



December 2023



2023 OFFICERS

President:

Ray Williams
509-547-8658

[Ray's email](#)

1st VP-Membership:

Rich Holten

2nd VP-Programs:

Craig Anderson

Treasurer:

Sheldon Coleman

Secretary:

Jeff Drowley

Directors at large:

Elver Robbins

Guy Reisenauer

Dave Myers

Newsletter Editor:

Kyle Kneese

Past President:

Jim Loomis

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

\$50/yr Business

To update personal
info please contact

Rich Holten:

509 521-4291 or

[Rich's email](#)

[CBFC CLUB WEBSITE](#)

[Submit Article for Newsletter](#)

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

NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2023, at CG Public House and Catering on Clearwater Ave. in Kennewick, WA.

PROGRAM: December Monthly Meeting – Gift Exchange

Our December 12th meeting will be our annual gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift, not identifiable as to who is the donor, and not excessively expensive, say \$10-15. Don't bring junk or less than pristine used items. Wine, flies, fly fishing tools or materials, and clothing are common. When you arrive, place the gift on a table set up for the event, and draw a numbered ticket from a bucket that Craig Anderson will have. The holder of Ticket #1 will be the first to select a gift from the table. The gift is unwrapped and shown to the attendees. The holder of Ticket #2 can either take the gift that #1 selected or take a gift from the table. This proceeds until all gifts are selected, Craig announcing the next in line. If a gift is "stolen" twice, the gift is frozen and kept by the third owner. If the holder of ticket #1 is holding his/her original selection when all gifts are held, he/she can swap the gift with an unfrozen gift, but if the holder of ticket #1 has had their gift stolen and the opportunity to select another gift by theft or off the table, all gifts are frozen. Gifts cannot be shaken, lifted just to gage the weight, or hidden during the exchange. There is a time limit of one minute to make your selection. There may be a "classic" pair of men's briefs in the mix, so take care in selecting packages that could hold such a greatly undesirable gift.



Club President Message

by Ray Williams

As the holidays approach, and 2023 ends, so goes another year fishing. Also, it is the end of my year as your President. This year's Board of Directors had to worry about the revenue lost when the 2022 Board was forced to end our Salmon Booth at the 2023 "Art in the Park". But, they elected to increase the yearly dues. Almost 100% of the membership stepped up and renewed their membership. Another help came when City View Storage allowed us to use a 5' X 10' storage shed at no charge. Everything worked out for 2023's budget. Technology came as a big help. Craig Anderson has been able to arrange our program venues using ZOOM. This has allowed Craig to bring our speakers from all over and for just the basic presentation fees. Lodging and per diem costs went to zero.

As next year's Past President, I am looking forward to working with the 2024 Board. Guy Reisenauer, our new President, will be serving his third year on the Board. Bruce Hewitt is the new 3-year Director. Bruce is also event coordinator for the January 2024 Sportsmen show. Elver Robbins will be moving to 2-Year Director. Jan Jackson is taking Guy's vacated position of 1-year Director. Welcome to the Board Bruce and Jan.

Sheldon Coleman will continue as Treasurer, Rich Holten will continue 1st VP, Membership. Craig Anderson will continue as 2nd VP, Programs. Kyle Kneese will continue as our Newsletter Editor. As a member who just joined the Club in 2022, Kyle has done a great job. Mike Wade will

continue his support of the Club's web site. Mike has served the Board as Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and 2017 President. December's meeting hosts our annual "Gift Exchange" (See Craig Anderson's write-up). What a fun way to cap off the year. Especially if you "freeze" the gift that you want to keep.

And last, I want to thank 2023's Past President, Jim Loomis, for my smooth transfer to the office, and for the help and guidance he has given to me, and to the Board. Jim has served three terms as Club President. How could I go wrong?

Club Dinner Meeting Changes for 2024:

The board wanted to make sure we have adequate time for the programing presented on ZOOM. Craig Anderson has been able to reach out to speakers in three time zones. Starting the program after dinner has left no time for introductions, announcements, or fishing reports. If we have old or new business to report, we are pushed to get the raffle (which I may cover for Wanda) going and adjourn on time. We wind up just making the 9:00 pm closing time.

