



December 2019

2019 OFFICERS

President:

Jim Loomis

509 946-0473

[Jim's email](#)

1st VP-Membership:

Rich Holten

2nd VP-Programs:

Craig Anderson

Treasurer:

Sheldon Coleman

Secretary:

Denny Kreid

Directors at large:

Reed Kaldor

Wanda Shearer

Ted Lewis

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Wade

Past President:

Dennis Collins

MEETINGS

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

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$18

7:15pm - Program - free

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25/yr Indiv&Family

\$35/yr Business

To update personal info please contact

Rich Holten:

509 521-4291 or

[Rich's email](#)

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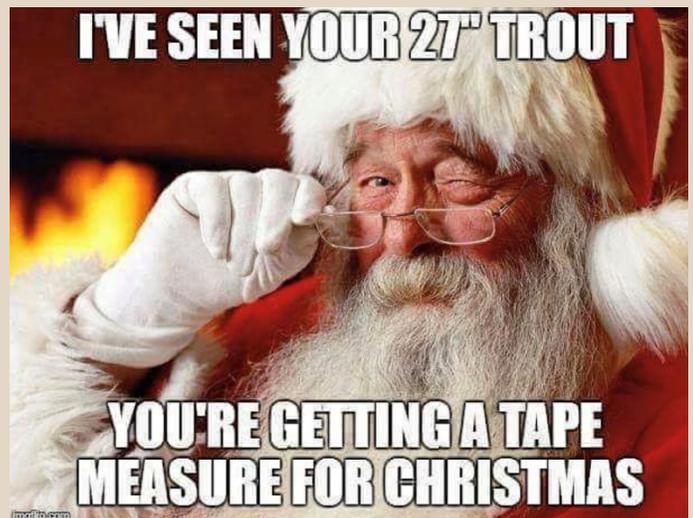
CLUB PURPOSE: Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, encourage friendship & cooperation among all anglers.

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2019, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6pm

PROGRAM: Crazy Gift Exchange: Members, family members, and guests are welcome to join in. Gifts should be something you would like (or hate?) to receive! Flies, gadgets, tools, ornaments, tying materials, books, warm gloves and socks are always hot candidates for stealing. Don't spend more than \$20. Better yet tie some flies or make a gift yourself!

You will receive a numbered ticket when you add your wrapped/bagged gift "under the tree". Creative, deceptive packaging is encouraged. When your number is called, you can either pick an unopened gift or "steal" a previously opened gift from someone. You will have ~45 seconds to make your move. If your gift is "stolen", you then may choose to open a new gift or "steal" a previously opened gift. Each gift may be only "stolen" twice; the third owner is the keeper. Opened gifts must be kept in plain sight. After the last number has been called, the first person will be allowed to either keep their gift or swap for any unfrozen gift.

There just might be a famous pair of boxers in the mix, so a word of caution: if you take home the boxers, you will be asked to add to their "value" and return them as an unmarked gift next year.



UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

Jan 17-19 Tri Cities Sportsman Show at HAPO Center

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

President's Message

by Jim Loomis

My term as President ends this month and Jeff Drowley will take over in January. This year has been a good one for the CBFC. Proceeds from the Salmon Booth were very good, our financial position is excellent and we have had several successful outings.

The cold weather has arrived and fly fishing for most of us is on hold until Spring. There are some winter lakes that opened December 1, but due to the cold temperatures they are likely frozen over.

It's time to replace the empty spots in our fly boxes and tie some flies for the fly raffle at the March banquet. Also, flies are a great gift for the Christmas gift exchange at Tuesday's meeting.

The Sportsman's Show is coming up in January and represents a great opportunity to attract new members. We need volunteers to tie in the Fly Tying Theater, man or tie flies at our booth, and help kids tie a fly. Be sure to sign up at the meeting.

I hope to see you all on Tuesday evening

Annual Banquet Donations Needed

by Craig Anderson

At past Annual Banquet auctions, the Casters have offered fly fishing equipment in the form of rods, reels, floatation devices, travel bags, fly lines and other more-or-less permanent equipment, in addition to disposable items. We have also received donations in the form of "craft" items (for examples, quilts, leathercraft, and art work). In recent years the permanent items have not received adequate return to justify their offering. In

fact, a few years ago we discontinued the large item raffle because of lack of demand; most of us have floatation devices and high end rods and reels, which were the objects offered, and we lost money on offering these items. However, craft items and some other donations from members have received wide interest, and obviously being donations, provide 100% return to the Casters. We have had a highly successful fly raffle, and in recent years the revenue from this raffle has essentially paid for the speaker fee, lodging and some funds toward his/her travel. We will continue to have a fly raffle. But as discussed in the November monthly meeting we are this year backing off on silent auction items that don't receive adequate interest. In keeping with that discussion, we are asking for donations to the silent auction. If you have some craft or other items that you would like to donate, we would very much appreciate adding these items to our Banquet offerings. Some examples of "other" items include sling packs, vests, waders, boots, fly lines, wine baskets, stemware, hats, hand warmers, etc. So if you have some item(s) you would like to donate to the silent auction, please let Craig Anderson know, either by email (CAnder514@aol.com) or by text or phone call (378-7849). We would very much appreciate whatever donations you wish to make.

