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MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Flying Pig Brewery
Board Meeting – 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Village Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: January 22, 2007 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



President's Message

By Eric Nordstrom

I'd have to say that this was quite an eventful year for our club. I want to thank everyone on the board this last year for doing their part to make sure we successfully conquered 2007. In my haste to get through our business at the Christmas Party I forgot to thank our officers and committee chairman, so let me apologize to anyone who felt blighted because I truly appreciated all who served. Thankfully we were able to propose and approve a full slate of "new" officers for 2008, many who were willing to stay on with only a couple people moving into fresh roles. There will be some upcoming changes in store that are to be decided at upcoming board meetings, most notably the possibility of changing our general meeting location as there some challenges with our current location at The Pig. If you've been to the Pig lately you will have noticed that their menu has changed which means our choices will likely change too for our January meeting. The largest challenge we're facing at the moment is storage for our library, since The Pig can not keep it for us any longer. For the time being, the library will not be made available and we want to have everyone bring back their items so that things don't get lost. We are working to find a solution to this situation and hopefully will have an announcement soon. Lastly, on a sad note, I have to mention that we lost our brother Joe Bly in a car accident on December 1st. The service was very well attended by members of our club, I'd have to estimate around 50, along with a huge showing by the Seattle Fire Department and Joe's many relatives and friends. I know Dale appreciated all of our support and it made me very proud of our club for the strong showing at the service and reception afterwards. Joe told me on several occasions how much he truly enjoyed being President of our club (1996) and how he wanted to do it again someday.



May we all remember Joe as an accomplished fly fisherman and dedicated EFFC member.



WSCFFF
By Carl Johnson

**Gary Loomis to give CCA Presentation
to Fly Fishers**

Gary Loomis has been instrumental in bring the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) to the Northwest. On Friday, January 18 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon P.U.D. building Gary will be giving a presentation on the CCA in the Northwest for fly fishers. What is the CCA you ask? The CCA began in 1977 after drastic commercial overfishing along the Texas coast decimated redbfish and speckled trout populations. Fourteen concerned recreational anglers created the Gulf Coast Conservation Association to combat commercial fishing excesses and conserve the resource. By 1985, Gulf-state chapters had formed from Texas to Florida. By decade's end, state chapters were founded through the mid-Atlantic region, and by the early '90s, development of the New England state chapters was completed. In 2007, Washington and Oregon opened CCA chapters. CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels. CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels. If you have read any of the numerous articles or actually fished for redbfish or speckled trout on the Gulf of Mexico region, please remember that this fishery would not be there without the success of the CCA. For more information on the CCC, please visit their website: <http://www.joincca.org/index.html>. Want more Salmon and Steelhead? Then come hear Gary talk about the CCA's plan to bring more fish to our rivers. Round up a carpool of folks and planto attend! Let's show our commitment to saving fish. A big effort can make a difference. See you in Mt. Vernon.

WSCFFF News Release
12-19-07

YOUTH FLY FISHING SUMMER ACADEMY
– June 22-28, 2008

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers jointly announce that applications are being accepted from youth, ages 12 to 16, to attend the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy will be held from June 22 – 28, 2008 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youths about the importance of natural resource conservation and stewardship, and to learn the basics of the sport of fly fishing. The weeklong summer event is modeled after the award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers are the hosting organizations.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes essons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants also learn the basic fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, knot tying, reading water, water safety, streamside etiquette, and the "catch and release" ethic.

Twenty-four youths who show an interest in the outdoors and fly fishing will be selected to attend. The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon the candidate's written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and the expectations she/he hopes to learn from the camp. Total cost, including meals and lodging, for the event is \$275.



Special Fly Tying Contest By Bruce Turner

We had a special fly tying contest at the November meeting. There were 6 beautiful specimens of the Kundson Spider. The winner was **Rob Gamage**. Congratulations Rob!



Rob will have his fly used in the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers 2008 fly plate.

Now how *cool* is that!



Fly Tying Classes By Rob Gamage

I can hardly believe it's time to start thinking about our Fly Tying Classes already! Get ready for twelve Wednesday evenings of new patterns, techniques, tricks and, stories to give us all more confidence at the vise! For the fourth year, classes will be held at The Stillaguamish Senior Center in Smokey Point. We will start on January 2nd, from 7-9 pm, and continue every Wednesday until the last class on March 19th.

All you have to bring is your own tying tools and thread. If you don't have any fly tying equipment yet, the club has 5 or 6 vises and basic tool sets that would love to be made useful. Just let me know ahead of time to arrange having them available.

The cost to members is \$25.00. If you volunteer to be an instructor, your cost is \$0.00! If you know someone not currently in the club who would be interested, the price for non-members is \$45. You will get to learn from twelve of the best fly tiers in our club and, hang out with some other members.

It is very helpful for us to know ahead of time how many tiers to expect. This really helps our instructors know how many material kits to prepare. If you would like to join us, or if you know someone who would be interested, please contact Rob Gamage – 360-691-9997 or ragflyguy@hotmail.com

We'll see you January 2nd!



EFFC Membership By Mark Simpson

December is the best month to send in your membership dues for 2008. Dues are \$30 for members and \$25 for associate members. Our annual "dues incentive" raffle will be held for members that pay (postmarked) by 12/31/07. Send them soon for your chance to win a new Bauer reel.

Please do not send your dues to the club's post office box or to other club officers. The membership chairman needs to receive your dues directly, preferably by mail, along with any change to your address, phone, e-mail, etc. Please complete the annual renewal form and send it with your dues so we can accurately verify your information listed in our next calendar. It is highly recommended to pay your dues by check. Your dues are important to the operating budget of our club so please pay them on time, preferably by December 31, but no later than our January general meeting.

