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WVFF BANQUET

On January 19th another successful and entertaining banquet was held at the Wenatchee Golf and Country Club. The festivities commenced with a no host bar which gave the attendees ample opportunity to peruse the generous offerings at the raffle tables. If that weren't enough there were three silent auction tables loaded with fishy items available for bidding.

The WVFF membership would like to heartily thank the donors who made our raffle, plus the live and silent auctions great successes. Alaska Legend Lodge, Bill Ward, Bruce Merighi, Darc Knobel, Al Smith, Don Bolstad, Doyle Goolsby, Gary Walker, Dan Horan, Gil Biles, Gordie Northrup, Head Hunters Fly Shop, Iris Boldstad, Jim Cunningham, Judy Conner, Judy Conner, Pam Nicklas, Pat and Tom Whiteside, Ray Ames, RIO, Steve Harvey, Tom Rowe, Joe Roy and Walt Wittgow.

The Club provided a very pleasing array of edibles including tender prime rib and sautéed salmon. The cake pictured to the right was an amazing creation that caught everyone's attention. It was crafted by Ruben and made for a fine culinary conclusion to the evening.

The revenue generated by the evening was down \$706 from 2012 but just below 2011 and slightly ahead of 2010. The Live Auction and Raffle each brought in about \$300 less than the previous year but the Silent Auction saved the night by doubling previous 2012 receipts. Factoring in our costs, the 2013 banquet made \$4,684. Heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to everyone that worked so hard to make this banquet a success.



LOOKING UPSTREAM

February 21, 2013

General Meeting *Wear your name tag !*

Wenatchee Eagles Lodge	
Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar	5:45 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm
Program	8:00 pm

Don't miss the WDFW fish biologists Chad Jackson, Bob Jateff and Travis Maitland who'll be sharing their valuable information about our home waters. More information later in the newsletter.

March 7, 2013

Board Meeting 7:00 pm
1200 Summerhill Place, Wenatchee

March 21, 2013

General Meeting *Wear your name tag !*

Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45 pm
 Dinner 6:30 pm
 Program 8:00 pm

John Arterburn, a anadromous fish biologist IV, with the Confederated Colville Tribes will be telling us about their fisheries program and the upcoming fishing opportunities on the Colville reservation.

May 3-4, 2013

2013 Washington Fly Fishing Fair
 Ellensburg, WA

MEMBERS QUESTIONNAIRE

It's your club and we need your impute. Please take a few minutes to complete this short questionnaire. Bring it to the next meeting or send me an e-mail for an electronic version. I'll compile and report the results at the March meeting. The Editor

1 How long have you been a member?

- a. New this year
- b. 1-5 years
- c. 6-10 years
- d. 11-15 years
- e. 15-20 years
- f. Since the club was founded in 1984

2 Why did you join the club?

Please rank all that apply by placing a # next to each. For example: 1= main reason, 2= secondary reason and 3=tertiary reason etc.

- a. Gain information about fly fishing from other members.
- b. Provide information to other members about fly fishing.
- c. Participate in fly fishing oriented conservation projects.
- d. Participate in fly fishing oriented community outreach projects.
- e. Learn more about fly fishing from presentations.
- f. Outings
- g. Monthly Presenters
- h. Interactions with other members at the meetings.
- i. Interactions with other members away from the meetings.

- j. The Fly Paper
- k. The enjoyment of monthly meetings.
- l. Annual Banquet
- m. Write and rank any other reason

3 How would you rank the clubs performance in the following categories?

Circle only one # per question
 1 = poor 10 = excellent

- a. Providing information about the sport
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- b. Outing locations
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- c. Overall outing experience
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- d. How would you rank the clubs spirit of friendship?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- e. Do other members share valuable fishing information with you?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1 = none 10 = a great deal of information
- f. Besides the outings, has a member asked you to fish with them?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1 = never 10 = all the time
- g. Should fly tying meetings/outings occur on a regular basis? Yes No
- h. How would you rank our monthly presenters?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- i. Did you learn more about fly fishing from presentations?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- j. Have you learned more about fly fishing from other members?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- k. Providing opportunities to participate in fly fishing oriented conservation projects
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- l. Outing Locations
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

