



June 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:** June 13, 2023, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6 pm.

**PROGRAM:** Advanced Dry Fly Fishing

**June Speaker – Nate Brumley**



Our June 13 speaker is Nate Brumley, the owner of Dry Fly Innovations and author of two cutting-edge dry fly books: *Addicted to the Rise* and *Winter on a Dry Fly*. The only bugs sold at DFI are dry flies, and he's mastered the use of them in all seasons over all bodies of fresh water. Nate has never sunk a nymph or fished a streamer. His offering is 55 plus years' experience fishing a dry fly exclusively. His presentations are rich in dry fly techniques and includes video to connect the concepts. These lectures are some of the most sought-after events in the industry at present and his breadth of knowledge is truly phenomenal. It's been said that one hour with Nate is like gaining 10 years of dry fly experience. Should you have the opportunity, attend one of his presentations ...it will change the way you dry fly fish forever.

Nate's topic for our Zoom presentation is "Advanced Dry Fly Fishing," where he will introduce us to some awesome new dry fly patterns. He will provide us with techniques on how to deliver dry flies, and strategies on how to fool big fish. It's a show packed with remarkable fishing footage, unique insight, and concepts that you can immediately utilize at the surface of the water. Both still and video clips are used to show the viewers the concepts discussed. Do not miss this meeting.

### Upcoming Fishing Events

**Leach Lake--June 17**

**Lochsa River--August 17-20**

**Anthony Lake--September 7-10**

# President's Message

by Ray Williams

At our last Board Meeting, we discussed items that are current, as well as future activities. We reviewed the plans for our summer activities, reviewed past activities, and discussed what needed planning for the future. We, also verified our financial position for the remainder of this year. See the Board minutes in the issue for details. One future activity that we need to work on has to do with our participation in the 2024 Sportsmen Show at the HAPO Arena. This year's participation at the show went well. Thanks to the efforts of Bruce Hewitt and his setup crew, booth workers, fly tiers, and tear down crew--we have been invited to participate in 2024. For next year, Bruce has offered to the Club his "Expo class" storyboard structure that he used for his booth promoting his guide business. He would like to update our display materials with some newer photos showing our yearly activities. Our updated text will be formatted to fit the board.

To get an early start, the Board is asking members to submit pictures that they have taken showing Club activities. Start looking around for past pictures, and moreover, start taking new pictures when attending this summer's events. Send the photos to Kyle Kneese, and he will print the best pictures in future newsletters. Make sure that you identify where the photo was taken, and who is in the picture. To top it off, have someone take a picture of you and your fish. How could you beat that?

# Fishing Around NE WA at a Glance

Kyle Kneese

A couple weeks ago, I happened to stop by the Silverbow Fly Shop between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. The shop attendant provided me an informal handout of noteworthy fly-fishing venues in the area. I thought it could be useful if travelling through the NW WA area in the future.

## Washington Lakes

- Amber: SW of Spokane, near Cheney, WA. Great lake for rainbows in the mid to upper teens.
- Medical: West of Spokane, Medical Lake Exit. Can be fickle, but has rainbows and browns to 23". Check out West Medical Lake, too
- Coffeepot: West of Spokane, near Harrington, WA. Good rainbow and bass lake.

## Washington Rivers

- Spokane River: From Riverside State Park to Idaho State Line. Rainbows, browns, cutthroat, smallmouth.
- Crab Creek: West of Spokane, near Ritzville. Small stream with rainbows up to 17".

## Idaho Rivers

- NF Coeur d'Alene: East of Spokane, exit #43 Kingston. Primarily cutthroat, bigger than average than St. Joe, but less fish. Great dry fly fishing

- St. Joe: SE of Spokane, near St. Maries, ID. Cutthroat fishing at it's best. Great access, lots of fishable water and fish. Considered one of the finest dry fly fisheries anywhere in the west.

# Upstream and Downstream Casts and Strategies

By Red's Fly Shop

## Montana Rivers

- Clark Fork: East of Spokane, near St. Regis, MT. Best fished by floating.
- St. Regis: East of Spokane, along I-90, before St. Regis, MT. Small version of the NF CDA/St. Joe rivers

So far, I've only fished Amber Lake, listed above, with a wooly bugger I had handy. It was the only fly I had at the time to try and match the prolific damsel fly hatch that was occurring. What great potential this beautiful lake has. I saw several rises of very big trout. It is tree lined, but not so many as to prevent back casts from select locations. I hope to flyfish Spokane River--next on the NE WA list.

