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WVFF Annual Banquet

Saturday January 13th, 2018

Red Lion – Wenatchee Avenue – Chelan Room **No Host Bars** 6:00 PM

Dinner with the Trimmings 7:00 PM ish **Raffles and Live n Silent Auctions** 7:30 PM ish

Methow and Yakima River Float Trips, Echo Fly Rod, 2 Nights at the Freestone Inn, \$100 Visa Door Prize, Two Back to the Wall Fishin' Days, Carp w/ Mike on Banks Day, Hunt Club Fun and lots of toys and goodies!

Banquet Tickets	Pre-Pay	\$ 40 each	_____
	\$45 per person at the door		
Dues @ \$35	Membership Dues Due January 1st	\$ 35	_____
WVFF Patch	Optional	\$ 5 each	_____
Name Tag	New Members Only	\$ 7 each	_____
		Total	\$ _____

Please help us get an early and accurate headcount ASAP

Please complete this Banquet Reservation Form & bring it to the next meeting or mail it w/check to:
Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers P.O. Box 3687 Wenatchee Washington 98807-3687

If you have any good quality gear or items that anyone might enjoy, and it needs a new home, we are always looking for raffle and auction items. The sky is the limit! How about guiding a trip, hosting/cooking a picnic or dinner for a group, rods and reels that you "thought you needed" but..., flies from your vice, bottles of wine and/or cool items for the ladies.

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Wenatchee River Institute Fly Tying Class

Red Barn, Leavenworth

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 – 8:30 Feb 20 – March 20, 2018

A few months ago the WRI approached the Icicle Chapter of TU to see if they would be interested in providing instructors for a fly tying class that WRI proposed to offer to the public. The TU folks brought us into the process and I volunteered to create and present the class. The WRI agreed to provide the venue, advertise, pay for materials and provide classroom equipment. The class could be a great motivator for the students to sign up for the WVFF college class that Gary and Tom will be offering.

During five, two hour sessions, adults interested in creating fly fishing flies, will learn how to tie a variety of flies that should catch game fish in Chelan and Okanogan rivers and lakes. I will conduct the introduction class and the wrap-up classes while fellow members have volunteered to teach the other three nights. WRI will be charging \$50 and the class will be for only a dozen or so folks. This fee is just enough to cover materials, venue and WRI fixed costs.

On the first night the student will be introduced to fly fishing equipment and philosophy, a minimum of Latin, the connections between a variety of aquatic food sources and how they relate to the flies being tied. Also an intro to a variety of fly tying techniques that will allow them to tie more diverse patterns independently. After this short lecture addressing tools, materials and some basic techniques we will tie flies. The instructor will talk a little about the bugs then show the group how to tie one, then groups guided by the assistants will take the students through the pattern step by step.

Feb. 20	Introduction + Streamer & Stonefly Instructor: Bruce Merighi Assistants <i>Craig Garver & Tom Whiteside</i>
Feb. 27	Chironomid & Damsel Nymph Instructor: Tom Whiteside Assistants Bruce Merighi & <i>Craig Garver</i>
March 6	Mayflies Instructor: Rob Winters Assistants Bruce Merighi & _____?
March 13	Caddis Instructor: Dick Nicklas Assistants Bruce Merighi & _____?
March 20	Terrestrials & Worms + Class Wrap-Up Instructor: Bruce Merighi Assistants _____?

EARLY FLY HISTORY

by Gilbert Biles

Hi! Have you ever given thought about the origin of some of the flies that you tie? There are many flies on the market today, many books on fly tying some old and some new. I have several myself. One is the *Best of One Thousand*. But what I am talking about is some of the ole flies that we use today, and where they originated from. Some of the old patterns that we use today are several hundred years old, and some of the new flies are copies of these old flies with new materials and some slight change.

Some of the old tiers like G.E.M Skues, Frank Sawyer and many others. One of the old flies is the Blue Wing Olive Dun and the Red Quill tied by G.M.E Skues The first written evidence of this subject in English is *The Treatysee of Fysshynge With Angle*, published in 1496.

