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Meeting: April 24h, 2012 @ The Pacific Rim Ballroom
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Location Address: 3228 Marine Drive Northeast, Tulalip, WA



The Presidents Message

By John Gattinella

Well, I feel as though spring has finally arrived, yeah! With the nice stretch of good weather, some of the guys have been practically living at Lone lake, catching lots of nice, big trout. At least that's the rumor I heard. The other day I went fishing with **Ron Pera** on Martha Lake, my home lake. It's a pretty little lake close to my house - very quiet, serene and so few people on it. I like it for a couple of other reasons as well. I don't get gouged by the ferry people when I trailer my boat, but more importantly, it's a lake that can be very challenging to fish. In fact, sometimes it can be downright difficult to catch a fish there. This may sound strange to some guys, but for me, catching fish after fish after fish can actually get boring. Now don't get me wrong, I enjoy a "hot" day of fishing, but there is something about a challenge that gets me "up" for the game. Martha lake can be like that. So, after a couple of hours of fishing it, we decided to call it a day. After we got the boat on the trailer, I stood there for a moment looking at this beautiful lake and thinking about the conversation that my good friend **Bob Banks** and I had about the need for more fly-friendly lakes in the Puget Sound area. Suddenly, my idyllic thoughts were disrupted by the sound of a fish splashing in the water. There, on the edge of the boat ramp was a guy in his folding armchair fishing with his spinning rod. He had just caught a nice 15 inch rainbow on a worm. As he gently released it, he turned to me and said "Now if that was a brown, it would have been dinner tonight". After looking at all those beautifully fertilized lawns surrounding the lake, I was tempted to let him know that Safeway was having a sale on farm-raised salmon, but instead I just smiled.



Turning to club news, I want to thank everyone who attended our last club meeting for your patience and understanding regarding our AWOL guest presenter. Practically everyone took a positive attitude about it and mentioned to me that it was a good opportunity to talk a little more with some of the other members. We won't have this problem for our April meeting. Jack Gobel has assured me that he'll be there and will talk about some very hefty-sized bonefish. I also want to thank everyone for helping us in updating our bylaws, which were passed at the last meeting. Nice job to **Dennis LeMaster** for leading this effort .

Regarding the questionnaires that were distributed at our last meeting and emailed as well, please fill this out and send it in as soon as possible. You may consider this survey a nuisance and inconvenience, but it is an important tool that every successful club or organization uses to make sure it is in "synch" with the membership. This questionnaire will offer some direction and help tell us if we need to change something accordingly. This is your club and your ideas are important to its continued success. Please don't squander this opportunity to have your voice heard.

Finally, one last item to mention - food! This month we're going to try something different with the buffet. We're going to open the buffet line prior to the start of the meeting, by perhaps up to 15-20 minutes, so that everyone will have their food and be in their seats by 7pm.

Now let's go fishing, (again)!

MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Pacific Rim Ballroom
Board Meeting – 1st Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Village Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant



May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Board Meeting 1	2	3	Washington Fly Fish Fair 4	5
6	7	ST Cutoff 8	9	10	11	Kids Fishing Silver Lake 12
13	14	15	16	Conservation Meeting 17	Big Twin 18	Fish Out 19
20	21	EFFC Meeting 22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule

May 4-5

Wash Fly Fish Fair

May 12th

Kids Fishing

May 18th-20th

Fish Out Big Twin

June 9th

Unofficial Salt Sea Run

June 23rd

Spring Cleanup



Successful Fly Fishing Techniques for Stillwater

By Jerry Buron

Fly fishing Northwest lakes for trout!

Come join us for a Workshop that will help you with fly patterns, techniques for the seasons of the year, feeding patterns, types of fly fishing gear and how to successfully set up your equipment. We'll also cover, casting techniques, how to locate fish, identifying the naturals they feed on and the most effective imitations to hook them. A special emphasis will be placed on successful chironomid tactics. This 4 hour workshop will teach you everything you wanted to know about successfully fishing for trout within NW lakes. We'll also cover the set-up of various types of watercraft, e.g., pontoon boats, prams and larger boats for larger lakes. Bring your rod and fly line, and we'll show you how to set things up.



Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012 Time: 9:00 am- 1:00 pm
Fee: \$30 Location: RHCC, Art Room Age: 16 yrs.- Adult
Registration Code: 2170 Instructor: Jerry Buron

Reservations can be made by:

Calling 425.263.8180

or

Online Registration at:

<http://www.activenet.active.com/cityofmukilteorec> or

In person at Rosehill Community Center

304 Lincoln Avenue

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Fly Tying Contest

By Anthony Scicluna

Hello again EFFF members.

Last month had a great turn out of flies for the contest, and it seems we're starting to get more interest in members showing off their stuff! Fantastic! Let's keep them coming!

Now last meetings contest winner was **Mr. Bob Banks**, and it was a close one again with Bob winning with an edge of just 2 extra votes. Now besides Bob receiving the first prize of \$25.00, Bob was also rewarded with a small, but very awesome looking trophy which he can proudly display on his mantle. So who will it be this month? Good luck fellow Fly Tiers.