Northern Pike

By Jan Jackson

In early October I was home raking leaves when I received a call from my fishing buddy, Spike. He wanted to know if I would be interested in fishing for Northern Pike in Lake Coeur d'Alene. "There are Northern Pike in Coeur d'Alene? When did this happen?" According to my research, Northern Pike were illegally introduced into the Pend Oreille River system in the 1970s. They have since migrated into the Spokane River's Long Lake, Lake Roosevelt and Box Canyon. Scientists suspect they were carried from Box Canyon

to Lake Coeur d'Alene and illegally released because Northern Pike are not indigenous west of the Rockies. WDFW and the Kalispel Tribe have tried to reduce pike numbers by using gill netting and encouraging angler harvest, but the numbers continue to grow.

Since I have never fished for pike I did some YouTube research on the subject and settled on intruder patterns. One of the videos suggested that pike 'bite short', so I used a longer wire to set the hook back towards the end of the fly, and I turned the hook up to avoid getting caught in the weeds. I tied some flies with barbell heads and some without. I tied some in black & red, yellow & blue, orange & black...it was almost addictive because I kept thinking, 'What if they're biting orange and blue?' I finally stopped tying patterns the morning we left.



We drove to Coeur d'Alene in late October, launched his boat and headed out on a sunny fall day. We fished for a couple of hours and finally stumbled into a school located in a weed bed. I missed the first three strikes because I was raising the tip of my rod. Their mouths are so tough, the bend in the rod is too soft to set the hook. After three misses I kept the rod tip down and strip set the hook. Fish on! The first fish I caught bent my hook and doubled over the dumbbell eyes! We caught eight pike that day and Spike had caught twelve the week before. I used my 10 weight 9' Lamiglas because it takes a lot of muscle to throw flies that are 4-6" long. Spike used a vintage 8 weight 8 1/2' fiberglass rod with an old Martin automatic reel. It is not a prerequisite to know how to double haul, but it is extremely helpful when

you are casting these big flies. You will also need a 'Big Teeth' leader which has about a foot of flexible wire so their teeth cannot slice through the line.

Pike do not jump out of the water and tail walk, they just head for the bottom and we had to wait for them to tire out before we could horse them into the boat. We used a lip gripper to get them out of the water and a pair of long nose pliers to remove the hooks. They have really sharp teeth, so do not even think about sticking your fingers down their throats to retrieve your fly unless you like the nickname, 'Stubby'.



Sportsman Show Volunteers Needed

The club will once again have a double booth (800 and 802) and a fly tying theater at the Tri Cities Sportsman Show at the HAPO Center from January 17 – 19. Currently we have 23 open slots for the booth positions as shown below. We also need someone for the tying theater Friday at 3 PM and 4 PM and Saturday at 11 AM, 12 PM, 3 PM and 4 PM. Sign up sheets will be available at the December meeting but if you are not in attendance please claim your slot by calling Jim Saunders at 509-987-3153.

| | Help Kids Tie | Help Kids Tie | Booth Rep | Booth Rep | Booth Fly Tyer |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 17-Jan | | | | | |
| 1 PM to 4 PM | open | | open | | |
| 4 PM to 7 PM | open | | | | |
| 18-Jan | | | | | |
| 10 AM to 1 PM | open | | open | open | |
| 1 PM to 4 PM | open | open | open | | |
| 4 PM to 7 PM | open | open | open | open | open |
| 19-Jan | | | | | |
| 10 AM to 1 PM | open | open | open | | open |
| 1 PM to 4 PM | open | open | open | open | open |

Santa Claus Fly



I do not know if this pattern is for Northern Pike, Arctic Char, or reindeer, but if you would like to tie one you can find materials and instructions by clicking [here](#). Ho, Ho, Ho!

Best Fishes with Dennis Dauble

Join Dennis Dauble at Chandler Reach Vineyards from 1:30 PM until 4:00 PM as he lends his insights on the best fishing around the area while enjoying his signature smoked salmon paired with Chandler Reach Villa Rosso and Pinot Grigio wines. The Vineyard is located at 9506 West Chandler Road, Benton City.

December 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

By Denny Kreid

The November 19, 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, Craig Anderson Mike Wade, Jeff Drowley, 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 October 2019 Board Meeting minutes. Being none, the October 2019 minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer **Sheldon Coleman** distributed copies of the Treasurer report for October 2019, which were discussed and then accepted by the Board. Following up on an action from the October meeting, **Sheldon** stated that the purchase of land to allow public access to the Grand Ronde River has been completed as proposed by the Washington Council of FFI. Therefore, per CBFC Board approval in the October 24, 2019 Board Meeting, a CBFC contribution of \$2000 was forwarded by **Sheldon** to the Wild Steelhead Coalition to support this project.

