



October 2026



2026 OFFICERS

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Jeff Drowley
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1st VP-Membership:
Wes Nickum

2nd VP-Programs:
Jan Jackson

Treasurer:
Ray Williams

Secretary:
Scott Mitchell

Directors at large:
Bruce Hewitt
Jim Loomis
Bill Lambert

Newsletter Editor:
Guy Reisenauer

Past President:
Craig Anderson

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
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Wes Nickum:
360-701-7046

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[Wes's email](#)

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

NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2026, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 5:30pm.

PROGRAM: Jan Jackson – Central Oregon Cascade Lakes

Jan organized a trip to Central Oregon after booking Jeff Perrin, from the Fly Fisher's Place in Sisters, to speak to us about fishing in these lakes. Anglers included: Jeff Drowley, Ken Gano, Rich Holten, Tony Umek and myself. Lakes to discuss will be East Lake, Paulina and Crane Prairie.

Craig Anderson -Henry's Fork, Firehole and Yellowstone Lake

This year as we have done in the past, Rich Holten, Bruce Groth, Pat Hickey, Joe Peterson and Craig Anderson travelled to Last Chance, Idaho to hit some of the fisheries in the area. The weather, unlike some years, was favorable to fishing and the group fished many areas on the Henry's Fork as well as favorite spots in Yellowstone National Park. Joe and Craig floated three sections of Henry's Fork with guide services from Renee Harrop's shop in Last Chance, Trout Hunter. The presentation will describe those experiences with maps and photographs to show the results of our excursion.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Gift Exchange – December 8th.

Spring Banquet – March 2027, Date and location TBD

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

We're finally into fall weather with fewer fires and mild days, a good time for fishing. We will have the opportunity to hear some of our members talk about their out-of-state trips at the general meeting this month, giving insights into Montana and central Oregon trips from earlier this year.

CBFC participated in the WDFW/Waitsburg Gun Club National Hunting and Fishing Day in Waitsburg, teaching basic fly casting for eight-year-olds. Another booth did fly tying. This is covered in a separate article in this newsletter.

There is a new volunteer request that we have just received for support on October 24 and 25 for Fish-o-Rama. This is covered by a separate article in this newsletter.

Last, but not least, is that we have a slate for the board of directors for calendar year 2027 that is short one director, the Board Secretary. Members are encouraged to consider volunteering for this role. If interested, talk with either Scott Mitchell or Jeff Drowley.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

Reed Kaldor and Jeff Drowley represented CBFC with a booth at WDFW Waitsburg show on September 19, 2026. We provided

basic fly casting instruction to those interested 8 year olds and their parents. The instruction primarily used a casting practice rod with polypropylene rope and yarn.

Those stopping at the booth got their "passports" stamped for inclusion in a raffle, and at least one walked away with a rod and reel.

The volunteers were treated to a lunch including pulled pork sandwiches, salad, chips, soda and cookies.

October Fish-o-Rama at Wye Park

The Benton Conservation District and the Salmon in the Classroom program have a fishing event coming up on October 24th and 25th (8am to 4pm) with Mid-Columbia Fisheries. Basically, Mid-Columbia Fisheries has sign-up times (and fishing gear) where the general public can sign up to learn how to fish with one of their expert fisherman at Wye Park in Richland. They need volunteers to:

1. help sign out fishing equipment,
2. assist the fishermen with their catches, and
3. bucket runners to transport fish to the registration area.
4. The club will also have the opportunity to set up a booth and tell people about ourselves.

In past years we have handed out smolt to school age children who have delivered the smolt from the buckets to the river. To sign up follow this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduPxZ_hBvR_-Y_Y24-b5SGvvhqJv5zsN8zlhMIQ2qIJN1PA/viewform

The Benton Conservation District also has a Facebook page.

Recommended Board of Directors Slate for 2027

President - Scott Mitchell
Membership VP - Wes Nickum
Programs VP - Jan Jackson
Treasurer - Ray Williams
Secretary - **OPEN**
Newsletter Editor - Guy Reisenauer
Past President - Jeff Drowley
3 year at large - Craig Anderson
2 year at large - Bill Lambert
1 year at large - Jim Loomis

Central Oregon Trip Report

Jan Jackson

Some of you older fly casters probably remember an actor from the 50's and 60's named Slim Pickens. He was most famous for riding an A-bomb out of an airplane in the movie Dr. Strangelove. If you take that name and convert it to an adjective you start to get the feeling that the

fishing was off, which it was. When we first got to East Lake, the callibaetis were hatching pretty much all day, but the water temperature at the shoreline was approaching 70°F. Once I got out a ways, it cooled to 64°F and according to my fish finder, the fish were about 40 feet down.

