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November Presenter



Come to the next WVFF meeting and get some good ideas for future trips from Joe Roope, owner of Castaway Fly Fishing Shop in Coeur d'Alene. Since '81, Joe has guided on the St. Joe, Clark Fork, CDA River, Methow, Hayden Lake and the Upper Columbia River. He's also the co-operator of Loop's Flyfishing School and plans to share valuable information about fly fishing opportunities in Washington, Montana and Idaho. Some of you may remember him from a May of 2012 presentation.

Methow Valley Elementary Tying Workshop



Nick Allgood, their teacher said the class has grown and become very popular, we even had a waiting list. Principal Patrick, a very good fly fisher himself, came in to talk to the workshop several times and brought in a beautiful October Caddis captured in the school playground. The students were excited and you could see that some of them were making important connections between the natural world and what was being tied on hooks. Tom Whiteside, Robert Winters and Pat Herdt unstructured and were asked to return in 2014.

Confessions of a Bobber Watcher

Tom Whiteside

I don't know who the genius was who first coined the term Strike Indicator, so that he could sell bobbers to fly fishermen, but it was an unqualified success. All you have to do is Google the words Strike Indicator and you will be overrun with listings for the things in all sizes, shapes, colors, and methods of deployment and/or attachment. Consider the fact that as few as a half a dozen of them might sell for \$4.95, and cost mere pennies to make, and you get the idea. We all like to disdain them for the crutches they are, but most of us, including me, use them.

I do most of my indicators on the cheap. I go to the local "good ol boys fishin' store", and buy a handful of corkie drifters in the colors I want and toothpick them onto the leader. The corkies are about 15c each and the toothpicks come out of a dispenser at the coffee shop. By the way did you know that you can clean your teeth with those things? With that covered, let's move on to the educational part of this tome.

Method #1: attach the indicator to your leader at the level equal to the depth you want to fish. Cast out and wait. When the indicator goes down, set the hook and catch the fish. This is chironomid fishing on our local lakes in its simplest form.

Method #2: set up as above, cast out and wait. Become distracted by watching ducks, or someone else catching a fish. Return your attention to the job at hand only to find that your indicator is nowhere to be found. Strike with enthusiasm. Witch will result in having the line wrapped around your hat, because the indicator was there all the time, you were just looking in the wrong direction.

Method #2a: follow the first three steps above, only this time don't jerk the line up suddenly, because you ain't gonna fall for that one again. Watch as the indicator slowly rises to the surface after the fish lets go.

Method #3: follow the first three steps, then watch the indicator with all the impassioned zeal that the above methods can impart. Have the line go tight so rapidly that you have no recollection or seeing the indicator move. Recover and land the fish. Side note: do not let anyone know that this just happened; just pretend that it was method number one.

And finally I offer the most complicated method of all. It requires an accomplice. Start with the first three basic steps. Next [and here's the hard part] have a mud hen swim over, eyeball your indicator then pluck it up and swim off with it. While you are laughing at this idiot and trying to explain to him that it is not something to eat, watch the indicator suddenly jump out of the bird's beak and disappear under the water. Continue to laugh while analyzing these events. When you finally come to, set the hook enthusiastically. Land a nice seventeen inch Chopaka Lake trout. I think that of all of these methods I like coot trolling best.

I guess that letting your mind wander is part of the reason I fish in the first place. I once had a friend comment that if I could watch ducks, blow my nose, and fart simultaneously, I would probably catch a world record. He might be right; I am going to work on it.

LOOKING UPSTREAM

November 21, 2013

General Meeting

Wear your name tag !

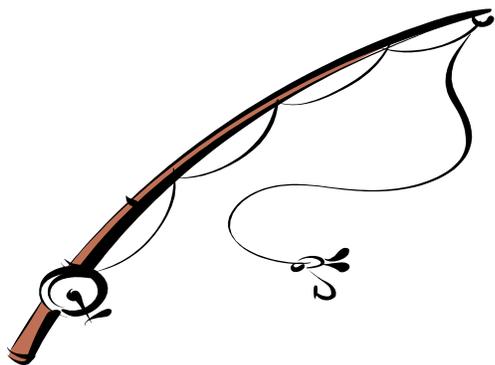
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour

No Host Bar 5:45 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Program 8:00 pm



WALKER LAKE TRIP

Jack Squires

Diamond Belle Ranch is a 700+ acre ranch with a 10 room lodge that can be rented. It's located near Wauconda WA. Which is about 125 miles north of Wenatchee. The property also includes Walker Lake which is a spring-fed 40 acre lake stocked with rainbows. There is a fee for fishing. A total of seventeen WVFF members (and spouses) attended the four day event. The weather was less than ideal for fishing. The first morning we were met with an early October snow storm. Most of the time, however, the weather reasonably good. The fishing picked-up as the days went on. While the numbers of fish caught were less than expected, the quality of the fish was outstanding. Most of the rainbows that were caught (and released) were between 16 - 20 inches. Some "trophy" fish topped 24+inches.



