



January 2020

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MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of every month except Mar, Jul, and Aug

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$20

7:15pm - Program - free

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25/yr Indiv&Family

\$35/yr Business

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CLUB PURPOSE: Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, encourage friendship & cooperation among all anglers.

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2020, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6pm

PROGRAM: Steve Worley, Christmas Island



As a break from our winter, our monthly speaker for January will be Steve Worley from Worley Bugger Fly Company in Ellensburg. His topic will be fly fishing for bonefish and giant trevally on Christmas Island, the largest coral atoll in the world, and in the central South Pacific.

Some of us have fished for bonefish, and a few of us for giant trevally, the latter weighing in as much as 60 pounds. Steve provides full service arrangements for fly fishing on Christmas Island.

If you are a fly tyer and haven't visited Steve's fly shop in Ellensburg, you are missing out on one of the best fly shops in at least eastern Washington, if not in the entire Pacific Northwest. Several years ago, the shop was expanded, and it is well stocked with just about everything the tyer would need. The shop is located right across the street from the exit off I-90 on Canyon Road, an easy on and off on your way to Seattle.

Please join us on January 14th to discover the options and experience of fishing Christmas Island.

UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

Jan 17-19 Tri Cities Sportsman Show, HAPO Center

Feb 15-16 The Fly Fishing Show, Lynnwood, WA

Mar 7 CBFC Annual Banquet, Meadow Springs Country Club

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

Here we are already in 2020. I am really looking forward to the year ahead. Without enumerating the planned club events here, since they are covered elsewhere in the newsletter, participation in these events is one of the joys of membership, and I recommend that the readers of the newsletter make an attempt to join as many as possible. Our fishing reports at the meetings are another of the joys of membership. In those reports, I hear about places I've never been, or in some cases, places I've been but at times of year I never thought of going. This year would be a good one for trying some of those places/times. Speaking for all of us, we'll certainly never be able to try them any younger.

There are other non-club events that occur during the year that may be of interest to the membership, and I will try to list them in a timely fashion. The first that comes to mind is the Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood, WA on Saturday February 15 and Sunday February 16. It features several speakers that we have been privileged to have at our club meetings, and several that we have not within my time at CBFC.

Challenges

We have a list of upcoming events that you will find posted elsewhere in the newsletter, and have our usual challenges of recruiting enough volunteers to support them fully. I would like to see some understudy volunteers for these events, so that we have more personnel with the ability to continue our services to members and the community in the future. In my short (relatively) history with the club, the same people have run the Rocky Ford outing, the Sun Lakes/Dry Falls outing, the Anthony Lakes outing, the Salmon Booth, the club banquet and the club picnic, and mostly, the Sportsmen Show. I appreciate their hard work and willingness to do this, repeatedly, but have concerns with

overloading a few members. At the same time, I would challenge the members to consider new events/locations and to volunteer to lead or co-lead one. This will help give new experiences to all the club members.

One of the summer events that we have supported in the past is the Washington Youth Conservation Camp (aka WA State Junior Conservation Camp). In the past few years, our number of entrants has lagged our financial support. I challenge the membership to consider children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren for attendance at the camp this year.

Annual Banquet

by Craig Anderson

The Columbia Basin Fly Casters Annual Banquet will be held at Meadow Springs Country Club on March 7, 2020. Our speaker will be Devin Olsen and his subject will be Tactical Fly Fishing. Devin Olsen started fly fishing in Yellowstone at age 9. He started competitive fly fishing at age 19 and made Fly Fishing Team USA in 2006 when he was 21 years old. He has competed in eleven consecutive World Fly Fishing Championships, the last in Tasmania. He has earned a bronze individual medal and silver and bronze team medals from these championships.

Away from competitive fishing he holds a bachelor's degree in Ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science. He worked as a fisheries biologist for several years before starting his company Tactical Fly Fisher. He has produced two instructional films Modern Nymphing: European Inspired Techniques and Modern Nymphing Elevated: Beyond the Basics and authored the book Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers.

As in the past, Devin will conduct a fly tying demonstration at 1:00PM at Meadow Springs. The evening festivities will start at 5:30PM

with bidding on silent auction items and the fly raffle. Dinner will be an Old World Italian buffet featuring antipasto, baked ziti, grilled chicken, gnocchi with cream sauce, and salads, vegetables and dessert. The cost per ticket is \$45, the same as last year, and tickets will be available at the January 2020 monthly CBFC meeting, and after that, at the Sportsman's Warehouse and at the February 2020 CBFC meeting.

