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### Wading In....

The 2009 season is coming to a conclusion, which has left many good memories.

It has been fun getting to know more of our club members as your president, and sharing time at our outings. A lot of our members have helped make the goals I set for our club this year. We have introduced a lot of kids to fly fishing with our involvement in the Ellensburg Fly fishing Fair and Salmon Festival. We have had fly tying outings to give new members a way to learn, and an opportunity for others to learn more from the very talented people in our club. The work that has been done in conservation, and grant writing will leave a lasting change in our region.

I do not see the momentum slowing in the years ahead for our club. If you can find time to get involved in a project that our members are working on, you will find camaraderie and accomplishment in the work we do.

Our annual fund raising banquet is coming up 1/23/2010, and it is a gala event. We are hoping to have a lot of raffle and auction items for you to bid on. If anyone has items that they would like to donate, please bring them to the country club starting at 12:00 the day of our banquet. Flies tied by our members are a hot item so start tying and share your art.

—Steve Olsen, President, 2009



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### Looking Upstream

**December 17, 2009**

General Meeting  
WG&CC

Come share your year in fishing.

Wet Fly 6:00  
Dinner 6:30  
Program 7:30

**January 7, 2010**

Board Meeting

**January 23, 2010**

Annual Banquet  
WG&CC  
Saturday  
Bring raffle and auction items  
beginning at noon.

Festivities at 6:00 PM

### Our Year in Fishing

Come join us for our annual recap of all the good times—and maybe some of the frustrating times—we've had this year as we went after those wily rainbows and cutthroats and browns and steelhead and salmon and, yes, bass and shad too.

Bring your photos. Make a storyboard. Bring your shots burned to a CD or on a travel/jump drive. Create a PowerPoint show. Really show off with a QuickTime movie. Or just come to enjoy everyone's exploits and share in the sharing.

Come for dinner, or just come for the stories, but please come and share in the spirit of the holidays, remembering the good and the not so good, gearing up for what is to come, enjoying the camaraderie of friends.



**General Meetings at The Wenatchee Golf & Country Club**  
Third Thursday of the month, September through June.

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### WVFF Board Meeting Minutes, 3 December 2009

**President Steve Olsen** called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM

**Past President Joe Roy** reported that the new By-Laws are not yet done. He will endeavor to have them ready for the January meeting (Banquet). He is also head of the Nominating Committee and asked the Board to review our membership list to establish a list of names that will be asked to fill the Vice President position. This was done.

#### Committee Reports

**Membership: Eric Rainbolt.** Eric presented the membership list for any inaccuracies. A couple were found.

**Programs: Gary Anderson** reported that December's Meeting will be by the members, January's Meeting will be the Banquet and February's Meeting will be our annual Fisheries Biologists reporting on the anticipated fisheries in Grant and Okanogan Counties.

**Outings: Richard Stone** reported that there are none planned for December but there will be a couple of fly tying Outings in January as well as the start-up of our "Improve your fly casting" sessions. President Steve asked that they not be planned on Wednesday.

**Ghille: Gil Biles** reported there are several books and tapes that have "outlived their usefulness" and will be auctioned at our banquet.

**Publications: Nancy Howard** was not present but via other Board Members asked that materials for the Fly Paper be sent to her ASAP.

**Conservation: Don Bolstad** reported on many items. Of specific interest is the proposed rule change item 39 that would change the Icicle River season from ending Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to Sept 15<sup>th</sup> to protect the Bull Trout. If you have any comment on this send an email to [Lori.Preuss@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Lori.Preuss@dfw.wa.gov).

**Old Business. President Steve** talked of the Banquet and what was needed to be sure attendance is not only good but also well defined before the Banquet. The Country Club needs to have an accurate count to

properly prepare. Each Board Member was assigned approximately 8 members to call and remind them of the Banquet and to "pencil" in the date and hopefully to pre-pay for it. There will be a table at the Dec Meeting for sign-ups. Eric Rainbolt was asked to purchase Auction Items specifically for the Ladies as that was well received last year. The Board voted to increase the Budget to \$150 for this item.

**Fred Kunzmann** brought to the attention of the Board that the Dept of Fish and Wildlife is asking for applications for \$180,000 in available Grant money. Items are related to fish and fishing including access to fisheries. **Don Bolstad** will look into this item.