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Publications
By Bruce Turner

Again..Send me your ARTICALS!

As you know we all love to hear about fishing and fishing events. Unfortunately not all of us make the meetings. So the only way to gather this great information is through Swirl Tips. So send me those fishing stories and photos.

I will be working on the calendar soon and will need a lot of photos of all the cool things the club has done this year. If you have any photos send them in. Digital photos are preferred (in jpg format) but regular photos will also work. I'll take photos at a meeting, on a CD, or sent to me as attachments in e-mail message.

WSCFFF News Release
12-13-07

2008 Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave

The Washington State Council FFF is sponsoring their annual fly fishing conclave on May 3, 2008 at the Kittitas County Event Center (fairgrounds) in Ellensburg, Wa.

The exhibition hours are 8:30 am to 6 pm, at which time the banquet and live auction will begin. It will be an opportunity for all those interested in fly tying to share with the experts, exchange ideas, advance their knowledge, and have some fun. The Council and volunteers from Washington's many fly clubs and fly shops are providing the staffing for the fly tying, casting demonstrations, seminars, casting lessons and competitions. A silent auction will be conducted throughout the day with a variety of items.

The Conclave will continue with the fly tying demonstrations and exhibits that were very popular last year. Over 100 fly tyers will be demonstrating their special skills and flies. Classes will be available for those interested in starting or advancing their tying.

For 2008, the program has been expanded to include private and semi-private casting lessons from certified instructors with casting clinics for individual help. Some of the best casters in our state will attend and many pointers can be picked up just by their demonstration. There will be team distance and accuracy casting competitions, including the challenging Danish casting games. Classes will be available for those new to the sport, to learn the basic skills of fly fishing. The introductory fly fishing classes will touch on equipment selection, fly selection, the correct way to rig a fly rod, basic casting, on the water fishing and wading skills. One class will be taught by women for women only. Fourteen fly fishing seminars will be conducted by various experts. The evening will conclude with a western BBQ buffet banquet. A live auction presenting lots of fishing gear, an "Authors of the Northwest" fly plate and a WSCFFF "Affiliated Club" fly plate with flies tied by a member of each club, plus a fly rod built especially for the event by Fetha-Styx. The evening program will feature, Bob Jacklin, founder of Jacklin's Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, Montana. Bob is a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, he will share his insight and humor with attendees.

Additional information and registration forms for the event can be found at our website www.washingtoncouncilfff.org.

NW Fly Tyer Fishing Expo – 20th Anniversary
By Jim Fisher

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo – 20th Anniversary. March 7th and 8th, 2008 in Albany, Oregon.

Location will be Linn County Fair and Expo Center.

A status report as of Mid December, 2007:

170 different tyers have registered to be here. (We expect 200 will be registered by end of December. There are several new faces this year which is exciting.)



31 different vendors occupying 40 booth spaces have registered. (We add space from last year for a total of 47 booth spaces.- so 7 booths are still available)

The entrepreneur village (a new area we are trying this year-7 available tables for the hobbyist – 3 have registered.)

Attached is the two spread sheet outlining the classes being offered this year. There is a total of 60 classes with room for more which the team is working to fill.

Live auction items are already being gathered: Wasatch tools – has donated a 32 wood inlayed tying tool set in a hand carved box – we have issue 1 of 4.

Six fishing trips have been donated and have promises of more.

Four art pieces – one is from Dave Allred (sculptor), Dave has donated some great art pieces for the National Conclave in 1980's because of health had to stop. He is now back and he will catch

up with Sherry Steele and I in Redding. CA at the Northern California show and wanted to come to the Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo and is donating a magnificent piece.

John Shewey's spey plate is in progress-the pattern Miss Jackson.

The Salmon Fly Saturday Group for Rich Youngers shop is doing another classic salmon fly plate.

The Expo Committee and Keith Burkhart are putting together a Poster plate with the help of some invited tiers who tied at the first NW Fly Tyers expo 20 year ago.

As you can see with all the classes and a casting tournament this is adding up to be a exciting show – Hope everyone can be present.

The new website (same address)

<http://www.nwflytyersexpo.com> should be up and running thanks to a lot of hard work by Dan Shemik and assisted by Garren Wood.

WSCFFF Letter by Kevin Ryan

The following is a letter edited by Kevin Ryan, VP Conservation, WSCFFF. The letter was sent to Ellen Berggren, Study Manager for The Bureau of Reclamation in regards to the construction of the dam at Crab Creek. The letter was sent December, 2007. Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

Dear Ms. Berggren:

I am the Conservation Vice President for the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The Council represents 17 affiliated clubs throughout this state and over 750 members. The Federation represents thousands of similar minded outdoors people throughout the country. To the point, the Council, at its last meeting, voted unanimously to oppose, with every means at our disposal, the proposed inundation of Crab Creek. The Crab Creek valley at the Columbia is a superb and unique environment containing several of the best fishing lakes in the state and some of the best habitat for birds and wildlife in the Northwest. The Bureau and the Corps have flooded enough land in the last century. That must be the end of this prodigal behavior. In the future, sensible water policies must be adopted that emphasize water conservation and pricing that reflects the value of water. There isn't any "new water". What we have is it, as you well know. We understand that the cost of moving water to the Odessa Subarea may be up to \$33,000 per acre. This is an unacceptable expense to the tax and rate payers. and an unacceptable taking and loss to the thousands who are repeatedly enriched by the wonders of the Lower Crab Creek area, but whose enrichment diminishes the treasure not a penny for those who come later.

Kevin Ryan
Conservation VP
WSCFFF

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EFFC Membership Renewal Form

Membership dues are \$30 for members & \$25 for associate members

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone Number including area code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Committee Interests: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to EFFC, fill in the Membership Renewal form, & mail both to the following address:

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