



February 2024



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MEETINGS

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

5:30pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:00pm - Dinner - \$26

6:45pm - Program - free

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$35/yr Indiv&Family

\$50/yr Business

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

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2024, at CG Public House and Catering on Clearwater Ave. in Kennewick, WA.

PROGRAM: February 2024 Speaker—George Krumm

George Krumm is the editor-in-chief of Fish Alaska and Hunt Alaska magazines, and a freelance outdoor writer since 2003. He wrote the "Stillwater" column in Fish Alaska for nine years, and has been writing the "Flyfishing" column in Fish Alaska since January, 2021. He began tying flies at the age of seven. George has flyfished many locations from northwest Alaska's Wulik River to Patagonia's Jurassic Lake, Washington's Bogachiel River to Montana's Big Hole. George lived in Alaska from the early '90s through 2013, and still goes back several times a year to fish. George has fished the Naknek River in the fall for the last eight seasons, and his presentation will focus on that fishery. George currently resides in Estacada, Oregon with his wife, Lara.



Club President Message

by Guy Reisenauer

I would like to welcome all of you as continuing and new members to a new year. I have high praise for the work the board is doing and all of the representatives on the board. As January comes to an end and the Sportsman's Show is behind us, we are now making plans for the annual banquet and auction on March 9th. This is always a good meal and fun fund raiser for the club.

I would like to thank Bruce Hewitt for his efforts to coordinate and organize the Sportsman's Show this year. I believe it was a huge success in club exposure and recruiting. Thanks to all the booth representatives and fly tiers. The stick used to display all the flies tied over the weekend will be an auction item at the banquet.

A fun thing to look forward to at the banquet is the Smashed Hackle Award. This award goes to the member who has had the worst or most failed fishing trip. To qualify for the award, you must have had one incident that potentially ruined your day while fishing. Such things as breaking a \$500.00 fishing pole, losing your reel over the side or in the river, swamping your raft or tube, etc. You get the idea. The other thing about this award is that it must be verifiable and occur during the last 2023 calendar year. Nominations for the award are made by members who witness the event. Membership is family based and they can make a nomination. A plaque is awarded with the winner's name added for each year of the award along with a trophy. The winner gets to display the award at

home for a period of one year. We have all had failed trips that could have gone better, let's share the experience.

During the month of February, we sponsor fly tying classes for anyone wanting to learn how to tie flies. For me this has been an educational experience. I learned to tie flies when I was 10 years old from an old-time steelhead fisherman on size 4 hooks. My techniques were antiquated and needed updating. I would encourage anyone who wants to learn and improve their tying to take the classes. Craig Anderson and Reed Kador lead the class. They have updated the curriculum from past years material. Extra help from experienced tiers is needed to make the class a success. It's also educational for advanced tiers to see what mistakes are made and how to correct them. Classes start February 21st.

February is also a time for doing equipment checks for the coming season. My to-do list includes repairing some waders, cleaning fly lines and reels. Also, on my to-do list is tying flies for the Tia-thon. Dave Meyers is collecting flies that go to the Tia-thon organizers for distribution to charitable groups sponsoring fly fishing. If you tie, consider this a good charitable donation of time and talents.

We are looking for someone to take on organizing the meeting raffle and drawing at the end of the meeting. A number of long-time members have done this for years. It is a small fund raiser for our organization. Most meeting attendees look forward to the raffle win or lose, we stick around to see the winners. If you can help out with organizing and running the raffle, please contact me or any one of the board members and we will get you started.

Annual Banquet Reminder

by Craig Anderson

The Columbia Basin Fly Casters Annual Banquet will be held on March 9th at Meadow Springs -Country Club. Our speaker will be John Shewey who is the editor-in-chief of American Fly Fishing magazine and author of many books including Classic Steelhead Flies, spey flies and Oregon fishing and hatch guides. 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 where we raffle off boxes of Casters-tied flies. 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 Guy Reisenauer at gfreisenauer@gmail.com. Tickets may be available at the January meeting but certainly at the February meeting, and at Sportsman's Warehouse in February.

Twelve Fireside Books for the Avid Angler

From Dennis Dauble
(re-print from Nov. 2015 CBFC Newsletter
submission/edition)

The following list of "holiday" books includes six novels and six collections of stories. A nice balance, I think. Blame it on my sign of the Zodiac. More detailed descriptions can be found on AmazonBooks.com.

