



January 2023



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MEETINGS

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

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$24

7:15pm - Program - free

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$35/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 10, 2023, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6pm.

PROGRAM:

January Speaker – Jose Karry

Jose Karry is co-owner and head guide for Vice Outdoors located in the Boise area. He also works with Anglers Fly Shop in Boise. He has a background in teaching besides his addiction to fly fishing. Jose will be providing a presentation on fishing the Owyhee River. For several years the Casters held an outing on the Owyhee River, which is known for large brown trout and is located in southeastern Oregon, close to Nampa and Ontario. The River can be crowded and Jose will have some tips for us in managing with that in play. So join us on January 10th in learning more about fishing the Owyhee.



Upcoming Fishing Events

January 27-29 Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show: final sign-ups for demo fly tyers at the January meeting.

March 4 CBFC Annual Banquet

April 26-30 Sun Lakes Outing

President's Message

by Ray Williams

As your new Club President, let me introduce myself. I joined the Fly Caster Club in 2014. I was new to the sport of fly fishing, but I had signed up for the Club's free casting lessons while attending the Sportsmen Show at the TRAC (now the HAPO Center).

The casting lessons took the mystery out of "what is fly casting", but it doesn't make you a fly Fisherman. Later, I took the Club's fly tying class. Again, the class took the mystery out of "fly tying", but it did not make me good at fly tying.

Soon, I was able to visit a Cabala's store. It was the new Lacey store, the first in Washington. I was in luck. They had a Fly Fishing starter set, complete with everything you'd ever needed for the sport of Fly Fishing. It had a 9-foot, four-piece rod and a reel, backing and floating line. It even came with a rod and reel case (with Cabala printed on it). It had a plastic fly box and a neck pouch containing float gel, line straighteners, and strike indicators. To top this all off, I got the senior price for my first Washington State fishing license. What more could I need?

Hooked, I got to visit the new Cabala store in Yakima. There, to my surprise, they had a kit for fly tying. It was loaded with feathers, dubbing, and hooks. It had all the tools and a DVD to teach you how to fly 6 different flies. What more could I need? Well I was in luck. The Club was offering a free fly tying class. In just 5 week I knew everything there was to art of Fly Tying. In fact, I even used my own tools out of my Cabala's kit; but it didn't make me good at fly tying. Luckily, I found I could buy flies at Sportsman's Warehouse for \$1.35 each. What more could I need?

To get my first taste of the world of actual Fly Fishing, I signed up for the 2015 Rocky Ford fishing outing. Some of club members met at the Richland Senior Center to form car pools. That's when I met Brent Edwards. We both were new to the club but Brent was not new to fly fishing. I was shown some do's and don'ts. I saw there was a lot more that I need to learn.

The January meeting will be my first as your President. I was Secretary for the club last year. What more experience could I need for this job? We will all find out together. As your new president, I will do my best to get up to speed on how to be "Presidential" in leading the club. Up till now, the officers supporting the club have been all well-seasoned members, and moreover, accomplished fly fishers. Accomplished fisher, I am not. Wish me luck. What more could I need?

We will start of 2023 with the Sportsmen Show. A thanks goes to Bruce Hewitt for his efforts securing our booth and the Fly Tying Theater. He is now working to organize our member participation. See his article in this issue.

Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show

The Tri Cities Sportsmen Show will be held January 27 through 29 at the HAPO Center. Bruce Hewitt mentioned need several more volunteers to help kids tie flies at our booth. We need 7 minimum, but 10 would be ideal. We also need 2 booth representatives to answer questions about Club activities. We need demo tyers for Saturday 4pm-7pm; Sunday 10am-1pm and Sunday 1pm-4pm.

Annual Banquet Scheduled for March 4, 2023

The Columbia Basin Fly Casters Annual Banquet will be held on March 4th at Meadow Springs Country Club. Our speaker will be Jason Neuswanger who runs a terrific website, Troutnut.com, which has all kinds of entomological (bug) information. Check out his website. The ticket price will be \$50, and we will have the typical fly-tying clinic in the afternoon and dinner at the Club starting at 5:30 PM. More details on the Banquet will be available in the next newsletter. However, for right now we need your help on a few fronts:

For our **silent auction**, we are again looking for **donations of new or slightly used items**, such as craft items, fly fishing equipment, artwork, or other items that you would think others might want. Please let Craig Anderson know what you might be donating by calling or texting Craig at (509) 378-7849.

