



# FLY PAPER

February 2015

## Presidents Message

Dear Members,

I look forward to representing this fine club in the coming year. It is my hope that everyone will attend our meetings and enjoy the fine programs that Gary Anderson provides. I hope to look for ways to increase our membership and outings participation. Let's also not forget our youth and conservation projects. Please feel free to contact me by phone 421-4914 or e-mail [drharvey@openwide.us](mailto:drharvey@openwide.us).

Sincerely,  
Steve Harvey

## Looking Upstream

**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> WVFF General Meeting**

**Eagles Lodge Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45**

**Dinner 6:30 Program 8:00 pm**

**Local Fish Biologists**

Travis Maitland Dist. 7 and Chad Jackson Dist. 5 and Ryan Fortier from Dist. 6. They will discuss any rule changes for 2015, expectations for their waters, run through the lakes and rivers in a four county area and talk about stocking, carry over details and lots of tips to help you plan your upcoming fishing season. They are a fantastic resource and we expect a full house.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Fly Fishing Fair

May 1, Fri. 9 -5    May 2, Sat. 8-5

Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg

FFF members and youth under 16 get in free !

Nonmembers \$5

Free seminars will be given that include Fishing the Upper Columbia, Steelhead Fishing in Washington, or maybe Bass Fishing in your backyard. Workshops casting, from beginning to expert and some designed just for women. A free Nine Hole Casting Course will be available both for competition and fun.

Fun for anyone, regardless of experience, walking from hole to hole along the nine hole casting course. Each hole presents a different real fishing situation which you get to solve by learning more

about fly casting. You may pick up some valuable new ideas about how to cast for fun or fishing. Bring your own equipment...or equipment and instructors are available to guide you along the course.

Private lessons with a Certified Casting Instructor for a fee. About one hundred tiers will be tying flies on Friday and Saturday for your enjoyment and learning. The techniques and tips will be available to you for the asking. Some tiers will be as young as 14. Fly tying isn't just for the "old guy". Every type and style of fly by all ages of tiers will be tied, find those that interest you and watch how the experienced do it and pick up all the tips you can.

There will be vendors available with tying materials, rods, reels, lines and a full spectrum of items needed for fly fishing.

"Youth Workshop" Sat. May 2nd, 9- 3. Register @

[washingtoncounciliff.org](http://washingtoncounciliff.org)



### ***SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED***

#### **FOR YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY**

The staff and students of the 2014 Academy would like to thank the WVFF for their generous support in sponsoring our youth in 2014. A very successful Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy was held this past June. There were 18 enthusiastic, 12-16 year old boys and girls attending. They learned a wealth of information for use in their life as future conservationists and fly fishers. Many caught their first fish on a fly they learned to tie. Co-Directors Jim Brosio, Tom VanGelder and Mike Clancy will co-chair the Academy for June 21-27, 2015. It will held on Hicks Lake at the Gwinwood Conference Center in Lacey.

The Academy is a youth education project of WA Council of Trout Unlimited and is made possible with the help and support of the WA State Council International FFF. The Academy Steering Committee is requesting chapters and fly fishing clubs to donate at the \$500 level. Costs for the past Academies were approximately \$800 per youth.

The aquatic knowledge they learn is invaluable and it is imperative that we preserve this event for our current youth so they become our future conservationists and fly fishers. Website: [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com)

Facebook: NW Youth Conservation & FF Academy

# NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY APPLICATION

ACADEMY DATES: JUNE 21-27, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of July 1, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: Res: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must also provide the following:

- A written essay on why you would like to attend the Academy and what you expect to learn from it.
- A brief letter of recommendation from your school science teacher or counselor including their address and telephone number.
- Application and letter of recommendation may be sent via email or U.S. Mail.
- Application must be signed by applicant and parent.

The Academy is limited to qualified youth, ages 12 through 16. Our goal is to open the door for today's youth to learn conservation and fly fishing, regardless of financial means, for any serious minded youth willing to do the work.

- Applicants must not have reached their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 1, 2015

A committee shall make selections based upon a candidate's written essay and recommendation from science teacher or counselor. The \$300 enrollment fee includes meals and lodging. Candidates should not send enrollment fee until notified of selection. Notifications will be sent out by mid May 2015

Application must be received by 4/15/2015. Attendee numbers are limited.

