



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

PROGRAM: Our speaker for our March 9, 2021 Zoom meeting will be Steve Worley from Worley Bugger Fly Company (WBFC) in Ellensburg. Steve's presentation will be on bass fishing on the lower Yakima River. He will cover smallmouth and largemouth bass, techniques, sections of the river, flies, etc. If you are a fly tier and haven't visited Steve's fly shop, you are really missing an opportunity to stock or restock your tying materials, including tube fly materials. And if you haven't visited there in the last several years, he has doubled the size of the fly shop to offer a wider range of materials and equipment. WBFC also offers guide services on the Yakima for trout and bass, the Columbia for bass, the Klickitat and Wenatchee for steelhead, and Lund Pond for very large trout. WBFC has five guides available for fishing those waters. The shop is located



right across the street from the ramp of the first exit on Interstate 90 in Ellensburg heading toward Seattle (Canyon Road).

UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

Mar 16 Rocky Ford Outing

April 3 Lake Lenice Outing

Apr 28-May 2 Sun Lakes Outing

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

Hello, fellow fly casters. We have now largely made it through a long winter, and it is time to turn our thoughts to fishing.

As you will notice elsewhere in the newsletter, there is fishing outing planned for Rocky Ford at the middle of March. A Tuesday date was chosen to minimize the potential overcrowding just after the start of the season. So save the date of Tuesday March 16, 2021. See the announcement in the newsletter for details.

Similarly, we are planning a second outing on Saturday April 3, 2021 for Lenice/Nunnally Lakes. The primary location is Lenice, but Nunnally is a backup if Lenice is crowded. Again, see the newsletter article for details.

We already had plans for Sun Lakes at the end of April (28th) through early May (2nd). Those planning to participate should have their Sun Lakes reservations in hand shortly, if you don't have them already.

Since we are now in COVID-19 Phase 2, CG Public House has advised that they believe they can handle our group, at least at the size of our last few meetings where we had high 30s to low 40s in people attending and eating meals. The price of the meal will go up again slightly, to \$20. The Board discussed this proposal, and would like feedback from the membership. A questionnaire has been prepared to enable your feedback, and your thoughts are appreciated. While we work through this, the next two meetings on March 9 and April 13 will be via Zoom, using the link provided in the newsletter.

As we have moved into 2021, our three major fundraisers are apparently not in the cards. We already have missed the Sportsmen Show Raffle, will miss the annual banquet and associated auctions, and it

appears that the Salmon Booth will not be happening this year. After looking further at our 2021 finances, the Board has determined that the cuts we made in the budget have helped, but we are still getting into our reserves. Accordingly, we are asking for tax deductible donations from the members, bearing in mind that 2020 members were excused from 2021 dues. There is a separate article on this in the newsletter.

Regards and tight lines,

Jeff

10 Things to Do During COVID-19

by Jan Jackson

I thought it may be useful to share some of the activities that I've been pursuing since we've been quarantined during the COVID-19 pandemic, starting with:

10. Research fly fishing web sites for your favorite materials or needed equipment.
9. Clean your fly rods and lubricate your reels. Speaking of lubrication, you'll probably need a good glass of Scotch to ensure slowing down and doing a thorough job.
8. Replace the old fly line you've used the past 5 years and ask spouse to help restring lines. This has the added benefit of positioning yourself at the far end of the living room and asking your spouse to take the end of the line clear down the hall to your bedroom, looping it around the doorknob in your bathroom and returning to the living room.
7. Go through your 32 editions of Northwest Fly Fishing and recycle all of the magazines you'll never read again. This is at least a 3-beer process.
6. Re-read some of the books in your library like the [Rare & Unusual Fly Tying Materials](#), [Tactics on Trout](#) or [The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference](#). I highly recommend pouring a

glass or two of wine and sitting by the fireplace during this exercise.

5. Research places you've been meaning to fish. A good reference would be the internet, ads in your fly fishing magazines or reference books like Fishing Central Oregon. A good Kentucky bourbon would be my choice for this undertaking.

9. Attend one of Mike and Craig's Advanced Fly Tying classes and watch YouTube instructional videos on tying new flies or new ways of tying old patterns. Here I would recommend a shot of Irish (hic) whiiskey.

4. Build that nymph or spey rod you've been meaning to build for the past few years. No imbibing is recommended for this process unless you want to end up with a reel seat in the middle of your rod.