Starting with novels:

- A River Runs Through it by Norman McLean (fiction; 1976)- The movie starring Brad Pitt was good but the book is great. Contains one of the more famous opening lines in literature "In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing." Need I say more?
- The River Why by David James Duncan (fiction; 1983)- A journey into the mind of an obsessed angler by an iconic Oregon author. Unlike any book you will ever read about fishing, Duncan's classic novel takes you on an amazing voyage of self-discovery that mixes irreverence and offbeat humor with unusual characters.
- North Bank. Claiming a Place on the Rogue by Robin Carey (memoir; 1998). This Oregon author has opinion, some of which you might agree with, some you might not. Its theme is a

newcomer's quest to become a "local" and the thread is mostly about fly fishing for steelhead.

- **Bamboo Fly Rod Suite** by Frank Soos (memoir; 1999)- A beautifully illustrated book that delves into wants, imperfection and useful tools. The author's quest to restore an old broken down bamboo fly rod (after procrastinating for several years) serves as the narrative arc. This book is so pretty I do not lend to family nor friends.

- **Fly Fishing the 41st** by James Prosek (nonfiction; 2003)- "One day I left a straight line from home on 41 Kachele Street east along the 41st parallel, following my passion for fish." So starts Prosek's journey to a world of angling you can only imagine. By no means all about fishing, the book is rich with interesting characters and unusual settings.

- **The Royal Wulff Murders** by Keith McCafferty (fiction; 2012)- This 330 page mystery begins with a body retrieved from a river. Embedded in the dead man's lip is a #12 Royal Wulff. Full of intrigue, romance (a man's version, anyway) and humor. The setting is the Madison River valley and the narrating character knows how to fly fish.

Moving along to essays and story collections:

- **Silent Seasons**, edited by Russell Chatham (reissued 1988)- A diverse set of essays written "during the golden age of Sports Illustrated. That singular time of enthusiasm, idealism and optimism." A total of 21 fishing stories, three each by seven world-class

authors, including one of my favorites: Jim Harrison. Replete with humor and sporting philosophy. An excellent bedside companion.

- **Hemingway On Fishing** (1995)- The introduction by Nick Lyons is almost worth the price of the book. What's contained are excerpts

from some of Hemingway's greatest novels, (e.g. *Sun Also Rises*, *Green Hills of Africa* and *Old Man and the Sea*) and articles from mainstream magazines. I guarantee you will grab a full novel off the shelf after reading this collection.

- **The Longest Silence** by Thomas McGuane (1999)- There is something about Montana and great American writers. This compilation takes you to far-flung lands to fish for everything from tarpon to brook trout. McGuane shares opinion on fly tying, fly rods and pattern selection. Every angler can relate to such stories as "Angling versus Acts of God" and "Twenty Fish Day."

- **Fishing the Northwest** edited by Glen Love (2000)- You might expect fishing tales by Ken Kesey and Zane Gray, but did you know Rudyard Kipling angled for "silvers" on the Willamette River? One of my favorite stories is "Fishing Fever" by Pulitzer Prize winner H.L. Davis. You will resonate.

- **The Seasons of a Fisherman** by Roderick Haig-Brown (2000) This tetralogy (i.e., a compilation of four separate books) requires little introduction. Haig-Brown was more than a legendary angler who wrote prose, he was a consummate naturalist. His observations of fish behavior are unmatched. Read your way through a fisherman's spring, summer, fall and winter.

- **The Fish's Eye** by Ian Frazier (2002)- If I were to pick one book to read by headlamp in a pup tent with the wind howling outside, this would be it. Frazier writes with the eye of a practiced journalist and the heart of an angler. Each essay, presented chronologically over a period of 23 years, reads like casual conversation.

Although not described here, anything by Nick Lyons is a good choice. If it's "how to" or "where to" books that peak your interest, check

the CBFC website. There are now well over 100 titles to select from.

Sportsman's Show 2024

From Bruce Hewitt

Consensus was it did a much better job highlighting club activities and civic participation for our youth and prospective new members. Overall, this year's attendance was greater than the last 3 or 4 years. Activity around our booth was brisk and offered the opportunity to approach many new potential members. Remember to take photos of your friends and family throughout the year so we can showcase in next year's booth.

