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President's Riffle

By President Gary Bergquist



2015 a New Year.

Thanks to **Michael Moscynski** who led the WFFC, its officers, trustees and committee chairs as President for 2014. We find ourselves well positioned as the WFFC enters 2015.



Last year was a successful year for the WFFC.

- We increased its membership including the addition of two Honorary Members, **Les Johnson** and **Bill McMillan** (**Charlie Davis**, former VP Membership)
- Enhanced its presence and esteem in the fly fishing community (**Bob Burdick**, Programs, Pat Peterman, Education and IFFF Coordinator, **Ron Tschetter**, *Creel Notes*, **Doug Schaad**, Conservation)
- Increased its bank account balances.

Preliminary results indicate a very successful year for the Club on both expenditures and revenues for 2014. More on this when your Board submits a proposed budget for 2015 at the Members Meeting on February 17, 2015.

Departing as officers, trustees and committee chairs are:

- **Michael Moscynski**, President (remains a trustee)
- **Charlie Davis**, VP Membership
- **Bob Young**, Treasurer
- **Mike Wearne**, Trustee
- **Don Schroeder**, Trustee
- **Gene Gudger**, Trustee;
- **Don Simonson**, IFFF Coordinator
- **Dave Schorsch**, VP Christmas Party (remains a committee chair).

Thank you all.

Dave Schorsch was amazing. Dave not only managed the Outings for last year he was also responsible for managing the WFFC 75th Anniversary Party as well as the 2014 Annual Christmas fund raiser. The very successful Christmas fund raiser was on the heels of the anniversary party. Dave had help from members; however he was the guy in the hot seat. Every member of this Club owes Dave more than just a "Thank you". We can start by treating Dave

to a round of his favorite adult beverage at future meetings. I will buy the first round for Dave at the next meeting.

We are fortunate **Kerry Oldenburg** has agreed to serve as VP Christmas Party for 2015. Kerry is well into the process of assembling her team for this project. The Board has made a commitment to get next year's Christmas fund raiser off to an early start. This includes planning and implementation. You can be assured Kerry or one of her team members will be contacting you throughout the year for your support on donations and assistance (hands on work).

This month is the WFFC Awards Dinner, January 20, 2015. **Bill Neal**, Awards Chair, will orchestrate the event. The Awards Dinner is one of the few dinners for which the Board requests more formal attire of its members and guests: Ladies- Business formal, Gentlemen (and all other males)- Jacket and tie.

On the agenda for the January meeting will be a proposal to amend the Club's Bylaws. This proposal has been review by the Board which has recommended the membership vote in favor of its adoption.

Bob Burdick intends to make the motion and speak to it; however, I will summarize the effect and purpose of the proposal. If adopted, the amendment revises provisions in the Bylaws which pertain to nomination of prospective members. Currently prospective members are nominated by sponsors who have been WFFC members for two or more years and limits to 4 the number of prospective members one may sponsoring any one calendar year. The proposal allows a sponsor who has been a member for at least one year to sponsor prospective members and eliminates the number of prospective members a member may sponsor in any calendar year. The

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proposal also provides that at least one sponsor to agree to mentor members he or she sponsors for a year. Mentorship of a new member is not enforceable as such and is, in my view, intended as an aspiration as well as a reminder to sponsors that we, as sponsors, have a continuing obligation to help new members find his or her way around, introduce them to other members, learn how the Club may be able to benefit from a new member's strengths and to help new members to develop his or her skills as a fly angler. I voted in favor of the proposed amendment when it was before the Board. I continue to support the proposal and ask that you vote in favor of it at the January meeting.

On the February calendar is the Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show. The Club will have a booth/table at the show. As of this writing, we need additional volunteers for staffing. Please contact **Scott Hagen** if you have time to help. Presence at this show gives the Club additional exposure to the fly fishing community and helps generate interest among potential members. This stuff really does matter.

My crystal ball was either lost or broken many years ago I forget which. When I realized it was no longer on my desk I made a conscious decision to not replace it. As a consequence my predictive powers have been, and remain, somewhat compromised; however, we can anticipate seeing changes in how Outings are handled, a continuation of the outstanding programs **Bob Burdick** arranges for us, increasing our membership under **Scott Hagen**'s supervision and having some FUN and lots of LAUGHS along the way.

Looking forward to this year.

Gary Bergquist

In keeping with a great American tradition, all promises I made in my campaign for office are hereby revoked.

January Program

January Award Ceremonies

By Bill Neal, Awards Committee Chairman

Please join us at the January members' meeting in recognizing Club members and others who have distinguished themselves through service to the Club and the fly fishing community in 2014.

