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SPORTSMAN SHOW TIERS

Town Toyota Center was the venue for the Sportsman Show last month and some of our members showed their skills. At 2:00 Rob Winters shared his knowledge about some interesting, Easy and Effective patterns. At 3:00 Tom Whiteside presented his Soft Hackle Feather Duster at 4:00 Red's Fly Shop showed off their best Yakima River fly patterns and at the 5:00 hour Danny Horan and Fred Kunzmann hosted "Pick A Fly. The next day at 11:00 Fred reappeared as the presenter and captivated the audience with the Bunny Leach Trailer Hook. Rob Winters came back with his Easy and Effective Flies followed by Gary Anderson's Damsel Adult and again at 2:00 with a Chironomid Emerger. Danny Horan was back at again but this time he featured an Intruder Style Steelhead Fly, and wrapping up the presentations was Tom with the Feather Duster.

Gentlemen, your efforts are applauded and I hope to see you and additional members sharing your passion with an interested public.



LOOKING UPSTREAM

April 18, 2013 General Meeting *Wear your name tag !*

Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45 pm

Dinner 6:45 pm

Pot Roast w/ Brown Sauce with Creamy Poblano Sauce over Pasta, Veggies, Garlic Mashed, Rolls, Dessert

Program 8:00 pm

Methow-area resident Richard DeLorenzo will present "[BC Steelhead Fishing on a Shoestring](#)"

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

Gary Anderson

The April meeting will feature Richard DeLorenzo who now lives with his family in Carlton along the Methow River, but starting in the 70s, he lived and fished in Alaska. He's been an educator and explored most of the Alaskan wilderness during his 30 year northern residence. He's experienced as a wilderness river guide, fly fishing guide and pilot. When not flying in Alaska he's exploring new countries like the Bahamas, Belize, Elutheria, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, his favorite Argentina and has also spent three months exploring the northern Patagonia region. This month he'll be sharing his knowledge about British Columbia, this promises to be a fun and interesting evening.

May holds a special treat for WVFF members. Eric Engle, a nationally known presenter will honor us with a presentation on May 16th and then return on Saturday May 18th for a free workshop at the Eagles Lodge between 9:00 – 12:00. Topics for the presentation and workshop have not been established yet but ordering lunch off the menu, will be free to attending members.

Blake Merwin will be here in June talking about Pink and Chum Salmon. Since it's an odd numbered year the Pinks are returning to west side rivers and this presentation will be a good motivator for us to plan a trip.

Have you volunteered to help at the Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair on May 3 or 4 ?

They could use your assistance:
They need bug catchers to show the kids !
They need fly tiers !

It's not too late to volunteer ! Call Now

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2013 Washington Fly Fishing Fair May 3-4

Possibly 100 fly tiers demonstrating and available for fly talk. Tying most everything, from Atlantic Salmon patterns to North West fish catching favorites.

Certified Fly Casting Instructor Workshops plus short free individual clinics for those with special casting challenges.

Free seminars about some effective ways to fish to information about close and distant waters.

Free 9-Hole Casting Game and Auction on Saturday

Dinners

Volunteers Friday Free
(fly tiers, casting instructors, seminar
presenters and vendors)
Banquet on Saturday

BLUE LAKE OPENER

Fred Kunzmann

The next outing is scheduled for April 27 and 28. We'll circle our wagons at the lake, and fish, eat, drink, and be merry. This annual club event is one not to miss. We'll discuss details at this month's meeting. If you have any questions voice them at the meeting or contact Tom Whiteside at 663.8364 or w8fwd@charter.netor



Conconully Fly Fishing Rendezvous April 13th, 2013

Rob Winter

This will be the annual Conconully Cure, for cabin fever! They get fly fishing folks together so they can buy, sell or trade only their fly gear. It's a small event, but lots of fun. Pat Herdt and I plan to do some tying classes, so please come up and visit. Who knows what you'll find, some of the tackle that shows up is interesting.