The club raffled off a Reddington 5 wt. fly rod / reel combo along with an Outcast brand float tube. While selling tickets this afforded us the opportunity to make a pitch for classes offered by our club to introduce the basics of fly fishing, fly tying and fly-casting classes. We had a number of signups for each class.... Interesting to note that our club does not charge for these events but relies on skilled members donating their time. Folks listening to our pitch for membership were intrigued by these community service projects and also that we bring in quality speakers via Zoom or in person to pique our interest in exploring new and different types of fly-fishing venues.

The actual set up, staffing of the booth and Fly-Tying Theater, and subsequent tear down requires many volunteers to accomplish successfully.

CBFC presenting hands on fly tying in theater allows the club to have 2 adjoining booths for featuring Club activities and our raffle at no cost to the club saving us several hundred dollars. The members who tied in Theater were Craig Anderson, Jim Loomis, Curtiss King, Dave Myers, Denny Kreid, Guy Resienauer, Rich Holten and Mike Wade.

Demonstration Tying in our club booth is opportunity for favorite patterns and these become Silent Auction items at the annual Banquet March 9.



Fitness, Balance & Exercise Weblinks for Wading with Fragile Fly-Rods

By Kyle Kneese

"Getting older is not for the feint of heart" comes to mind as another birthday approaches next month. A sports doctor mentioned recently that stretching/balance exercises were more beneficial for longevity

(and wading) than walking or even jogging in typical straight concrete lines we older adults are fond of.

The more we age, the more we tend to avoid bouncing, unbalanced movements that drove our parents crazy when we were kids. The doctor said balance-stretching exercises are critical to anti-aging, and for our purposes--less falls into the river, while two-stepping algae coated rocks.

I confess, I'm a lazy wader. I tend to wet-wade with worn wading sandals that are easier to don and doff, and quicker on the fly. The percentages for slips, trips and falls are never in my favor when chasing fish of a thousand casts in the Columbia or her tributaries.

Not surprisingly, last season, at least on two occasions, I took unintended cold baths. At Ringold, my cell phone, wallet/fishing-license, and car key battery drenched, too. The only saving grace was my G. Loomis two hander didn't snap in half. It's still intact for snap T, C, or Dennis' Z, and as an heirloom for my kids, I guess.

Lesson learned: carry zip lock plastic baggies for items of modern-day necessity. You'd think I'd learn to at least bring a wading staff for such expeditions.

With that, I thought it would be beneficial to provide some helpful anti slip training links:

<https://www.theflyshop.com/fly-fishing-fitness>

<https://neuromuscularstrategies.com/the-fly-fishers-guide-to-preventing-common-injuries/>

<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/pro-tips-become-stronger-wader-balance-training>

<https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/louiss-fly-fishing-yoga/>

You wouldn't catch me dead in a yoga class, even if it was essential training for expert wading, but the doctor's advice encouraged me to take group exercise classes the past weekend, one of which involved "intense stretching"--let's call it.

"Downward Dog" or "Flying Eagle" are lost in translation to me. But, for stretching, balance, and weight-lifting both Pacific Clinic and CBRC are convenient choices. Indoor tennis at either location, and local skiing, are good active balancing sport alternatives as well.

Whatever you do "just keep movin' or livin'", as a University of Texas Longhorn contemporary Matthew McConaughey, would say. And, whatever your wading adventures, remember to don appropriate cleated wading boots, stretch beforehand, stuff zip locks into your wading trousers, and protect your fly rod at all costs!

Why Winter: What's Behind the Growth in Cold-Water Angling

Boots Allen of Fly Fisherman editorial

Story and credit to Fly Fisherman News.

https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/why-winter/467467?utm_source=WhatCounts-Email&utm_medium=FFN%20NL12%20Months%20Engaged%20Use%20this%20one&utm_campaign=FFN

In the Outdoor News:

Dac Collins of Outdoor Life editorial

Story and credit to Outdoor Life News.
[Washington's Proposed Fur Ban Could Cripple the Fishing Industry \(outdoorlife.com\)](https://www.outdoorlife.com)

Thoughts on this news welcome, including in the next newsletter.

December 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

by Jeff Drowley

Columbia Basin Fly Casters Board Meeting
Minutes for January 23, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Guy Riesenauer at 1900 hours on January 23, 2024

Board members were asked for any conflicts of interest with the published agenda. None were noted.