Here is a brief description of the Club's more regular Awards:

Letcher Lambuth Angling Craftsmanship Award, given to a flyfisher within Washington, Oregon, or British Columbia for original, significant, and lasting contributions to the art of fly fishing;

Empty Creel Award, presented to a member for exceptional dedication and contribution to the welfare of the Club;

Tommy Brayshaw Award, presented to a member for distinctive and meritorious contribution to the general community through furtherance of the aims and purposes of the Club;

Andy Award, presented to a member who has "suffered most cruelly from the vagaries of Murphy's Law"; and

Half-Assed Award, presented to a member for, well, you know what—and it will be presented again, despite some issues last year.

We may also have a number of special Awards that we will be presenting to recognize other members for their accomplishments and contributions.

Please remember to wear a coat and tie for this meeting. Thank you.



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Club officers and chairmen can be contacted by logging in the WFFC website then selecting email (upper right corner). Button selection and message box will appear on scroll down

Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout, steelhead, and salmon in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others — particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.

Christmas Party Recap

A Rousing Success! By Dave Schorsch

I'm not sure how to thank all the people that helped make this years Christmas Party Fundraiser a total success! Where do I start? The great folks who donated cabins, condos, beach houses, tons of art, gear, trips, clothes, and cash! - or- the great folks who purchased the same stuff, at wildly inflated prices, all for a good cause? Maybe I should start with all the awesome volunteers that did all the thankless work that makes these "little things" happen.

I think I'll start with the definition of a successful fundraiser. You pay for almost nothing, you have dedicated volunteers and club members who round up inventive and fun things to sell, often at their own expense, you continue to collect amazing donations until a half hour before the dinner is served, a terrific auctioneer arrives in the nick of time to boost the bids sky high, a financial and logistical wizard appears to handle funds and purchases smoothly, ticket sellers hawk their goods, while a true craftsman shows up with a bunch of custom made fly boxes full of beautiful stuff, and donates the whole works to the club.

See, easy!

I don't know if this year's party set any records for fundraising, but I can say that we brought in well over 21,000.00 for the club and spent less than 500.00. I count that as a success, and will be lobbying for a new cooler for the outing committee.



'Like Fine Jewels'
Christmas Party Fly
Boxes

Prospective new member Joe Coakley and Jack Crowley holds a Nyerger/Brening fly box and Dave Hawkinson's Christmas gift



"Many of us probably would be better fishermen if we did not spend so much time watching and waiting for the world to become perfect."

- Norman Maclean

Outings 2015

Different Format for 2015 By Dave Schorsch, Outings Chairman

This years outing schedule should look a little different than the last decade or so...

I am hoping to initiate a new system of outing management this year. I would like to have an outing host for each trip, someone who is going to be there anyway, and who might free the outing chairman from hauling stuff to a destination he might not have time to attend. The same gear will be there, and would probably still be hauled by the same volunteers, just a different person lighting the fire and making announcements.



In the process of this change, I would encourage others who might want to host an outing in new or different places to contact me, and get on the schedule! Want to host a trip on the Deschutes, or a great big lake in B.C.? Lets get it on the list! Let's not forget that this is a fishing club, for cryin out loud!

I still want to do the traditional outings that we all love, and I think this is a way to add more! Lets shoot for a draft of the annual outing schedule in the Creel Notes, and on the web site, by the end of February.

Thanks for attending, and hope to see you on the water!

Tight lines!

Upcoming Bylaw Vote

Proposed Bylaw Change By Bob Burdick, 2nd Vice President

Ladies and Gentlemen: At our January 20th meeting, I will be making a motion to change our bylaws as indicated below.

This amendment was vetted at our November board meeting and given a unanimous approval by the board at that meeting.

WFFC section 3, subsection B now reads:

Each applicant for active and associate membership must have (2) sponsors, each of whom must have been an active club member for (2) years or more. A member is limited to four (4) fulfilled sponsorships of proposed active members per calendar year.



I propose we change subsection B by diminishing the requirement for active club membership of at least 2 years for sponsorship to 1 year and eliminate the limit on fulfilled sponsorship entirely. In addition I favor adding the additional requirement that one of the two sponsors serve as a club mentor to the new member for one year.

After these changes subsection B would read:

Each applicant for active and associate membership must have (2) sponsors, each of whom must have been an active member for one (1) year or more. One of the two sponsors will volunteer to serve as a club mentor to the new member for one year.

Dues are Due

A friendly reminder that club dues are payable now.

Dues can be paid on-line through the WFFC website or by mail via the dues notice printed in last month's Creel Notes (December, 2014) edition.