AQUATIC LANDS ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT (ALEA) GRANT PROGRAM

Fred Kunzmann has been busy for a number of months, maybe years searching in the dusty nooks and crannies of county archives and he's discovered fifty five deeds that date back to the late 60's and early 70's. These documents are easements for public access to strips of land along the Wenatchee River between the Icicle and Columbia Rivers. Lands that are available to the public (insert fisher folks) for their recreational uses. Fred has teamed up with Bruce Merighi to apply for an ALEA Grant, with the blessing of the Board. This grant would be of no cost to the club, but would require some volunteer work down the road.

The grant is a two part project. Part 1 asks WFG to provided monies to identify current owners of these properties, since many things have changed since the '60s. It will also create high quality maps of the properties mentioned in the deeds and to exactly identify their locations.

Part 2 would be a separate grant, and if awarded it would cover the costs of contacting and meeting with the land owners, holding public meetings and ultimately signing the locations so everyone is clear on what public lands are available.

The lands in question are mostly 25' strips of land that stretch for as little as 30' or as long as 3,500' adjacent to the mean high water mark of the Wenatchee River. Accessible mostly from water craft, their uses would be less available than drive-in / walk-in easements to the river, but any spot that we can legally cast from is a bonus in my book.

Like any grant application it's a long shot but one that we feel is worth the hours already invested. Kudos to Fred for pursuing such a valuable and illusive quest. More information to come in future issues as it becomes available.

FLIES AFIELD

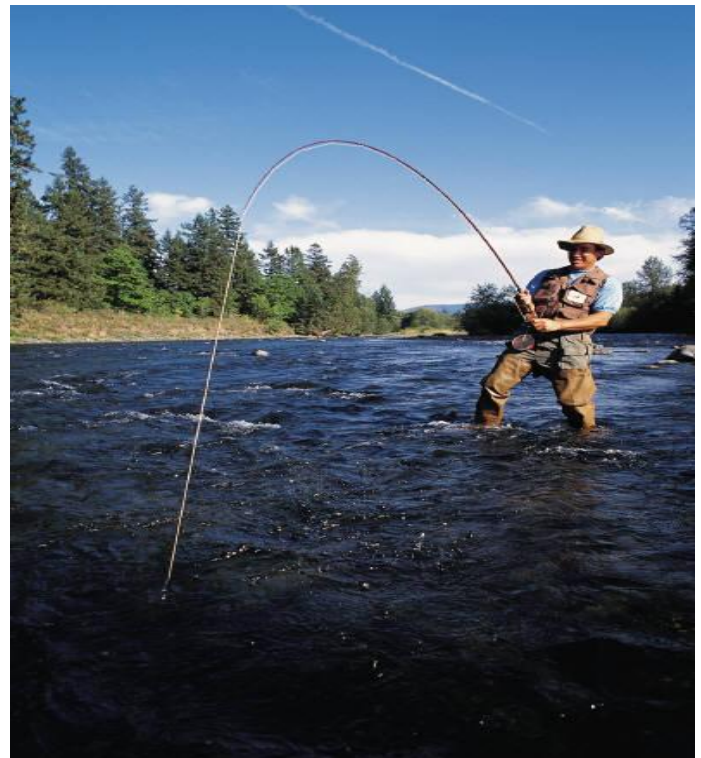
Our area has many interesting fishing spots. Locations that draw others from around the state. Places like Rocky Ford, Dry Falls, Lake Chopaka and the Methow River but what's over the horizon? Where does one fish for Sea Run Cuts? When do the

eastern lakes turn on? Do I go to the Tri -Cities in April or May for the annual upstream smallmouth run into the lower Yakima? Wouldn't you like more information about these and other fishing destinations?

I've contacted other fly fishing clubs in the state with the purpose of sharing general fly fishing information. Not those hard won nuggets that took years of research, just good basic information that everyone could use to plan an enjoyable outing.

