



FLYPAPER

December 2016

Looking Upstream

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| January 21 st 2017 | WVFF Banquet at the Wenatchee Red Lion Live/Silent Auctions - Great Food and Libations Raffles - Wine Drawings - + A Great Time ! |
| Feb. 23 rd 2017 | Fly Fishin' Film Fest II Leavenworth |
| Feb. 24 - 25 th 2017 | Sportsman's Show Wenatchee |
| May 5 th - 6 th , 2017 | WSCIFFF 11 th Fly Fishing Fair Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg. |

December 15th 2016 WVFF General Meeting
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour 5:30 pm
Buffet 6:30 pm Ham - Au Gratin Potatoes - Veggies - Salad Bar
Club Business 7:00 pm Self Entertainment Night 7:15 pm

MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

SHARE YOUR YEAR CHUCKING FLIES

Ok it's time to come out from behind the curtain and show everyone else what you did this last year fly flippin'. Maps, cool flies, hero shots with boat sized monster fish or high lake beauties, almost the size of a #2 hook or other fishin' trip yarns. Bring it all, No fish pix too small but sometimes size does matter... give Gary Anderson at 670-6370 or Joann Lane 884-1888 a call if you have any audio/visual equipment needs or questions. SHARE

Sign-up for the Banquet

Saturday January 21st 2017

Red Lion – Wenatchee Avenue – Chelan Room – No Host Bar

Social Hour 6:00 pm

Fantastic Buffet Meal 6:45 or 7:00 pm ish Raffle + Live 'n Silent Auctions 7:30 pm ish

An accurate headcount by Jan. 14th helps your club & Red Lion facilitate a better banquet. Please complete and deliver the following "Banquet Reservation Form" ASAP

Give the form and your \$\$ to: Any Board Member at the next meeting.

Mail the form and your \$\$ to: Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers
Box 3687 Wenatchee WA 98807-3687

2017 WVFF Banquet Reservation Form

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| Advanced Purchase | Attach Check _____ # of Members Spouses Guests | @ \$ 40 each _____ |
| Plan To Purchase | At The Door _____ # of Members Spouses Guests | @ \$ 45 each _____ |
| 2017 Dues | Cross out if not due | @ \$ 35 each _____ |
| WVFF Patch | Optional | @ \$ 5 each _____ |
| Name Tag | New Members Only | @ \$ 7 each _____ |
| | | Total \$ _____ |

Attendee Name (s) _____

If your contact information has changed please note it below.

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

If you have donations for the auction or raffles:

- *Fly gear that still has a few casts left !*
- *How about guiding a trip !*
- *Hosting or Cooking a dinner or picnic for a small group !*
- *Flies from your vice !*
- *Bottles of wine !*
- *Cool items for Spouse and House !*

*Tell any Board Member and they'll coordinate collection or
Bring it to the Red Lion, the day of the Banquet,
12:00 – 4:00 Please and Thank You*

On The Conservation Front

By Bruce Merighi

The Stemilt-Squilchuck Recreation Planning Group, a conglomeration of affected and interested parties, reporting to the nine year old Stemilt-Partnership had its third meeting on November 17th. Our club has a vested interest in the challenges and benefits resulting from this recreational development plan in the Squilchuck-Stemilt Basin.

Therefore, as the Conservation Chair for the WVFF, I will be attending these meetings and posting the minutes in this newsletter and on our website. What I need from you is your thoughts about the area, what the club might want to persue or protect. I've lived for almost 40 years in the Lake Wenatchee area so my familiarity with the Squilchuck-Stemilt Basin is limited and I need your input. Give me a yell ASAP at 763-3581. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-January. Of course you are also invited to attend any of these meetings and voice your ideas in person.

Other one presented by Bruce Merighi. Wheeler Lake, its access and other fishing locations in the affected area not to mention water quality for the region in general. For a map of this area refer to our website.

In brief the meeting covered the following topics at its last meeting:

1. Updates
 - a. A review of the history behind the DNR and WDFW land swaps that facilitated the planning for continuous and contiguous sections in the affected area.
 - b. A County/Natural Resource walk about to view the area this summer.

