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UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

06 Jun CBFC Day-Outing to Leech Lake on White Pass
18-20 Jun CBFC Free Fly-Casting Class
07 Jul CBFC Picnic
25 Jul Salmon Booth at Art-in-the-Park Show
11 Aug CBFC Weekend-Outing to East Lake, OR
10 Sep CBFC Weekend-Outing to Anthony Lakes, OR

CLUB PURPOSE: To promote the sport of fly fishing, to conserve regional fishing resources, and to encourage friendship and cooperation among all anglers.

NEXT MEETING: 9June at Country Gentlemen, Kennewick. Starts at 6:00pm.

PROGRAM: Carol Ann Morris: Fly-Fisher, Tier, Photographer

Over the past two decades Carol's photographs have not only appeared in most of her husband Skip's eighteen fly-fishing and fly-tying books, but on the covers and pages of magazines such as *Gray's Sporting Journal* and *Fly Fishing & Tying Journal*. Carol is a frequent speaker at fly-fishing shows, expositions, and sportsmen's shows. Most fly fishers want a photo record of their biggest and most beautiful fish, and the fascinating places they fish. Carol teaches how to make photos crisp, vivid, balanced, and expressive. She demonstrates and explains the rule of thirds, effective use of light, the Magic Hour, UFOs (Unidentified Foreign Objects), and how to photograph fish. She includes many other concepts anyone can use to improve their photographs. Carol will show various failed photos and explain what caused the problems. If you use a camera on your fishing jaunts, don't miss this presentation. Carol can be reached at carolann@cablespeed.com.

Did You Know
Club members may post "For Sale" or "Wanted" ads for fishing stuff in the Newsletter. See page 7 for help with submitting items to the Editor.
President’s Message

by Jim Loomis

The long awaited stream fishing season opened recently and I took my first trip to the South Fork of the Walla Walla with Mike Wade. There is something about walking a stream, enjoying nature, and, yes, catching an occasional trout that is the pinnacle of fly fishing for me. The day was perfect and the company was great. If you don’t fish the local streams like the Touchet and Tucannon, I encourage you to do so.

The long range weather forecast for the upcoming Leech Lake outing 6Jun looks perfect with sun, low winds, and temperatures in the seventies. I hope to see you there.

Leech Lake Day Outing

by Jim Loomis

The Leech Lake day trip is Saturday 6Jun. Leech Lake is near the top of White Pass on US 12. It was stocked in May with some jumbo trout. There are also brook trout in the lake. Based on recent reports, the lake should be fishing well.

For Club members who wish to car pool, we will meet at 7:30am in the Richland Walmart parking lot near the gas station on the Home Depot side. Or, you can meet us at the lake. Bring a float tube or pontoon boat and be sure to include a PFD. Please bring your own lunch and drinks. We will meet at 12:30pm to eat lunch and compare catch results. There is a camp ground at Leech Lake and nearby Dog Lake for those who would like to stay longer.

Free Fly Casting Class

The CBFC 2015 fly-casting class will be held in Kennewick at Columbia Park by the Kids Fishing Pond. The class is appropriate for beginners with little or no fly-fishing experience. The classes are open to CBFC members, folks who signed up at the Sportsman Show in January, and anyone, including women and youngsters, with an interest in learning how to cast with a fly rod. The class will include basic information about the variety of rods, lines, and reels available. Most of the class time will be for hands-on casting practice. Students should bring their own equipment if they have it. There will be plenty of rods and reels available for students who are wanting to learn about fly fishing, but haven’t yet purchased their own equipment.

There will be two similar sessions. The first is Thursday, 18Jun from 6:30-8:00pm. The second is Saturday, 20June, from 9:30-11:00am. Club members willing to assist in the classes should contact Russ Brown (628-6402 or angler68@charter.net)

Washington Youth Conservation Camp

by Ron Gilge

For 63 years, the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp has been educating youth of the Pacific Northwest about the outdoors and how to wisely enjoy and conserve it for future generations. Held at the Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park on Orcas Island, the WSYCC instructs campers in many areas of outdoor activities.

This year the Girls Camp will be 12-18Jul and the Boys Camp will be 19-25July. The cost for the camp is $300. Campers must be at least 12, but no older than 16 when the camp starts.

