



FLY PAPER

Looking Upstream

January 20
Annual Banquet and
 General Meeting
 WVC Café
 See Map Enclosed!

Wet Fly 6:00
 Dinner 7:00
 Auction 8:00

February 1
 Board Meeting

February 15
 General Meeting
Applewood Grill
Lower Level

February 19
 Rocky Ford

WVFF Annual Banquet, Raffle and Auction

Meet us at Wenatchee Valley College in the college's Alley Café. This year our annual banquet will be held in Van Tassell Hall on the Wenatchee Valley College Campus. **See page 7 for a map.**

Your banquet will be a catered buffet affair provided by the Alley Café catering company—prime rib and salmon with all the sides.

Your board members will be on premises from noon on so you can drop off your items for the auction and the raffle and so you can check out the facilities in daylight hours.

Parking is off Ninth Street in the Sexton Hall parking lot. Then just walk through Sexton Hall to Van Tassell Hall and take a right. Follow the Fish Signs!!

There is drop off, but not parking, between Sexton and Van Tassell for delivering your raffle and auction items, and for curb service for the banquet.

Your board members will be calling all this week to get a close head count for the caterers. And you can still mail in your prepaid dinners and dues to Gordy Northrop. Or you can pay at the door.

See you Saturday, January 20th at WVC.

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**WVFF Board Meeting Minutes,
January 4, 2007**

**WVFF General Meeting Minutes,
December 21, 2006**

Attendees: Bruce Campbell, Gary Anderson, John Murio, Gordi Northrup, Nancy Howard, Don Bolstad, Al Smith, Steve DeJong, and Dick Nicklas.

First Vice President Steve DeJong called the meeting to order at 7:10. He mentioned that the next meeting will be the Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday, January 20, at Wenatchee Valley College.

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Several guests were introduced.

Gordi reported that the Club has \$1725 in checking and \$14K in savings. To date, there have been thirteen 2007 membership renewals, and fourteen Annual Banquet tickets have been pre-purchased.

Gordi Northrup reported that the Club has \$1155 in checking and \$14.1K in savings.

The Board discussed making a donation to the Casting for Recovery program. It was decided to table this issue until after the Club's 2007 Budget is completed.

Fred Kunzmann reminded members to return borrowed books to the Club library.

John handed out a draft 2007 Outing schedule.

John Murio presented a draft of the 2007 Outing Schedule for review.

There was extensive discussion of 2007 Annual Banquet planning. Nancy reported that arrangements for the facility at Wenatchee Valley College have been completed, and the caterer is ready to go. Call lists were distributed to Board members so we can call a final attendance headcount to Nancy by January 16. Members will be available at the College starting at noon the day of the Banquet to accept items donated for the raffle and auction.

Gary Bates introduced the nominees for open 2007 Board Positions, and all were unanimously elected. The new officers are: President - Steve DeJong, First Vice President - Don Bolstad, Treasurer - Al Smith, and Ghille - Gil Biles. Gary Anderson, Nancy Howard, Joe Roy, John Murio, Eric Rainbolt, and Dick Nicklas will continue in their current positions.

The new General Meeting location at the Applewood Grill was discussed. The Board plans to improve the arrangement at the February meeting by relocating the projection screen, and providing a sound system.

The evening's program included several outstanding presentations by Club members of their 2006 fishing experiences. Included were:

- Gordi Northrup - Moccasin Lake and the Missouri River
- Gil Biles - Cabo San Lucas, Antillon Lake, Columbia River shad fishing, Moses Lake, and Rife Lake.
- Walt Wittgow - Hebgen Lake, Yellowstone, Chopaka Lake, Conconully Lake, Kettle River, Brown Lake BC, and more Cabo.
- Don Bolstad - Lake Pontchartrain and coastal Louisiana for Redfish and Sea Trout.
- Tom Whiteside - Blue Lake, Methow River, and Rock Creek MT.
- Steve Aguilu - a variety of photos from bugs to the critters that eat them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

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Fly Tying Exposition

Dear Fly Tyer,

For several years, the Washington Council of the FFF has discussed hosting a fly tying exposition. An exclusive event of this type, although common in Oregon and Idaho, is new to our Evergreen State. This year we are making it happen at the 1st Annual Washington Council FFF Fly Tying Exposition and Meeting in Ellensburg, Washington, Saturday, 21 April 2007!