Attending were Guy Riesenauer, Ray Williams, Rich Holten, Craig Anderson, Jeff Drowley, Kyle Kneese, Elver Robbins, Jan Jackson, and Bruce Hewitt. Not attending was Sheldon Coleman.

Secretary's Report: The December Board meeting minutes were sent draft to all board members. Comments received were incorporated, and resent to all board members, and subsequently published in the January Newsletter. No new comments were received at the Board meeting.

Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Sheldon provided as separate correspondence the profit and loss for 1/01/2024 to 1/23/2024 period. The report showed the we were positive for the period.

Additionally, Sheldon provided the draft of a budget for 2024 derived from 2023 budget/expenses. Sheldon was not available to present these reports, so they weren't approved They were postponed to a special board meeting following the February General Meeting.

Membership Report: Rich Holten noted that the current membership is at 88, with renewals due NLT May 01, 2024 (he has recorded 25 renewals to date).

Programs Report: Craig Anderson reported the following:

The February Speaker will be George Crumm talking about Naknek Rainbows

March 09, 2024 is the annual banquet at Meadow Springs Country Club (\$50/person) with John Shewey of American Fly Fisher Magazine as speaker. Tickets are available through Craig or Sportsman's Warehouse. Raffle item donations and fly donations are encouraged. Setup will follow the afternoon fly tying demo.

Newsletter Editor: Inputs are needed no later than noon on January 31, 2024 to enable publication of the newsletter prior to the General Meeting on February 13, 2024.

Old Business:

Sportsmans Show: Scheduled for January 26 - 28, 2024. Volunteer listing sent our to volunteers. Rod, Reel, and Float tube

procured. Setup is 25th. Photos for booth have been mounted. Ready to go. Meeting at storage at 1 PM Thursday 1/25/2024.

Tie-A-Thon - Flies due to Dave Myers early April (April 1) so they can be sent in by mid-April.

New Business:

Benefactor membership was proposed in a separate correspondence to the board from Ray Williams, including proposed bylaw changes to enable Benefactor Membership, with the language modified so the amount isn't designated on donation . It was noted that the individual, family and business memberships do not have a bylaw dollar value assigned, and it was requested that the Benefactor membership not have a dollar amount assigned in the by-laws. The benefactor donation should be to the club and not to outside organizations. The Secretary was requested to draft the modified bylaw change for presentation to the special Board Meeting February 13.

Open Mike:

Other fly fishing trips for February, March, April and June? We need members to step up and lead trips (E.g., Lenice Lake, Leech Lake, others)

Smashed Hackle Award - need verifiable event affecting a club member/family that creates a disaster. Newsletter will ask for nominations

Upcoming events:

February General Meeting: February 13, 2024 at the event center at CG Public House, immediately followed by special board meeting on budget.

Seattle Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue on February 17 & 18, 2024

February Board meeting February 27, 2024 on ZOOM

Annual Banquet at Meadow Springs Country Club March 9, 2024

March Board Meeting March 26, 2024 on ZOOM

April General Meeting April 9, 2024

April Board Meeting April 23, 2024

Sun Lakes Outing May 1 - May 5, 2024

Annual CBFC Picnic August 13, 2024

Anthony Lakes Outing August 15 - 18, 2024

Lochsa Outing September 5 - 8, 2024

Past Club President Message

by Ray Williams

Before this last year, the Club had to give up the Salmon Booth for "Art-in the-Park". The reality was that the Club's annual income would be drastically reduced. The Board asked Reed Kaldor to lead a committee to collect ideas on how the club could offset the loss. Many members responded. Reed then provided the Board with the ideas and highlighted the seven best as starters.

The first effort was raising the annual dues in 2023. This was done and it led to a large reduction to the income deficit. Before the December 2023, board meeting, Reed asked a few board members if we were going to enact any of the other

recommendations, specifically the adding a "Benefactors Level" to our membership. At the December Board meeting, we took action to see if the current By-Laws would allow for such a membership option; and to provide the recommended changes or additions that would allow it.

Our findings (see Board Meeting Minutes) are the By-Laws do not prevent us from having such a Membership. We need only a few additions to the By-Laws to enact it. The required changes must be approved by the Membership. That will be the next step. A short presentation will be made at the February 13th general meeting.



**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: _____