Help the WYC Fishing Class

Instructors Gary Anderson and Tom Whiteside are asking club members to help them out on these dates. More instructors per student will make for a better learning experience. Classes are Tuesday nights, 7:00 – 9:30 pm. Please give them a call.

April 16th Knots/May 14th Fly Typing/21st Casting

OUTING RECAP

Tom Whiteside

The outing on Lenice Lake on March 23rd was, in my opinion a success. The fishing was slow to start with, but got better as the day went on. I had most of my success by searching the edges and chasing risers in the nooks that the cattails provide. I wasn't using dries but rather used a shallow and very small Chironomid pattern. This kept me entertained all day long and I enjoyed both the hits and misses.



The one fish caught on the Yak by some unknown fisherman.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."
Roderick Haig-Brown

BIG TWIN LAKES JUNE 8-9

Jack Squires

Fred and I went up to Big Twin Lake and checked-out the camp ground and some local hotel options. The camp ground manager/owner has reserved an area (near the lake) for our group. It has space for about 10 or 12 campers but he said if we had less he'd still let us have the area so we can spread-out a bit. We reserved them for Friday, June 7th and Saturday the 8th. Anyone wanting to extend their stay can call the resort @ 1 509 996 2650 or checking-out bigtwinlake@comcast.net. Lots of options too for non-campers. Rather than giving you the specifics, I'll have you check-out or post the following - www.winthropwashington.com. Clicking on the lodging tab will take you to hotels & motels, B&Bs, and camping. It's a great website. It will give everyone all the information they would want.

There is a fly shop in town. They can be checked-out @ www.methowfishing.com. Fred's got a raffle of some sort. Warning! - Cathy's been out of town and Fred has been "think'n". No telling what he may have up his sleeve.

Fred Kunzmann

If you're planning on attending, please call the campground to reserve your site. Tell them you are with WVFF. For the non-fisher folks the upper Methow Valley has a great many places to explore. For a cool health food store within walking distance of a lights out Gin and Tonics store.

Saturday afternoon social hour will be from 4 to 5 pm. With the WVFF sponsored chicken and ribs barbecue starting at 6:30 pm. If your last name starts with the letters A-L please bring a salad, M -Z a desert. Saturday evening campfire will be topped off with a raffle. Sunday the club will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 8 – 10 am. Now for camping information.

Next month's newsletter will have an outing reminder and tips on fishing Big Twin. Come and enjoy. Hope to see you there. Remember we are here for a good time, not a long time.

THINK SPRING SPEC-WING

Callibaetis Speckle-Winged Dun

HANG OUTS

Crawling and swimming about numerous lakes, in short quick bursts it feeds on algae and other vegetable detritus. It loves the quiet shelter of its home in a tangle of aquatic vegetation.

EMERGANCE

At various times throughout the fishing season they'll start thinking about rising to the surface and flying away. Usually in the afternoon, possibly lasting up to several hours depending on the season and the weather.

As internal gases build up within their exoskeletons they become more buoyant. As they rise many struggle to swim back to the safety of the vegetation, only to be plucked off.

Ascending nymphs are always on the trout's menu but nymphs that are struggling to break through the surface film, are considered the "Special of the Day", but they're only on the surface for a few seconds.

Once airborne, the duns fly to the trees and brush. They hang out for 7 to 9 hours then happily fly into a mating swarm over open water.

LAST PART

After cavorting in the cloud, they all fly back to shore. Males die, fertilized females rest up, for up to five days, until their eggs have ripened then, once more, venture out over the water, to deposit their progeny. Touching down repeatedly to release 4500 eggs their job is completed and they land on the surface with wings initially upright and long tails widely spread, but as death approaches the wings sag into the classic attitude of the spent spinner.

BUILD YOUR OWN

Duns have dull body and wing color while the Spinners have shiny bodies and transparent wings. The body color of adult mayflies is darker on top than on the underside. Therefore, it's necessary to look at the undersurface of these insects to appreciate a trout's perspective of the bug's coloring. In

addition to the following patterns consider: Adams, Quigley Cripple, regular Pheasant Tails and Compara Dun patterns.