We reached out to CG Catering and asked to move the diner time to 6:00 pm. We can still stay until 9:00 pm. Happily, this allows our "Wet Fly" social to start at 5:30 pm. This matches the CG "Happy hour" that ends at 6:00 pm. Programs will start sharply at 6:45 pm, thus we will now have time for any club business before the evening raffle.

The dinners for 2024 are going to be \$26.00. Again, this includes taxes, service fees and gratuities, plus iced tea. For those who usually miss CG's happy hour prices, you are now going to break

even. Moreover, Craig will be able to continue programs that are from all three time zones.

Angling for Steelhead at Ringold Creek

From Dennis Dauble

In case you missed Dennis' Tri City Herald article, here it is:

<https://www.tricityherald.com/sports/outdoors/article281679828.html>

Cowiche Creek Volunteer Planting

From Yakima FlyFishers' Association (YFA)

YFA has a tentative date (weather dependent) of Friday December 8th for this volunteer event. Dress warm.

Come join YFA for a fun-filled day of volunteering, where YFA will be planting trees and shrubs to wrap up the Cowiche Creek restoration project

Tentative Date and time

Friday, December 8 · Probably 10am - 2pm PST

Location

1701 Garretson Ln

1701 Garretson Lane Yakima, WA 98908

Cowiche Creek Volunteer Riparian Planting

Join YFA for a fun-filled day of volunteering at the Cowiche Creek Riparian Planting event! This is your chance to make a difference and contribute to the restoration of our local ecosystem. Throw on a cozy jacket and help us plant native trees and shrubs along the beautiful Cowiche Creek. Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or just love getting your hands dirty, this event is open to everyone. No prior experience is required - MCF will provide all the necessary tools and guidance. Not only will you be helping to improve the environment, but you'll also have the **opportunity to connect with fellow salmon enthusiasts and learn about the importance of riparian habitats.**

Date: December 8, 2023


Time: Probably 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Cowiche Creek 1701 Garretson Lane, Yakima, WA, 98908, Address will take you to The Range, please follow the signs through there to the site!

Call Kyle Kneese 214.282.0553 for further details, as they become available.

McKenzie River Dam Deconstruction from Ted Poston:

Given the interest in fish (salmon/steelhead) recovery, this article provides some insight into the issues regarding dam relicensing. It would be interesting to compare with the removal of the Elwa River dams.

 Look at this post on Facebook

https://mckenziecommunity.org/news/decommissioning-the-leaburg-dam/?fbclid=IwAR249h8ov5IU3-NK4HjrF_TXgBtyxvFi81YmylKSq9HJJtkFTiywpp_TreA_aem_AUKA0pUyIfsP58kiURtf648iZibpobyPz4B7nVmwaSbntKPTIiC43HghfHNa8woT2Os

Western Rivers Conservatory

This fall, Washington Rivers Conservancy reported on their efforts in Washington State. WRC conveyed a large ranch to the Colville Tribes This allowed the Tribes to increase water flows to the Antoine Creek by 90%, increasing support for steelhead spawning. This action by WRC simply returned the ancestral lands to their original stewards.

WRC's efforts protected a 650-acre parcel of land along the Yakima River. This protects vital flood plain habitat along three miles of shoreline.

Oregon

WRC's conservation efforts protected three miles on the lower John Day river that encompass the McDonald's Ferry Ranch; and addition, the secured 4,000 acres of sagebrush-steppe that is open to all.

For more details, see www.westernrivers.org, Fall 2023 Report

Submitted by Ray Williams

For other conservation news, check this link from Fly Fisherman:

[Eel River Dams Coming Down - Fly Fisherman](#)

Late Season Opportunities

Pat Dorsey of Fly Fisherman News

Whether you like to fish streamers, nymphs, or dries (or all three), late autumn is a special season. Story and credit to Fly Fisherman/Fly Fisherman News.

[Autumn Opportunities: Don't Stop Fishing Now, It's Just Gett - Fly Fisherman](#)

November 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

by Jeff Drowley

Columbia Basin Fly Casters Board Meeting November 28, 2023

Board Members **attending:** Ray Williams, Jeff Drowley, Jim Loomis, Kyle Kneese, Sheldon Coleman, Guy Reisenauer, Elver Robbins. **Not in attendance:** Dave Myers, Rich Holten, Craig Anderson. **Non-voting attendees:** Next year's board members Jan Jackson and Bruce Hewitt

The Meeting was called to Order at 1900 on November 28, 2023

Agenda Conflicts: None Noted

Secretary's Report: October Draft Meeting Minutes were issued and comments received were incorporated and subsequently published in the November newsletter. Report was approved.