We are looking for 25-100 novice to expert fly tyers interested in being "founding" fly tying participants in a one of a kind Evergreen State fly tying event. We need tyers who have something to share and are comfortable tying in front of the public. Most fly fishermen and fly fisherwomen love to watch and learn from other tyers. This is an opportunity to exchange and learn valuable information about tying as well as an opportunity to see what the FFF can do for you.

The Fly Tying Exposition will be held in the Hal Holmes Center from 9 AM to 5 PM. The center is in the same building as the library and is located at 209 N Ruby St. in Ellensburg. Following the tying event, the Annual Washington Council FFF Meeting will be held at the Ellensburg Inn beginning at 6:00 PM with dinner. At 7:00 PM there will be a short meeting, (nomination of candidates), auction/raffle, and a speaker at 8:00 PM.

Speaker for the evening is 1st Lt. Eivind Forseth. Lt. Forseth, a U.S. wounded Iraqi War Veteran, is the project coordinator for Project Healing Waters. PHW teaches wounded service members the skills of fly fishing and fly tying as part of their emotional, occupational and physical recovery. Lt. Forseth delivered the keynote address at the FFF 2006 Conclave in Bozeman, MT. He comes to our evening meeting highly recommended!

This event will feature a variety of fly patterns from simple fishing patterns to complex presentation flies. If possible, we would like to get a representative cross section of different pattern types at this event.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR TYERS

- **Costs to attend the expo for participating demonstrating tyers is free! Participating tyers will also receive a discount on the \$30.00 dinner event. Deadline for purchase of dinner tickets will be April 14.**
- **Four two-hour tying sessions, 9:00-11:00 am, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, 1:00-3:00 pm, 3:00-5:00pm.**
- **Please understand there are approximately 25 tying positions and 4 block periods, which allows for 25-100 tyers depending on who and how much time is requested.**
- **Some tyers have volunteered and a small amount of limited positions for this event have already been secured. Most spots are available.**

Selections will be made on a first come first serve basis.

- **You may sell flies or materials on a limited basis at your table. We encourage you donate 15 % of sales to the Washington Council FFF.**
- **We have negotiated a limited number of reduced rate rooms at the Ellensburg Inn, available on a first come first serve basis. Lodging info is also available at: cheaphotels.com and expedia.com.**
- **If interested please fill out completely the registration form and return it via email or US mail with your selected times no later than February 29, 2007. Mailing address enclosed at end of email.**
- **This date is not to far away. Confirmation will be sent primarily by email and secondarily by US mail. We are not sure of the number of tyers participating. Due to this, it may not be possible to schedule you for as many sessions as you want, but we will make a strong effort to meet your requests.**
- **So that you have enough time to make hotel reservations, a confirmation of your participation along with a schedule and other necessary information will be sent approximately March 5, 2007. Unless requested, confirmation will be sent by email. If this is a problem I will send out confirmation via U.S. (snail) Mail. If you have a valid e-mail address please be sure to include it.**

In addition to fly tyers, I need approximately 3 volunteers for set up and break down of tying tables and extension cords, etc. If you are interested, please contact me via email or by phone.