I hope to create a forum that shares these pearls of wisdom between people with like interests. Sharing outing information and seasons on the fly would be good stuff for everyone! Hopefully by next month's Flypaper we'll have information from our cousins out there, about what's happening in their backyard for the months of March and April. So far our partners are:

Fidalgo Fly Fishers --Anacortes
Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club -- Spokane
Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds
Overlake Fly Fishing Club --Bellevue
Whidbey Island Flyfishing Club – Langley





OUTING SCHEDULE 2013



<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Type of fishing and equipment needed</i>	<i>Additional information</i>
March 2 nd	Yakima River	Float and wade fishing	Skwala stonefly hatch. Water levels should be just right.
March 23 – 24 th	Lenice Lake or Quincy	Pontoon boats and float tubes	Try not to anger the wind Gods
April 6 th	Desert lakes	Hike in to premium lake fishing.	Will print a map when the time comes.
April 27 – 28 th	Blue Lake	Chironomids !	The traditional Blue Lake opener.
May ?	We need some ideas for the May outing.	Perhaps something in bass waters.	Feel free to contact me with any ideas. Tom Whiteside Ph-663-8364 W8fwd@charter.net
June 8 – 9th	Big Twin Lake near Winthrop	Camping , fishing, Saturday BBQ Sunday pancake breakfast with Chef Kunzmann	What more needs to be said. Do your best to not miss this one.

The first class at the college will be April 9th. That means we'll be teaching knots on the 16th and we will be asking for club helpers for that night. Gary is out of town, so I don't have the class schedule beyond that date.

As soon as things warm up in May I'll be introducing a new program called, "Wednesday Nights on the Heights". The idea is to break up the week with mini outings to Beehive, Springhill, and Upper Wheeler Reservoirs. I'll publish a schedule so everybody can join us in the afternoons or come up after work.

FEBRUARY MEETING PRESENTERS

Gary Anderson has arranged for three WDFW fish biologists to make an informative presentation to our membership. They'll be providing an insider's report on the numerous fisheries of our area. Chad Jackson will discuss Adams and Grant Co. locations, Bob Jateff will brief us on what to expect around the Okanogan and Travis Maitland will fill us in on Chelan and Douglas Co. waters. As usual, this presentation is greatly anticipated so come prepared to learn important details and fishing tips that will greatly enhance your success this season. Bring your note pad and questions and plan to leave with a wealth of information.

WVFF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2013

Wet Fly Hour, buffet dinner and raffle and silent auction preceded the general meeting.

General Meeting: President Al Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

General Reports:

- Elections/ Nomination Slate: Al Smith introduced the current slate of nominees for 2013's WVFF Board. Ballots were distributed for the position of Newsletter Publisher. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate for 2013 board members who were running unopposed. Motion carried. Ballots for Publisher will be counted and results announced at a later date.
- New President Tom Rowe made a presentation and expressed the club's appreciation to Outgoing President Al Smith for his service to the club.
- Al Smith reminded members of the WVFF Participation in upcoming Wenatchee Valley Sportsmen Show, February 22-24, 2013, at Toyota Town Center.
- Fund-Raisers: Rene Paul and Gary Anderson coordinated raffle and silent auction activities, announcing winners and distributing items. Gordy Northrup acted as auctioneer for the live auction.

Newly-elected President Tom Rowe made closing remarks and adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

JoAnn Lane, WVFF Secretary, January 23, 2013

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEB. 7, 2013

The meeting was opened at President Tom's home at 7:06 PM. Present were Tom Rowe, Rob Winters, Don Bolstad, Bill Ward, Eric Rainbolt, Tom Whiteside, Bruce Merighi and Danny Horan. Absent – Gary Anderson and JoAnn Lane were absent. Also present was Fred Kunzmann.

Minutes - The minutes of the January board and membership (banquet) were approved.

Treasurer Report– Bill Ward

- January financial report was not presented. For the record, the cash balance at 1/31/13 was \$26,090 compared to \$23,581 in 2012. The increase was caused by banquet receipts.
- The 2013 banquet resulted in a net income of \$4,684 compared to \$5,060 and \$4,889 in 2012 and 2011 respectively. The reduction was caused primarily by decreased raffle ticket sales and the live auction results.