6. Apply paraffin wax to your wading sticks and metal ferrules of your fly rods if you still use bamboo. This is only a one beer (hic) job.

2. Write an articipal for our (hic) newsletter so Mik, or Mike or what's his name (hic) doesn't have to bugg us toooo much for gud...righten. A couple jiggles of Don Julio Tequila would be the recommmmmended source of (hic) inperspiration.

Oh, don't forget to get your COVID vaxxination. You could have a Baileys and hot chokolat while waiting in lin....ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ.

Fishing Outing at Rocky Ford

by Jeff Drowley

Save the date! We have planned an outing to Rocky Ford on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Current conditions have been high water due to the snowmelt and rain, with water into the reed beds. It is expected that this will subside before the outing. Remember to bring your 2020 fishing license and your WDFW Vehicle Access Pass. Under the current COVID-19 restrictions, communal

meals are not allowed, so be sure to pack your own lunch/refreshments. Please let Jeff Drowley know if you plan to attend at (630) 370-9877.

Tyers Wanted

by Mike Wade



Those of you who participated in our Advanced Fly Tying Class will recognize this scene of Craig Anderson on Zoom demonstrating some handy techniques to make your tying easier and your flies better. The class was very popular, drawing over 20 members each week. In fact it was so popular that we have been asked to continue the sessions. But this time we are going to mix it up a bit. There are many talented fly tyers in the club who usually give demonstrations at the annual Sportsmen Show. By using Zoom, we can continue those demonstrations, even though the Show has been canceled this year. Our first episode will be at 7 PM on Thursday, March 18, and will feature Denny Kreid tying his famous Denny Leech and the Hatch Master dry fly. Should future episodes be weekly, biweekly, monthly? That depends on you! Would you be willing to give a demonstration? If so, please send me an email at editor@columbiabasinflycasters.org and tell me which flies you will tie. I will contact you to arrange the schedule. All you have to do is gather up your materials and come to the CBFC Broadcast Studio (aka,

Mike Wade's dining nook) and we will make you a star!

Annual Financial Summary and Donation Request

by Sheldon Coleman

The year 2020 was a difficult one for the club as we were unable to run the salmon booth and had to cancel most of our monthly raffles. We were able to hold the Club Banquet, fly raffle and silent auction, and received annual dues from members. Operating costs included: meeting speakers, publication of the Club Newsletter, administrative fees, classes, outings, and donations to charitable organizations dedicated to the furtherance of conservation and fly fishing. Operating costs exceeded income for 2020. However actions taken by the Board to reduce expenditures prevented complete depletion of the Club's monetary reserves.

At the September 22, 2020 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to eliminate the requirement for members to pay 2021 club dues because of cancellations of our club activities. A number of checks for 2021 dues have been sent back to members. However, the unexpected continuation of COVID 19 limitations on our sources of income makes it necessary to request a one-time donation from members to continue monthly virtual meetings, fly tying classes and other club activities. Donations should be sent to the Club Address:

Columbia Basin Fly Casters
PO Box 791
Richland, WA 99352

Please note on checks that the funds are a donation. Please request a receipt if needed for tax purposes. The identity of donors and

amount of donations will be anonymous unless requested by the donor. Checks for 2021 memberships sent after January 2021 will be considered as donations and not returned. Regular dues of \$25 for membership in 2022 will be required.

Fishing at Lenice or Nunnally Lakes

by Jeff Drowley

On Saturday, April 3, 2021, we have planned an outing to Lenice Lake (with Nunnally Lake as a backup if Lenice is overcrowded). Since this date is in April, be sure to bring your 2021 fishing license and your WDFW Vehicle Access Pass. Under the current COVID-19 restrictions, communal meals are not allowed, so be sure to pack your own lunch/refreshments. Please let Jeff Drowley know if you plan to attend at (630) 370-9877.

Great Rivers of the West

On March 3rd, Western Rivers Conservancy will launch *Great Rivers of the West*, a live, online series featuring author and photographer [Tim Palmer](#), who will take viewers on a visual journey to dozens of the best rivers in the western United States.

Each episode will feature an engaging, fast-paced slideshow with Tim, who will tell you what these rivers are all about: Where they begin, and where they flow, the fish that make them unique and the wildlife that depend on them, and how to experience them yourself, whether by boat or on foot, with binoculars, hiking poles or fly rod in hand.