CBFC has budgeted money to send youth to camp again this year. If you know of someone who is interested, please pass the information on to them and bring their information to the board for consideration. First come, first serve. Get applications to a CBFC Board member by 9Jun. Application forms and more information about the camp is available at the Washington Conservation Camp website.
The Salmonfly
by Bob Newall

Since this article appears in the June newsletter, it seems appropriate to feature the largest insect found in western North American streams, which usually hatches in June. The stonefly, often called a “salmonfly,” emerges in the spring on most streams. Eight species exist for Pteronarcys with P. californica being the predominant western species. Appearance of adults of this species causes as much excitement for fish as for fly fishers.

This stonefly is usually found in larger, clean, rocky-bottomed western streams. It can also be found in some small streams like the Touchet River in Washington. In a survey I did in Montana, I found adults present from 17Apr to 4Aug. In streams like the Big Hole River in Montana and Henry’s Fork in Idaho, late May to early June is the normal time to find adults emerging. Weather and elevation are factors influencing emergence timing of adults. Adults might emerge in August at higher elevations like in Yellowstone Park.

It takes more than one year to complete the life cycle of this species. The length varies. Three years is most common. It appears that the nymphs live for two years in the Touchet River (WA) and Jocko River (MT). In a stream in Alberta, it took up to two years for the eggs to hatch, plus four years for the nymph to mature. Water temperature, especially winter temperatures, seem to be important in determining length of the life cycle. Adult emergence is also water-temperature dependent. For this reason, adults first emerge at warmer, lower reaches of streams and the ‘hatch’ gradually moves upstream. Local fly shops (even local newspapers) report the location of the head of the hatch that is the best place to fish dry flies. Cold air temperatures can disrupt the hatch. Adult emerge or hatch for about 1 week. Adults live for about 2 weeks.

Photo 1. The Salmonfly adult has a very orange body, other species of Stoneflies are more of a brown color.

Nymphs crawl out of the stream after dark to emerge on bridges, and stream-side rocks and vegetation. If you do not have any knowledge of the hatch timing, look for the presence of nympha skins (Photo 2) near the water on bridges, rocks, and vegetation. Look for adults along the stream-side vegetation. Flying adults may be seen if air temperatures are favorable and winds are light. Few adults fly when the air is cold.

When adult females return to the stream to lay eggs, they are quite vulnerable. Birds flying and darting over the stream can indicate the presence of flying adults. Just about everything feeds on these very large adult insects that are up to 2-in. long. Trout, frogs, snakes, seagulls, even peregrine falcons feed on the flying adults.

Photo 2. Adult Pteronarcys (above) and its nymphal skin (below).
My father eased overboard and stumbled through rocks and rough water as he struggled to stop our rubber raft and drag it to shore. As the raft slowed, my line swung out of the middle of the whitewater. Then my line suddenly stuck solidly in the river..... no wait, it's moving! “I got a big one Dad!” “Hang onto him son.” As I fought the trout, Dad tied the raft to shore and then stood beside it with net in hand. After several anxious minutes I worked the feisty rainbow towards his net. Dad made a scoop under the fish and lifted it out of the water. Instead of being in the net, the rainbow laid across the net frame—a third hung over one side, a third laid across the net, and a third hung over the other side of the net. Dad just froze. Eventually, our biggest fish of the day flopped safely back into the water. Dad looked up sheepishly, grinned, and shrugged his shoulders. That was during a Salmonfly hatch in May 1953. We were floating the Box Canyon section of southeast Idaho’s famous Henry’s Fork. I was 10-years old.

My memories of that day still include the smell of pine trees, the sound of rushing water, visions of splashing trout, and hundreds of big brown-orange Salmonflies. Some flies clung to the riverside willows and bushes while others fluttered above white water. My mind’s eye sees a glistening Rainbow draped over Dad’s net, and two gaping mouths...Dad’s mouth as he stared at the huge trout, and the trout’s mouth with a fly in it. The memory replay ends with Dad’s big, imitation Salmonfly dangling all alone on the end of my line.

This little-known, unique fly from the past still fools the big ones. It really is a dream fly. My father, Dave, tied most of his own flies. He made many frustrating attempts to mimic a large insect with a segmented abdomen, and with a different colored back and belly. One night about 3-years before our raft trip down Box Canyon, he had a vivid dream. In the dream he saw himself tying, or rather lacing perfect Salmonfly nymphs and adults. He woke up, got out of bed, and tied several flies just like he had tied them in his dream. I’m guessing that he went fishing the next day too!

