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Wading In....

WVFF Members,

Well it's March and the Quincy Lakes are open. I understand there is a fishing contest of some sort going on where a tagged fish has been placed in the lake and it's worth \$1,000. What a way to end catch and release ethics. Although I know the Quincy Lakes are catch and fillet a lot of us still practice catch and release even where the "Peoples" fish are the main stay. I plan to head down to the Quincy Lakes just to see what is going on. I want to get started.

I went to the fly tying outing put on by Gary West, Doyle Goolsby, Dick Nicklas, Tom Whiteside and Gary Anderson. There were a bunch of us wanna be's there but not a full house. I learned to tie a couple of flies that I would not have tried without adult supervision. In particular Gordy ties a mean back-facing May fly Dunn that was a little tricky at a couple of points and you need to have someone give a clear explanation to get it right. You may ask why backwards? Good question; if it works why not? Mine look at least fishable and I am looking forward to trying them. I'll probably hook them in the tail. As usual Gary has a great and simple May Fly emerger using CDC (Cul De Cunard) for a wing and gill that I know will work great. Dick showed a great way to tie wings using Calf Tail for a May Fly Dunn or spinner and again it was simple but very effective. Tom showed a great Comparadun and how to get the wings correct using deer hair. Doyle got a few beginners started, and I know they went away more skilled and knowledgeable. This class will be offered again, and if you can be there be sure to sign up.

If you make it down to the Quincy lakes look for me. I'll probably be there or skiing on Mission.
—Rene Paul



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March 17, 2011
General Meeting
Wet Fly with tying 6:00
Dinner 6:30
Program 7:30

March 19-20
Quincy Lakes
Outing

April 7
Board Meeting

April 21
General Meeting

April 23
Quincy Lakes

April 29-30
Fly Fishing Fair
Ellensburg

April 30-May 1
Blue Lake

Our Annual Insider's Glimpse into Our Area Waters Come See and Hear It First from the WDFW Biologists

Our programs Director extraordinaire, **Gary Anderson**, has outdone himself again.

Not only is he bringing **Bob Jateff** from the Okanagan region. He is bringing back **Chad Jackson** from the Ephrata Office. To top all that, Gary is also bringing us **Chris Conley** from the Spokane region. We will have all the latest updates on waters in north central, central and northeastern Washington.

Come find out which waters are up and which are down. Get the inside scoop on which lakes have been rehabbed, which have been stocked and with what, which have carry-overs and of what, and what might be in the works for the near future.

This is always a very popular program to get us geared up for the coming season openers.

You never know. There might even be handouts to keep in your glovebox for future reference.

General Meetings at The Wenatchee Eagles Aerie
Third Thursday of the month, September through June.

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WVFF Board Meeting Minutes,

17 February 2011

President Rene Paul called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. 56 people attended and enjoyed a wonderful meal and program. He announced that his banquet bid had unintentionally won a fishing trip to Isaacs Ranch for two. He is holding a \$10.00/ticket drawing for the members for a second person. All proceeds from the drawing will go to the club. The drawing will be held in one month.

Ghille Gil Biles resigned. A discussion followed regarding a check-in / check-out procedure for the interim period.

Fishing Reports John Murio reported that Rocky Ford was good.

Program Chair Gary Anderson announced that the March General meeting program will feature 3 Wildlife Biologist speakers. They will report (with handouts) on water conditions and fish-plants in NCW, BASIN, AND SPOKANE areas. This is great info for the glove box.

Membership Chair Eric Rainbolt reported we have 3 new members for a total of 98 members.

Conservation Chair Don Bolstad distributed information on FFF'S NEW CONSERVATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM. \$1500.00 for conservation projects is available to each of the 15 FFF councils. Info is available on the FFF website. Application deadline is April 1, 2011. Call Don @ 663-0472 (h) or 630-4124 (c) if interested.

Treasurer A new treasurer is needed. **Al Smith** is the new 1st Vice President. **Steve Olsen** will nominate a new treasurer.

Outings Chair Steve Olsen The first outing at Rocky Ford set for February 26, has been **cancelled** due to very cold weather. Quincy Lakes outing is planned for March. Hosts are needed for the outings...It's really easy and lots of fun! Please contact Steve if you are interested.

Past President Joe Roy has completed the papers required by the State for the WVFF Articles of Incorporation 501 (c)3. They have been signed by the Board. Congratulations Joe! **Rene Paul** called for a motion to accept. It was so moved by **Tom Whiteside** and seconded by **Doyle Goolsby**. There was no discussion.

Gordy West announced there are still some openings for the Fly class to be held at the Eagles on Wednesday Feb 23, 2011 08:00 sharp. This will be a learning format using mostly 6/0 and 8/0 threads on several of the 5 stages of Mayflies.

PROGRAM Michael T. Williams is an Oregon Guide, Presenter, Teacher, Coach and Entertainer. Michael's exceptional slides show rare Alpine beauty and fishable lakes of the 5 NW states, good humor and laughs, interesting stories, and much more. It was an outstanding program. Mr. Williams donated a full fly box of his famous "Percolater" variants to our WVFF next years fundraiser dinner...Thanks!
Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Moser, Secretary.

WVFF General Meeting Minutes,

3 March 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm @ Rene Paul's home. President Rene Paul opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A Board quorum was present.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as read.

Membership, Eric Rainbolt Members paid up for 2011 are 67. 30 members are non-paid to date. Eric will send notes and/or emails to the 30 regarding 2011 deadline of 03/31/2011. Eric handed out the 2011 membership roster.