Application should be submitted to:

Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy  
C/O Mike Clancy  
2531 Simon Lane N.E.  
Olympia, WA 98506

Or

e-mail all required information to : [nwycffa@comcast.net](mailto:nwycffa@comcast.net)

For additional information –please contact any of the the following Co-Directors:

Mike Clancy: (Res) 360-753-1259, (cell) 253-278-0061,

Jim Brosio: (Res) 360-943-9947, (cell) 360-481-5184

Tom VanGelder: (Cell) 253-261-8890

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Bridge at Rocky Ford

FYI – Feel free to use this template if you wish to write your legislator

Needs to be addressed to individual legislator!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing on behalf of The Evergreen Fly Fishing Club. Our club is located in the Everett area and has a membership of 130 avid fly fishers, many of who enjoy outings to Rocky Ford Creek.

We support the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Department's 2015 Governor's Proposed Minor Works List. In particular, we ask that Item 5 - Rocky Ford Creek Bridge Relocation/ Replacement be approved.

The water source for Rocky Ford Creek is a large spring that comes out of the ground several miles southeast of Soap Lake, WA. There are two Trout Lodge hatcheries on the creek. In between the two hatcheries that are about a mile apart, public fishing is allowed. The rules are fly fishing only, catch and release, with no wading in the creek permitted. Since it is spring fed, Rocky Ford water is in the mid 50 degree range year-round. This makes it very popular with fly fishers from all around the state and out-of-state especially in the winter when most other fisheries are closed. At times people joke that there are so many people fishing that you have to bring your own rock to stand on.

There are foot bridges at the upper and lower ends of the public fishing area that give access to the east side of the creek. Unfortunately, the supports for the lower bridge have deteriorated and the bridge has been determined to be unsafe for use. This means that if a person wants to fish the lower stretch of the east side they must hike approximately a mile in and a mile out.

It is estimated that seepage from the Odessa Irrigation Project will increase flows in Rocky Ford 25% to 50% depending on the time of year. This increased flow must be taken in account in the design to relocate or replace the bridge and has added to the estimated cost.

We ask that you give this proposed project your consideration.

Yours truly,

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers

# Wenatcheeflyfishers.com

Once again the club has a functioning website found at: <http://wenatcheeflyfishers.com> The website is comprised of eight pages, each of varying length, listed across the top of every page. The Home Page is the first thing you see when you visit our site. It hosts a short introductory statement, tell new visitors what we are about and when we meet. It primarily offers an invitation for potential new members to attend a meeting and check us out. The Outings and Events Page will soon display a 12 month chart, suitable for printing and placing on Rene's refrigerator. Plus a list of events in our area that might spark our interest. Our Photo Album Page welcomes member's pictures, just send them to [bruce401@nwi.net](mailto:bruce401@nwi.net) or give them to me at a meeting on a disk or prints, just include a little information for the captions. The Conservation Page talks about what we do and where we can go in this arena as well as hitting the education part of the pie. We have a Link Page that allows you to click and connect to helpful stuff. The Newsletter Page provides you with a clickable connection to view or print current and past newsletters. The Membership Page is where you'll find a click and print 21<sup>st</sup> Century version of our Membership Application. If you're looking for the general meeting and/or board minutes you'll find them on the Minutes Page and lastly the Contacts Us - Information Page displays our snail-mail address, a list of current board members, their phone # and e-mail, exciting documents such as organizational records, Board Member Duties, By-Laws etc. I hope you enjoy it and tell other fisher folks about it. By Bruce Merighi