Flashback Pheasant Tail Nymph



Hook: # 14 Mustad 80050BR or size/style to match what you're fishing for
Thread: 8/0 Dark brown or size/color to suit your fly
Weight: Small lead wire
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers
Rib: Medium copper wire
Abdomen: Pheasant tail fibers
Legs: Pheasant tail fibers
Wingcase/flash-back: UNI-Mylar 1/16 Pearl" color, with a drop of 5 minute epoxy
Thorax: Peacock herl

Boyd Aigner's Chopaka May



Hook: #14 dry fly
Thread: Gray 6/0 or tan
Tail: Moose body hair
Abdomen Olive Gray Superfine dubbing
Wing: Single Clump upright deer hair
Hackle: Dun, clipped flat on the bottom
Looks about even with the point of the hook.
Clip the hackles across the bottom to make it ride upright.

ELECTRONIC FLY PAPER

I LIKE THE PAPER VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER! I PREFER THE ELECTRONIC VERSION! I WANT BOTH!

What's your cup of tea? Tell me and I'll make it so. FYI since you're a special super member in good standing I'll even let you have one of each at no extra charge, just tell me what you want. If I hear nothing I'll presume your into paper only and will proceed accordingly. We're here to help !



OUTING SCHEDULE 2013



<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Host</i> <i>Type of Fishing</i> <i>Equipment Needed</i>	<i>Additional Information</i>
April 27 – 28 th	Blue Lake	Chironomids	The traditional Blue Lake opener.
May 25 th	Possibly Pot Holes or Banks or ...	Hosted by Gary Bates and Bob Mitchell 5/7 wt. rods	Bass Outing at a location TBA. Lakes are being scouted now. Gary tying bass flies at the April meeting. More info. to come.
June 8 – 9 th	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. As we get closer watch this space for fishin' facts
<i>Think About</i>	<i>Wet Side River</i>		<i>It's an odd # year, Pinks are coming!</i>

Things are warming up. Ask Tom about his 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. He'll publish a schedule soon, so everybody can meet in the afternoon or come up after work.

WVFF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2013

March 21, 2013 President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

General Reports:

- Vice-Treasurer: Fred Kunzmann reported WVFF currently still has approximately \$21,000 in its accounts. He has made one payment of \$500 since last month's meeting
- Membership: Eric Rainbolt introduced new members Bob Garretson and Lloyd Woodard. Eric also noted that some club patches are available for distribution to members at no cost.
- Vice-President: Rob Winters reminded members that tiers are needed in Ellensburg, Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4. The first class starts at 9 a.m. Pat Herdt suggested people bring their own vises if possible as limited kits will be available.

- Tom Rowe thanked Steve Harvey for his work organizing the club's participation in the recent Sportsman's Show. He also expressed the club's appreciation to those who presented.
- Conservation: Steve Harvey reported that Upper Wheeler will not appear in the current fishing regulations but can be accessed through the internet. Fishermen are still being asked to sign in and complete reports about their fishing experience. Any issues members identify should be reported to Steve. This feedback supports the current rapport and will help keep the lake open to fishermen.
 - Publications: Bruce Merighi was absent.
 - Ghillie: Danny Horan has received current books and DVDs to be added to the library.
 - Outings: Tom Whiteside reported on the Yakima outing earlier in the month and reminded members of the March 23-24 Lenice fishing outing. The lake has been fishing well; a floating device is recommended. May is the bass outing hosted by Gary Bates and Bob Mitchell. The most likely locations are Pot Holes or Banks lakes or water on the Colville reservation. They will also provide fly tying instruction at the April meeting to prepare for the event. April 27-28 is the annual Blue Lake fishing trip; June 8-9 is set for the Big Twin outing. For further information, members can refer to the *Fly Paper's* outings page.
 - Of Interest: Fred Kunzmann provided additional information about the proposed county land purchase; the land will be managed by Washington Fish & Game. This purchase is important for continued fishing access: Beehive Reservoir is located in the center of the land, and access to Upper Wheeler crosses it. Several groups and businesses have contributed funds, but additional money is needed to meet the matching- funds purchase requirements.