It was proposed that **Don Moos and Bill McGuire** be awarded **HONORARY memberships** in recognition for their impressive work and promotion of fly fishing in the Northwest. So moved by Nancy Howard and seconded by Chuck Moser.

Treasurer, (Acting) Rene Paul proposed a new financial report. The Board worked with the information and new format in detail, to create a new 2011 Budget. Good ideas = good results.

Ghille, (acting) Fred Kunzmann volunteered his service and talents to this position until the club can select a replacement at the next General Meeting. Fred will construct a combination mobile Library and Projector cart to be stored at the General Meeting site...currently the Eagles. Good man-up Fred!

Publications, Nancy Howard discussed several options to cut publication costs. **Gary Lorenson** (past Member) has maintained the WVFF Website at no cost to the club since the website inception. **Wow! Thank you Gary.**

Programs, Gary Anderson has 3 Fish and Wildlife Agents scheduled for the March General Meeting. They are Chris Donley for Spokane region, Bob Jateff for the Okanogan region and Fred Jackson for the Basin area.

Outings, Steve Olsen asked for more hosts for 2011 outings.

March outing at Quincy Lake Saturday March 19. Steve Olsen will host this real good Get-your-line-wet event.

APRIL Season opener Blue Lake on the Sinlahekin, April 29, 30, May 1. Chuck Moser volunteered for the host work. This is always a great try-your-newest-fly outing. Potluck on Saturday night.

Conservation, Don Bolstad No report.

OLD BUSINESS The board wishes to recognize and offer a sincere thank you member/instructors to **Gordy West, Doyle Goolsby, Dick Nicklas, Gary Anderson and Tom Whiteside** for their latest fly-tying class. I LATER LEARNED THEY PRACTICED THIS CLASS BEFORE THE DAY OF INSTRUCTION. Wow, what professional dedication. It was held at the Eagles last Monday morning for about 4-5 hours. Time flew! We learned a lot from this treasure-trove of talent.

Rene Paul spent a considerable amount of time and effort to write a letter regarding our Articles of Incorporation. It involves the State and the IRS and conformity to their rules and processes.

New Business. **Rene Paul** said the FFF Conclave will be April 29 and 30th 2011 in Ellensburg. A discussion ensued. Fly tying instruction will be offered to school kids from 9am to noon

on Friday as an outing event. Local schools from Easton to Kittitas are expected to arrive on school buses. The participation has increased every year. Fly tying instruction in the WVFF booth will be open to the public at noon on a drop-in basis. We need more instructors. Please offer your help at the next General meeting or call Past President **Pat Herdt** @ (509) 923-2525
Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Moser, Secretary

Message from the Ghillie

I have been asked and I have accepted to serve as interim ghillie by Pres. Paul.

The only change in checking in or out of club materials is if a card can't be located. Anyone unable to find the proper card, please leave the book in a box labeled "Returned no Card." I will get it checked in before the meeting is over so it can go out again that night.

If a member would like a book purchased for the library, please let me know.

In future newsletters I will be publishing a list of all books checked out as a reminder and also to let members know more about what's in our library. If anyone loses a book, please let me know so it can be removed from the inventory.

In closing, this month's message from the ghillie "Only in American do they let the fox guard the chicken coop."

—Acting Ghillie, Fred Kunzmann

In Search of...

Outings Director, Steve Olsen is in search of outings equipment. The club has purchased coolers and a camera and other equipment in support of the outings. But due to spreading all our equipment out over the last several years, and over many possible garages and storage areas, we have lost track.

If you know where any of the club's outings equipment might reside, please let Steve know. He'd be happy to come pick it all up and get it all together in one handy spot, ready for all the great outings coming up for this year.

Like getting your Flypaper?

WVFF annual dues are due. As of March 31st, 2011, any member whose 2011 dues remain unpaid will stop receiving the FlyPaper.

Raffle for Fishing Trip, April 26

WVFF Members, If you were at the Banquet you may remember I was the high bidder for a trip for two to Issac's Ranch with Darc, owner Ephrata Desert Fly Shop, as a guide.

This is a premier private lake out of Coulee City with very large fish. I have decided to raffle off the second person's spot at the March Meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold at the February and March meetings. The normal charge is \$225/person so for a \$10 Raffle ticket you may win a great trip. I have set the date for the trip to be the 26th of April. You will need to bring your own water craft to fish out of. All of the proceeds will go to the club to support our activities.
—Rene Paul, President WVFF

Fly Tyers Needed for the Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair

WVFF need tiers for Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair. Friday April 29 is our middle and high school students classes. It's 9 to 12 noon. Friday afternoon is our Youth tying booth as well as Saturday 8:00 to 5:00p.m.

Pat Herdt reports that WVFF will have 45 students for the Friday morning school field trip sessions, 15 an hour for three sessions. WVFF teaches fly tying. The other two classes student cycle through are casting and entomology. If you cannot make the morning session, we also need fly tyers for the open kids tying booth on Friday afternoon and for Saturday morning and afternoon.
—Pat Herdt

Fly Fishing Tips for Over (that certain age) Folks

Fred Kunzmann offers us the following as points of interest and also as a teaser for April program on basic outdoor emergency awareness, by Steve Olsen and the Ski Patrol. In Flyfishing & Tying Journal, Fred found 10 tips. Check here or in the outings insert for a few of them each month.

Tip #1 Fish Small Streams

This may seem obvious, but small streams can be shallow and therefore easier to wade. And that means fewer falls. Crossing smaller, narrower streams is less dangerous than crossing a river. The benefits—beyond and longer life and fewer injuries, are that these small streams are less crowded and easier to negotiate. Reading the water and spotting fish takes less effort, which could mean a better (higher catch count) outing. And even small streams can harbor big fish.