Tradition ascribes this book to Dame Juliana Bemers, Abbess of Sopwell near Albans in Hertfordshire; but modern research by the eminent historian and fly-fisher Jack Heddon bestows the honor on an anonymous author whose writings were published in London by the printer Wynkyn Caxton. A lot of the earlier flies came from England and the UK. Most of the fly fisherman fished the chalk streams of England. Most of these were private something like our pay lakes.

These streams had keepers like Frank Sawyer. They were paid to keep the stream in good condition and stock some fish, or see how the reproduction was doing. In those days they used bamboo rods, silk, or horse hair line and gut leader. Fly-fishing in those days was quite a chore as when you were finished you have to take the line off the reel and make sure it was dried so it would not rot. All the flies were also put out to dry as they were tied with silk. The gut leader was kept in a moist container so it would not be stiff and dry when you went to use it the next time. Some of the bamboo rods would get a set in them and this would have to be worked out before it became permanent.

So, fly-fishing, fun as it was required some work and special care. Yea for Graphite. The old time fly-fishers did the same as we sometimes do today, was to catch a insect or nymph and try to match the hatch. The problem is, they didn't have the materials that we have today, so they used fur, hair and feathers. There is another person named Cotton who wrote the section in Isaak Walton's book *The Complete Angler* The Crane Fly that we use today was listed in Walton's book as The Harry Long Legs. It is also listed in The Treatysee 1496.

The Grasshopper has more attention in North American than the UK, but Cotton mentions it in *The Complete Angler*. The Alder fly that we use today with many changes both wet and dry has been in use for more than 300 years. There are two good books out that you can get from the library called *The Essentials of G.E.M. Skues* and *Keeper of The Stream* by Frank Sawyer which I have. Another fly The Greenwell's Glory dressed by William Greenwell and tied for Greenwell by James Wright 1854. He fished it wet and dry in the river Tweed. It was representative of the Dark Olive Dun. It was tied with a split wing of a black bird yellow silk body and Coch-y-bonddhu hackle (?)

Another tier was Dr. T. C. Wickham 1884, he fished the river Test in Hampshire. His fly was called Wickham's Fancy. I have enjoyed reading up on some of these people and their flies and what we use today. I will continue these in the future on old tiers, styles of fly-fishing, and equipment.

If you think that this is something that you would like to read about in the Fly Paper let Bruce know as I do a lot of research on this subject.

Landmark Legislation to Benefit Saltwater Anglers Advances in U.S. House *House Natural Resources Committee Approves Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Bill*

Washington, D.C. – December 13, 2017 –Today the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources approved H.R. 200, a bill sponsored by Congressman Don Young (R-Alaska) that amends the 1976 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen. A coalition of organizations representing the saltwater recreational fishing and boating community endorsed H.R. 200 and highlighted the importance of incorporating saltwater recreational fishing management provisions into the nation's primary law governing federal fisheries management.

On April 6, 2017, Congressman Garret Graves (R-La.), a leader on recreational fishing issues, introduced H.R. 2023, the Modern Fish Act, to address the challenges facing recreational fishermen in the federal fisheries management system. He was joined by a bipartisan list of 24 cosponsors. Original cosponsors include Congressmen Gene Green (D-Texas), Daniel Webster (R-Fla.) and Rob Wittman (R-Va.). The Modern Fish Act's legislative language was ultimately included in H.R. 200.

"We owe great thanks to Chairman Rob Bishop, Congressman Don Young and Congressman Garret Graves for working together to bring meaningful change to recreational fisheries management through the reauthorization of the nation's marine fisheries law," said Jeff Angers, president of the Center for Sportfishing Policy. "This is a major step forward in implementing the vision set forth by the Morris-Deal Report for the future of saltwater recreational fishing. The importance of this legislation to the recreational fishing and boating community was made clear by tens of thousands of advocates who have made their voices heard by contacting their elected officials in recent months."