Now the fly for this month is "The CDC Scud" The scud is one of those all around utilitarian patterns, one that can work in a lot of different places, could look like a couple different aquatic critters and isn't necessarily for trout only. Scud patterns are hot items on a lot rivers and waters around Washington State.



CDC Scuds, by Lucian Vasies

Now if many of you didn't happen to notice, the flies for the this years contests were accidentally left out and so I've included them in this news letter so please mark them down, hang them at your tying table, stick them to your fridges, or have them tattooed to your arms.

- January: Adams: size 14 – 22
 - February: Black Stone fly Nymph: size 6 – 16
 - March: Eastern March Brown: size 10 – 14
 - April: Elk Hair Caddis: size 12 – 18
- See you all at the next meeting and keep on tying gents.



"For the supreme test of a fisherman is not how many fish he has caught, not even how he has caught them, but what he has caught when he has caught no fish."

- John H. Bradley



Membership News

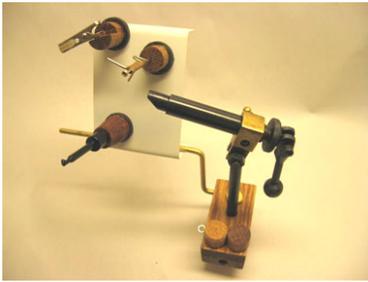
By Gary Iverson

Please join me in welcoming **Jan Fischer** as our newest member. Jan and wife Linda live on Camano Island and has been fly fishing 15 years. In his spare time he enjoys traveling, working in his shop and fly tying.





The Evergreen Hand: An Update



There was some great news today from the FFF regarding the Evergreen Hand vise. It was announced that the FFF is going to pay for the manufacture of 125 Evergreen Hand fly tying vices. The vices will be available for distribution to wounded vets through military medical rehab centers. **Philip Greenlee**, president of the FFF, felt that this was such a worthy endeavor in helping our wounded vets that he wanted the FFF to be a leader in this project. Helping to make various parts in the manufacture of the Evergreen Hand will be Dean Childs from the Olympic

Peninsula, former owner of the Wasatch Vise company and Norm Norlander, owner of the Nor-Vise company. The FFF logo will be engraved on each vise produced.

For those who are not aware or new to the club, the Evergreen Hand, named after our Evergreen Fly Fish Club, was invented by our own **Jesse Scott**, as a tool for disabled military vets to be able to enjoy fly tying and participate in the sport of fly fishing.

Congratulations, Jesse!



WA Fly Fishing Fair

By Jim Pankiewicz

The 2012 WA Fly Fishing Fair (WFFF) will be again be held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg. The show hours are Friday 11:00 am until 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We have a number of exciting activities planned for this year's fair. For more information please visit our website at:

<http://washingtoncouncilfff.org/wfff.htm>

Fly Tying – We currently have over 80 tiers signed up to tie this year. This includes 5 past Buz Buszek Memorial Award, the Federation highest tying award. They are: Frank Johnson – 1984, Al Beatty – 1999, Bruce Staples – 2001, Henry Hoffman – 2008 and John M Newbury – 2009.

Casting – This year as in the past we will have our 9 hole fly casting course set up so you can try your skills. On Saturday we will have a friendly competition on the course. First place will go to the person closest to the numerical average of all who competed. They will have a choice of a 5 or 8 weight TFO TiCrX fly rod. The remaining rod will go to a drawing of all participants. We are pleased to have **Steve Rajeff** putting on a casting demonstration at 2:00 Saturday afternoon. Please join us.

Free Seminars – We are presenting a number of free seminars occurring throughout the day. Please visit our web site for the current schedule.

Workshops – We are offering a number of casting and fishing workshops this year. Please visit our website for the current schedule.

Auction/Raffle – We will have a number of fishing and non fishing items in or raffle/silent auction and live auction. Currently we have trips on the Clark Fork River in Montana, the Methow River and the Yakima River.

Awards Banquet and Auction – On Saturday night we will hold our annual awards banquet and auction. Dinner tickets must be purchased by April 24th so we can give the caterer a final count. This year banquet will be catered by Cascade Mountain Grilling and the menu is Marinated Flank/Chicken Breast Combo with Fresh Grilled Veggies, Quartered Garlic Reds, Caesar salad, Dinner Roll and Cobbler.

For addition information please visit our website at: <http://washingtoncouncilfff.org/wfff.htm>



Youth Conservation Camp

By Jesse Scott

Each year the club offers free sponsorship to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. This year we will offer two scholarships for children between the ages of 12 and 16. The Girls camp dates are 15-21 July and the Boys camp dates are 22-28 July.

Additional information and the required forms are available on the Camp website at www.washingtonconservationcamp.org.

Please have the completed application forms to Jesse Scott by 15 June 2010 so the Conservation Committee can make the final selection and provide the results well prior to the Camp dates.



Fishing Kids

Volunteers needed for Kids Fishing event

For the past 10 years we have supported the annual Fishing Kids event at Silver Lake. This year the event is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to bait hooks and help the kid's fish or help them tie flies. You can come at 7:15 and stay as long as you like. Bring a piece of cloth to hold slippery fish, a hook release tool, and waterproof footwear.