Let's all get paid up by the end of the month.



Unrest at WDFW?

Fish and Wildlife: An Agency Split In Two - Twice

*Yakima Herald-Republic By Scott Sandsberry
via Don Gulliford*

The man who has directed the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for the past six years is stepping down at the end of 2014, and he couldn't have picked a better time. Or a worse one.

The department that Phil Anderson will leave behind has one of the lowest morale levels of any state agency in Washington. Of 40 agencies participating in the Washington State Employee Survey released last February, Anderson's department ranked in the bottom three in job satisfaction, attitudes about its leadership and general job support.



The agency suffers from an undeniable rift between the fisheries and wildlife sides of its enforcement division, dating back to the days when the department was two different agencies. "The wagons are circled," says one officer. "And everybody's taking sides."

The feuding isn't only between water- and land-based officers. There's also a chasm between those who support Anderson and his upper-level managers — most notably Mike Cenci, the department's deputy chief of enforcement, overseeing statewide marine operations — and those who do not. There are accusations of cronyism and favoritism in hiring and disciplinary practices, and Anderson has received numerous letters from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) employees — most of whom opted to remain anonymous — alleging just that.

One of the department's most highly decorated investigators started a petition after he retired to remove Anderson and two of the three highest-ranking enforcement officials — one of whom, Cenci, is a defendant in a federal civil-rights lawsuit over allegations from a commercial fishing family that he has harassed them for years.

The petition's nearly 1,400 signees on the public activism website change.org include dozens of former wildlife officers as well as several current employees, who signed despite being warned by the petition's sponsor not to do so lest they face retribution from their superiors.

Less than two years ago, the union representing the agency's officers below the rank of sergeant officially requested an investigation into Cenci. The sergeants union, when asked by its leadership to vote on whether or not to support the officers' request

for an investigation, split right down the middle.

When the investigation by an independent investigator, Seattle employment attorney Amy Stephson, found no wrongdoing by Cenci and now-retired enforcement Chief Bruce Bjork, many viewed it as exoneration. Anderson, 64, called it "regrettable that these two outstanding and dedicated employees were subjected to these types of unwarranted allegations."

Others have described it as "an obvious whitewash." Several officers and sergeants said they expected or even requested to be interviewed by Stephson — some of those in anticipation of giving less-than-glowing testimony — but were never called.

How this impacts the general public is hard to quantify.

The Fish and Wildlife Department has about 1,500 employees, with less than 10 percent of those in the enforcement division. The department's biennial operating budget is \$375 million.

The bulk of the department's employees manage the state's animal and fish populations, preserve and protect wildlife habitat, run fish hatcheries and oversee hunting and fishing seasons. But it's the enforcement officers who are most likely to encounter the public.

And their job, never an easy one, has gotten more difficult over the years. Just before they merged, the two departments had 163



Mike Cenci WDFW Chief of Enforcement

field-deployed enforcement officers; 15 years later, a study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police suggested that Washington needed to double its wildlife enforcement staffing. Instead, the number of field-deployed officers has dropped to 123.

And it's among those enforcement officers — the de facto face of the Fish and Wildlife Department — that the most obvious rift exists. And it has since the 1993 merger of the fisheries and wildlife agencies into a single department.

Many enforcement officers from the days when they were referred to as "game wardens" are dismayed by the agency's rebranding of its enforcement division as a police entity — right down to the word POLICE, unmistakable in capital letters and large print on every agent's badge.

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Supporters of this harder-line stance point to an incident four years ago in rural Pennsylvania where a state wildlife officer was shot and killed by a suspected poacher, a convicted felon determined not to end up back behind bars.

Upon his arrest, the poacher was asked, "Did you know it was a police officer you shot?"

His answer: "No, I thought it was a game warden."

"That was pretty telling that folks do not recognize that this officer, who is under the umbrella, has full police officer powers," said Steve Crown, who became chief of the WDFW's enforcement division following the 2013 retirement of Bjork.

"Even people from outside of this country recognize police, even the word. 'Policia,' 'polisi,' 'politsei,' the words in other languages are similar: This is an officer of the law. Game warden? Those folks do not recognize that at all."

Nor do they always realize the range of that officer's duties.

"We have full police powers; we arrest people for other things," said Yakima-based WDFW officer Skip Caton. "I still get that a few times a year: 'Why do you guys carry guns? You're just game wardens.' I don't even know where to start on that."

"But we're game wardens, too, and that tradition still holds on for a lot of people."

That transition to the increased police emphasis has not always been smooth.

"That was a huge fight with a lot of the old guys — 'We're not police officers, we're game wardens,'" — said Capt. Chris Anderson, based in Ephrata. "But you either grow or you die. Nothing stays the same."

