



September 2021

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MEETINGS

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

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$22

7:15pm - Program - free

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

NEXT MEETING: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our meeting will be held via Zoom on MONDAY, September 13, 2021. Please note the special date for this month only.

PROGRAM: "Fishing the Surface of a Trout Lake" by Skip Morris. Trout lakes are sadly misunderstood--and they represent a whole world of fly fishing that too many anglers, either through unfamiliarity or uncertainty, are missing. This show takes you patiently by the hand and guides you through the techniques, tackle, and flies that take trout feeding in the top layer of a lake. Here you will learn about lake entomology, the intricacies of chasing and catching path-rising trout, when to expect surface feeding on chironomids, and a great deal more. Along with ideas and images that entertain.



Upcoming Fishing Events

September 16-19 Lochsa River, Idaho

September 26-30 Potholes State Park

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

Hello Fly Casters, It is with great regret that I inform you that our scheduled face-to-face meeting on September 14th is cancelled. The good news is that the meeting will still take place on line using ZOOM, but on Monday the 13th instead of our regular Tuesday the 14th. The speaker will be Skip Morris. The ZOOM invitation will be covered by a separate e-mail. The Board of Directors has chosen to take this action amid mushrooming COVID-19 Variant D infection rates and hospitalizations locally that are challenging the medical establishment. The Board review of the situation will continue on a monthly basis, with the September 28 Board meeting determining whether we meet face-to-face in October, and so on. Complicating the issue is that very few speakers are willing to travel, making the number of contacts to get potential speaker go up dramatically. That is why the date change for the September ZOOM meeting.

Welcome back from your summer - which hopefully included some great fishing trips and related stories to tell. We will be looking forward to fishing reports at the September meeting. September also marks our last two scheduled outings for the year: to the Lochsa on September 16-19 and Potholes September 26-30. These events have previously been posted in the newsletter, but anyone planning to go to either should let Craig Anderson (Lochsa) and Dennis Collins (Potholes) know. The Sportsman's Show is now scheduled for January 21-23, 2022, at the HAPO Center in Pasco. The club is in need of an overall Sportsman's Show event coordinator, people to staff the booth and to tie flies

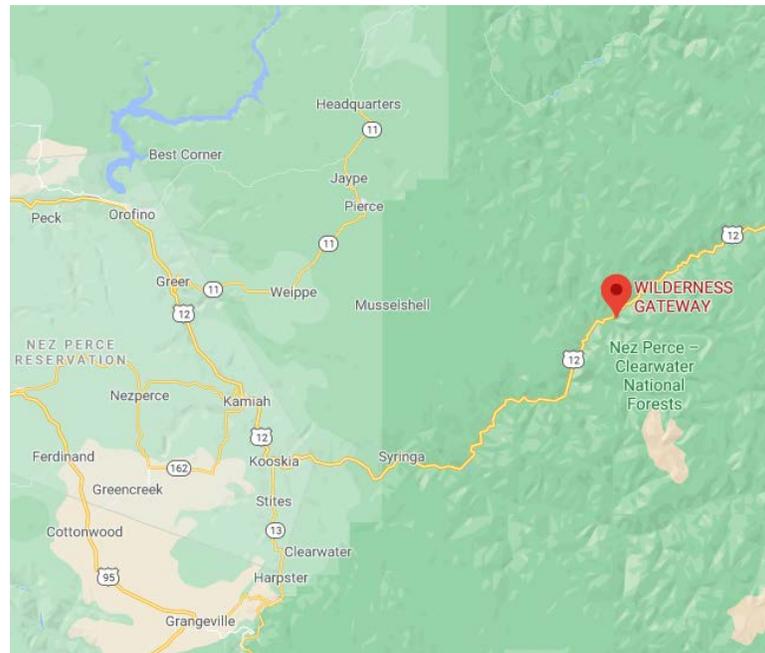
and/or instruct youthful fly tiers. This is discussed in slightly more detail in a separate article.

Tight Lines, Jeff

Lochsa Outing

by Craig Anderson

The Lochsa River Outing is a go for September 16-19. Our venue is the Wilderness Gateway Campground located on Route 12, 122 miles east of Lewiston, Idaho.



Since it is after Labor Day, they are not taking reservations, but our experience is that reservations are not necessary. Fishing in September has been good in years past, with plenty of eager cutthroat to be found. We are planning a pot luck on Saturday night and I will provide burgers, hot dogs, tableware and condiments. Bring a dish to share and **please RSVP (378-7849 text or CAnder514@aol.com) by Sunday, September 12, if you are planning on attending** to give me time to purchase supplies.