Details

When: Join WRC every Wednesday at 6pm Pacific Time, from March 3rd to April 21st. Register once and watch a single episode or

tune in for all eight of them—it's up to you! Episodes will run approximately 45 minutes.

Your Hosts: An introduction from [Fishpond](#) founder and CEO Johnny Le Coq, and WRC co-founder and President Sue Doroff, will begin each episode. Tim Palmer will present the main slideshow live each week.

Q&A: Sue and Tim will host a live Q&A at the end of each episode. Anything you want to know about rivers or WRC, just ask!

Gear Bonus! All registrants will be automatically entered to win in eight drawings for top-notch gear from [Fishpond](#) and [Sawyer Oars](#).

Gluttony?

From the Orvis Fly Fishing Facebook page comes this picture of a brown trout caught by Len Harris who said "50 degrees here in southwestern Wisconsin today. This brown was obviously not full enough with the frog when it took my offering."



Perhaps the caption should be "Would you like flies with that?"



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February 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

by Denny Kreid

The February 23, 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, Sheldon Coleman, Rich Holten, Jim Loomis, Reed Kaldor, Dave Myers, Denny Kreid and Bill Frier who joined at the end of the meeting. Member Dennis Dauble, conservation activities lead, also attended the meeting.

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 January 21 Board meeting minutes. With no correction identified, the January 21, 2021 Board meeting minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman prior to the meeting submitted to the Board via Email the February, 2021 Profit and Loss Statement and a revised 2020 Annual report on Club Finances, which was approved with changes at the January 2021 board meeting. The Board discussed and confirmed the Treasurer reports

The Board discussed options for recovering some of the costs of the ongoing Zoom programs in view of the decision to forgo dues during the pandemic and the resultant diminishing of the CBFC bank account. After the meeting Sheldon provided an updated

2020 Annual Report of Club Finances for review by the Board, which included a draft request to CBFC members for donations to help defray the costs of the Zoom programs. It was agreed by the Board that such a statement should be included in the March Newsletter. Following the discussions, the February 2021 Treasurers Report and Annual Report on CBFC Finances were accepted by the Board.

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

Programs Report

Although Programs Chair Craig Anderson did not attend, he provided programs input by email, which President Drowley read to the board. For March, a Zoom program is planned by Steve Worley from the Worley Bugger fly shop. The April presentation Craig noted as a Rich Holten work in progress, which Rich confirmed in the meeting. The board discussed other potential programs as provided by Craig's email leading up to the summer break.

Conservation Report – Conservation activities chair Dennis Dauble discussed potential opportunities for CBFC participation in conservation activities being developed by the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishing Club. Dennis will continue to track developments in this area for possible CBFC involvement.

Newsletter editors Report – Editor Mike Wade noted that input for the March 2021 newsletter is needed by *noon* March 3 for publication that same day.

Old Business

President Jeff Drowley has continued discussion of future CG Country House

contracts for CBFC meetings. CG is now able to accommodate up to 65 diners in the open meeting room with 6 people to a table. After discussion, President Drowley agreed to put a note in the March Newsletter seeking feedback from CBFC members on their willingness to attend CBFC dinner meetings under these conditions. Further discussion was tabled pending the results of member feedback to the March Newsletter.

Outings and events

Rich Holten is coordinating a planned Sun Lakes outing on April 28 – May 2, 2021.

President Drowley proposed two new near term outings for CBFC members, and requested board feedback/advice. The proposal was first, for a Rocky Ford outing on Tuesday March 16 (to minimize chances to meet other groups) as a Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) due to COVID-19 concerns with communal chili and hot dogs. The second proposed outing was for Lenice or Nunnally Lake on Saturday April 3, again as a BYOL. The latter date was set to miss April Fools Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These outings will be noticed in the March newsletter.

New Business

The Advanced Fly Tying class has been completed and is considered to have been a success. It was agreed that the tying class was well attended and appreciated by the members and should be continued. Mike Wade has agreed to continue to host the presentations and will work with Craig on a new class schedule and agenda.

The Board discussed whether we need to update and transfer the past presidents award to Jeff from Drowley. No action was taken. Mike Wade agreed to solicit nominations for the Smashed Hackle award in the next newsletter.

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.

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**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: _____

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

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