How much the investigation "whitewash" and divisiveness, though — both between the marine and wildlife sides and between the harder-line police stance and the folksy game-warden persona — has impacted the agency is up for debate.

"Some would have you believe it affects only a very small number of the staff and officers in the (enforcement) program. Others would have you believe it affects a larger number of officers," Phil Anderson said. "I think the truth lies somewhere in between."

Numerous former department employees eagerly go on the record about how broken they believe the WDFW's upper management is. Many current staffers agree but are only willing to do so off the record, fearing reprisals.

Representatives of both the officers guild and sergeants union have been demoted in the last two years after voicing concerns over management issues, some of those related to Cenci. Their superiors point to legitimate reasons for the demotions; supporters of the demoted officers are adamant that they were targeted as boat-rockers.

Crown was a lieutenant heading up the department's training academy 16 months ago when Anderson appointed him to enforcement chief upon Bjork's retirement. That Crown had never



been a sergeant or a captain in the department — having leap-frogged from the rank of officer to lieutenant, then to enforcement chief — eats at some current and former employees.

Anderson, though, was looking for someone whose people skills would help him navigate — and, perhaps, even calm — the rocky waters of dissension.

"Is he going to have to grow within his position? Sure. Yeah," Anderson said. "But this guy has problem-solving, people-management skills, plus a great baseline understanding of enforcement, that I think will lead him to being one of the better chiefs that we've had."

Since most of those speaking on the record about their disapproval of the WDFW's upper management are former employees, it has been largely dismissed as carping by "disgruntled former employees."

During the department's investigation of Cenci, Bjork told the investigator, "People who are hard workers learn from (Cenci), understand him, follow him. Poor performers who do sloppy work" — which the investigator noted as Cenci's "hot button" — "those folks don't like it."

Not all of the most virulent critics, though, can be dismissed as "poor performers." Among those who have demanded the removal of Cenci, Anderson and Crown — one by virtue of having started the petition campaign, the other by having signed it — are the only officers in the co-department's post-merger history to have been honored as statewide officer of the year more than once.

One of them, Gene Beireis, retired in Yakima six years ago after spending the bulk of his 31-year career here. The other, petition sponsor and former WDFW detective Todd Vandivert — now a polygraph examiner in Spokane — became familiar in many Yakima Valley hunting circles during the numerous investigations he conducted here.

One of those investigations was "Operation Cody," a yearlong sting operation he orchestrated in 2011 and 2012 involving more than 100 suspects spanning several Western states. Vandivert and a female officer posing as his wife set up a phony business and website, "Best of the Wild," that attracted dozens of traffickers in illegally obtained (or sold) animal parts such as bear gall bladders and poached deer, elk and sturgeon. Several of those were in Yakima County, which Vandivert describes as "the most productive, out-of-control area in the state. By far."

But on the morning of Sept. 18, 2012, the day the warrants were being served on the most egregious violators, Cenci did on-camera interviews with two Seattle television stations — hours before some warrants were to be served, and going into detail about how the sting had worked, including the fact that the undercover operation centered around a phony website.

To Vandivert, who had set up and overseen the "Best of the Wild" website, Cenci had crossed an ethical line. Releasing information about the website, he said, endangered him and the female officer who had posed as his wife — as well as the officers who would be serving warrants on suspects who might now be forewarned.

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"I thought Cenci should have faced immediate termination and arrest for obstruction of law enforcement, as a result of his actions," Vandivert wrote in his 2013 self-published book about the lengthy investigation, "Operation Cody."

Retorted Cenci, who remains steadfastly defiant in the face of criticism, "It's nothing more than a character assassination. He's absolutely hell-bent on ruining my reputation."

Some might argue that Cenci has already done enough of that on his own.

In September, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by a Wahkiakum County commercial-fishing family who say Cenci has a "vendetta" against them and harassed them for years. After the court decision was announced, Cenci told The Seattle Times, "You don't know this family. Just because a person wasn't convicted doesn't mean he didn't do it."

Cenci's alleged heavy-handedness in policing the commercial fishing industry, though, hasn't been confined to that one family. Letters to state officials complaining about Cenci and petitions calling for his ouster — one describing the behavior of Cenci and his officers as "homeland terrorism" — date back at least eight years in coastal towns dependent on commercial and sport fishing.

"Anybody you talk to about Cenci, it's badgering, belittling, harassing, making up (stuff)," said Dave Nichols, longtime commissioner of the Port of Ilwaco. "I don't think you could find anything good that anybody could say about that man."

