



February 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 - \$20

7:15pm - Program - free

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25/yr Indiv&Family

\$35/yr Business

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Rich Holten:

509 521-4291 or

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

NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2021, virtual meeting using Zoom. Presentation starts at 7:00 PM, login starting at 6:55 PM by clicking [here](#).

PROGRAM: Jason Neuswanger is a salmonid biologist and avid fly angler. In 2004, he founded [Troutnut.com](#), an encyclopedia of aquatic insect photography and hatch-matching information as well as a discussion forum covering a wide array of fly fishing topics. Following ten years of graduate and postdoctoral research on salmonid feeding behavior in Alaska, in 2017 he moved to western Washington, where he has worked to build up Troutnut.com with greater coverage of the hatches of the Pacific Northwest. His talk will highlight some of our region's entomology as well as research findings that may help anglers appreciate their experience on the stream in new ways.



UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

Apr 28 – May 2 Sun Lakes Outing

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

May you enjoy Valentines Day and President's Day this February.

As we enter February, things are looking up for us, but not across the board. We started the year with the Sportsmen Show being moved out to February 26-28, before events caught up with it and it has now been entirely canceled for 2021. The next Sportsmen Show is scheduled for January 21-23, 2022. At this point, the annual banquet in March is also not going to happen.

The COVID-19 vaccines finally started for Phase 1B 1, which includes many of our members. We are hopeful that the state can continue its current progress and improvement and that we can get back to face-to-face meetings later this year.

Upcoming events include the February 9 Zoom Presentation (discussed elsewhere in this newsletter), and another on March 9 with speaker not yet finalized. Fishing outings are tentative, pending pandemic restriction relief, but we have the Sun Lakes planned for April 28 - May 2, 2021. Other locations being considered are Rocky Ford in mid-May, Leech Lake in mid-June, and Lenice or Nunnally Lakes (dates TBD). We are looking for trip leaders for the proposed outings.

Since we have speakers at on-line meetings via ZOOM, members are encouraged to join the meetings. If members have a speaker topic, please let Craig Anderson or any board member know.

Stay well and get ready for the coming outings.

Jeff Drowley

Advanced Fly Tying

The Advanced Fly Tying class is off to a great start. About 20 tyers have joined Craig Anderson and Mike Wade on Zoom each Thursday evening to learn tips and tricks to

make tying complicated patterns quicker and easier. The patterns are all well tested flies with well-earned reputations as "fish catchers." But many people shy away from tying them due to their perceived difficulty. If you have flies that fall into that category, why not join us and see if we can't change your mind about them. The techniques you learn will be applicable to many other flies, too. The classes are held at 7 PM each Thursday through February 18 using this [link](#). We have already added one additional session (February 18) and if the interest remains high, additional sessions may be added in the future.



Humpy tied by Ken Gano at January 28 Class



Klinkhammer tied by Ken Gano at January 28 Class

Say What??

Rich Holten passed along the following ad he received from the Internet:



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Ad www.FlyShack.com

Anyone who has the "Recipe" for these "flies" is encouraged to submit a tying article for the next newsletter ☺

Fresh Fish

by Dennis Dauble



Here's a [link](#) to a YouTube video made by my friend Geoff McMichael who took his spey rod to a west side stream on inauguration day.

He was using a skagit head and a 10 foot MOW tip of T-14. Fly casters might be interested in watching someone actually hooking and landing a steelhead this year. (I have recent pix from the Walla Walla River but I used a "corkie and yarn" fly. ha.)

Bristol Bay

by Sheldon Coleman

I had the great opportunity in 2019 to fish at a lodge in the Wood-Tikchik State Park in Alaska's Bristol Bay Region. This park is the largest in Alaska with 1.6 million acres of wilderness accessible only by plane or boat. The dry fly fishing for monster rainbows and arctic grayling was the best fishing I have ever had. After dry fly fishing all day on the Agulowak River I always finished up by an hour or so of casting a heavy yarn fly for sockeye salmon at a beach on the way back to the Lodge. One day I caught 10 sockeye in an hour and had to use pain rub on my shoulder that night. (I did learn from Rich Holten to wash my hand **before** going to the bathroom.)

All of this great fishing and many more streams entering Bristol Bay were endangered by a plan to dig the world's biggest open pit mine between the Park and Lake Illamna. The Pebble Mine Project would have likely resulted in the loss of these fisheries. The great news is that the Army Corps of Engineers denied permits for the project. Appeals are in the courts at the present, but it is unlikely that the courts will take on the responsibilities to manage this project. It looks like the combined efforts of sportsmen all over America have saved the Bristol Bay fisheries!

January 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

The January 26 2021 CBFC Board meeting was held at 7PM 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, Rich Holten, Jim Loomis, Reed Kaldor, Dave Meyers, Bill Frier, and Denny Kreid.

Call to Order - President Drowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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 December 15, 2020 Board meeting minutes. President Drowley noted that the date of the January 26 meeting was misstated in the December minutes, which Secretary Kreid agreed to correct. With no further correction identified, the November 12, 2020 Board meeting minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman submitted the CFBC Profit and Loss statement for January 2021 and A Proposed CBFC 2021 Budget to the Board by email. The Board discussed both documents at length. The Profit and Loss Statement was approved by the Board as written. The Board discussed and agreed to several Amendments to the proposed 2021 Budget, which will be communicated to the Treasurer by President Drowley.

Membership Report – Vice President for Membership Rich Holten reported that the current paid up CBFC memberships remain at 86.

Programs Report – Vice President for Programs, Craig Anderson was unable to attend the Board meeting. President Drowley briefly discussed that Craig has confirmed the February meeting speaker and is still working on March.

- February Zoom program is planned with speaker Jason Neuswanger, aka TroutNut, on aquatic insects in Washington and how knowledge of them can enhance trout fishing.

Old Business

- CG contracts - No progress to report
- Sportsmen Show - Canceled
- Banquet status – Canceled
- Sun Lakes outing in April/May, still planned
- Potential outings to other locations discussed, but status remains uncertain

New Business

- Advanced fly tying class –Have completed one session. All agreed it was well attended (23) and very successful. More sessions are planned with information to be provided by Email and in the February Newsletter
- Input for the next Newsletter due to the editor by February 3, 2021

Adjourn



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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

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[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington

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

REGULATIONS

[Idaho Fishing Seasons & Rules](#)

[Oregon Fishing Regulations](#)

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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.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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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: _____