Salmon Booth

by Dale Schielke & Dave Myers

The 36th Anniversary of the Salmon Booth at the Art in the Park Show is history. Because of COVID restrictions, we were only able to sell "portable food" i.e., sandwiches. We offered salmon and chicken sandwiches (both with and without coleslaw on the sandwich), bottled soda, bottled water, and cookies. Sales were brisk from 10 am to 2:30 pm on both days. We almost sold out of salmon, but had excess chicken as the chicken did not sell as well as the salmon. This year each of the two clubs will receive about \$3,500. We got a "Square Credit Card" reader which proved very beneficial; 26% of the gross income was from 217 credit card customers. We charged a 50 cent processing fee which basically covers the charges from Square. A total of 241 pounds of sockeye salmon fillets were prepared and served and 145 pounds of chicken breasts were barbecued and sliced for the sandwiches. We estimate that we served about 960 salmon sandwiches, 300 chicken sandwiches, 590 bottles of water, 550 bottles of pop, and 270 cookies. We continue to get many compliments on the salmon, with many indicating they return every year for the salmon.



We would like to give *special* thanks to Frank Scopa for providing an extra freezer used as a refrigerator inside his trailer for us to store the salmon since the Rivershore walk-in was not available. We cooked the salmon and chicken on the RRCG's towable Traeger grill, which proved to be very convenient and much easier to manage the cooking temperatures. John Pfeiffer, Rich Holton, John Merk, Jeff Drowley, Bill Frier, and Jan Jackson again did a great job with the booth setup, tear down and storage - thanks. Thank you Frank Scopa for the loan of your Smoke Vault used for hot holding. We also appreciate the loan of the enclosed trailer from John Prather that was used for secure storage of supplies at the park, plus for him providing storage of the Traeger grill and other supplies - thanks! Thanks also to Gaylord Pyle for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Lastly, but not least, *thanks* to Dave Myers and Frank Scopa for helping on all the shifts plus assisting in delivering and returning all the various supplies used for the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers which includes the following members from both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: John Pfeiffer(2), Dale Schielke(8), Jack Pickard(3), David Myers(8), Carol Myers (2), Frank Scopa (8), Larry Martin(4), Jim Loomis, Mike Wade(2), Rick Libby, Ray Williams, Ted Poston (2), Kathy Poston (2), Vince Pickering, Jeff Drowley(5), Rocky Ross, Dennis Kreid, Sue Kreid, Rich Holton(2), Bill Frier(3), John Merk(4), Gerald Bloom, Bob Schulz(2), Paul Kison(2), Tim Lynch (2), Guy Reisenauer, Elver Robbins (2), Mark Kerns, Dustin Ney, Josh Evans (2), Pam Anderson, Gerald Wodtli (2), Sheldon Coleman, Bruce Hewlett, Jan Jackson (2), Blaine Schwartz, Charles Krause, John Drewrey, Patrick Hickey,

Richard Santos, Diana Santos, Reed Kaldor, Sam Morrison, and Richard Sharp (2). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

Thanks again to all the volunteers and contributors that made the Salmon Booth a success! *[Editor's note: Dale is far too modest to take credit, but the success of the Salmon Booth year after year is a direct result of the tireless effort he puts into it. His stewardship, leadership, and just plain old hard work keep this important source of income going. In spite of the COVID-19 uncertainties and restrictions, this was one of the highest profits we have made in history. We all owe Dale a huge THANKS!]*

Nominations for the 2022 CBFC Board of Directors

by Jeff Drowley

September marks the beginning of the search for volunteers for the board. As you will see in the Board meeting notes, there is a nominating committee being formed, members of which would appreciate nominee recommendations and outright volunteers. Specifically, as a minimum we will need a new President, as I will be moving to the Board position of Past President; a new VP Programs; a new Secretary; and a new 3 year Board "At Large" member. Current volunteers for the nominating committee consist of Jim Loomis, Denny Kreid, and Jeff Drowley. Members are encouraged to nominate others within the club or themselves for the positions and let the nominating committee know. The people moving out of the Board positions have all been on the board 5 or more of the last 6 years except the 3 year "At Large" position. I would like to thank all Board members for their service to the club,

and for providing the opportunity for others to serve the club in 2022.

Leech Lake Revealed

by Jim Loomis

Leech Lake has been a summer destination for CBFC members for many years. For those who may not be familiar with Leech Lake, it is a shallow lake located within a stone's throw of the white Pass ski area. When it is hot here, it is cool up there and the lake is stocked with catchable rainbows in June of each year. Leech Lake also has a population of brook trout. However, most of us, including me, usually have a tough time catching trout at Leech.

