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SHARE YOUR SPORT – HELP TEACH TYING THIS YEAR

ROB WINTERS

Our club is known for putting on fly tying classes and it is time to recruit volunteers for this year's projects. Thanks to the work of Pat Herdt, Don Bolstad and many other hard core volunteers, Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers has made tying instruction available to hundreds of people across this region. We have more high profile opportunities to showcase tying this year and I hope everyone will consider helping out.

The biggest event of our year is the FFF Conclave in Ellensburg scheduled for the first weekend in May. There will be classes with school kids on Friday the 2nd and tying tables open to all comers in the fairgrounds' main hall on Saturday and Sunday (May 3rd and 4th). Volunteers are admitted to the show free of charge.

Salmonfest, our second largest event, will be held September 20th in Leavenworth. Other smaller tying classes in places like Entiat, Conconully and the Methow school system are likely as well. We will need volunteers at all these events.

This is worthwhile work. Showing people they can tie flies removes some of their apprehension about entering fly fishing and moves them toward a new perspective on outdoor life here. Perhaps more important, it helps dispel the image of fly fishers as a bunch of snobs.

The lessons work best one-on-one. The more volunteers, the better the novice's experience. Sadly, there have been times when we lacked enough volunteers to meet the demand.

I hope all of you who tie will help out with this project as these events come up. All skill sets are useful. Passing on the basics does not require you to be a full feather wing salmon fly artist. If you can tie a Woolly Bugger, you have talent to share. Helping a beginner get a taste of the sport is what really counts.

Believe me, it is worth it.



LOOKING UPSTREAM

February 20, 2014

WVFF General Meeting Bring a friend and wear your name tag !

Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Breaded Pork Chops, Green Beans and Mash, Salad and Desert

The program begins at 8:00. This month we have the WDFW fish biologists who will share their valuable information about our home waters. How a lake is rehabbing, what stocking and carryover numbers look like and more details about some of our pet projects, ideas for future projects and in general lots of great information to help you plan the upcoming fishing season. Bring paper and pen, you'll be wanting to take notes.

WHITE & NAPEEQUA RIVER CONVERSATION PROJECT

Gilbert Biles

In 2011 the Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT), Tall Timber Ranch (TTR) and the Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG) embarked on a salmon conservation and education project in the heart of the Cascades at the confluence of the White and Napeequa Rivers, in North Central Washington.

The Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) provided funding to the Chelan Douglas Land Trust to purchase two twenty (20) acre Conversation Easements, extinguishing development rights from the Tall Timber Ranch, a 100 acre camp operated by the Presbyterian Church. The funding was provided to protect critical spawning and rearing habitat for three ESA listed native fish, spring Chinook salmon, Steelhead and Bull Trout. The White River is also home to one of only three populations of lake-rearing Sockeye Salmon in the Columbia River system.

Following the completion of the conservation actions, the Chelan Douglas Land Trust and Tall Timber Ranch contacted the Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group to develop an interpretive trail along the White River and riparian planting project along 600' of the Napeequa River. CCFEG worked closely with local agency biologists, artists, landowners, Native American Tribes, geologists and historians to develop seven interpretive signs along the White River. The signs highlighted the human and geologist history of the White River valley and also described valuable components of a healthy watershed and some of the biota that rely on this habitat. Tall Timber Ranch hosts 6,000 guests each year. The camp provides a unique opportunity to share the story of collaborative partnerships.

CCFEG restored native riparian vegetation along approximately 600' of the Napeequa River, an area which has been vegetated for many decades due to grazing that predated Tall Timber Ranch. Restoring native vegetation along the Napeequa River will improve habitat for fish and wildlife and help naturally stabilize an eroding bank. Streamside trees play a critical role in maintaining healthy watersheds by: providing shade and leaf litter, stream stability, slowing flood flows, trapping sediment and eventually providing complex in stream habitat.

The project in its entirety lasted from 2009 to 2012. Partners have discussed and are currently in negotiations to protect additional Tall Timber Ranch properties from future development and potentially adding on to the interpretive trail. Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group and Tall Timber Ranch continue to maintain the establishment of the native plants along the Napeequa River to ensure their survival. Partnership like these ensure the continued existence of Washington's native fish including the iconic Pacific Salmon. This project was made possible by team members Jason Lundgren, Matt Shale's and Sean Koester and Gilbert Biles, IFFF VP Conservation East.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2014

Present: Gary Anderson, Al Smith, Danny Horan, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Eric Rainbolt, Tom Rowe, Tom Whiteside, Rob Winters

President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. December's Board and General Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-President/ Education/ Conservation: Rob Winters reported that

- FFF Conclave will be held for three days, May 2-4. Tyers are needed for all events.
- A letter is ready for the publication in the next *Fly Paper* edition.
- Costs for a proposed WVFF storage unit run from \$35 to \$60/ month depending on location. The board agreed that a storage unit is needed and approved "further investigation of those storage options."
- Travis Maitland requested the club's assistance in providing new signs at Upper and Lower Antilon lakes. The board approved Rob's moving forward with that purchase. He will share a sign draft prior to ordering.
- He will prepare materials including flyers for the second Toyota Town Center's Sportsmen Show.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt had no report.