Don't forget the possibility of some great fishing on the Yakima. Thank you for your interests and involvement. The success of this event depends on your participation! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the show whether you choose to participate as a tyer or attend the expo and annual meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to e-mail me at vern@jeremica.com. Updates to the Exposition will be posted in late February at the following website <http://washingtoncouncilfff.org/>

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WENATCHEE VALLEY FLYFISHERS OUTINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2007

| MONTH | DESTINATION | HOST | EQUIPMENT | Comments |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| February 17 | Rocky Ford Creek | John Murio | Something to keep you warm and dry. | The weather is iffy but the fishing is usually good underneath. |
| March 3 | Dusty Lake | John Murio | Float tube and sinking lines | The water is cold and the fish deep. Be ready to walk. |
| March 17 | Lake Lenore | Gary Bates | Float tube/boat/wade, be prepared for cold | Easy to get to and usually good fishing. |
| April 14-15 | Lake Lenice | Fred Kunzmann | Float tube/pontoon | We can fish the entire chain but we will camp at Lenice. |
| April 28-29 | Blue Lake and maybe Chopaka | Gordy West | Float tube or boat | Opening Day. Some of us plan to camp in the area for the week. |
| May 19 | Dry Falls | Gary Anderson | Float tube or boat | Gary's class on resident bugs, how to fish them, and how to lose them. |
| June 16-17 | Blue Lake in the Okanogan | Steve DeJong | Dry fly rigs Camping and cooking | Hexagenia hatch that brings the big rainbows and browns to the top |
| July 7 | Banks Lake | Mike Huffer | 6-8 wt. Rods, wet wade, boat, or hitch a ride with Mike | Come join the best guide on the lake, one of ours, usually hot weather. Smallmouths & Carp. |
| August 3-5 | Methow River | Pat Herdt & G. Northrup | Camping, eating, and fishing on the river | Don't miss this one, as it was a great family outing. Come watch the dogs compete. Fish some too. |
| September | Salmon Festival Leavenworth | Gary Anderson | Fly tying, casting, or just plain old talking about our sport and club. | This is an annual event for us to promote fly fishing. Let Gary know when and how long you would like to help him. |
| September 29 or October 6 | Yakima River | Tom Whiteside | Plan to float the river and do some wading | Come and play in Tom's backyard, he promises a hearty welcome. |
| November | Methow River?? If it is open | | Bundle up and bring your 6-8 weights. | This is tentative but something to look forward to at this time. |
| December 25 | Happy Holidays | Santa | Make room for all your NEW toys and clothes. | Who decides whether you're naughty or nice? |
| January 20, 2008 | WVFF Annual Banquet | WVFF | Plenty of \$\$ to spend at the raffle and auction | Donate something for auction or raffle. It doesn't have to be hand made or expensive. |

Check out the dates to make sure there are no huge conflicts with other events or holidays. Make suggestions for other outings to replace the ones we have planned or to add in between. I am always looking for someone to host an outing and lend their expertise to the functions.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

WVFF OUTING to ROCKY FORD CREEK Sat. Feb 17, 2007

DIRECTIONS: From Wenatchee area take Hiway 28 to Ephrata. At the first stoplight in Ephrata turn right on Hiway 282 going towards Moses Lake and drive about 5 miles to the intersection of Hiway 17. Turn left on Hiway 17 and proceed about 2.5 miles to a green sign on the right, Trout Lodge Rd, where you turn right and continue on a dirt road to Rocky Ford Creek. Turn right at the creek and go to the second parking lot where you can see an outhouse. There will be makings for lunch and beverage to wet your whistle. Some of us will meet at BJ's Truck Stop in Rock Island for breakfast at 8 o'clock.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR ENJOYING THE FISHING ON ROCKY FORD CREEK

We always hope for ideal conditions, warm, calm, overcast with fish rising at timed intervals. Come prepared to face the elements, wind, rain, and cold, as well as the main adversary, wary trout. So, bring warm clothing, boots that will allow you to stand in the muck and stay dry. When you are sneaking out to that perfect spot on the creek, be very careful, there are strategically placed holes to trap the ankles and legs of unsuspecting anglers. Don't spend more than 15 min. at one spot if there is no action; move on to a spot that hasn't been fished lately.

SETTING UP YOUR ROD

Most anglers use 4-6 weight rods with floating line and longer fluorocarbon leaders of 10-15 feet.

