



# March 2024



## 2024 OFFICERS

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 Bruce Hewitt  
 Elver Robbins  
 Jan Jackson  
 Newsletter Editor:  
 Kyle Kneese  
 Past President:  
 Ray Williams

## 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  
 To update personal info please contact Rich Holten:  
 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 9th, 2024, at Meadow Springs Country Club, see reminders from Craig below.

**PROGRAM:** March 2024 Speaker—John Shewey

John Shewey 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.



See below for the story behind this "secret" lake...

# Club President Message

by Guy Reisenauer

The preparations have been made for the annual banquet. Craig Anderson has done a great job of getting this annual event organized. There are a number of very good auction items, and 20 boxes of flies that club members have donated. While I am still a neophyte at tying flies, I look forward to seeing what flies have been donated.

March weather is shaping up to be windy wet like February though not as cold. Hopefully April will be much more moderate weather, lakes should be well stocked at the end of this month. I expect the rivers to be high and fast for several months once the snow starts to melt. There is a lot of late snow in the mountains this year. Overall, fishing should start good in the lakes and end great in the rivers.

If any of the fly tiers are in the Spokane area on the first or third Thursday of the month, there is a group that meets at a local brewery in the evening to tie flies and have a good time. You don't have to drink beer to tie or have a good time. Please contact me offline or at the meetings if you would like more information.

We, the board, are considering doing away with the meeting raffles. While the raffles do raise some money for the club, it is hard to manage on a regular meeting basis. There are pros and cons to both sides of having or not having the raffle. We are considering having the raffle, but on less frequent basis. Are there other alternatives to dropping the raffle? If so, board members would like to consider them.

The board has decided to adopt a beneficiary donation as a strict donation and not as a membership level similar to the family or business memberships. We are amending the by-laws to reflect this change and once that is completed, we will be putting the information about the beneficiary donation in the newsletter.

May your wind knots be few.

## 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](mailto:gfreisenauer@gmail.com). Tickets may be available at the January meeting but certainly at the February meeting, and at Sportsman's Warehouse in February.

## The Secret Lake

From Rich Holten & Jan Jackson

Ahh, March 1st. Opening day for many lakes in the Potholes. Rich Holten and I have been going out to Rich's secret lake on March 1st the past four years. I was reluctant to fish lakes at first because I grew up on the Tucannon River and was mostly a river guy. Rich patiently explained that none of the rivers were open on March 1st. Our pattern is that we hike in a mile or so and then launch our float tubes and start catching big fish.

The first year we broke for lunch and, as I was eating my power bar, a 20" rainbow scarfed down my leech and I was hooked. Fast forward to this year: Rich and I hiked back out to the secret lake and proceeded to catch nine nice rainbows. We didn't score a 20"er, but it was a great hike and nice scenery. I did catch a 16" trout that took me about five minutes to land. I almost had him in the net three times and when he was close, he made another run. You can see

the before and after photos of the fly he ruined. The most important thing, we weren't home watching TV.

Photo Captions:

Rich changing flies. The photo has been altered for obvious reasons.

Before & After: Here's a photo of my fly before and after the 16" rainbow annihilated my handiwork.

Fish: One of the fish we caught on March 1st, 2024.





## February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

by Jeff Drowley

The meeting was started at 7:00 pm, by Zoom, on Tuesday, February 27th. Attending was Guy Reisenauer, Rich Holten, Craig Anderson, Sheldon Coleman, Kyle Kneese, Jan Jackson, Ray Williams, and Bruce Hewitt. Absent was Jeff Drowley and Elver Robbins

Opening Comments and Reports:

Conflicts – There were no conflicts identified.

Treasurers Report – Sheldon’s report was presented and discussed. He shows a net gain due to incoming memberships and banquet ticket sales. The February, 2024 report closely matches our position in the 2023 figures. The report was accepted by the Board.

Secretary Report – The minutes of January's Board Meeting have been reviewed and comments incorporated. Minutes of the special February 13th special Board Meeting we sent to all members and comments incorporated. The Minutes of both meetings have been sent to the Newsletter editor. Board Meetings Minutes, as reported, were approved as submitted to the Newsletter editor.

Membership Report - Rich Holten reported 17 additional membership renewals. Rich sees a good parallel with 2023's numbers to date. Rich recognized an issue with February's dinner headcount. He will work getting a more accurate count for the next CG dinner meeting.

Programs Report - Craig reported that the Banquet has received good input for the silent auction and flies for the raffle have been secured. Craig is lining up presenters for April and May. Fly Tying class had 9 students at the first session. Craig would like at least three helpers for the next class.

Newsletter – Kyle reported that articles are needed ( Banquet info, news, etc.) and inputted by March 1st.

Old Business:

March 9th Banquet - Craig Anderson stated ticket sales are low. Craig reviewed the

banquet agenda for presenters. Rich will run the Fly Raffle, and Reed will run the Silent Auction. Guy will welcome the guests, Jim Loomis will present the Past President Trophy, Mike Wade will present the Smashed Hackle award, and Ray will present the Presidents Award(s).

Craig asked Kyle to issue another email and state that tickets will not be available at the door.

#### New Business:

Benefactor upgrade - The wording for the details and the dollar value were discussed. The definition and supporting process were approved and the dollar amount for "Benefactor" donation was established by the Board. Details will be documented a future Newsletter.

#### Open Mic:

Guy reported that YouTube will stream a presentation on the History of Fly Tying at 2:00 pm on March 5 th. He will send out a link.

Meeting was adjourned at 7: 50 pm



**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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to FISHING STUFF**

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[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington that belong to Fly Fishers International

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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**

Post Office Box 791

Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal, no change in address/phones/ email

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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?

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To be completed by Treasurer:

\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Database updated: \_\_\_\_\_