The park is on the West side of Silver Lake at 11405 Silver lake Rd in Everett. If you have any questions call Jesse Scott at (360) 386-8441.





Library News

By Dave McCutchen

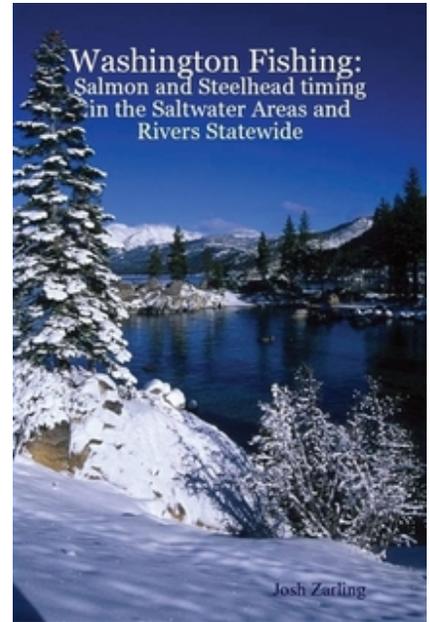
This month the library committee is adding the book Washington Fishing: Salmon and Steelhead Timing in the Saltwater Areas and Rivers Statewide by Josh Darling. Library committee member Gary Thayer ran across this book recently while browsing the Washington Fly Fishing (<http://www.washingtonflyfishing.com/>). He then track it down and determined it to be a good candidate for our library.

In seeking information about the book we discovered that it is also available in Portable Document Format (PDF) meaning the publication could be purchased for viewing on a personal computer, Kindle and probably an IPAD.....technology!

The following is directly from the book description at <http://www.lulu.com/> :

You may be sitting in your living room thinking, it is late June and I want to catch a steelhead or salmon. Where should I go to give myself the best chance to get the strong pull of an Andromous fish? All you need to do is look up June in this calendar and figure out what your options might be. The goal of this calendar is to help expert and beginner fisherman know where to fish, when to fish, and what their odds are based on the numbers. The numbers and averages are based upon Washington Department of Fish and Game Catch Card numbers only. Catch and release fish are not counted. Each month breaks the numbers into the following categories: Chinook (Saltwater), Chum (Saltwater), Coho (Saltwater), Pink (Saltwater), Sockeye (Saltwater), Chinook (Rivers), Chum (Rivers), Coho (Rivers), Pink (Rivers), Sockeye (Rivers), and Summer and Winter run Steelhead (Rivers). Each category has a list of saltwater areas or rivers with the catch numbers.

This book will be on display and available for check out at our April meeting



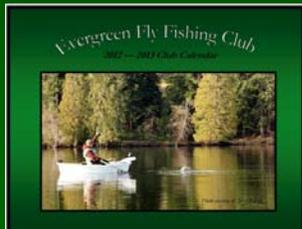
Speaker Of The Month

By Jim Pankiewicz

"Our speaker for April is EFFC's own Jack Gobel. He has a slide show of his trips for Bonefish. His son Kurt will also be there tying flies that Jack developed."



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Calendars are in!



Publications

By Bruce Turner

Get your Calendar Now!

Available at the meeting.

Thank you



Fly-Casting Class

By Paul Wiltberger

Flyrodding steelheaders really are insensate.

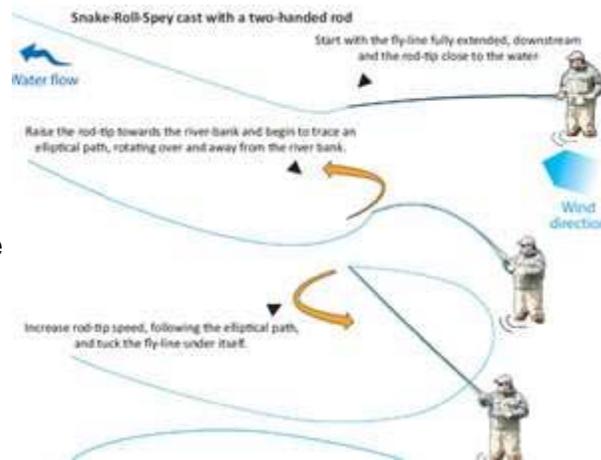
We held our second two-handed rod casting seminar on March 17th. Despite early rain, snow, and hail, eleven club members and two guests participated. It was great to see the sharing of experience and equipment. We all had a great time. Perhaps we ain't all that dumb.

Chris Grieve, Dale Dennis, and I have organized another class.

The plan is to meet **Saturday, May 26th** at Blue Stilly Park from 9am until 12 noon.

This class will include instruction on casting **one** and **two-handed** rods. Bring your rods, weight-forward floating lines, hat, eye protection, and waders.

The class is open to club members at no cost. There will be a \$5 fee for guests.



To reach the Blue Stilly Park from I-5, take the Hwy 530 exit and go east. After approximately 1/2 mile, take 27th Avenue NE and go left (north) to the end of the road. Please call Chris, Dale, or myself if you have questions. New club members are encouraged to participate.

Tight lines!

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