



FLYPAPER

April 2016

Looking Upstream

April 21st WVFF General Meeting

Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Time	5:45 pm	Dinner	6:30 pm
Club Business	7:00 pm	Presenter	7:15 pm

Stillwater Salmon & Steelhead

Presented by Paul Anderson Owner of Flyfishing Strategies Fly Shop, The Dales, Oregon

A fly fishing fanatic for 40+ years. He and his wife own Fly Fishing Strategies and have fly fished all over the western US, western Canada and abroad. His presentation will cover some incredible "Stillwater" fly fishing for salmon and steelhead in and around the Bonneville pool. Paul has a wealth of experience and knowledge about fly fishing in the Pacific Northwest. He was introduced to fly fishing in 1975 and quickly learned to tie flies and match the hatch.

In 2000, he was invited to tie and demonstrate at the casting pond at the Central

Washington and the Tri-cities Sportsman shows and eventually the Spokane Valley sportsman show. In 2006, he learned of a fishery on the Columbia River fishing for steelhead and salmon in a still water situation at the mouth of rivers. Over the years, he studied the fishery, experimenting with different colors, styles, and sizes of fly's and will share some of that information with us on Thursday. He has also become a Fly Fishing merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts.

Just In Time for Summer

Extra Special WVFF Auction

Thanks to the generosity of Paul Ford, WVFF will be auctioning off some primo fishing gear just in time for your fishing expeditions.

Paul recently donated an inflatable watercraft, K Pump and fish finder to our club. The inflatable is a 2015 Fish Cat Scout with boat bag and oars fished once since it was obtained last year. The fish finder is a Hummingbird 140c. All items are in excellent condition and we appreciate Paul's generosity in sharing them with us. The gear will

make anyone's lake explorations easier and more fun. These items will be the subject of a live auction during our May general meeting. You or your designee need to be present to win!

- Length x Width: 7' x 55"
- Tube Diameter: 16.25"
- Weight: 35 lbs.
- Load Capacity: 400 lbs.
- Air Chambers: 2
- Frameless
- ***Suggested Retail Price \$650***

A Fish Finder & Boat Pump will be auctioned separately !

Spring is Skwala Time on the Yakima

The Yakima River has been generous of late. On March 20th Jack Squires and his son David caught Rainbows of 19 and a solid 20 inches. During the last hour of fishing (3 - 4 p.m.) they tried Skwala dries and had a dozen takes. Dave hooked five and landed three. Rob Winters and Bruce Merighi also caught some good fish on the 18th and the 25th. There were a lot of 12 - 14" fish and, of course, White Fish.