What I now call Dave’s Dream Fly had a brief commercial debut during the summer of 1959. That summer I supplied Thone Roos with several hundred of the flies. Thone distributed flies to sporting goods stores and tackle shops in southeast Idaho, Yellowstone Park, and the surrounding areas.

Thone and his wife tied flies professionally, and commissioned other folks to tie for them. Most of Thone’s tiers were full-time homemakers in Idaho Falls who were looking for extra income and flexible work-at-home schedules. Back then, a size14-16 Blue Wing Olive, Royal Coachman, Adams or similar fly in a tackle shop cost 25 cents. Somehow, Dad’s fly got Thone’s attention. But, none of his regular tiers wanted to tie this big, rather complicated fly. So that summer I earned money for my college fund by tying the flies for Roos. Roos paid me fifty cents apiece for them. They sold for a dollar in the fly shops and were the most expensive fly that Roos distributed! The next summer I got a job helping my uncle farm 120 acres of potatoes, alfalfa, and barley. As far as I know, that ended commercial distribution of Dad’s fly design.

We caught many nice fish on Dave’s Dream Stone. During the annual hatch and for several days afterward, when the females return to drop their eggs, the fly works very well in heavy pocket water as a drowned fly near the surface. A black and brown version without wings that mimics the Giant Stonefly nymph works well all year bounced along the bottom.

One variation of Dad’s original design shown below is intended to imitate a Lake Sedge. It has the same laced body and squirrel tail wings, but the horsehair legs of the original are replaced with polyethylene strands. And antennae are added.

I’d be happy to eMail you detailed, tying instructions if you are interested. Please send your request to me at: ronaldwreed@gmail.com
Salmon Booth at Art in the Park

by Dale Schielke

The Columbia Basin Fly Casters have the lead this year for the Salmon Booth at the Art in the Park Show during the annual hydroplane races. This is the Club’s main money-raising project for the year. We need about 10 or 11 volunteers on each shift. Thus we need a total of at least 70 folks to volunteer from CBFC and the Rod & Gun Club. Most folks who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun.

Volunteers will receive a free meal and drink. A sign-up sheet will be at the 14June meeting. Or, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up. We could use an alternate person besides Dale or Dave Myers with a Benton Franklin Health District Food Handlers card on each shift. Please advise if you have a card or will obtain one. We need six more volunteers for fish prep at 6pm on Thursday 23Jul; 5 volunteers for 1-5pm Friday; 4 volunteers for 5-8pm Friday; 4 volunteers for 9am -1pm Saturday; 2 volunteers for 1-5pm Saturday and 6 volunteers for the 5-9pm Shift Saturday (i.e., the last shift serves for 2 hrs then packs up and tears the booth down).

Please consider volunteering for one or more shift.

Conservation Initiative Needs Your Input

by Dennis Dauble

I am currently seeking ideas from CBFC members on possible activities to be included in a conservation initiative. The initiative would be directed towards regional projects that "preserve, protect and restore fisheries and habitats." My bias is for habitat improvement projects that support rebuilding strategies for native populations of trout or steelhead that reside within 100 miles of the Tri-Cities. Example watersheds might include the Walla Walla, Mill Creek, Touchet or Tucannon. Other ideas that relate to improving local fishing opportunity should also be vetted. I plan to explore opportunities for teaming with other regional conservation organizations, including the potential for obtaining grants from the State of WA Salmon Recovery Board. Please send your thoughts on this topic to DennisDauble@Charter.net so that we can get the ball rolling on this important topic.
Kids Fishing Day at Columbia Park Pond

Thanks to the many CBFC members who volunteered as helpers on May 8-9. Beautiful weather, many kids, lots of jumbo Rainbow Trout, and lots of smiles all around.
Photos by Dale Schielke
Call to order: 7:02pm
Board Members Present: Jim Loomis, Craig Anderson, Rod Gilge, Mike Wade, Ron Reed, John Strand, Dale Schielke, Rich Holten
Visitors: Dennis Kreid, Dennis Dauble

Conflict of Interest – None noted for any upcoming activities.