Program: Gary Anderson introduced John Arterburn and his wife Rhonda Dasher. John, a fish biologist with the Colville Tribes, works with resident and anadromous fish recovery, monitoring and planning. His program provided a great deal of new information about fish and fishing on the Colville Tribe's lands. His presentation included information about the history of the area and its fisheries; current tribal projects to restore runs and stream habitats, solutions for balance, reforming harvests and hatchery practices; and producing salmon both for tribal harvest and recreational fishing. In addition, he discussed current conditions of reservation lakes. For further information John suggested visiting <http://www.cctobmep.com/> and <http://www.youtube.com/> (wild release Colville). John answered questions posed by members and provided many outstanding ideas for fishing destinations.

President Tom Rowe adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m. JoAnn Lane WVFF Secretary March 24, 2013

BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 4, 2013

President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Gary Anderson, Eric Rainbolt, Danny Horan, Fred Kunzmann, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Tom Rowe, Tom Whiteside

Absent: Al Smith, Rob Winters

Minutes from previous meeting: February General Meeting minutes were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: Vice-Treasurer Fred Kunzmann reported expenditures and income. Al Smith will reconcile the club's balance sheet. The board approved issue of a refundable deposit to Big Twin Campground for reserved June outing sites. In addition, Fred provided a donation receipt request for items provided to the club by Ron Gowan. The secretary will send that receipt.

Vice President: Rob Winters was not present. However, the board discussed needs for the Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg May 3 and 4. Pat Herdt needs volunteer fly tiers' information by April 15. Those who can participate should contact Pat Herdt or Rob Winters. Tom Whiteside needs assistance with an

entomology workshop the morning of May 3. It is concurrent with other student programs. If members can help, they should contact Tom.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt has removed the names of those who have not renewed their memberships for 2013. The club currently has 74 paid members.

Gillie: Danny Horan had no new report.

Programs: Gary Anderson reported the following program calendar:

- April—Methow-area resident Richard DeLorenzo's topic will be "BC Steelhead Fishing on a Shoestring."
- May—Ed Engle, guide, presenter and owner of Ed Engle Fly Fishing in Colorado Springs, will be May's guest speaker. In addition, Ed will provide a workshop for members on Saturday, May 18, at the Eagle Aerie from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There is no charge for club members.
- June—Blake Merwin, owner of Gig Harbor Fly Shop, will focus on fishing for Pink and Chum salmon.
- In addition, Gary and Tom Whiteside are again teaching a fly fishing class at the community college beginning April 9. They need member assistance on April 16 (Knots), May 14 (Fly Tying), and May 21 (Casting).

Outings: Tom Whiteside reviewed upcoming outings (dates in the outings *Fly Paper* section), including the April Blue Lake opener and May's bass and June's Big Twin events.

Conservation/ Youth Activities: Rob Winters was absent. Also, the only update for the ALEA land-purchase grant is that the application has been received. Not decisions concerning awards have been announced.

Publications: Bruce Merighi provided a look at the upcoming *Fly Paper* and requested ideas for improving the publication. He reported that members will be able to receive upcoming editions in either hard or electronic copy or both.

The board also discussed the need to either update/ redesign the club's website or take it down as it is not being maintained. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF April 6, 2013

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Clarification: I misspoke at last Thursday's meeting. The school kids tying class and the Ellensburg Conclave open May 3rd, Friday. We'll start tying with the classes at 9 am. Pat Herdt's encouraging those of us to what to tie with the kids to bring our own vises since we have a limited number of kits. We'll also tie with all ages on Saturday May 4th. Sorry for the confusion R. Winters



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