Through years of hard work, the priorities of the recreational fishing and boating community were identified and presented to federal policy makers by the Commission on Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Management. This group is also referred to as the Morris-Deal Commission, named for co-chairs Johnny Morris, founder and CEO of Bass Pro Shops, and Scott Deal, president of Maverick Boat Group. In 2014, the Morris-Deal Commission released "A Vision for Managing America's Saltwater Recreational Fisheries," which included six key policy changes to produce the full range of saltwater recreational fishing's social, economic and conservation benefits to the nation.

Many of the recommendations of the Morris-Deal Commission are addressed by the Modern Fish Act and now included in H.R. 200. This legislation addresses many of the challenges faced by recreational anglers, including allowing alternative management tools for recreational fishing, reexamining fisheries allocations and improving recreational data collection. The bill aims to benefit fishing access and conservation by incorporating modern management approaches, science and technology to guide decision-making.



On December 8, the coalition requested in a letter to the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources that the Modern Fish Act be included in the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and moved to the House floor for final passage.

Furthermore, 135 marine recreational fishing and boating industry executives signed a letter to the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources on December 11, in support of the Modern Fish Act and its inclusion in the final reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The saltwater fishing economy spans the entire United States not just the U.S. coastline, as demonstrated by the list of signatories.

"America's 11 million saltwater anglers have a \$63 billion economic impact annually and generate 440,000 jobs," said Mike Nussman, president and CEO of the American Sportfishing Association. "However, recreational fishing has been treated as an afterthought in the federal fisheries management system for

decades. If enacted, H.R. 200 would finally give saltwater recreational fishing the attention it deserves in the Magnuson-Stevens Act.”

“The need to revise the one-size-fits-all approach of the Magnuson-Stevens Act has been abundantly clear in recent years as anglers face unreasonably limited access to public marine resources,” said Thom Dammrich, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association. “Stakeholders of the recreational boating industry, a uniquely American-made industry with an economic footprint of more than \$121 billion annually and more than 650,000 American jobs, are encouraged by the Committee’s action today, and we hope to see final passage by the House very soon.”

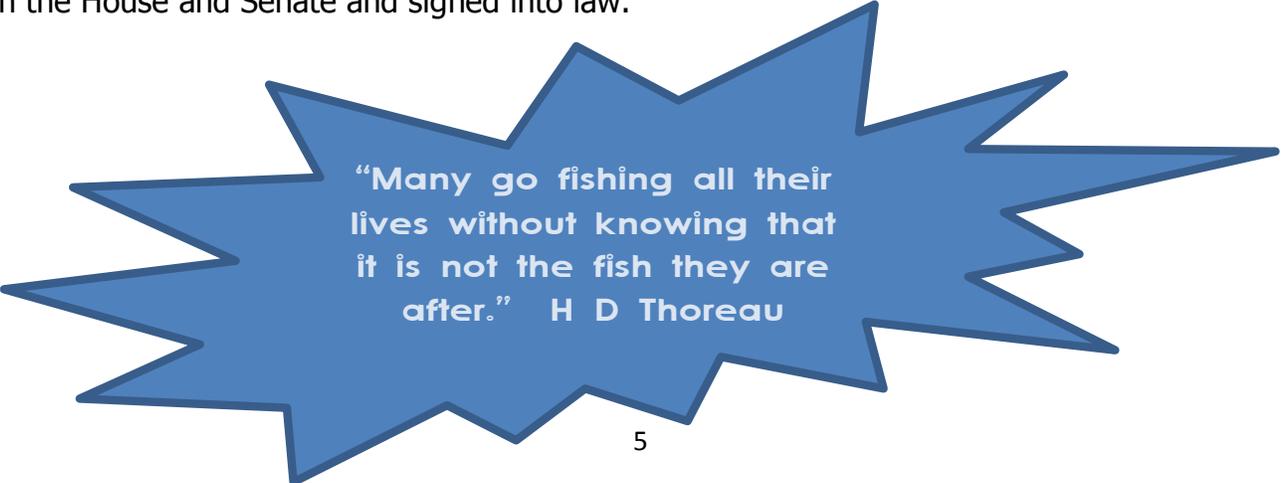
“We commend the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources for taking the next step in reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Act,” said Patrick Murray, president of Coastal Conservation Association. “The need to update our nation’s fisheries management system to ensure the conservation of our public marine resources and reasonable public access to those resources is abundantly clear. We look forward to the full House consideration of the bill.”