Vice President Report– Robert Winters

- The Trout Unlimited monthly meeting will have an interesting speaker from Bristol Bay. WVFF members are welcome. Call Rob if you want more details.
- Pat Herdt called to make sure mention was included in this newsletter concerning the need for fly tiers at the Ellensburg Conclave in April.

Membership Report – Eric Rainbolt reported we have 80 members with 56 having paid their 2013 dues.

Outings Report– Tom Whiteside

- Tentative outings: 3/2 – Yakima River 3/21 – Lenice 4/6 – Desert Lakes 4/27 & 8 Big Twin. Detailed information will be in the newsletter.
- There will be a new program this year- "Nites at the Heights"- where impromptu afternoon / evening outings to Beehive, Black Lake , Upper Wheeler, etc.

Library Report – Danny Horan – Nothing to report

Newsletter Report – Bruce Merighi

- Passed around a draft of the February newsletter noting several proposed changes.
- Discussed the questionnaire to be included. The Board moved, seconded and passed a motion to publish.

Environment / Youth Report- Don Bolstad

- On a sad note, Don advised he is resigning as chair for health reasons but will stay active to the extent possible.
 - o Rob Winters will fill in on this committee for the time being.
 - o Pat Herdt advised we will participate in a small outdoor sports festival on April 13th. She, Rob Winters and Don Bolstad will attend for fly tying exhibit. Others are welcome.
 - o Discussed the Youth Conservation & FF Academy. Applicants need to send in the application by April 15th. For kids between 12 and 16.
 - o Fred Kunzmann advised that something be put into the newsletter requesting members submit proposals for the clubs involvements in conservation projects. Board's in agreement with this.
 - o Upper Wheeler – Discussed Gil Biles stepping back on his efforts. Steve Harvey and Steve Remmer have volunteered to step in and should be in touch with Gil.

Old Business

Web Site – We'd like to find someone who could get on top of this. If you're that person, please make yourself available. Otherwise, we may need to hire someone who could bring the site up to today's standards and maintain it going forward. This is important if we want to transition the club to a younger membership.

Budget – The proposed budget was reviewed, discussed and approved. Copies available at the next meeting.

Upper Wheeler - Access and Chelan County – Fred Kunzmann discussed the possible use of part of our funds to assist Chelan County in acquiring properties from a logging company in the Stemilt Hill area for some \$2,500,000. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

Wenatchee River Access – There have been many discussion in the past about river access being available from the Chelan PUD purchasing right of ways when the dams were built. The Ephrata office of WDF&G have contacted us concerning efforts to utilize these right of ways for fishing. Fred Kunzmann and Bruce Merighi are submitting a Part I of II, \$12,000 ALEA grant to discover all properties in question, identify the current owners and create a presentation map. Part II if awarded will be to contact the owners, hold public meetings and post signage. The meeting adjourned at 8:45

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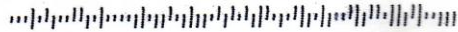


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LATE BREAKING NEWS

Mark Wednesday, March 13th on your calendar. The IVTU regular meeting will feature a presentation on fly fishing in the Bristol Bay river system. The 45 minute presentation will consist of an overview of Alaska's Bristol Bay sustainable, sport fishery. Home to large rainbow trout, 5 types of Pacific Salmon, Sea Run Dolly Varden Char, Arctic Grayling and dry fly angling. Information on calendar timing for these species. Plus a special section about sport fishing trips with disabled veterans and civilians.

- YOUR BOARD WANTS YOUR IDAEAS

The club's financial position is secure and healthy. We find ourselves in a fiscal environment that raises the question of: What should we do with our money? As a 501 (c) (3) Corporation there are various limitations and restrictions placed upon us as to how we can spend our money. Pursuant to this thought, the board would like feedback from the membership about how we might use our surplus to support conservation projects or other appropriate projects. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting for discussion. If you're not planning on attending the February General Meeting, please send a board member an e-mail or snail mail with your suggestion(s).

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