Membership Report: Membership is at 87, unchanged from last month.

Programs Report:

- Anthony Lakes - next years outing will be August 15 -18, 2024.
- 2024 Lochsa (or possible alternate venue) outing will be September 5-8, 2024.
- December will be the gift exchange.
- Dennis Dauble will be speaking in January
- Banquet speaker is John Shewey Date is March 9, 2024

Newsletter Editor: All inputs are due by no later than December 5, noon for the newsletter to be issued prior to the 12/12/2023 General Meeting. Picture of the month contest will be ongoing, with member submitted pictures worthy of that designation being published.

Old Business:

- **Prep for Sportsmen Show -** Signups for booth reps/fly tiers complete, many thanks to the volunteers - Jim Loomis took the action to identify the fly he is tying in the theater. Bruce wondered about offering Sunday first two sessions of fly tying theater to support the free booth (open for further discussion at the next meeting) Bruce got a few free standing plastic devices for photo displays or class announcements. Bruce brought the story board to the October meeting, but we still need to update more pictures. Next story board meeting is proposed for 12/6, 7, or 8 subject to finding a room (Bruce action to contact Craig Anderson). Some fishing photos have been submitted to newsletter, and some directly to Bruce, but we need more. Class signup sheets for Fly Tying, Rod Building, and Fly Casting are ready to go, Raffle materials are being procured, and brochures need to be revised with

new monthly meeting start times and meal costs (action Rich Holten).

New Business:

- **2024 Officers** - vote occurred at the November General Meeting per bylaws.
- New Board Members:
 - President - Guy Riesenauer
 - Membership VP - Rich Holten
 - Programs VP - Craig Anderson
 - Secretary: Jeff Drowley
 - Treasurer: Sheldon Coleman
 - Newsletter Editor - Kyle Kneese
 - 3 year At-Large: Bruce Hewitt
 - 2 year at Large: Elver Robbins
 - 1 year At Large: Jan Jackson.
 - Past President: Ray Williams
- **Tie-A-Thon** -Reminder to tie flies for the 2024 Tie-A-Thon. Flies have to be sent in mid-March. Anyone tying 100+ gets a free t-shirt from the Tia-A Thon. Recommended flies are
 1. Adams, size 14
 2. Ants, sizes 18-20
 3. Beetles, sizes 14 - 18
 4. BWO Emerger, sizes 18 - 22
 - 5, Caddis Nymph, sizes 16 - 18
 6. Clouser Minnow, size 8
 7. White Rabbit Leech, sizes 4 - 6
 8. Elk Hair Caddis, sizes 14 - 16
 9. Mickey Finn, size 8
 10. Nuke Eggs, sizes 4 - 10
 11. Pheasant Tail nymph, sizes 14 - 16
 12. Soft Hackles, sizes 14 - 16
 13. Copper John, sizes 14 - 18
 14. Prince Nymph, sizes 12 - 18
 15. Squirmy Worms, sizes 10 - 18
 16. Woolly Buggers, size 10
 17. Hoppers/Madam X (sizes 10 - 18)

Open microphone

- Need website update for new meeting start times, dinner cost and list of officers.
- Need fill-in for Wanda Shearer as raffle coordinator for future general meetings. Craig took action to speak with another member as a fill-in at the October meeting. No response to date.
- Storage area is very dusty, need to remove dust before opening any boxes e.g., for Sportsmen show.

Next General Meeting December 12, 2023
at CG Catering Event Center

Next Board Meeting December 19, 2023 on
ZOOM

January General Meeting is January 9, 2024
January Board Meeting is January 23, 2024
is on Zoom

Sportsmen Show dates are January 25 (set-
up) through January 28, 2024

Banquet March 9, 2024

Sun Lakes Outing dates are May 1 - May 5,
2024

Anthony Lakes dates are August 15 -.18,
2024

Lochsa (or alternate venue) dates are
September 5 - 8, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 1944.



**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: _____

Email: _____

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

ANNUAL DUES:(Please Check One)

Please **make checks payable to CBFC**

Family Membership (\$35)

Business Membership (\$50) 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: _____