**President Steve** adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Rene Paul, Secretary**

### WVFF General Meeting Minutes, 19 Nov 2009

**President Steve Olsen** called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM

Steve reminded us all that the next month's meeting (December) would be back at the Country Club. Also, Brad, the youngster whom we sent to the Fly Fishing Academy, will be there to tell us of his adventures. Steve then bragged a little about having caught over 40 steelhead. However, the truth is he used a net with the help of his new son-in-law. His son-in-law works for fish and game and he was checking, marking and releasing fish at Tumwater into the upper Wenatchee.

**Part Herdt** reported that we would be back to Ellensburg again April 30 and May 1, 2010 teaching more kids how to tie flies. She also reported that the "show" would be expanded. The Fly show in Bellevue has been canceled this year and perhaps the Ellensburg show will gain serious momentum.

**Don Bolstad** reported on conservation items.

1) Don warned of a proposal to shorten the trout season on the Icicle River to a 15 September closure due to the presence of Bull Trout. Cameron Thomas, the Forest Service fish biologist, added a good deal of detailed information as to why this is necessary.

2) There will be a meeting to discuss the quality of water being used to feed the fish hatchery in Leavenworth.

3) On Dec 9, there will be a meeting in Malaga to discuss the Ice Harbor property exchange. This affects properties in the Wheeler Reservoir area. Call Don for details. Starting 1 April 2010, there will be a new \$7.50 Fee if you fish salmon or steelhead in the Columbia or it's tributaries. This is in addition to normal fishing license fees. These funds are supposed to be used to help monitor the fishery in these waters.

Don then reported that **Citizens for a Clean Columbia** have been doing some data taking on the Columbia. It seems that there is spot testing evidence of high bacteria levels in the swimming areas in the park waters in Wenatchee. WVFF has been asked to contribute monies to support hiring an intern for the Wenatchee Health Department to take regular standardized testing.

**River Keepers** also still need volunteers to conduct general Columbia River water monitoring February through November. If you are interested in joining other WVFF volunteers to help, call Dick Logan or Don Bolstad.

**Pres. Steve** reminded everyone that if they could to please pre-pay for the January Banquet so that we may get a more accurate body count of planned attendance.

**Steve** announced that the club's by-laws have been thoroughly reviewed and our attorney is finalizing them for our approval. They will be presented as soon as they are ready. Modified by-laws are required to enable the club to have a non-profit status.

**Gary Anderson** then introduced Dennis Kreid and his wife. Dennis is from the Tri Cities area. He gave a great slide presentation on Rio Negro Bass fishing in Brazil. There were many comments and questions, and the program was greatly received.

Resp. Submitted, **Rene Paul, Secretary**

### December 2009 Calendar

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) Last day to email comments on proposed 2010-2012 fishing rule changes. Of interest of fly fishermen is the proposed changing of the season ending on the Icicle River from Oct 31 to Sept 15<sup>th</sup> to protect the Bull Trout. WDFW email address to comment is [Lori.Preuss@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Lori.Preuss@dfw.wa.gov). Icicle River rule change is item no. 39.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) Bureau of Reclamation & Leavenworth National Hatchery will host a public meeting on upcoming Delivery System Rehab. 6:30-8:30 PM in Alpine Room at the Enzian Hotel at 590 hwy 2, Leavenworth. Corky Broaddus Manager of Information.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wed) at 6:30 PM. Grant County PUD hosts public meeting to build fish holding ponds on the White River. Meeting at Best Western Icicle Inn, Tumwater Room.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) WVFF Club Board meeting at 7 PM at Rene's house.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 10AM- Noon Board meeting for Upper Columbia Enhancement Group (at Chelan PUD?? Gil please confirm)

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (Tue) CCA informational meeting at Condotta's Motor Sports, 3031 GS Center Road, just off Easy street. Meeting is upstairs in new building. 7-8 PM. Call 877-255-8772 if you plan to attend.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Malaga Fire Hall. 6:30 PM public meeting on Ice Harbor land exchange. DN&R, Stemilt Partners, Stemilt Cherry Inc.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) SMR meeting at CTC 9AM- Noon

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) WVFF General meeting. Annual Members Fishing 'Stories'. Tying 6PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Jan 23, 2010 (Fri) Club Banquet at Wenatchee Valley Golf & Country Club

Don Bolstad 663-0472 Questions/Comments