier Dam.

General rules:

1. Mandatory retention of hatchery steelhead, as identified by a missing adipose fin with a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.
2. Daily limit of two (2) hatchery steelhead; 20 inch minimum size.
3. Daily limit of five (5) hatchery rainbow trout of less than 20 inches in total length, as identified by a missing adipose fin with a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.
4. Anglers must stop fishing when a daily limit of two (2) hatchery steelhead are obtained, regardless of the number of hatchery rainbow trout obtained.
5. Selective gear rules and night closure are in effect for all steelhead fishery areas, except the use of bait is allowed on the mainstem Columbia River.
6. Steelhead with an intact adipose fin must be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water prior to release.
7. Release all steelhead with a floy (anchor) tag attached and/or one or more round ¼ inch in diameter holes punched in the caudal (tail) fin.
8. Motorized vessels are not allowed on the Wenatchee and Icicle rivers (Chelan County ordinance 7.20.190 Motorboat restrictions).

Don't Forget - SPONSORSHIPS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2016 YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY !

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