



January 2022



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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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25/yr Indiv&Family

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

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2022, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6pm.

PROGRAM: Fly Fishing Tasmania. Our speaker will be **Chris Wisniewski**, freshwater fisheries manager for the Tasmanian Government. Tasmania offers a beautiful and diverse landscape of trout waters catering to all angler interests and skill sets. Fly fishers can choose from expansive estuaries, sweeping rivers, small creeks, crystal-clear lakes and remote tarns set in World Heritage landscapes, all within easy striking distance from the major population centers of Hobart and Launceston.

The fish here are wild and cunning, one of the purest strains of brown trout in the world, descending directly from roe transported lovingly in icy moss to Tasmania more than 150 years ago by homesick Englishmen.

There's also plenty of the rarest commodity of all – solitude. Most days it's easy to imagine that you're the only angler on the island.

Chris Wisniewski has 33 years of fisheries experience working for the Tasmanian Government. His passion is for trout management but his work involves the management of native fish, pest fish control and commercial fisheries. Chris has been trout fishing since a young child and fly fishing since the age of 14. Sight fishing for trout is what he loves to do. Chris and his wife Allison have 4 grown up children.

Upcoming Fishing Events

January 21 - 23 Sportsmen Show, Pasco

March 26 CBFC Annual Banquet

April 27 - May 1 Sun Lakes Outing

President's Message

by Jim Loomis

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the outgoing board members who have served for the previous two years, several of them who volunteered to continue for 2022. I encourage any interested member to consider volunteering to serve on the board for 2023.

We all willingly said goodbye to 2021 hoping that the virus and its restrictions were almost behind us, but it appears that is not the case. We had our first in-person meeting with our gift exchange in December but, as I write this, future in-person meetings appear to be in jeopardy as the number of people with the Omicron variant is multiplying rapidly. However, as I write this, we still plan on having an in-person meeting on January 11.

The recent cold weather has put a stop to fishing for the time being and I am looking forward to warmer weather. In the meantime, we can occupy our time with fly tying and other hobbies.

The Sportsmen Show is currently scheduled for January 21 to 23 and though we have decided not to help kids tie flies due to the close contact required, we still need people to participate in the fly-tying theater. If you are willing to tie a fly or two in the theater, please contact Bruce Hewitt at 541-1266.

We currently have only the Sun Lakes/Dry Falls fishing outing on April 27 scheduled for this year. We typically have a Rocky Ford outing in the early spring, a Lenice or Nunnally trip in the spring before the Sun Lakes event, and a trip to Leech Lake in

June. We have also had outings to Crow Butte in the past. Volunteers to lead these trips are needed.

2022 CBFC Annual Banquet

by Craig Anderson

The 2022 Annual Banquet is scheduled for March 26th, and our speaker will be Brian O'Keefe. Those of the longer term members of the Casters may remember him as a Banquet speaker in 2004. He is an excellent photographer and all round great fly fisher. Those of you that have attended the Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show over the years will likely have seen Brian at the casting pool. The Banquet will again be held at Meadow Springs Country Club with a tying demonstration in the afternoon and dinner and speaker following in the evening.

Our Banquet will be a bit downsized from prior years because of COVID and supply chain issues. We are going to have the usual fly raffle, and Craig will be soliciting tyers to contribute to that. We are asking for donations for a silent raffle, so if you have something that you want to donate to the silent auction, please let Craig know by March 15th the item(s) you will donate and what minimum price you would like to see. Wine baskets, new and mildly used fly fishing gear, tying equipment or materials, handmade apparel or tableware, or art are examples of items that are welcome.

So mark your calendars for March 26th and attend our Annual Banquet.

Western Rivers Conservancy

Each year CBFC makes a contribution to support Western Rivers Conservancy. We received this message on New Year's Day from them:

Happy New Year! As a way of saying thank you for all your support last year, we've put together a slideshow of 16 rivers WRC worked to protect in 2021.

From alpine meadows high in the Rockies, to a forested estuary on Washington's coast, to the southern foot of the Sierra Nevada, these photos show the work you are making possible. You are helping us make a permanent, meaningful difference for fish, wildlife and people—work that reverberates throughout the West and keeps rivers clean and healthy for generations to come.