I decided to take an overnight trip to Leech on the Wednesday after the club picnic. After a leisurely start, I arrived at the lake in late morning. Based on reports from friends on how crowded area campgrounds were, I was prepared to find all the campsites occupied. However, much to my surprise, all of the sites were unoccupied and I was able to choose one with a fairly level parking area and good access to the lake.

After setting up and eating lunch, I got on the water about 1:30 PM and fished until 7:30 in the evening and was the only one on the lake. Based on previous experience, my fishing expectations were not great, and, using several flies and fishing techniques, I didn't have so much as a tap in 6 hours on the lake. I also saw very few on my fish finder. There were occasional rises that increased slightly in the evening, but the fish showed no interest in my sub-surface or dry flies. However, it was a beautiful evening and I enjoyed the day as I went in for dinner. I was surprised to find very few mosquitos at the site.

Sportsman's Show

2022

by Jeff Drowley

I woke up early the next morning and was on the lake by about 7 AM. There were many fish rising and I saw several on my fish finder. Shortly after I began casting an olive hale bop leech with a size 14 callibaetis nymph dropper I had a violent strike and, after a vigorous fight, landed a beautiful 18" rainbow on the nymph. A few minutes later I caught a 13" brook trout on the same fly. I had several other strikes but no more hookups. The fishing slowed down considerably until about 9:30 AM when it seemed to stop entirely.

My thoughts on fishing Leech Lake, based on my several experiences, are as follows:

- When we do a day trip to Leech, we arrive too late for the good fishing. Leech seems to be an early morning fishery. The next time I fish there I will try to start even earlier in the morning. This obviously requires an overnight stay, but there are several good campsites there and, probably, because the campground lacks water and is poorly marked on the highway, they are underutilized.
- I seldom fish nymphs on lakes. This is obviously a mistake. The pattern I used is a Denny Rickards callibaetis nymph and, although I have several of them in my fly box, I can't recall ever using one until this trip.
- I don't know where the fish go later in the day, but I saw very few on the fish finder. The Lakebed is fairly flat and, in the fishable areas, is not over 6 ft. deep with no obvious springs or drop offs. Apparently, the fish must go into the reeds along the shore where it is almost impossible to fish for them.
- I have never fished chironomids at Leech but have seen others doing so on past trips. I should try it on my next trip.

This annual event will be held at the HAPO Center in Pasco January 21-23, 2022. The Sportsman's Show has given CBFC a face in the community, an opportunity to teach young people how to tie basic flies, an opportunity to entice new people into the sport with the fly tying class signups, the fly rod building class signups, and the fly casting class signups. It also offers a limited fund raising opportunity with the raffle sales, which are usually slightly larger than the cost of the auctioned items. It is also a great opportunity during non-volunteer hours to see the rest of the show without paying the \$11 admittance fee. Set-up will occur on the morning of January 21st, and tear-down in the late afternoon of January 23rd. In between, there will be staffing of the booth on January 21 from 1 PM to 7 PM, January 22nd from 10 AM to 6 PM, and January 23rd from 10 AM to 5 PM for selling raffle tickets and encouraging signups for our classes; fly tyers for the Fly Tying Theater, and fly tying coaches for the young folk wanting to try fly tying at our booth. Online volunteering and tying slots for the Sportsman's Show will be organized on the club website later this year, similar to what was done recently for the Salmon Booth staffing.

Sun Lakes 2022

by Rich Holten

The dates for next year's Sun Lakes outing are Wednesday, April 27, 2021 through Sunday, May 1. The timing of the trip coincides with the first week after most of the neighboring lakes open for fishing with the benefit of lots of hungry fish still available for fly fishermen. For members still in the workforce, arriving on Friday for the weekend would still provide plenty of opportunity to catch fish.

If you want to camp in the Sun Lakes State Park sites offering electrical and water hook-ups, it is recommended that you go online at

<https://washington.goingtocamp.com/> and reserve a campsite as soon as possible.

The best camp sites are often reserved well in advance, but typically there are plenty of sites with hook-ups at the nearby Sun Lakes Resort RV Park. The resort is very close and is within walking distance of the state park. For tenters and those not needing hookups, there will be plenty of open sites in the State Park. I have reserved campsite 61 in the north end of the state park.

