November 2026

2026 OFFICERS

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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 info please contact Wes Nickum:
360-701-7046
or
Wes'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: Nov. 10th, 2026, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts at 5:30pm.

PROGRAM: George Krum – Alaska Grand Slam

George Krumm is the Editor of both Fish Alaska and Hunt Alaska magazines, and is a freelance writer, photographer, and speaker. He has fished and hunted from Patagonia to Alaska and has been writing professionally since 2003. George writes several feature articles per year for various publications, plus he writes the "Editor's Creel" and "Flyfishing" columns for Fish Alaska, and he wrote a "Stillwater" (flyfishing) column for more than nine years. His specialties include single and two-handed flyfishing, fly tying, and conventional gear fishing for everything from trout to salmon to halibut to white sturgeon. George has appeared on several televisions shows about fishing for Pacific Northwest species in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. George has been a guest on Podcasts such as the Wet Fly Swing, American Outdoor Radio, and others, and is often invited to speak at flyfishing clubs and other fishing organizations throughout the Pacific Northwest. He has presented seminars at outdoor shows on a variety of topics. George won first place in the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association Excellence in Craft contest in the highly competitive Column of the Year category in 2021 and 2023 for Fish Alaska's "Editor's Creel" column, and Magazine Article of the Year in 2023. George has been tying flies since the age of seven and has been building fishing rods for three decades. George lived in Alaska for 20 years and now makes his home in the Pacific Northwest.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Gift Exchange – December 8th.
Spring Banquet – March 2027, Date and location TBD

Jeff's Journal

by Jeff Drowley

The November meeting is when the CBFC Board of Directors gets nominated and voted on by the membership. As of this writing, we are short a volunteer for Secretary. As with any board position, there are 11 board zoom meetings of about one hour duration. The Secretary sends out draft and final meeting notes and sends a copy of the final to the newsletter editor for publication in the next edition. Having done that job, I did not find it difficult or terribly time-consuming.

Club bumper stickers and license plate holders to show membership will be available at the November meeting.

Signup sheets for the Sportsman's show booth setup and takedown, booth staffing and fly-tying theater will be available at the November meeting. This is our opportunity to show locals who we are and what we do and solicit new members.

We will be finding out about fishing the Alaska Grand Slam from speaker George Krumm, which is featured elsewhere in this edition.

As a reminder, the December meeting is a gift swap, so get your thinking caps on and bring a gift that more than one person will desire.

Tight lines,
Jeff

Sportsmen Show

Bruce Hewitt

Beginning with November 10th and December 8th meetings, we will have signup sheets for three (3) hour shifts at our CBFC booth for the upcoming Sportsmen Show, January 23 through 25th. For show hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we are seeking demo fly tiers in the booth, kid fly tying helpers, and booth staff to sell raffle tickets. Additionally, we need to staff the Fly-Tying Theater hour long sessions demonstrating specialty flies on video camera. This is an important segment as it provides us with three (3) booths GRATIS valued at over $1200 savings to CBFC.

Sign up and help promote Columbia Basin Fly Casters through participation and join in the camaraderie.

Help!! I would like new photos to update our display booth. Photos can be texted to Bruce Hewitt at 509-430-6448 OR email: bhfishes@gmai.com.

October 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

by Scott Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by Wes Nickum at 1859 hours on 10/27/2026.

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

Wes 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 September 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 October 2026 Newsletter. The Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report:
29 members attended and paid for dinner at the October club meeting. The club picked up the cost for the 1 additional dinner the club guarantees to the facility. The club's monthly income for October was greater than the monthly expenses. The monthly dinner raffle resulted in a net income for the club. Our annual expenses continue to be less than our annual budget overall. The treasurer's report for October was approved with one modification.

Membership Report:
The club has 88 active members; four new members were added in October. Wes sent Mike Wade the club's current roster to cross reference with club's email list.

Programs Report: Jan Jackson reported on the following activities:

- 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
- Jan is lining up the speakers for 2027.

Newsletter Report: Articles for the newsletter are due by noon November 1, 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. Wes ordered 50 License plate frames and 50 4" decals. These will be available for purchase at the club's November meeting.

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. The board reviewed the proposed amendment language and agreed it should be submitted to the membership for ratification.

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. Facebook page is one option that is working. Craig confirmed that Mike Wade has the ability through the club e-mail distribution list to send flash messages to our members.

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 approved the following charitable donations for 2026; $300 Western Conservancy, $100

Casting for Recovery. Ray will submit a list of other organizations to be considered. The board will review other potential recipients for 2027.

The board discussed the number of participants on past club outings. Jeff Drowley tabled the discussion until a future meeting. This item was continued for further discussion.

Craig is researching locations for the club banquet to be held during March 2027. Our usual location at Meadow Springs will undergo remodeling and is unavailable. Craig is reviewing options with Shirley at CG public House and the Red Lion Hotel.

Bruce Hewitt will reach out to the Sportsmen show promoters regarding the club's annual participation. In progress, booths are set up, need club participation. Signup sheets should be available at the club's November meeting.

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. This position for 2027 still needs to be filled.

New Business:

The club is looking for donations for the monthly dinner raffle. Please consider donating equipment you don't use.

Meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours on 10/27/2026.

Clouser Minnow Recipe

Hook: Straight eye streamer size 6 to 8/0, usually silver.
Thread: Waxed 140 or 210 Denier or 6/0. Uni.White for body, head can be finished in a different color if desired.
Eyes: Weighted dumbbell or chain sized to fit the hook. Black, brass, red are common. Tied 1/3rd of way back from the hook eye. Super glue to cement the eyes after tying them in place.
Bucktail: Your choice of color.
Flash: Your choice of color.
UV Glue: Add strength and transparency to the head.

This fly is a great all around fly originally designed as a smallmounth bass fly. It sinks fast and is fished deep.

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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.

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

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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:_____