- c. The National Park Service Planning Assistance Grant was approved and this will allow for the assistance from the NPS in the form of an experienced mentor to attend our meetings and help with grant writing starting after the holidays. She will be available to us for about a year.
 - d. The Steffens Meadow Restoration Project was reviewed. A (non-green dot) road has been established as a major mud bogging spot and this in turn has caused so much erosion that other multiple tracks have been driven through the meadow that a blockade and meadow floor project was initiated to return this space back to historic cover.
 - e. The Mission Ridge expansion project was quickly updated. They purchased a section plus in the vicinity of Upper Wheeler.
 - f. The 2007 Chelan County Comprehensive Plan's "Recreational Element" will be reviewed in December and I will also be attending these meeting as a WVFF representative but need your impute about what if any projects our club might be interested in pursuing in this area. If you get a future project placed into the county plan at this time it will might make it easier to accomplish down the road.
2. Considerations for recreational development were discussed and the group listed a wide range of interests:
 - a. X-Country Skiing
 - b. Hiking and Biking
 - c. Snowmobiling
 - d. ORVs
 - e. Wildlife/Elk habitat, rearing, mating and hunting areas
 - f. Private ownerships, easements and access
 - g. Business in the area
 - h. Connecting with Squilchuck Park and Nannum Ridge Plans
 - i. Waste management
 - j. Protection of the assets
 - k. Enforcement of closures and rules
 - l. Water resources
 - m. Maintain and possibly expand selective fishery
 - n. Community Values and much more...
 - o. And most importantly 'NOT LOVING IT TO DEATH'
3. The group started to list planning goals and visions.
4. Our groups next steps, for the planning process are:
 - a. Reconvene in January with the NPS assistance representative
 - b. Present the recreational plan outline and assign a target timeline (draft a plan by the summer of 2017)
 - c. Continue compilation of conceptual ideas if need
 - d. Asses feasibility of recreational concepts
 - e. Introduce project to the public and hopefully obtain county commissioner approval.

DON'T LOVE YOUR FISH TO DEATH

THE FOLLOWING IS AN AUTHORISED REPRINT FROM
THE "KEEPEMWET" WEBSITE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Following the keepemwet principles is something everyone should easily be able to do. All it takes is a little preparation and mindfulness before heading out on a trip and while on the water. By incorporating these tips into regular fishing practices, you can eliminate contact with dry surfaces, minimize air exposure, and reduce handling. This list of tips is by no means exhaustive, but rather a starting point of simple and easy steps every angler can take to keepemwet.

REDUCE ANGLING DURATION By landing a fish quickly and without playing it to exhaustion, you can dramatically reduce stress the fish incurs. This can be achieved by ensuring tackle is appropriately matched to the targeted species.

FISH BARBLESS HOOKS Crimp the barbs on hooks. Not only do barbless hooks cause less damage to a fish's mouth, but they are also much easier and quicker to remove - especially important when one ends up in your ear or finger!

CARRY HOOK REMOVAL DEVICES Carry easily accessible pliers or other hook removal tools, which enable quick and careful hook removal.

FOLLOW LOCAL REGULATIONS In some places it is illegal to remove certain species from the water, such as wild steelhead, salmon, and bull trout in Washington. Be aware of these regulations to ensure you are acting in accordance with the law.

FISH WITH NETS Nets are not always necessary, but often they help land fish quicker and in deeper water. Nets also help reduce handling by allowing you to keep fish in the water while unhooking, reviving, and photographing them.

PHOTOGRAPH WET FISH Photograph fish in the water. If a fish is momentarily taken out of the water, keep it as close to the water as possible and fully submerge it between pictures to give the fish a quick breather. Ideally, let the photographer call the shots – 1, 2, 3...raise the fish...and click.

HOLD FISH OVER WATER Fish are slippery creatures and can easily be dropped. So when holding a fish, keep it in or slightly above the water - not over boats or land. That way if dropped, it falls back into the water unharmed.

ONLY USE RUBBER NETS As opposed to knotted and mesh nets, rubber nets are less abrasive and will not get caught in a fish's gills. Plus, hooks don't snag as much on rubber nets, and they look great in photographs.

GRIP FISH CAREFULLY Fish have sensitive internal organs, so hold them lightly without squeezing. Avoid placing your hand over their mouth and gills as it obstructs breathing. With larger fish, grip the tail wrist with "A-Ok" finger formation and gently support the body under the front fins.

CAREFULLY REVIVE FISH An exhausted fish needs reviving. This can be done in a river by submerging the fish and holding its head facing upstream so that the water runs in the mouth and through the gills. In stillwater situations, move the fish in a figure 8 pattern to simulate this effect. Avoid pulling a fish backwards or pointing it downstream as water moving in the reverse direction can harm fish.

NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION
AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY
June 18-24, 2017 Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2017 until April 15
Applications can be viewed on our website or by going to:
<http://www.nwycffa.com/wordpress1/who-can-apply/>

WVFF has provided NWYCFFA academy information to the:
Wenatchee, Eastmont, Cashmere and Cascades School Districts
Boy Scouts – Girl Scouts - 4-H - YWCA - YMCA

WVFF November Board Meeting Brief

For the complete minutes see our website
November 3, 2016

Present: Craig Garver, Steve Harvey, Fred Kunzmann, Harry Lane, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Eric Rainbolt, Al Smith, Rob Winters Absent: Gary Anderson Called to order 5:33 p.m. Minutes of the October 2016 Board and General meetings were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Rob Winters shared that he had prepared and submitted a letter of support for the Rufus Woods project as requested by Travis Maitland and approved by the Board. Plus working with Trout Unlimited to provide fly-tying instruction for the TU Women's Fly Fishing Class. IFFF membership paperwork needs to be completed and submitted. Membership will actually begin in November and be covered through 2017. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November General Meeting.

Past-President: Steve Harvey reported that he is waiting to meet with Eric Davis the week of November 7. They will work on the Fly Fishing Film Festival scheduled for February 23, 2017, at the Snowy Owl Theatre in Leavenworth. Discussion followed about publicizing the film festival. It has already been included in the Snowy Owl's more recent mailing.

Treasurer: Al Smith reported a balance of approximately \$18,319.35 which includes \$800 of receivables.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt reported membership of 75. Discussion followed about ways to further expand our membership. Ideas included highlighting our club in the media, both in print and on the radio.

Education/ Conservation: Bruce Merighi will be working with Eric Davis to update our current website. He also shared information from a Wenatchee Habitat meeting he attended, including the role lampreys play in helping the watershed.

Publications: Bruce Merighi will be working with Eric Davis to update our current website. He noted that he posts the minutes online both on the Minutes section of the website and in a shorter version within *The Fly Paper*.

Outings: There was a discussion of possible fall outings.

Of Note: Work has begun on the 2017 Banquet donations. Decorations can be updated and used again this year. And the WVFF storage unit rental is due. The Board agreed the unit has been an excellent way to store and have access to club supplies. The rental of a storage unit was included in this year's budget and will be paid before the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held concerning a possible WVFF memorial for those of our members who are deceased, particularly those we lost within the past year. It was moved and seconded that WVFF take over co-sponsorship with Darc Knoble (Desert Fly Angler in Ellensburg) of the Isaak's Ranch/ Back-to-the-Wall banquet raffle item. The motion carried. (Irv Connor used to do this for the club. In the past few years, Al Smith has continued the tradition in Irv's memory.)
- A motion to hold the 2017 General Meeting and Banquet at the Red Lion was made, seconded and passed. Bruce Merighi will meet with the Red Lion to discuss the banquet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made that the club again provide a door prize at the annual banquet. It was moved, seconded and carried. Bruce Merighi will contact The Freestone Inn in Mazama about what they might offer the club.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF November 11, 2016

Washington State Council

International Federation of Fly Fishers

2531 Simon Lane NE, Olympia, Washington 98507

www.wsciff.org

The WSCIFFF 11th annual Fly Fishing Fair will be held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg, WA, May 5th & 6th, 2017. They are looking for tyer. If you are interested, you may register on line beginning Jan 15, 2017 through their website www.wsciff.org. Their application is immediately below.

Steven Fernandez, 2012 Buszek Memorial Award will be their guest Fly Tyer with workshops and demonstrations during the fair.

Volunteer Dinner and Auction for CFR, PHW, OPFI Thursday May 4th
Social hour with no host bar 5:00-6:00 PM., dinner at 6 PM.

Friday Awards Banquet tickets are available on line only. The banquet is Friday night with a no host bar 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM with live auction to follow. Purchase your tickets for \$40.

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The WVFF is a federally registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization incorporated in WA.

Members are encouraged to submit sale items, articles and pictures to: bruce401@nwi.net

Fly Tyer Registration Form
Washington State Council International
Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) Fair
Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6, 2017
Ellensburg, Washington

Please complete all information:

Name: _____ IFFF Member # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Home

Phone: _____ Cell

E-Mail: _____

Please place an X in the session boxes you would like to tie at.

Every effort will be made to put you in your desired time block(s).

Friday May 5th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

12:00 am – 3:00 pm

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday May 6th

9:00 am – 12:00 am

12:00 am – 3:00 pm

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Type of fly patterns you will be demonstrating: _____

Are you planning on attending the Volunteer Dinner Thursday evening on May 4th? Yes _____ No _____

Please return your completed form **no later than March 15, 2017** to:

Chet Allison 7509 N Old Fort Dr. Spokane, WA 99208

Or submit by email to: Chet Allison at jochetallison@msn.com

See you at the Fair! Chet Allison WSCIFFF Tying Chairman 2017