Secondly, our major source of revenue for paying for the speaker and his expenses is the **Fly Raffle**. If you have donated previously, you can expect a call from Craig. If you have not donated a box of flies in the past and would like to help out in that area, call or text Craig again at (509) 378-7849.

Lastly, each year the Casters awards a person a **Smashed Hackle Award**. The use of the word "award" is questionable; the "honor" is given to Casters members who have screwed up while fishing. Past awardees have included members who have hooked their spouse, loaned a leaking

flotation device to a needy friend, directed fellow fishers to meet at the wrong location...you get the idea. Please submit your nomination to Ray Williams at maxrwilliams@aol.com.

Tickets may be available at the January meeting but certainly at the February meeting, and at Sportsman's Warehouse in February.

Conservation Plans

A work party is planned for early February to improve angler access to the Columbia River shoreline upstream of Ringold Creek. Efforts will be coordinated with WDFW personnel and the Richland Rod & Gun Club, with a mission to clear Russian olive trees, brush, and invasive vegetation in an area near the Ringold Hatchery boundary. Club members should be prepared to show up with leather gloves, protective clothing, and waders. Bow saws and working chain saws will come in handy. Indicate your interest by emailing DennisDauble@icloud.com.

A second opportunity involves working with a local conservation group called Pheasants Forever to improve riparian habitat surrounding the series of small trout ponds adjacent to Hood Park. More information will follow as it becomes available.

January 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

by Ray Williams

The December CBFC Board meeting was held at 7 PM, as a Zoom multiparty connection. The agenda was provided by President Jim Loomis.

Board members connected: Jim Loomis, Craig Anderson, Ray Williams, Mike Wade, Guy Reisenauer, and Bill Frier.

Secretary's Report – Ray Williams reported that the November Minutes were submitted to the board for approval. Their comments and corrections were incorporated for the Newsletter submittal. The November minutes were approved by the Board as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman provided the Profit and Loss Report covering November 23rd through December 27th via e-mail. His analysis show that the Club's finances are still positive. The Board approved the report as submitted.

Membership Report – No Report.

Programs Report - Craig Anderson reported his efforts for future programs:

- January's meeting will have Jose Karry presenting.
- February's meeting will have Dave Ames presenting (tentative).
- March's Annual Banquet will have Jason Neuswanger as the guest speaker.

Conservation Report – Dennis Dauble is planning a work party for the up-coming Ringold Hatchery Creek project (tentatively planned for February). Ray Williams will ask Dennis if he wants to be at our January meeting to kick off the project.

Newsletter Editors Report - Input dates and other issues – Editor Mike Wade noted that the January Newsletter inputs are to be sent to the new editor, Kyle Kneese (Kylekneese@att.net). Kyle will need the inputs before the EOB, January 4th. Mike will be working to help Kyle with the

formatting and distribution. Mike wanted a copy ("cc:") of all the inputs as backup.

Old Business

Storage:

Jim Loomis reported that all the items in the old storage area (less the Salmon Booth panel structures), have been moved to the new shed. The 5' X 10' storage shed was donated by Tom Logan for use by the club. Jim has found a donor for the booth, Angel Brook Farms. They will pick up the booth panel structures and associated hardware up this week.

Banquet Planning:

Craig Anderson said that he has engaged Jason Neuswanger to speak at the Banquet. Jason is the creator of the blog Troutnut.com. He is an ecologist and researcher. Craig will be getting the banquet tickets printed soon. Craig will be sending out an e-mail requesting donations for the silent auction and asking for inputs to the Fly Raffle.

Meeting Non-dinner Attendees:

The board requested that non-dinner participants donate a few dollars to offset CG costs and speaker fees. The board had approved this ruling last month.

Sportsmen Show:

Bruce Hewitt is leading the planning for our participation at the 2023 Sportsmen Show. The show is to be held January 27th - 29th. He will have a second planning meeting (TBD) and he will be asking for additional help at the January meeting. Craig Anderson confirmed that he has U-Tube boat, a float tube, and a 5-6 wt. fly reel (donated to the Club by Fred Riedel's estate). Craig will donate a 5-6 wt. rod to go with the reel. Bruce may be asking for

more fly tyers to be on the schedule, and for the show theater.

New Business

Officers for 2023:

- We discussed the roster for the new 2023 Board. Director position needed to be confirmed. The Board members will be listed in the January Newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm Next Dinner Meeting – January 10
- Next Board Meeting – January 24

How often are you lucky enough to come across an abandoned fly rod on the stream.



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[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.

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Columbia Basin Fly Casters

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Name _____

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Street Address: _____

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ANNUAL DUES:(Please Check One)

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