We are soliciting donations from members for the silent auction, such as craft items, gently used fly fishing equipment, artwork, etc., or items you think would be of interest to members. If you want to donate an item(s), contact Craig Anderson at 378-7849 or by email at CAnder514@aol.com.

Rocky Ford Winter Fishing

by Sheldon Coleman

I have always enjoyed fly fishing for rainbow trout at Rocky Ford in January and February. These months are usually the best fishing but based upon the last few years, do not expect a 10 fish day. On most years, the old scar-faced fish usually outsmart me, but on occasion I have brought a fish over 20 inches to the bank to be released. Rocky Ford is a spring creek and during the winter is the only place to go this side of the State that is not frozen over.

This year is the first in a few that white pelicans have not been wintering over at Rocky Ford. They usually clean up the trout planted from the fish hatchery that is adjacent to the spring outlet at the north end of the public fishing area. This leaves only the monsters, some of which are so big I think they could eat the pelicans.

Fishing at Rocky Ford can be good as long as daytime temperatures are close to or above freezing. If not, it is a constant battle to keep the ice off your line and pole guides. The water temperature remains constant due to the spring nature of the creek and there may be hatches of midges and blue wing olives. This year the water levels are high which make it difficult to access the

better fishing areas. Also the banks of the creek are lined with compacted peat that has been tunneled by beavers and musk rats. Bring waders to keep from getting wet walking into waist high holes full of cold, soupy duck poop. There is no wading allowed in the creek; but one time, after I fell into a hole, I jumped into the river to clean the duck poop off my clothes just so I could get into my truck to change into dry clothes(always bring a set of dry clothes).

Mornings up to about 1 pm can be good with grayish/olive scuds under an indicator or slowly stripped with an intermediate line. The most effective scud patterns do not incorporate shiny materials such as a bead. Small (16 or 18) chironomids under an indicator can also get an occasional bump. About an hour before sunset, switch to black, olive, or rust mini-leeches either under an indicator or stripped with an intermediate line. A 6 to 8 weight rod is recommended to handle the larger fish, although this year a few smaller fish are grabbing the flies. There may be a few opportunities for very small dry flies such as #18 to 20 adult chironomid patterns or tricos on long 7X leaders. However, for Rocky Ford fish, it would be as productive to toss the flies into the water and just watch the fish take them.



Rocky Ford is about 90 miles from the Tri-Cities. Take highways 395 and 17 to Moses Lake. About 9 miles north, the highway splits with 17 going right to Soap Lake. In 3 miles take a right on Trout Lodge Road with about 2 miles of rough gravel to the lower parking lot on Rocky Ford. There are two other parking lots further downstream and two walking bridges across the creek to access both sides.

Good luck, may the river gods keep your guides free of ice, and of course, don't step into a hole full of cold, soupy duck poop.

Grande Ronde Land Purchase

Columbia Basin Fly Casters has partnered with the Wild Steelhead Coalition and the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club of Spokane and others to purchase about seven acres of private land on the Grande Ronde River. The previous owner of this parcel has allowed WDFW to use a portion of it as public access to the river for many years. Located about two miles upstream from the confluence with the Snake River, it is the final exit point for those floating the Grande Ronde. However, the decision to market the land put that access site in jeopardy. The land will soon be donated to WDFW who will maintain it as public access. More details about this project can be found [here](#).

Membership Dues

It is time to renew your annual membership. Dues can be paid at the January meeting or by mail. A Membership Application Form can be found on the last page of the newsletter, on the [club website](#), or at the meeting.