## A Greener Newsletter

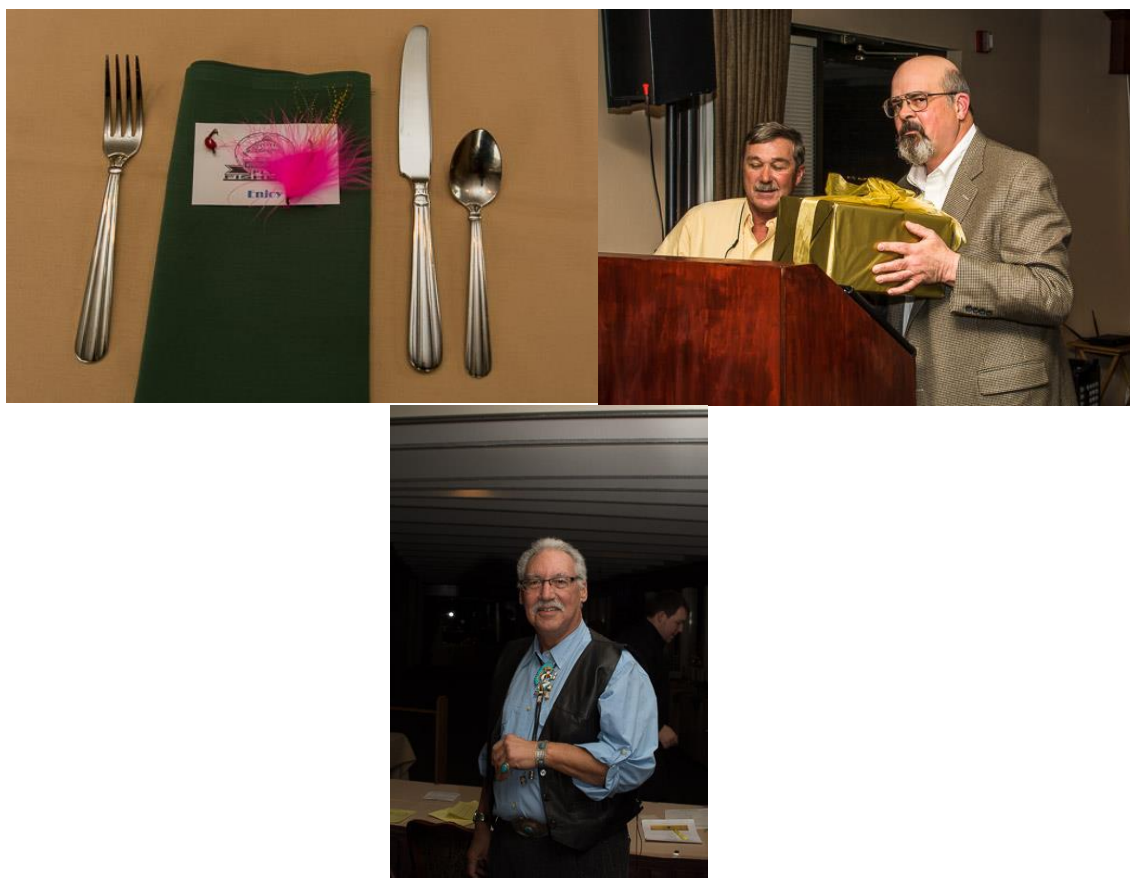
Publisher

I fully believe that a formal, timely and informative method of communications between all members of the club is very important. Communicating between members allows us to share photographic memories, know about upcoming events and meeting presenters and in the past a printed newsletter was the standard for groups like ours to accomplish this objective. For a long time e-mails have shown their reliability to move information and websites have allowed us to view and print off information on a whim. If a person wishes to print a permanent version of this information all they have to do is hit "Print" on their home or library printer. Don't get me wrong, I'm not anti- paper and in my business I kill my fair share of trees and I also appreciate the convenience and permanence of a printed copy, but there is a cost. In 2014 we spent \$1,725 printing and distributing the Flypaper. Roughly the revenue generated from yearly club dues. This motivated me to promote e-mail newsletters and I heartily thank almost half of my fellow members that have already taken that green option.

To reduce costs even further I have thinned down the newsletter, moving the Board Member Contact List, the Board Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes to our website and if I watch my spacing and headline size I can generate a very short newsletter, but it's just the facts. Any and all additional information, lots more pictures, extra flyers and sign-up sheets etc. are now posted to our website where they can easily be printed if the view needs a hard copy. I now would like to introduce the next cost savings steps:

1. I'll publish a short black and white Flypaper for February and March. Distributed as always, via snail mail to those that have always received it that way.
2. During these months, I'll also post to the website and send via e-mail an expanded full color version of the Flypaper. Since these location don't cost anything, we can splurge. If anyone needs a hard copy they just select "Print".
3. Commencing today the Flypaper Opt-In Sign-up begins. What that means is that if you must have a mailed/short black and white copy of the Flypaper mailed to your home address after March, you must contact me with the request.
4. No contact means that you are ok with viewing newsletters at via monthly e-mail and on our website.

Thanks for participating in the **WVFF Banquet 2015** was a great success with great food and fine company. The vote passed for the new by-laws, a new president took the reins (Bob Winters to Dr. Steve Harvey) as well as our new auctioneer (John Murio) who did a yeoman's job squeezing every penny out of his audience. And happy participants walked away with armloads of raffled gear, crafts, collectables and cases of wine. Great photos provided by Tom Whiteside



The FLY PAPER is published monthly Sept – June, by the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers P. O. Box 3687, Wenatchee, WA 98807-3687

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](mailto:bruce401@nwi.net) More Information, details and photographs in our expanded Flypapers at: [wenatcheeflyfishers.com](http://wenatcheeflyfishers.com)