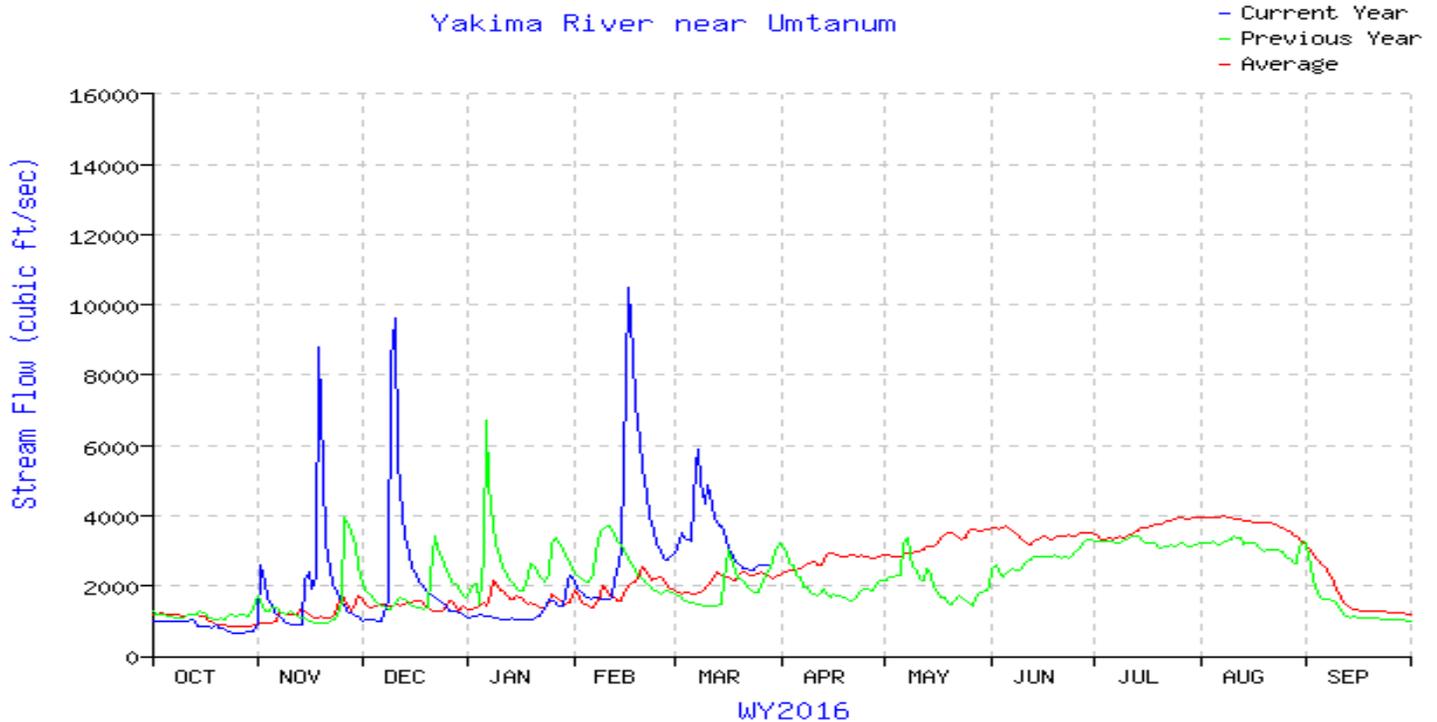
On March 10th Rob and Bruce floated the Yakima from Irene to Reds. The Irene to Ringers stretch was free of dangerous sweepers (for now) and the launch site at Ringers was closed due a washout. Water was a bit cool 42 F with only subsurface action on Pink "Slinky" San Juan Worms and Brown Pete's Rubber Legs bounced on the rocks. They caught a fat dozen 'bows from 18-14' and one long line release of a 5# Steelhead.

On March 25th they floated again but from Reds down to Roza. Water temperature was up to 44-45 F. A light BWO hatch started coming off during prime time but no rises. The morning had a few takes on Pats Rubber Legs but as the day continued to warm, they starting getting some dry fly action in the good holding water. Saw only one real. Their Chubby Chernobyl's worked fine but only the first fly over a fish would draw a rise. They caught another fat dozen 'bows from 20-14' and an obligatory White Fish on a nymph dropper.

Unfortunately, that fishery is over now that the Yakima is again running high, but keep this float in mind for next year. It's been on my list for a few years and I finally got out there and learned a few things. I plan to be out there again next year anytime between late February and end of April depending on the weather and river flow. Give it a try, it's a great way to get the cobwebs off your

winter solace and motivate you to get ready for another season on the Yak. (See fly pictures at the end of the paper but add a silver tungsten bead and slinky toy nose to the worm.)

By Bruce, Rob and Jack



Rene Paul found this great reference chart for the Yakima River on the BLM site http://www.usbr.gov/pn-bin/graphwy.pl?umtw_q

Promoting Cooperative Sportsmanship

Rob Winters - President

There are a lot of sports groups in our area and new ones seem to be forming. WVFF has more in common with other associations than we might think. Regardless of what we pursue and how we do it, hunting and fishing groups ultimately share an interest in preserving access to high quality land and water. Building ties to others could lead to accomplishments we might never manage on our own.

Ideally, we should be able to work with others on projects. Lots of groups with field sports interests have resources that could be combined to address issues beyond the resources of any one group. Together we may be able to accomplish a good deal and get results faster than we can expect from government agencies and the legislature.

We should build WVFF connections with these groups. I am inviting others to our meetings and sharing word of our presentations but I may miss folks you know. If you see someone with whom we share common interests, I hope you will invite them to join us some evening.