Participating members from our club included: Jeff Drowley, Ken Gano, Rich Holten, Tony Umek and myself. On Tuesday, I caught up with Ken on a sandy beach at East Lake. He was eating a sandwich when the fish in the photo below snagged his fly in about two feet of water and started to run. I think Rich caught a couple of trout; I caught 8 chubs and zero trout.

Wednesday, we fished Paulina. I caught a few more chubs and one nice trout in about 20 feet of water with a chironomid. We were supposed to fish Crane Prairie on Thursday; however, we had two guys from two different fly shops tell us it was too hot and the water was too low to fish. We fished Paulina again on Thursday and Tony caught a nice brown trout.

We still had a great time floating around in the peaceful lakes plus Jeff brought a few growlers left over from the picnic at Dale's place, so we had some good meals and great beer. We'll probably be back when it cools off a bit.



Nice rainbow Ken Gano caught in East Lake.



The only rainbow caught by Jan in Paulina.



Jeff & Jan relax on shore at Paulina.



Rich going deep in East Lake.



Tony in his new boat on East Lake.

September 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

by Scott Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Drowley at 1903 hours on 09/22/2026.

Present were Jeff Drowley, Craig Anderson, Scott Mitchell, Wesley Nickum, Jan Jackson, Jim Loomis, Guy Reisenauer, Bruce Hewitt, Bill Lambert, and Ray Williams.

Jeff asked if anyone had a conflict with any items on the agenda. None were noted.

Secretary's Report: Scott Mitchell reported that the meeting minutes for the August board meeting were drafted and sent out for comments to all board members. Comments received were incorporated and the meeting minutes issued final to all board members and published in the September 2026 Newsletter. The Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: 26 members attended and paid for dinners at the September club meeting. The club picked up the costs for the 9 additional dinners the club guarantees to the facility. September expenses exceeded income; however, the club's running expense total is less than the annual budget amount for 2026. The club has one CD with Key Bank which the treasure rolled over in September. The treasurer's report for September was approved.

Membership Report: The club has 88 active members. Wes to send Mike Wade current roster to cross reference with club's email list.

Programs Report: Jan Jackson reported on the following activities:

- The October meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026, Craig Anderson and Jan Jackson will be the speakers.

- The November Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026. George Krumm will be the speaker. The topic will be fishing in Alaska, "Grand Slam."
- The December meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2026. Club annual gift exchange and dinner

Newsletter Report: Articles for the newsletter are due by noon October 4, 2026.

Old Business:

Wes Nickum raised the question of obtaining club stickers or club license plate frames to help promote awareness of the club in the region. Wes to provide pricing and options at the next board meeting. Wes will continue to work on this item. Wes will obtain club license plates and 4" stickers, 50 plates and club will reimburse Wes for the expense.

The board discussed creating an honorary membership classification for long-term members. The board agreed; however, criteria need to be established prior to final implementation. Craig will draft changes to the by-laws for the board to consider at the next board meeting. Craig submitted proposed changes to the board for review with minimal responses. Craig will write the proposed by-laws amendment for a membership vote.

New Business:

The board discussed using an instant message process to send flash messages to the membership. Guy is researching this. Wes to review the club's membership contact list with Mike Wade's list for accuracy and distribute list to the board for future contact of club members from the board members and/or trip hosts.

The board discussed donating funds to organizations that support the club's goals and objectives. No decision was made and the discussion was tabled for further review. The board is reviewing which board members were on a past charity committee to reinstate the committee. The board

continues to review options for the club's annual charitable donations.

The board discussed the number of participants at past club outings. Jeff Drowley tabled the discussion until a future meeting.

Craig is researching locations for the club banquet to be held during March 2027. Our usual location at Meadow Springs will undergo remodeling and unavailable.

Bruce Hewitt will reach out to the Sportsman's show promoters regarding the club's annual participation.

Most of the board positions for 2027 are filled. We need a club secretary for the 2027 term as the current secretary will be stepping up to the president's position. Please reach out to a current board member if you are interested in this position. The position requires attending 10 board meetings and writing the meeting minutes for each month.

Meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours on 09/22/2026.



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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.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Columbia Basin Fly Casters

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Richland, WA 99352-0719

Date: _____

Name _____

☐ Renewal, no change in address/phones/ email

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZipCode: _____

Primary Phone: _____

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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: _____