“The provisions of the Modern Fish Act included in H.R. 200 would provide parity for federally-managed recreational fisheries, while continuing to safeguard the conservation of our fisheries resources,” said Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation. “In addition to Chairman Bishop, Congressman Young and Congressman Graves, a big thanks to the bipartisan House leadership of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus for their co-sponsorship of these important measures on behalf of America’s anglers.”

“We thank Chairman Rob Bishop for expediting this Committee markup and moving the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization bill forward,” said Jim Donofrio, president of the Recreational Fishing Alliance. “We also commend Congressman Don Young and Congressman Garret Graves for drafting this landmark legislation that will increase angler access while continuing to rebuild recreational fisheries.”

“Recreational fishing and commercial fishing are two fundamentally different activities needing distinctly different management tools,” said Angers. “Since 1976, recreational anglers have been shoehorned into a management regime that was never designed to manage recreational fishing. H.R. 200 would make critical changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act to better manage recreational fisheries.”

Following today’s vote, the coalition encourages House leadership to quickly bring H.R. 200 to the floor for final passage. Marine recreational anglers and boaters are eager to see this landmark legislation move through the House and Senate and signed into law.



“Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not the fish they are after.” H D Thoreau

WVFF Board Meeting: December 7, 2017

Present: Gary Anderson, Craig Garver, Mike Huffer, Harry Lane, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Al Smith, Rob Winters Absent: Eric Davis, Eric Rainbolt Guest: Fred Kunzmann

President Craig Garver called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Minutes for the November Board and General meetings were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Craig Garver said the Nominations Committee has yet to find a Vice-President. Fred Kunzmann is willing to serve as Outing Chairman; Mike Huffer will also provide assistance.

Vice-President: Harry Lane had no report.

Programs: Upcoming programs:

- December---Annual Fish Tale Share
- January---Annual General Meeting and Banquet
- February—Annual fisheries biologists' outlook for 2018

Treasurer: Al Smith had no report.

Secretary: JoAnn Lane had no report.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt was absent.

Ghillie: Eric Davis was absent.

Outings: Mike Huffer said no upcoming outings are scheduled. He and Fred Kunzmann will be meeting about a possible March outing to Quincy Lake; also under consideration—a February "outing" to the Lynwood Show on the 17th or 18th.

Education/ Publications:

- Bruce Merighi shared more information about the upcoming fly-tying instruction project for Wenatchee River Institute. Craig will assist; other members have also committed to help. The class will begin in March.
- The Board agreed with Bruce's assessment of the new website: "It looks like a good alternative (to our present one)." It provides a positive and more user-friendly internet presence for our club.
- The Board discussed the May 2 and 3 Ellensburg show. We are no longer participating at the level of previous years as Washington IFFF has taken responsibility for much of the show.

Past President: Rob Winters had no report.

Banquet: Harry Lane (chairman) and JoAnn Lane

- Along with other committee members reported on live auction items along with others that will be included in silent auction and raffle. Bruce will prepare a preview of items for the live auction to be sent out to the membership.
- Shared information about challenges posed by the Red Lion's decision to end banquet meal service. Several alternative locations were investigated, but the Red Lion remains the "best choice for 2018." Ravenous Catering will provide the dining service. A menu that would allow for the cost to remain at \$40 per person was presented, discussed and approved. Other venues will be considered early in 2018 to avoid the problems faced this year.
- Discussion followed concerning setup and other banquet responsibilities. Gary will supervise intake and setup of the raffle items. He will be assisted by Pat Whiteside. John Murio has agreed to head donations intake. The decoration committee will take care of tables and assist with silent auction and raffle setup.

Of Note: Eric Davis was not present to discuss details of the February Fly Fishing Film Festival, but plans are moving ahead. Publicity and raffle items will be discussed at January's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF December 31, 2017



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