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Wading In....

There were about 17 WVFF'S who enjoyed the Quincy Lake outing. It was good fishing for some of the guys and gals.

The Methow River closed on March 31st. It goes to Catch and Release June 1 to Sept 30 with selective gear rules in effect. Let's hope we get some rain this summer to help cool the river water. The Methow River is coming up slow but steady. The nights have been cold with frost this last week of March.

Did you get a chance to go to the Fly Fishing Rendezvous in Conconully? It was their first one but not their last one. It promises to be an event you will want to mark on your calendar for next year. On our way home after the Fly Fishing Rendezvous and a huge prime rib dinner in Conconully, we stopped to take a look at Big and Little Green Lakes. We had heard of some very nice fish being caught. Those two lakes go to Catch and Release selective gear rules April one. We plan to go back to fish the Green Lakes after the fish report we heard.

The deer are crossing the valley from their wintering grounds to their summer range. Drive carefully.

Pat Herdt

(See the **Outings Insert, page 4** for the fully illustrated and insightful rest of Pat's musings.)



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Looking Upstream

April 15

General Meeting
Eagles Aerie
Wet Fly with Darrel Martin
demo tying! 6:00
Dinner 6:30
Program 7:30

April 17

Lake Lenice Outing

April 24 & 25

Blue Lake Opener

April 30-May 2

Ellensburg Enclave
Fly Tiers Needed
Call Pat Herdt
509.923.2525

May 6

Board Meeting

Darrel Martin Fly Fisher Extraordinaire

Darrel will demonstrate making a furled leader before dinner, a 25min process. Come watch a master at work. Come find out what a furled leader is! Then after dinner, Darrel will spin a yarn or two, talk up a fly or two, remind us of an invention or two, take us on one or two of his world journeys and in general regale us with a life-time's reservoir of fly fishing memories.

As Darrel closes his bio, he says, "In Ælfric's *Colloquium*, the Anglo-Saxon teacher asks, *Hwylcne cræft canst þu?* 'What sort of profession do you know?' Although written about 1000 years ago, my answer would be the same given by the student. *lc eom fiscere.* 'I am a fisherman.' Yet all fisher-folk know the frailty of the past and the present. 'The old writers and the old books trap some of the past. Nevertheless, the past fades, and nature is fragile and fugitive. . . . Like nature itself, fly fishing can only survive if we cherish the weeds and the wilderness.'" (*The Fly-Fisher's Craft*)

This will be a memorable night for us all. Come meet one of fly fishing's legends.

General Meetings at The Wenatchee Eagles Aerie
Third Thursday of the month, September through June.

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WVFF Board Meeting Minutes, 1 April 2010

President Pat Herdt opened the meeting at 7:06 PM

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Vice President Dick Nicklas, no report
Committee reports:

Treasurers Report: Al Smith, not present.

Outings: Richard Stone There will be an outing at Lenice Lake on the 17th of April and a weekend outing at Blue Lake in the Sinlehekin Valley on the 24th and 25th. At Lenice Lake, Richard will move the luncheon down to the lake at the boat put in so the fisher people do not have to walk back to the parking lot.

Programs: Gary Anderson. Darrel Martin will be at our April meeting. Before dinner, Darrel will make a Furreled leader. You will have to come and find out what that is. He will be showing and talking about how things were done years ago before we had the materials we have now. **Lorri Eberle** will be at the May meeting. She is the Water Quality Coordinator for the Columbia Riverkeepers that is headquartered in Hood River, Oregon. This should be an informative meeting. At a separate time she will also be putting on a training program for those volunteers who will take data on the quality of the Columbia River in this area. **(See announcement on page 7.)**

Membership: Eric Rainbolt Eric was not present but via Pat Herdt, he reported that we have 88 members, but 18 have yet to pay their dues.

Publications: Nancy Howard She has articles and pictures for the upcoming *FlyPaper*.

Ghille: Gil Biles Not present

Conservation: Don Bolstad Don and Richard Stone spent the day (April 1) working with Trout Unlimited to clean up Fish Lake. Apparently the north end of the lake was festooned with trash. Don reported that Washington Trout is endeavoring to shut down the Icicle River for trout fishing due to the presence of a stray Bull Trout.

Old Business:

Budget:

Several items in the budget were reviewed. **First discussed was the *FlyPaper*.** All agreed that Nancy has done a marvelous job with the *FlyPaper* and that it is the best in the State. However, the cost is very high. After much heavy debate a motion was made by Don Bolstad and seconded by Richard Stone to print the *FlyPaper* in black and white as opposed to color.

This would result in a savings of \$500 - \$600 for a year. The *FlyPaper* in full color will still be available via email. A vote was taken and passed, not unanimously. At present, a number of members have elected to receive only the email copy and print their own colored version. However, the Board did agree to review this decision at the September Board Meeting after receiving member feedback.