Fly Tying Theater at the Sportsmen Show

The Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show provides the club the opportunity to showcase the many aspects and joys of fly fishing. One of the highlights of the show is the Fly Tying Theater where some of our talented members demonstrate the fine art (or magic!) of creating fish fooling creations from fur and feathers. Here is the schedule for this year's Fly Tying Theater:

Friday

- 2:00 - Ted Poston, CBFC - *Soft Hackle Flies*
- 3:00 - Mike Wade, CBFC - *Streamers for sea run cutthroat trout*
- 4:00 - Dennis Collins, CBFC - *Spun hair flies*
- 5:00 - Craig Anderson, CBFC - *PMD and BWO emergers*

Saturday

- 11:00 - Ken Gano, CBFC - *Still water flies*
- 12:00 - Curtis Frisbie, Reds Fly Shop - *Swinging flies*
 - 1:00 - Craig Anderson CBFC - *Fly tying with arctic fox*
 - 2:00 - Dennis Collins, CBFC - *Spun hair flies*
 - 3:00 - Rich Holten, CBFC - *Realistic chironomid flies*
 - 4:00 - Dennis Kreid, CBFC - *Hatch master may flies*



Fly Tying Classes

The club's annual fly tying classes will begin on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The weekly sessions will be held at Sportsman's Warehouse, starting at 6 PM and continuing for 5 weeks.

January 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

The December 17, 2019 Board meeting was held at the home of President **Jim Loomis**.

Call to order was at 7:00 PM by President **Loomis**.

Board members present: **Jim Loomis, Sheldon Coleman, Wanda Shearer, Reed Kaldor, Mike Wade, Rich Holten, Ted Lewis** and **Denny Kreid**.

Conflict of Interest - President **Loomis** asked if there were any concerns on the part of the Board with regard to Conflict of Interest. With no issues raised, the meeting proceeded per the agenda provided.

Secretary Report - Secretary **Denny Kreid** asked if there were any new comments on the November 2019 Board Meeting minutes. Being none, the November 2019 minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer **Sheldon Coleman** distributed copies of the Treasurer report for November 2019, which were discussed and then accepted by the Board.

Membership Report – Vice President for Membership **Rich Holten** stated that CBFC paid up membership is now at 89. New membership forms and payments for 2020 are coming in. The Board discussed approaches to increase membership.

Programs Report –VP for programs **Craig Anderson** was unable to attend. Upcoming programs previously identified are as follow;

- January 2020 – **Steve Worley**, Worley Bugger Fly Shop
- February **Heather Hobson** speaker, West Coast rivers overview

- March 7 2020 Annual Banquet – **Devin Olsen**, tactical fly fishing

Newsletter Editor's Report – **Mike Wade** briefly discussed the status of the January 2020 newsletter indicating that final input is needed by noon January 1, 2020. As always, inputs from the membership are solicited!

Old Business

Annual Banquet – From comments received it appears that the proposed change in the silent auction to emphasize low cost and donated items crafted by members may be well received. The board decided that this approach will be attempted for this year's banquet to see how it works. The Board agreed that lightly used items are appropriate.

The Board selected the Italian food option for the Annual Banquet meal.

Sportsman Show – The Board again discussed the need for general guidelines to plan and manage CBFC participation in the current and future Sportsman shows. Several members of the Board met separately on this subject in a meeting called by **President Loomis** on December 3.

CG Public House Contracts - **President Loomis** has new contracts from CGPH covering the first six months of 2020, which he will sign and get back to them. The meal costs will be \$20 for at least the next 6 months.

New Business

Future Board Meetings – It was agreed that January Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on January 28, 2020 at the home of new President **Jeff Drowley**

Fly Tying Class – **Craig Anderson** confirmed that 2020 CBFC fly tying class will be held in a meeting room at Sportsman's Warehouse. The first class will be on Feb 12, 2020 and will run for five weeks. The rod building class will follow the fly tying class starting March 18 for five weeks at that location.

Methow Valley Donation Request: The Board discussed and then declined a request from the Methow Valley fly club for funding to support one of their projects.

Guideline for New Members: **Rich Holten** has a substantial document that he prepared some time ago to guide new members on opportunities for local fishing. The Board will continue this discussion to see if that document can be made more accessible and useful to new members.

Practice of River Guides to Tie Up Prime Camp Spots: **Reed Kaldor** discussed a problem created by some guides who occupy the best campsites on certain rivers for weeks at a time. Reed indicated that a friend of his would provide more information at a future date.

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[Columbia Basin Bulletin's](#) Significant developments related to salmon and steelhead recovery and other important Columbia/Snake River Basin fish and wildlife issues.

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Columbia Basin Fly Casters

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Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date: _____

Name _____

Renewal, no change in address/phones/ email

Street Address: _____

City: _____

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Primary Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

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___ Cash ___ Check # _____

Membership Database updated: _____