Secretary’s Report – Mike Wade presented the minutes from the May, 2015 meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Marty Ottem was absent but had provided the monthly Profit and Loss Statement for Jim Loomis to present. The Board reviewed and approved the Profit and Loss Statement.

VP Membership Report – Rich Holten reported that the club has 109 paid memberships.

Programs Report – Craig Anderson confirmed that Carol Morris will speak at the June meeting on fishing photography. Carol and Skip have expressed a desire to fish the Yakima River for smallmouth bass while they are in the area and several Board members volunteered to arrange that.

Newsletter Editor’s Report – Ron Reed reported that he has received no negative feedback on the new method of distributing the newsletter. However, it was noted that the internet links embedded in the newsletter do not work unless members download it rather than just opening it for reading. Ron will investigate whether this can be changed. He also requested additional articles for future editions.

Other Business –

**Leech Lake Outing** – Jim Loomis will lead the outing on June 6 to Leech Lake. Details will be included in the June newsletter.

**East Lake Outing** – Dennis Kreid updated the Board on the East Lake outing plans. He met with the resort manager and has confirmed the club’s reservation of the kitchen and patio for the club dinner. The resort manager will allow the club to use the resort’s barbecues for cooking.

**Conservation Projects** – Dennis Dauble has agreed to chair the new Conservation Committee. He discussed potential avenues for conservation outreach that the club might take, including “hands on” projects for habitat restoration. The Board agreed that any projects that support the club charter “to promote and conserve our regional resources for angling” could be considered. Dennis will solicit ideas and recommendations from the club through the newsletter and announcements at club meetings.

**Picnic** – Dennis Kreid updated the Board on the annual picnic to be held on July 7. Details will be placed in the newsletter.

**Salmon Booth** – Dale Schielke updated the Board on the annual Art in the Park Salmon Booth. Our paperwork and fee will be submitted to the organizers this week. The volunteer signup sheet was circulated at the May club meeting but there are still many positions unfilled. There was some discussion concerning whether or not the sheet actually made it around to all tables and the Board recommended that the sheet be “hand carried” to each table during the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Wade, Secretary
Your CBFC Library
Soft Hackles

by Rich Holten

If you don’t fish soft hackles – you should start. There are multiple situations where they are the best tactic for catching fish that are working a hatch, or for use as a searching pattern. The book by Sylvester Nemes, “The Soft-Hackled Fly, A Trout Fisherman’s Guide” is the number one classic on the subject of soft hackles. Soft hackles have been used for well over a hundred years. But, they seemed to slip out of favor sometime before the 70’s.

Sylvester is generally credited with reviving interest in tying and using soft hackles. He provides an enjoyable history of the flies, personal experiences of using them, tying instructions, recipes for several flies, and guidance on how to fish them. Since publication of this book, Nemes and others have written other books on the subject and have advanced the techniques for tying and fishing soft hackles. However, this book should be the starting point for anyone wanting to wade into the subject.

Of personal interest, a friend of mine met Nemes on the banks of the Henry’s Fork about 8 years ago. My friend was very impressed on how friendly Nemes was, and even more impressed when Nemes gave him one of his famous ties.

To check out this book or any other the Club owns, contact Rich Holten (521-4291) who will bring the book to the next club meeting for you to pick up. A list of club-owned books and videos is can be viewed and downloaded on the Club Website.

FISHERS: Please submit your fish stories, reports, and pictures for future Newsletters. Even BIG fish tales are OK. Also, tell us where to, when to, how to, what to use, to catch the BIG one. Also, what’s your favorite fishing accessory, book, magazine?

Deadline for submissions is first day of the month for that month’s issue. If your article cannot be used for the next issue, it will be held in reserve for future issues. Please send unedited image files in (filename.jpeg) format, and identify people and places shown in your photographs. Please send text files as filename.doc(for PCs), or filename.pages(for Apple) to Ron Reed, Editor at ronaldwreed@gmail.com

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Columbia Basin Bulletin’s objective is to keep readers fully informed about significant developments related to salmon and steelhead recovery and other important Columbia/Snake River Basin fish and wildlife issues.

Current and historical river and stream data for Washington State by USGS.

CONSERVATION
Coastal Conservation Association’s purpose is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources. CCA’s objective is to conserve, promote, and enhance present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

The Freshwater Trust
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