Ellensburg Conclave:

Fly Tyers are needed for Friday morning April 30th in Ellensburg. Call Pat Herdt (509.923.2525) if you can support this activity.

Kid's Fishing Day:

Richard Stone moved to rescind the motion made at the last board meeting to not fund the Fish and Game Department's kids fishing day in Leavenworth. Don seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed. Don Bolstad then moved that WVFF provide \$250 support for the Kids Fishing Outing put on by the Fish and Game Dept. Richard seconded the motion and it passed.

WVFF Class at WVC:

Gary Anderson reported that the Fly Fishing Class that he and Tom Whiteside teach at the College will yield an increase in income this year — enough to cover the expense, nearly 40 students!

New Business:

Porta Potty at Grimes Lake. The Board voted to continue paying for this item. Several members fish at Grimes Lake and without the Porta Potty we have no access since the access is on private land.

Stocking Northern Lakes. Bob Jateff had asked the Club to provide \$250 to buy some fish for some lakes in Okanogan County. **Dick Nicklas** moved that WVFF not provide this money. **Richard Stone** seconded the motion and it passed. We see the Grimes Lake Porta Potty as our contribution to quality fishing in the north.

Club Banner. **Dick Nicklas** was then tasked to buy a 3 X 5 foot banner for the Club to be used at various events and outings. Nancy Howard and Gary Anderson will work out the design.

Youth Flyfishing and Conservation Academy. So far, we may have three kids lined up for the Kids fly Fishing Academy in Lacey. We have a grant from UCRFEG for four but the kids have to apply.

Pat Herdt ended the meeting with fat pills and ice cream at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, **Rene Paul**, Secretary

WVFF General Meeting Minutes, 18 March 2010

President Pat Herdt opened the meeting at 7:30: PM

Pat asked that any pictures of our noteworthy actions and accomplishments be sent to her for use at various affairs so the public can be better informed of what we do besides fly fishing.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt. Eric reported that we now have 96 members.

Treasurer: Al Smith. Al stated that each place setting was provided a copy of the adopted budget for the year for member review.

By-Laws Revision Committee: Joe Roy. A copy of the signed revised By-Laws was distributed to each signee. This was required to support our endeavor to become a non-profit organization. The Application for that won't be put in until after 15 April.

Outings: Richard Stone. The Quincy Lake weekend outing is this weekend, 20/21 March. Casting will continue at Walla Walla Park this Tuesday 5:30 PM until dark. The Blue Lake Outing in the Sinlehekin Valley will be the 24th of April. This outing always serves to be a great weekend of fun and fishing and comradeship.

Pat asked for fishing reports and several were given.

Conservation: Don Bolstad. Don spoke of several items of interest. One was an effort to stabilize the bank of the Wenatchee River near the Golf Course in Leavenworth. Gil Biles announced that he had applied for and received a Grant of \$1500 to pay for four kids to attend Fly Fishing Academy in Lacey. He also received \$120 from Trout Unlimited to help pay some of the costs. Two teenagers have applied, and if they are accepted, we will use these funds to pay for them. We still have funds for two more kids. If any members know of a young person who might put forth the effort call Steve Olson who is spearheading this effort.

Program: Gary Anderson. Gary then introduced four guests. They were Art Viola. Chelan County Fisheries Biologists; Graham Grant, Enforcement Officer; Will Wiggs and Gregg Berdan, the Wenatchee Heights Reclamation District. Officer Grant spoke of the possibility of the Upper Wheeler Reservoir being opened for fishing and possibility for fly fishing only. The work the Club did to help clean up the Lower Wheeler Reservoir (i.e. Black Lake) has paid off. Wenatchee Heights Reclamation District has not yet committed but it looks favorable. Art

Viola then spoke of the fisheries in Chelan County including the possible Spring Chinook fishery on the Wenatchee. It is based on returning numbers of fish and sufficient numbers have to return to make it happen.

Pat Herdt adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM
Respectively submitted, Rene **Paul**, Secretary

Announcing Columbia Riverkeepers

Training for Volunteer Adopt-a-River and Water Quality Monitoring Program

WHEN: Friday May 21st 5:30-9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Eller-Fox Science Hall
Room 3015
Wenatchee Valley College
(on 5th street)

WHAT: The event is **FREE**, and food will be provided.

Anyone who is interested can email Lorri Eberle to sign up or get more info:

Lorri@columbiariverkeeper.org

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WVFF Fly Fishing Class Help Needed!

Tuesday — Apr 13 — knot tying

Tuesday — May 11 — fly tying

Tuesday — May 18 — casting

Call: Gary Anderson (509) 670-6370

or

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