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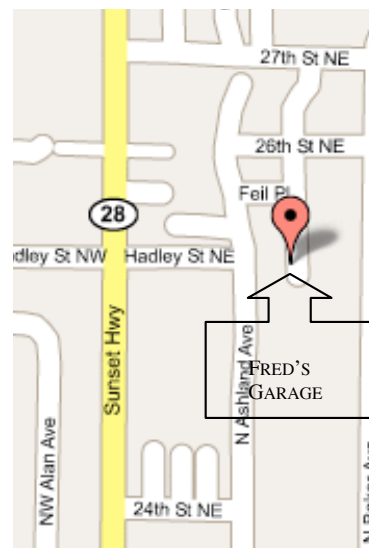
No Ads This Month

I'm sure you all have your wish lists ready for the coming holidays.

Remember this space in January when you, perhaps, don't get something on that wish list or, gasp, get more than you have room for.

We list:

Items for sale
Items for trade
Items still longed for



Fly Tying Sessions

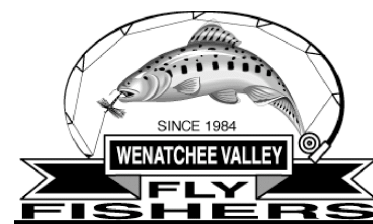
Please join us for our twice monthly fly tying sessions at Fred Kunzmann's.

We meet the **second** Thursday evening of November in Fred's garage.

Come any time after 6:30-ish.

The fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving. Enjoy your holiday. Fred's garage is closed for business that day.

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Looking Upstream

November 16

General Meeting

At the Red Lion

Wet Fly **with tying** 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Program 8:00

December 7

Board Meeting

December 21

General Meeting

Applewood Grill

Lower Level

Wet Fly **with tying** 6:00

Dinner off the menu 6:30 on

Program 8:00

Don Childress Self-Guided Fly Fishing Alaska

You meet some of the best folks on fly streams.

Gary Anderson, our intrepid program chair, met Don Childress when they were both thigh deep in great waters. They got to talking (you know how Gary is—he can chat up anybody) and now Don will bring his expertise to us—self guiding for fly fishing in Alaska is definitely on the adventure travel end of the fly fishing spectrum. Come see what Don has for us this November 16th.

We will be at the Red Lion this month only since Morgan's has closed.

Your board members will be calling to remind the membership of our change of venue.

**Remember—
The Red Lion for November's General Meeting.**

General Meetings

Third Thursday of the month, September through June.

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WVFF Board Meeting Minutes, November 2, 2006

Attending: Bruce Campbell, Fred Kunzmann, John Murio, Gordi Northrup, Joe Roy, Gary Anderson, Nancy Howard

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. There were no additions to the agenda, and in Dick Nicklas' absence, we did not review the minutes of the last meeting.

Gordi Northrup gave the treasurer's report. We have \$1,777 in checking with all the bills paid to date. We have \$14,078 in savings including the Bill Barnet Conservation Fund.

Eric Rainbolt was out of town, so we had no membership report.

Gary Anderson reported that the November program will be a new presenter, Don Childress, of Sand Point Idaho. Don's program title is, "Self-Guided Fly Fishing Alaska."

John Murio reported that since the Methow is closed to steelheading due to low fish count, the scheduled outing to the Methow is cancelled. That concludes our outings for the 2006 season. We will restart our outings schedule in February. Stay tuned to the FlyPaper for next years schedule, coming in the February issue. Fred reported that our library is unchanged from last month, no new items. He also reminds everyone that he is stepping down and that we need a new Ghille.

Nancy reported that she is expecting several articles for the FlyPaper but had not received any as of the Board meeting.

Joe Roy reported that WVFF is in conversations with the River Keepers organization. The River Keepers are working to provide water quality data collection along the Columbia River from source to mouth. The Department of Ecology does not have the personnel or budget to do so. Many stretches of the Columbia have not been sampled and other stretches have undergone haphazard sampling. River Keepers and the local clean water group will provide instrumentation and scientific expertise. We and other groups could provide volunteers. Training for sample and using the instruments will occur next spring, probably in March. Joe will add more information in articles in this publication and through presentations at our general meetings.

Along those lines, the board discussed having a panel of experts for our February general meeting program to talk to us about water quality issues and climate change and their effects on our watersheds and fisheries.

New business focused on a venue for our future meetings. Now that Morgan's has shut down permanently, we have no monthly meeting space. Bruce researched the available facilities in the area. They are: the Red Lion, Apple Annie's (which required catering and meal guarantees), and the Applewood Grill.

Because of the catering issue with Apple Annie's, the Board chose not to consider that option.

The Applewood Grill is working to remodel their lower level for just such functions as our monthly meetings. There we could have a full bar service, a private room, and we can order off the menu. The drawback is that the space will not be available until December.

So the Board decided to return to the Red Lion for our November meeting and then to move our monthly general meetings to the lower level of the Applewood Grill.

Board members in attendance split up the membership phone list and will call all members to remind you of this change.

We have also opted to change the location of our annual banquet. Wenatchee Valley College has recently renovated kitchen and banquet facilities. And they have the services of the Alley Café catering. Our January 2007 banquet will be at the WVC Cafeteria in the Van Tassel building. The January *FlyPaper* will include a map and parking suggestions.

Other new business included an announcement that **Casting for a Cure** (women's cancer recovery fly fishing retreats) now has a counterpart, **REEL RECOVERY** for men recovering from cancer. See the article on page 7.

Finally, be thinking of running for office. We have several open slots: 1st Vice President, Ghille, Treasurer. We will announce the slate of candidates at the December general meeting.

Bruce adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

WVFF General Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2006

President Bruce Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Fishing reports:

- Bulkley River (BC) - good for steelhead
- Grand Rhonde River - slow
- Patterson Lake - not fishable due to algae bloom
- West Cape (Baja) - fair for tuna, etc.

Gordi Northrup reported that we have \$2K in checking, and reminded us that he has Club patches for sale.

John Murio said that the next Club outing is October 21 at Lake Lenore. Gary Bates is the sponsor.

Ben Dennis announced that, due to the size of the run, there will not be a steelhead season on the Methow River this year. Ben also mentioned that he is working to form a committee to investigate means to eliminate introduction of warm water invasive species, such as bass, into our trout lakes.

Irv Conner discussed his participation in a committee pursuing opening the Wenatchee River to steelhead fishing.

Skip Morris presented the evening's program on saltwater fishing for sea run cutthroat and salmon. This was a good introductory program for those who would like to get started in this interesting facet of our sport. Skip gave a thorough discussion of habitat, tides, etc. He then talked about tackle and flies. The program also took us on three trips fishing for salmon and sea runs. Some great photography and a very interesting session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Nicklas, Secretary.



<http://www.reelrecovery.org>

REEL RECOVERY is a national non-profit organization that conducts fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from cancer. This organization provides a great counterpart for Casting for Recovery, for women recovering from cancer.

Their mission is to help men in the recovery process by sharing the healing powers of fly-fishing in a safe, supportive environment where men can explore their personal experiences with others who share their stories.

REEL RECOVERY offers these retreats at no cost to the participants. Professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors lead all retreats. **REEL RECOVERY** provides all meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment, and no previous fishing experience is required. Sessions are limited to 12 participants each to afford the best possible experience.

For more information, check out their web site.

**The
November
General
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