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The Presidents Message

By John Gattinella

One of the great things about fly fishing is that you get to meet friends along your fishing travels. And it is at events like the Washington FFF Fair where I have the opportunity to catch up with some of them. My Saturday in Ellensburg was like "old home week", talking with old friends and some of the guys in our club who made the trip over the Cascades. For example, I got to talk with my old friend Steve whom I met 10 years ago fishing in Idaho. I remember the first time I met Steve as he pulled up to the campground in the evening and pulled out something that I thought was a sleeping bag or plush-looking bed-roll. This roll turned out to be a custom made rod sock the length of a sleeping bag and contained 20 custom made bamboo rods! We see each other once or twice a year, depending on work or health-related issues. Usually in the fall we try to fish the Lochsa and Selway rivers in Idaho with a larger group of friends, but we always meet each year in Ellensburg at the FFF meeting and make our fishing plans for that annual end-September fishing trip. This year I also got to meet and spend some time with James, the 22 year old son of one of my wife's co-workers. James is completely new to fly fishing but wants to learn, so we sent him to a couple of seminars where the speakers knew something about the sport, such as Preston Singletary, and introduced him to friends who could answer his questions. He also got to see Steve Rajeff's amazing casting demonstration. By the end of the day, James, who apparently is not a very emotional kid, was beaming ear-to ear. Even his mother, who drove from Seattle to help James learn more about the sport, had a great time - she got to tie a simple green nymph in the learning area and found it fascinating.

Beyond the actual act of fly fishing, for me these events are one of the most rewarding and enjoyable elements to the sport. I want to give a tip of the hat to Carl Johnson and his team for doing such a great job. The spirit of cooperation and coordination of the volunteers who organize the program and execute the plan shows through by the overall quality of the event. As I talked with some of the volunteers I found that they openly communicate among each other, and if there are issues, they talk them through until they are resolved. There are no undercurrents of dissension, and policies and processes that are in place remain intact. Within our fly club, we also have well established processes and committees that do a great job in making our club so successful. We need to insure that these well established systems are not broken just because somebody, or a few people, don't like the way a current procedure or committee is run and therefore attempt to make radical changes rather than working with that responsible group through open communication and dialogue to create understanding and consensus. Miscommunication, especially through the "grapevine", and lack of communication through normal channels can only create an air of mistrust and suspicion, and can even affect the way members interact with one another. Club members need to remain vigilant of these situations and not get caught up in them.

Overall however, within our club we really have a lot of good things happening, and this has been confirmed though the recent survey that we had. It was an impressive response with approximately 44 surveys submitted. Thank you, guys! Also, thanks to Dennis LeMaster's team for assembling the questionnaire and analyzing the results. I'll leave the details of the report to Dennis and his group, but the results of this survey will be a valuable tool to help us in planning how we can better improve the club. We also have some good things happening on the water. Our Spring fishout at Big Twin is just around the corner, the weekend of May 18-20, and it looks like there's going to be a good turnout for it. According to Mike Benbow's recent report, the lake is in good shape and the fish are looking healthy. We also have the unofficial sea-run cutthroat outing in the salt that is happening on June 9th. Now is the time to start "buddying" up with someone who has a boat because sea-runs in the salt are like little torpedoes and a blast to catch.

Now let's go fishing!

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

Up and Coming Events

June 2012

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	Board Meeting 5	6	7	8	Salt Sea Run 9
10	11	ST Cutoff 12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	Conservation Meeting 21	22	River Clean-Up 23
24	25	EFFC Meeting 26	27	28	29	30

Schedule

June 9th

Unofficial Salt Sea Run

June 23rd

Spring Cleanup

National FFF Conclave

July 12th-14th

July 29th

Summer Fish Out

North Umpqua Outing

Sept 28th—29th



Membership News

By Gary Iverson

Please welcome **Herman Mount** and **Larry Bronner** as our newest club members.

Herman lives in Arlington with his wife Helen and is an fly fisher with over 50 years experience. He enjoys lake and saltwater fishing from his float tube, kayak and pram.

Larry lives in Marysville with his wife Annie and has been a fly fisher for 25 years. He's a lake and stream fly caster and uses a port-a-boat in several lakes around the state.

Welcome aboard Herman and Larry!
It's great to have you as our newest members.



"The trout do not rise in the cemetery, so you better do your fishing while you are still able." - Sparse Grey Hackle





Speaker Of The Month

By Jim Pankiewicz

The speakers for our May meeting will be **Danny Garrett** and **Justin Spinelli**.

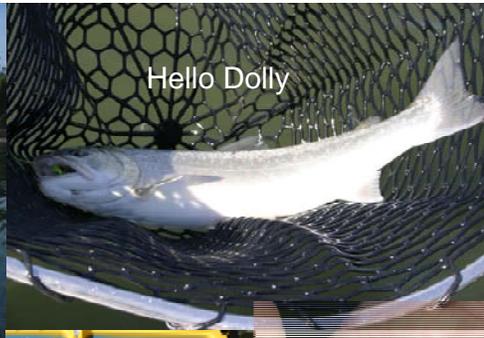
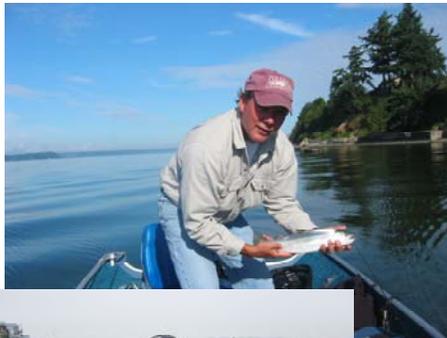
Danny is a warm water biologist and Justin is a cold water biologist.

They are from the Mill Creek office of the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

They will be speaking about the various stakeholders and issues they work with. Justin will also be speaking specifically about Lone Lake.



Unofficial Saltwater Searun Outing



Date: Saturday June 9th

Time: Launch at Marysville boat ramp between 5:30 and 6:am to fish the incoming tide.

High Tide: 9:00 AM

Meet for Breakfast/Lunch: Village Restaurant between 12:00 – 12:30PM

Note: June is a great time to find big Dollies in the salt feeding on the out migration of Chum and Pink fry.

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