Publications: Bruce Merighi reported on his investigation of price and service options for printing and mailing of the Fly Paper.

Gillie: Danny Horan had no report.

Treasurer: Al Smith reported that our financials have not changed.

Programs: Gary Anderson reported that February's program is an update on local waters by area fisheries' biologists. A return visit by popular speaker Rick DeLorenzo is scheduled in March. This time Rick will be sharing his experiences fishing for salmon in Alaska.

Outings: Tom Whiteside said the 2014 outings schedule should be prepared at February's meeting. Big Twin was a very popular outing but should be assigned an earlier date to maximize fishing opportunities.

Old Business:

- Tom Rowe is continuing to look for a member to fill the nomination slot for Vice-President.
- Tom Rowe reported that a website designed to meet input design suggestions will be \$1000. Bruce will contact the web designer. A motion carried approving the \$1000 cost "if Bruce on further investigation finds that the page will be adequate to meet the club's needs."
- Banquet:
 - The board will call the members who have not yet responded about their attendance and/or paid 2014 dues. Reports are due via email or phone to Al, by January 8.

New Business:

- Acknowledging his many years of work in conservation, the board unanimously approved longtime WVFF member Gil Biles as a recipient of the Barnett Award.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2014

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

General Meeting: President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

General Reports:

- **Elections/ Nomination Slate:** Tom Rowe introduced the current slate of nominees for 2014's WVFF Board: Steve Harvey's name for the office of vice-president was added to the previously-published slate. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate for 2014 board members. Motion carried. 2014 officers are: Rob Winters—President, Steve Harvey—Vice-President, Al Smith—Treasurer JoAnn Lane—Secretary, Gary Anderson—Programs Chairman, Eric Rainbolt—Membership Chairman, Tom Whiteside—Outings Chairman, Danny Horan—Ghillie, Bruce Merighi--Publications
- Gary Anderson presented out-going President Tom Rowe with a gift from the club and expressed WVFF's appreciation for his service this past year. Tom Whiteside added an original framed photograph of Tom Rowe taken on the Yakima River.
- **Fund-Raisers:** John Murio, Fred Kunzmann and Gary Anderson coordinated raffle and silent auction activities, announcing winners and distributing items. Gordy Northrup acted as auctioneer for the live-bidding portion of the program.
- **Of Note:** According to Treasurer Al Smith, net profit from the banquet totaled \$5051.

Newly-elected President Rob Winters made closing remarks and adjourned the meeting.

JoAnn Lane WVFF Secretary January 24, 2014

DOWN THE ROAD

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>For More Information</u>
February 15-16 th	The Fly Fishing Show	Lynwood	flyfishingshow.com
February 21-23 rd	Wenatchee Valley Sportsman Show	Town Toyota Center Wenatchee	towntoyotacenter.com
March 13 th	WVFF General Meeting Presenter Rick DeLorenzo Fishing for Salmon in Alaska	Eagles Lodge	Read the March Flypaper
April 15 th	Grant Application Deadline for NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy	Lacey	nwycffa@comcast.net Mike Clancy (360) 753-1259
May 3- 4 th	WA Fly Fishing Fair 2014	Ellensburg washingtoncouncilfff.org/test/Welcome.php	
September 20 th	Salmonfest	Leavenworth	salmonfest.org



fly fishing, including fly tying, casting instruction provided by IFFF-CCI's, knot tying, fishing ethics and water safety. The Academy is for boys and girls, 12-16 years old. All equipment is supplied, tuition is still \$275. Each applicant needs to write an essay, explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation from their school.

The sport of fly fishing is an ideal vehicle for educating youth about stewardship and to ascertain a more positive future for our cold water resources. Upon completion of the Academy, students will have gained an understanding of the habitat of trout and salmonids. In addition, they will have developed essential fly fishing skills and outdoor ethics.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2014. Application Deadline April 15, 2014

Download the application at their website www.nwycffa.com or contact Mike Clancy at mtclancy39@comcast.net.

**Northwest Youth Conservation and
Fly Fishing Academy
June 22-28, 2014**

Dick Nye, a retired Tacoma middle school music teacher started the first Academy on Hicks Lake in Lacey in 2004. The curriculum provides students with a background in environmental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, fish biology and behavior. Students also learn the skill of



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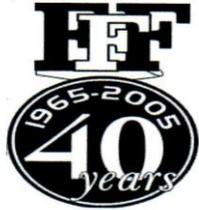
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