## Leech Lake Outing

By Jim Loomis

I finally got a fish stocking date for Leech Lake from the Naches hatchery and have scheduled the outing for June 17. If enough members plan to attend, the club will provide a chili and hot dog lunch. We will have a sign-up sheet at the club meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### UPSTREAM CASTS AND STRATEGIES

Anglers should try to fish upstream when working the near half of the river, and the rod tip should finish low or parallel to the water and immediately engage their stripping hand as the fly floats back toward them. Watch the video and this will make the most sense.

### DOWNSTREAM CASTS AND STRATEGIES

There are times when you might be working back downstream to the car or boat. It's also best to angle downstream when working the far shoreline and casting over the top of the fastest currents which are often mid-stream. Casters need to stop with their rod tip high, and suck the line back to allow the fly to instantly drift drag free rather than coming tight due to a low stopping point. It can be called a stop-cast, parachute-cast, wiggle-cast, or a reach-cast. There are lots of technical names but you'll need to modify and make your presentation casts your own. The bottom line is you want to achieve a clean drift with minimal mending.

**Summary... upstream stop low, downstream stop high. Start with this simple tip and add a mend or reach cast as necessary.**

[https://redsflyfishing.com/blogs/yakima-river-fishing-report/dry-fly-casting-strategies-for-upstream-and-downstream?\\_kx=UfaM4jdDiS7GF75XV-fl3CPG\\_IjzX5jml\\_5r33Db8ys%3D.Lwhjyq](https://redsflyfishing.com/blogs/yakima-river-fishing-report/dry-fly-casting-strategies-for-upstream-and-downstream?_kx=UfaM4jdDiS7GF75XV-fl3CPG_IjzX5jml_5r33Db8ys%3D.Lwhjyq)

## Barbless Hooks

Reminder: Green Caddis Outfitters of Cincinnati OH has a sale on a wide variety and sizes of fly hooks on sale. All barbless hooks are a package of 25 for \$2.00. Order them online at [gcoutfitters.com](http://gcoutfitters.com).

## Pikeminnow Fund Raiser

by Dave Myers

On May 20, we joined with the Richland Rod and Gun Club fishing for and catching Northern Pike Minnows (Squaw Fish) with the intent of using the reward monies to make up for the loss of the Salmon Booth income. The event had 19 participants from the two clubs. Unfortunately, the fish were uncooperative and water conditions worked against everyone. A total of nine Pike Minnows were turned in, resulting in a grand total of about \$160 to be divided between the two clubs. The Rod and Gun Club hosted a picnic after fish were turned in. I think everyone who participated had a good time, even those who suffered sunburns in the 95+ degree heat. We will try again next year (the reward fishery will remain available through September, and the club would love to receive your vouchers for any fish caught.)

## Fly Casters Picnic

By Jeff Drowley

The Annual Club picnic will be held Tuesday August 8, at Dale and LouAnn Schielke's home, 2635 Harris Avenue, Richland. Dinner starts at 6pm so arrive around 5:30 to start cooking. Bring your own meat to put on the grill and something to share (side dish, dessert, wine). The club will provide water, soda, beer, and paper plates. Feel free to bring your summer fish stories to share, too.

## Pike Minnow Fundraiser

By Ray Williams

Dave Myers worked with D. J. Werlau, from WDFW's Northern Pike Minnow Program, to help organize the event. Members of the CBFC and the RRGc meet with D.J. to register on Friday afternoon at the Columbia Point boat launch parking lot. This Friday afternoon signup allowed us all to get an early start fishing Saturday. We had until 6:00 pm to turn in our fish for credit.

Registered anglers included Dave Myers, Dale Schielke, Jeff Drowley, Ray Williams and Bruce Hewitt fishing in Bruce's boat. Also fishing from shore were Bill Frier and Sheldon Coleman. Fishing the delta in a kayak was Tobe Hagge. Dave, Dale, Jeff and Bruce are also members of RRGc.

The RRGc hosted a Barbeque, Saturday afternoon, at the east park gazebo, to reward the participants who signed up, and their spouses. Dave Myers furnished the

Deer/Elk/Beef burgers and RRG members supported the pot-luck event. Desert was provided by Dale Schielke and his Dutch oven.

The event's fish count was eight (8) Pike Minnows caught by boat fishing the Yakima delta, and one (1) on the on shore; all by RRG members. Based on the total number of fishing, D. J allowed for eight additional vouchers for \$10 credit. Although none of us CBFC caught any fish, we had added to the number of vouchers.