Membership Report – Vice President for Membership **Rich Holten** stated that CBFC paid membership is now at 86. New

membership forms and payments for 2020 are starting to come in.

Programs Report –VP for programs **Craig Anderson** identified upcoming programs as follow;

- December 2019 – annual CBFC gift exchange
- January 2020 – Steve Worley, Woolly Bugger Fly Shop
- February **Heather Hobson** speaker, West Coast rivers overview
- March 7 2020 Annual Banquet – **Devin Olsen**, speaker

Newsletter Editor's Report – **Mike Wade** briefly discussed the status of the December 2019 newsletter indicating that final input is needed by noon December 4, 2020.

Old Business

Election of 2020 CBFC Officers – President **Loomis** confirmed the election in the November 19 CBFC meeting of the 2020 CBFC officers as follow:

President – **Jeff Drowley**
Vice President for Membership **Rich Holten**
Vice President for Programs – **Craig Anderson**
Newsletter – **Mike Wade**
Secretary – **Dennis Kreid**
Past President – **Jim Loomis**
Board Members:
3 years – **Bill Frier**
2 years **Reed Kaldor**
1 year **Wanda Shearer**

In addition to the above assignments, **Wanda Shearer** volunteered to run the raffles at the monthly meetings.

Sportsman Show – As first discussed at the October 2019 Board meeting, new leadership is needed to manage planned CBFC participation in the 2020 Sportsman show.

President **Loomis** agreed to set up a meeting with **Jim Saunders** and other Board members to establish a path forward with an intent to create a checklist like the one we currently use to guide the planning of the annual banquet. The purpose is to guide future leaders and participants in CBFC participation in the annual Sportsman Show. In discussion of the planned "Kid Tying" activity, **Wanda Shearer** volunteered to provide an opportunity for kids to assemble bead- work lanyards. President **Loomis** will put together an article for the November Newsletter to appeal for CBFC volunteers to support our participation.

CBFC Participation in REI sales event - On Saturday Nov 16, 2019, in response to a flier from REI, four CBFC members tied flies and attempted to engage potential new members at a sales event at the Kennewick REI store. It was agreed that the REI event was not a very effective activity and is not recommended for future support. However, during discussion of the REI activity the Board also discussed possible future participation in a similar activity at Sportsman Warehouse. It was agreed that we should follow up, but no specific commitment was made.

New Business

Silent Auctions - The board continued discussion of how we might improve our silent auction process for the annual Banquet. The Board further discussed a proposal to limit the scope of items in the silent auction to small consumables and craft items made and donated by members. President **Loomis** agreed to discuss this idea with members at the December 2019 CBFC meeting.

Future Board Meetings – It was agreed that December 2019 Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on December 17, 2020 at the home

of President **Jim Loomis**. In addition, 2020 CBFC President Jeff Drowley requested, and the Board agreed, to move the CBFC February 2020 Board Meeting to Feb 17, 2020.

Dinner Meeting Contracts - President Loomis discussed contracts that he negotiated with the CG Public House for the first six months of 2020. A separate contract is required for each meeting and only six months can be contracted at a time. The Board agreed to accept the contracts. Meal costs in 2020 will rise to \$20.

Fly Tying Class – Craig Anderson announced that he has arranged to have the 2020 CBFC fly tying class in a meeting room at Sportsman Ware House. 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.





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**KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE
CBFC MEMBERS?**

Please forward a copy of this newsletter to them, and bring them to the next meeting.

Tight lines and BIG fish.

**WEB HOT-LINKS
to FISHING STUFF**

FLY TYING

[Fly Tying Forum](#) -Free access to over 6,000 patterns

[Tightline Productions](#) – Excellent videos of patterns and tips

[In the Riffle](#) - Fly tying videos and tips

OTHER FISHING CLUBS

[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington

[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington that belong to Fly Fishers International

REGULATIONS

[Idaho Fishing Seasons & Rules](#)

[Oregon Fishing Regulations](#)

[Washington Fishing Regulations & Seasons](#)

[Washington Emergency Rule Updates](#)

[Links to Regs & Licenses for all 50 States](#)

FISHING INFORMATION

[Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Information](#)

[Oregon Fishing Resources and Information](#)

[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.

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

[Native Fish Society](#)

[Wild Salmon Center](#)

[Trout Unlimited](#)

[Western Rivers Conservancy](#)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Columbia Basin Fly Casters

Post Office Box 791

Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date: _____

Name _____

Renewal, no change in address/phones/ email

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZipCode: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name(s) of Family Member(s) or Business

ANNUAL DUES:(Please Check One)

Please **make checks payable to CBFC**

Family Membership (\$25)

Business Membership (\$35) Includes business-card size, fishing-related advert in newsletters. Send artwork as xxx.jpg digital file to editor

Who can we thank for referring you to our Club?

To be completed by Treasurer:

___ Cash ___ Check # _____

Membership Database updated: _____