WVFF Ghillies

Spring Cleaning Book Sale

Rob, Fred, and Jack inventoried the club's books and videos recently. In the process, they found about 50+ books that haven't been used in quite some time. Books which had not been checked out in ten years were picked up for a spring cleaning our library. At the club's March meeting, we sold more than a dozen of these books. Once again at our April meeting these books will be available for purchase. We will be closing out all of the books, mostg for the bargain price of \$2.00 each. After the April meeting, all unsold books will be donated to the Wenatchee Library.

Plan on Taking a Few Home

Also, anyone who has any "overdue" club library books at home please return them so other club members can enjoy them. Thanks.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ken Cramer

Bill Deters

Steve Knox

Roger Wristen

Academy Application Deadline April 15th

Our club will be sponsoring a young person(s) to attend this year's Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy is a youth education project of Washington Council of Trout Unlimited and is made possible with the help and support of Washington State Council Federation Fly Fishers. It is held on Hicks Lake, Lacey. If you know of anyone interested they had better hurry. Applications on line at our WVFF site.

OUTINGS

By Fred Kunzmann

We have been asked by the Wenatchee Valley Sportsman's Club to help with the Kids Fishing @ Rock Island Ponds. They have poles, artificial fly's (worms) but 4-6 of us to help getting the gear into the kid's hands. They will need us there at 8 am Saturday April 16th.

The May outing, Big Twin, is cancelled and rescheduled for fall. For the rest of April and May our help is requested by Tom Whiteside and Gary Anderson at WVC, Sexton Hall.

April 23rd Outing Blue Lake – Okanogan County Main Camping Area

More Info. Call - Harry/JoAnn Lane @ 884-1888 or Eric/Dee Rainbolt @ 662-2314

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International Fly-Fishing Film Festival

Bruce Merighi and Rob Winters

The Snowy Owl Theatre at Sleeping Lady Lodge in Leavenworth was the scene of a first-time fishing event. The venue was packed by a sell-out crowd of just over 200 fly fishers, hailing from Spokane, Lynwood, the Moses Lake and Plain. Positive vibes were in the air as the patrons bought raffle tickets at our information booth, entered to win a free float trip from the good folks from Ellensburg Anglers, a relatively new Orvis Endorsed Guide Service and talked fish and habitat with the good folks from the Leavenworth Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The films were all about ten minutes in length and related to fly fishing but hit diverse subjects like one featured steel heading authority April Volker trying to fish with a large guy on a super small mini bike, heart strings tugged by one film addressing youth fly fishing while others showed off exotic locations and eye popping monster fish. All in all a feast for the eyes and soul.

Our President Rob Winters welcomed the full house at the start of the film and gave a very brief thank you from the WFFF and maybe a personal invite to attend our next meeting.

We all owe new members Eric and Kyra Davis a nod of gratitude for being the primary engine behind this enjoyable and professionally handled film fest. They donated a nice quantity of raffle items,

along with the club and Sportsman's Warehouse. During intermission, half of the raffle winners were announced and the remainder at the evening conclusion. Their idea of posting winning numbers on the screen, instead of drawing numbers in front of the attendees made for a rapid and effective means of making the winners very happy in a short period of time.

The WVFF coffers increased by over \$1100 from the raffle, 20% of the gate and 10% of that night's proceeds from O'Grady's Pantry. This made for a fun and profitable night for our little club.

This showing was the first time ever this event has been in the Wenatchee/Leavenworth area and when asked at the end of the night if we should do it again the 200 plus film goers all gave a unanimous applause for the idea. Hopefully we'll have a chance to do this again!

Of Ancient Wisdom

Rob Winters

Periodically I reread Ray Bergman's Trout. The initial childhood attraction lay in those fantastic Burke paintings of fancy flies now rarely seen. Today I appreciate Trout for far more than complicated flies my blunt thrashing digits refuse to tie.

Bergman discussed tactics we see more often today than we once did. His insights into fish behavior are still relevant. He experimented. Perhaps the most important thing Bergman taught is the value of observation. He watched others approach lies he had fished. Seeing fish interact with their environment and other anglers taught him useful things he had once overlooked.

These days I still look at Burke's paintings but I spend more time trying to remember the "greats" like Bergman improved through observation. They watched. They adapted. Sad as I am to have ignored their wisdom for so long, I still appreciate their example.

REMINDER
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