Tippets are a matter of choice, anywhere from 3X to 7X fluorocarbon depending on your method of fishing. The fish tend to be big and powerful as well as wary.

FLY SELECTION:

SCUDS—olive, olive brown, gray size 12-20 and weighted

LEECHES--weighted skinny leech olive, gray, or brown, size 8-12
or a weighted Bunny leech white, black, or tan size 6-12.

Placing an indicator about 2'-4' above the fly will keep you at the right depth.

INFAMOUS EGG FLY—colors peach, yellow, red, cream in sizes 6-10

WOOLLY BUGGER OR WORM—same colors as above in size 6-12

SOFT HACKLES—Size 16-22, brown, olive, mahogany to simulate a resident bug.

DRY FLIES—Blue Wing Olive size 16-22

Chironomid emerger size 14-18

Chernobyl Ant or Turk's Tarantula size 6-10

Stimulator size 8-14

Dropper or Trailer—attaching a TINY 2nd fly to the hook of the BIG first fly can be effective.

A pheasant tail, scud, or chironomid 18-24 trailed 2-4' is good.

PRESENTATION IS THE KEY AS THESE FISH HAVE SEEN IT ALL INCLUDING YOU.

Cast upstream mostly and try to maintain a drag free drift while using an indicator or fishing dries.

Experiment with different stripping actions when going down under. Sometimes a very slow retrieve works and at other times, it takes a ripping action to induce a strike. This is especially useful anytime the light changes, like at dusk, and the fish become bolder.

SIGHT FISHING IS EXCITING ON THE FORD.

You will see many BIG fish if you are quiet and observant. To catch those fish you should mark their feeding route and cast a scud, leech, chironomid, or fly of your choice far enough in front of them so that it sinks into the weeds BEFORE the fish sees it. As the fish approaches twitch the fly minimally and watch the fish's mouth, as you won't be able to see your fly if it's in the weeds. If you see the white of the fish's mouth eating something it may be your fly, strike and yell, *FISH ON*. Hopefully, you were not lying and will still have it on after you finish yelling.

Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers' Annual Banquet

Saturday, January 20, 2007
Wenatchee Valley College Alley Café
Van Tassell Center
WVC Campus

Wet Fly hour 6:00 PM
No Host Wine and Beer Service

Dinner 7:00 PM
Catered by the Alley Café
Prime Rib and Salmon Buffet dinner

Live Auction 8:00 PM-ish

\$30 per person.

Your WVFF Club will be providing wine at the table for your dining enjoyment.

Please help us get an early headcount.

Mail your checks and reservations to:
Gordy Northrup, Treasurer
WVFF
P. O. Box
Wenatchee, WA 98807-3687

Cut off here and send with your check!

Please reserve ____ Banquet Tickets for _____ @ \$30 each

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Address:

Phone:

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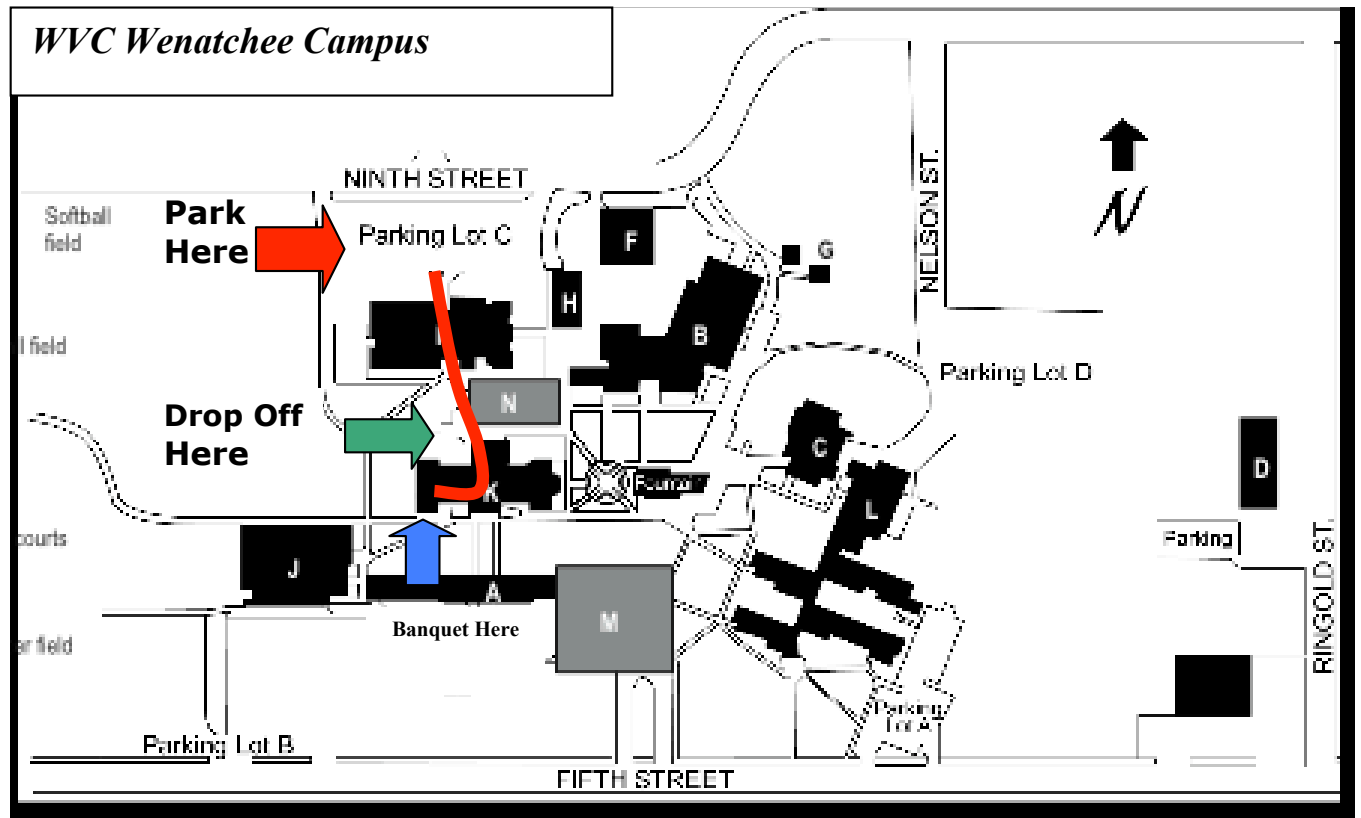
While you're at it, please renew my/our membership at \$35 Total: _____

*The WVFF Banquet is in Van Tassell Hall
on the Wenatchee Valley College Campus.*

The best access on a Saturday night (to avoid the basketball crowds) is to park in Parking Lot "C" off Ninth Street. We will have "Fish" signs showing you the way through Sexton Hall, past the Higher Ed Center, and into Van Tassell and the banquet area.

Don't Worry—It's not a long walk. And there is drop off service between the buildings.

Your Board members will, as always, be there from noon on, ready to gather up your raffle and auction donations. Drop by in the afternoon (in the daylight), and you'll see it's easy to find.





"RELEASE 'EM ALIVE"



Fly Paper Catch and Release

Ralph Jordan has a set of snow tires for sale

P 205-175
R-15 studded snow tires—like new \$100

Call him on his cell any time: **669-9135**

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Were you saving up for that antique canoe Ralph was selling? One of the downed trees for the January 7th storm got to that canoe before you did.

If you want a two-piece canoe, Ralph has one. Otherwise, better luck next time!

Fly Tying Sessions

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

We meet every **second and fourth** Thursday evenings in Fred's garage.

Come any time after 6:00-ish.

This year we plan to "match the outing." Check John Murio's great outing sheets for the month and come ready to tie what you'll need for the next outing.

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