Grande Ronde Conservation

Last year the club had the opportunity to join in a land acquisition effort to help preserve access on the Grande Ronde River. We received the following communication from the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club who coordinated this project:

From: James Athearn

Subject: Grande Ronde River Land Acquisition

Date: July 23, 2021 at 8:18:55 AM PDT

To: Columbia Basin Fly Casters

I am really pleased to let you know that the 8-acre parcel on the lower Grande Ronde River was officially turned over to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife yesterday. It will now be managed forever for public access to this renowned river and its incredible summer steelhead. There was wide regional support for the project and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters played a key role in providing the funding we needed to make it happen. Thank you again for your generous contribution to the project. There will be a dedication ceremony on October 15 and I will let you know when we have the details finalized.

Jim Athearn

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club

August 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

The August 24, 2021 CBFC Board meeting was held at 7 PM as a Zoom multiparty connection per an agenda provided via email by President Drowley.

Board members connected to the call included Jeff Drowley, Mike Wade, Craig Anderson, Sheldon Coleman, Jim Loomis, Reed Kaldor, Dave Myers, Denny Kreid and Bill Frier

Conflict of Interest - President Drowley 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's Report - Secretary Denny Kreid asked if there were any new comments on the June 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes. With no correction identified, the June 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman prior to the meeting submitted to the Board by email the July/August 2021 Profit and Loss Statement. The Board discussed the financial report, including the profit that accrued to CBFC from the Salmon Bake at the annual Art in the Park event. Following discussion, the Board approved the July/August 2021 Profit and Loss statement.

Membership Report – Vice President for Membership Rich Holten was unable to attend. President Jeff Drowley reported for Rich that the current paid up CBFC membership remains at 86.

Programs Report – Vice President for Programs Craig Anderson reported on his ongoing efforts to identify speakers for future programs. The bottom line is that it is very hard to get a commitment for an in-person program at this time. However he has several prospects for virtual programs. During this discussion it was concluded that CBFC is unlikely to host in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. The Board agreed that CBFC will continue with virtual Board Meetings and virtual monthly club meetings and that Craig should concentrate on the virtual program opportunities.

Conservation Report – Conservation Activities Chair Dennis Dauble was unable to attend the Board meeting and no Conservation Report was available.

Newsletter

Editors Report – Editor Mike Wade noted that input for the September newsletter is needed by **noon** Sept 8.

Old Business

President Jeff Drowley has continued discussion of future Country Gentleman contracts for CBFC meetings. Regarding the CG contracts, it was agreed to cancel the September 2021 contract and to sign the November 2021 and December 2021 contracts, and the January 2022 and February 2020 contracts.

After considerable discussion the Board agreed that CBFC should not return to in-person club meetings until safety considerations become clearer. Jeff will notify CG of the Board decision and will continue dialog with CG until a safe path forward is determined by the Board. Bottom line, the CBFC September monthly

meeting will be virtual and future meeting CBFC options will need to be considered on a month-to-month basis.

Outings and events

The Board discussed recent and currently planned Club outings and events.

The CBFC Salmon Booth at the 2021 Art in the Park event was an outstanding success with sizable income for the RR&GC and CBFC. RR&GC took the lead this year headed up by Dale Schielke. The CBFC Board wants to give our heart-felt thanks to Dale for his outstanding leadership and hard work in making this event such a success. In addition the CBFC Board wishes to thank all the RR&GC and CBFC members who contributed their time and effort in making the Salmon Booth so successful.

Dennis Collins is leading an outing Sept 26 – 30 at the Pot Holes State Park. Interested campers should talk to Dennis for details. Reservations are required!

Craig Anderson is planning a fall outing on the Lochsa River, tentatively on September 16-19, details to follow. Interested parties should contact Craig.

Rich Holten is coordinating a planned CBFC Sun Lakes outing on April 28 – May 2, 2022. Interested campers should talk to Rich for details.

New Business

2022 Board Member Election - Jeff agreed to draft a note for the Sept 2021 Newsletter encouraging members to step forward to be candidates for 2022 CBFC Board Member assignments. Jeff agreed to organize a Nominating Committee and asked for

volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee and/or to volunteer to be considered for a 2022 CBFC Board Member position. Jeff indicated after the Board meeting that the nominating committee will consist of Jeff Drowley, Dennis Kreid, and Jim Loomis.

2022 Tie-a-Thon – Volunteer fly tiers are sought to tie and contribute flies. CBFC members made substantial contributions to the success of this charitable program in 2021 and our club is noted on the T-shirts provided as thanks to tiers that contributed to the effort. Dave Myers was the organizer for 2021 and has volunteered to lead CBFC participation in the 2022 Tie-a-Thon charity activity. Interested tiers should contact Dave for more information.



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