WVFF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCT. 17, 2013

General Meeting: Vice-President Rob Winters called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

General Reports:

- Membership: Eric Rainbolt introduced new members Pete Nash, Susan Polizzi, Jim Fender and Mike Wyant and guest James Alguard.
- Vice-President/ Conservation: Rob Winters shared information about
 - Projects to improve the nutrient values of area waters. Columbia Fisheries are currently “on hold” because of the need to obtain federal permits. This may happen sometime in August 2014.
 - ALEA that is “moving along.” The goal is to identify Wenatchee River public property.
- Publications: No report.
- Ghillie: No report .
- Outings: Tom Whiteside reported on the October 5-6 Yakima outing. The National Forest campground was closed, but members were able to stay at a private campground. Fishing was “pretty fair with quite a few small fish . . . caught using both dry flies and nymphs.” He also reminded members of the upcoming Dry Falls outing October 19-20.
- Of Interest: JoAnn Lane shared the letter she and Jack Squires have prepared to solicit donations for the annual meeting in January. Members provided points for the letter. Jack and JoAnn will work to send these letters and complete follow up for both local and larger businesses.

Program: Gary Anderson introduced Jon Covich—professional photographer, presenter, guide, and “big time supplier of high quality fly fishing gear.” His program “Fishing in the Southern Hemisphere” provided an outstanding visual and verbal guide to fishing Christmas Island, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela, and the south island of New Zealand.

Vice-President Rob Winters adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m. JoAnn Lane WVFF Secretary

WVFF BOARD MEETING OCT. 3, 2013

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

Absent: Bruce Merighi, Tom Whiteside

President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes from previous meeting: Minutes were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: Al Smith reported that the WVFF currently has a balance of \$21,641.05. As monies are paid out over the next few months, that amount will decrease until January’s annual meeting. Income for the current year is presently \$2,122, which is about \$1,000 less than last year at this time.

- The sale of items donated by Iris Bolstad added \$93 to the club’s treasury.
- Reservations for January’s annual banquet have been made at Wenatchee Golf & Country Club. The price remains the same as last year.

Vice President and Conservation/ Youth Activities: Rob Winters reported

- He will be following projects using surplus salmon to add nutrients to some area waters. Sue Morrison brought this to the club’s attention at September’s meeting.

- The club's information and fly-tying booth at the Salmon Festival was well attended. Based on use of hooks and other materials, approximately 65 people visited the booth to tie flies and to talk with Gary Anderson about biology related to local fishing. Club members **Danny Horan, Rene Paul, Pat Herdt, Ralph Jordon, Gary Anderson, Tom Rowe** and **Rob Winters** represented WVFF.

Outings: **Tom Whiteside** was not present. He was preparing for the October 5-6 Yakima outing. Changes to camping options were made necessary by the government shutdown. An additional outing is scheduled for Dry Falls October 26-27. Camping is available at Sun Lakes-Dry Falls State Park.

Membership: **Eric Rainbolt** had no report.

Gillie: **Danny Horan** had no report.

Programs: **Gary Anderson** said that a change had been made to October's program. **John Covich** will be sharing information about fly-fishing destinations in the Southern Hemisphere. November's speaker will be **Ray Gould** whose program will focus on fly fishing for Kamloops trout. December's program will provide members the opportunity to share their 2013 fish tales. The January annual meeting will again be held at Wenatchee Golf & Country Club.

OLD BUSINESS

- There is no new information concerning the ALEA Grant.
- Discussion continued about a significant club-sponsored door prize. Each dinner ticket will include a chance to win. Several ideas are under consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rob Winters** reported that WVFF has recently provided 15 signs for use at Forest Service Entiat kiosks. Some are already installed. Total cost was \$260.16
- **Rob** also requested monies to replace club fly-tying materials. Al Smith moved that \$500 be allocated for replacement of materials and equipment. Eric Rainbolt seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Discussion of a system for storing, accessing and tracking club supplies and equipment like tables and tying kits will continue at November's board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. JoAnn Lane WVFF Secretary October 6, 2013

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