There's nothing like the sense of wellbeing that comes from spending time on a river or stream. We hope this slideshow transports you to those places of respite for a moment and reminds us all that the work we are doing together is tremendously important. Here's to a new chapter of river conservation in 2022. From all of us at WRC, have a healthy and happy new year!

[VIEW SLIDESHOW](#)

Ten Things to Become a Better Fly Fisher

On a recent Orvis Fly-Fishing Podcast, Tom Rosenbauer interviewed Todd Tanner,

founder of The School of Trout, who shared his top ten things we need to do to become a great fly angler for trout.

1. Intent, a conscious decision to improve.
2. Passion for being outdoors.
3. Awareness and observation skills. Understand and remember what you observe.
4. Casting skill improvement. Practice what you are going to use on the water, short and accurate, not maximum distance.
5. Understand trout, where they live, what they eat, how they behave.
6. Understand bugs, the major orders, lifecycles, habitat, behavior.
7. Become a generalist before you decide to become a specialist.
8. Tie your own flies.
9. Spend more time on the water, any water. Fishing for other species will teach you things that apply to trout fishing.
10. Ask questions.

To hear their lively discussion on each of these items, you can find the podcast [here](#).

December 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

Present: Jeff Drowley, Craig Anderson, Sheldon Coleman, Mike Wade, Reed Kaldor, Bill Frier, and Jim Loomis. **Absent:** Denny Kreid, Dave Myers, and Rich Holten. Non-voting members also present were Bruce Hewitt, Dennis Dauble, to speak about the Sportsman's Show and the Conservation report, respectively.

Conflicts of Interest: In addition to the agenda sent out, a date of April 2 was requested for a Tie-A-Thon event at Sportsman's Warehouse. No conflicts were identified.

Secretary's Report - No comments or corrections were noted. Secretary's Report is approved as posted in the December newsletter.

Treasurers' Report -

- The December Profit and Loss statement was approved as submitted.
- The 2022 Budget proposal was discussed at length. It was decided that there were some additional line items desired and the budget report was to be revised and brought back to the board at the January CBFC Board meeting, January 25th, 2022.
- The 2021 annual financial summary was approved with two corrections: 1) clarifying that the dues cancellation was restricted to 2021; and 2) Deleting the existing last sentence that was a 2022 only entry.

Membership Report: No report was available with Rich Holten not present.

Programs report:

The January Speaker (by Zoom) will be Chris Wisniewski from Inland Fisheries Service in Tasmania. The meeting is scheduled for CG as a face-to-face. The February speaker is still TBD. The banquet date is March 26th at Meadow Springs.

Jim Loomis asked about fishing trips to Lenice and/or Rocky Ford. No one has currently volunteered to lead these trips, typically run in February/March.

Conservation Report: Pending 2022 budget approval, nothing to report.

Newsletter input dates/issues - Input for the January newsletter is due by noon on January 5th, 2022. Also, given the lateness of the banquet in March, the editor is reserving the right to move the due date to later in the month of March, such that the newsletter would be out just prior to the banquet.

Old Business

Outings scheduled: April 27 - May 1
Sun Lakes

New Business

- 2022 budget - See Treasurer's report: this will be resubmitted at the January Board meeting under Old Business.
- Volunteers for kid's fly tying instructor positions for Sportsman's Show? This was determined by the board to be not possible while maintaining the Washington State COVID space restrictions, and the board voted to cancel this activity for the 2022 show.
 - We do need people to tie flies as examples of the craft, the output to be auctioned off at the banquet. Bruce Hewitt will contact the people currently signed up for the kids fly tying to see if they will transfer over their volunteer task to tying flies.

- Need volunteers to lead spring outings (Lenice Lake or Rocky Ford or ??). Any changes will be brought to the January Board meeting and posted in the January or February newsletter.
- Next general meeting is January 11, 2022 at CG Public House.
- Next Board meeting is January 25.

Meeting was adjourned



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FISHING INFORMATION

[Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Information](#)

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[Washington Fishing & Shellfishing Information](#)

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

[River and stream data](#) USGS current and historical data for Washington State.

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.

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