We all had a fun day doing something to help the Pike Minnow Program reduce their numbers in the Columbia River.

## May 23rd 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

by Jeff Drowley

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Williams as a Zoom meeting. Present on the call were Ray Williams, Rich Holten, Craig Anderson, Jeff Drowley, Dave Myers, Guy Reisenauer, Kyle Kneese, and Elver Robbins. Absent were Sheldon Coleman, who provided his input by e-mail, and Jim Loomis.

The members were asked if they had any conflicts of Interest with the published agenda. None were noted.

**Secretary's Report** - The draft meeting minutes for the April board meeting were sent to all board members, and comments received were incorporated into a final version that was sent to all board members and published in the May 2023 newsletter.

The Secretary's report was approved as published.

**Membership Report** - Rich Holten noted that the membership was at 85 people. The treasurer's report identified that there were 15 new memberships since the last monthly report, bringing total membership to 73 individuals and 2 businesses based on 2023 income. The delta is due to membership fees paid in 2022 for 2023.

**Programs Report** - Craig Anderson reported that the speaker for the June General Meeting is still TBD. After the meeting Craig secured Nate Bromley for the June meeting, with the topic of Advanced Dry Fly Fishing. The Speakers for the September/November meetings are TBD. The October meeting is usually a member presentation, and volunteers are sought for the presentation. The club picnic will be held on August 8, 2023 at Dale Schielke's house. There is a Lochsa River Outing planned for August 17-20 at the Gateway to the Wilderness Campground in Idaho. Contacts are Craig Anderson and Rod Gilge. There is an outing planned for September 7-10, 2023 at the Group Campground at Anthony Lakes., Contact is Craig Anderson. There is an outing planned for Leech Lake (at White Pass) in June at a date TBD- Contact is Jim Loomis.

**Newsletter Editor** Need all inputs by June 7. Articles by members would be appreciated, as there are few items as input at present.

Old Business:

- Hatchery Work Party - Update, Email Report - Dennis Dauble - there is still no word on approval to proceed from

the Bureau of Reclamation. Carry forward as old business.

- Revenue Replacement Report - Pikeminnow fishing - Dave Myers reported that 8.5 equivalent members (halves due to joint membership in RRG and CBFC), fished for pikeminnow on the 20th of May, but caught no pikeminnow. RRG fisherman caught 9 pikeminnow fish, mostly on chicken livers. A good presentation for Pikeminnow fishing is on YouTube as "Fi\$hing for Dollar\$: Pikeminnow Fishing 101". The information is from WDFW and is what we expected at our April General meeting, although it is from 2022.
- Leech Lake outing is still planned by Jim Loomis. Date is dependent on stocking reports.

#### New Business

- Fly Casting Class (Russ Brown) 14 people signed up for the class at the Sportsman's Show in January 2023. This class schedule is TBD at present.
- Sportsmen Show - Invitation for January 26 - 28, 2024 has been received. - We now have a request for Fly Tying Class teachers and booth volunteers. Also need work parties to get the booth materials from storage, set up and tear down the booth and re-store materials at the storage facility.
- Story Board effort - Request for new photos (Bruce Hewitt). The existing pictures are out of date and some of the club members are barely (or not) recognizable.
- Green Caddis Outfitters ([gcoutfitters.com](http://gcoutfitters.com)) has a sale on 25

barbless hooks for \$2.00 down to size 20.

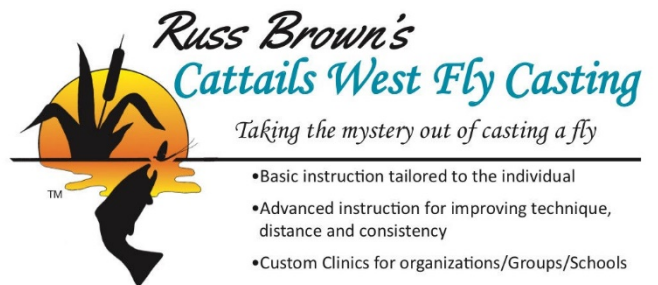
Next General Meeting is June 13, 2023  
Next Board Meeting is June 27, 2023  
Picnic is August 8 at Dale Schielke's  
Next firm Outing is August 17 - 20, 2023 at Lochsa River.  
Next firm Outing is September 7 - 10, 2023 at Anthony Lakes  
Next potential Outing is TBD at Leech Lake.  
Expected after fish planting dates are known, possibly in June.

Adjourn

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[Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Information](#)

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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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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Columbia Basin Fly Casters**

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

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