Cenci has had at least two accidents while driving his department pickup — each time while traveling at least 15 mph above posted speed limits in nonemergency circumstances. In the 2006 accident, Cenci's rig killed an elk and injured another, which Cenci then shot. In 2004, he totaled a three-quarter-ton patrol vehicle.

Cenci was reprimanded after one of the accidents and lost a couple of days of work without pay. Mark James, outgoing president of the WDFW's officers guild, considers that little more than a hand slap compared to disciplinary reactions to other officers' miscues.

"For us," James said, "we have a little fender-bender and it's holy hell. You get hammered over it."

Crown called that statement "completely disingenuous."

In August 2013, Cenci took what was then described as a "voluntary demotion" to marine division captain in the aftermath of the investigation and the climax of Operation Cody. Four months later, Crown, new to his own position as enforcement chief, promoted him back to deputy chief of enforcement, further fueling the dissension within department ranks.

While Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission members have been unwilling to discuss the upheaval and charges by Vandivert and others — citing possible litigation — commission chairwoman Miranda Wecker speaks highly of Cenci, a fellow resident of the tiny coastal community of Naselle.



"I have tremendous confidence in Mike Cenci, and nothing I've heard in the past year has shaken that," said Wecker, adding that working in enforcement sometimes means taking unpopular stances.

"It's just the nature of law enforcement," she said, "that you're just not able to be everyone's friend. When you're a good cop, it takes a personal toll."

While noting that she "wouldn't put too much importance on this continuing feeling that the department never really merged," Wecker said Anderson's replacement — expected to be announced at the commission's Jan. 9-10 meeting — would need the "excellent supervisory and management skills to motivate the workforce. And we recognize that some of the challenges the department faces have been long-standing and difficult to resolve."

Anderson, though, insists his leaving the department has nothing to do with any long-standing unease between the department's marine and wildlife sides, or with the public demands for major changes at the top.

And though he says he has no way of knowing who will replace him, Anderson is quite sure that, under Crown, the enforcement division is in the best of hands.

"I've done this a number of times — selected people and put them in positions where I saw a tremendous upside," Anderson said. "There's been a few I've missed on, I'll say that. But he's not one of them. People can quarrel with his resume and say he doesn't have the experience in key positions that would qualify him, that you'd like to see on a resume for a position like this, and that's fair enough."

"But the guy is doing a great job, working hard."

Chris Anderson, the Ephrata enforcement captain (and no relation to Phil Anderson), scoffs at anyone who questions the credentials of Crown, who spent 11 years with the Wenatchee Police Department before coming to the wildlife department.

"Steve is a consensus builder," Anderson said. "OK, sure, he was never a sergeant or a captain, but to say he's not qualified ... hey, Bill Gates never finished college, but does that mean he was not qualified to lead Microsoft?"

The relatively sudden naming of Crown over other would-be candidates within the department left some critics feeling he had been preselected, that "the fix was in." But his ability as a consensus builder — someone who could ease the divisive issues within the enforcement division — was a big part of Phil Anderson's interview process.

"And I was pretty explicit about what I thought (the issues) were: What are you going to do to try to address those, and work them through?" Anderson said. "This issue has been a serious one to me; it's had consequences to the program that go far beyond just the individuals we've talked about today."

"I'm serious about getting them fixed. And we're well on the way."

Added Note: *I have not seen any dissent or squabbles amongst WDFW officers at our EAG meetings, from the Chief on down - Don Gulliford*

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

John 21:3



None this month

Warm fireplace vs. a cold butt on some river? You pick.
Smart bunch, this club



Upcoming Events



Fly Tiers Roundtable

January 14th, Attendance Worries

By Dick Brening

Wednesday evening, January 14th at the Evergreen Covenant Church on Mercer Island. The address is 3200 78th Ave SE. It is an easy location to find. Exit I-90 at the Mercer Island central business district and head south on 78th Ave. There will be a large parking lot on your left just after you cross 32nd street. At the back of the parking lot there is a glass double door that lets you into the ground floor of the church building. Straight ahead and a little to your left is a set of stairs that will take you to the upper level. We will be meeting in one of the classroom straight ahead of the stairs! . The session will begin at 6:30PM.



The Fly Tier's Round Table is an informal function with no fixed agenda. Please feel free to come and tie flies, observe what others are doing, ask questions and/or just join into the often spirited conversation (sometimes about fishing).

Attendance at the WFFC Fly Tier's Round Table has dropped to only a very few regular attendees in the last year. We are questioning whether there is sufficient member interest in continuing with this club function

2015 Fly Fishing Show

Lynnwood Convention Center

February 14 and 15

From Jim McRoberts

This year at the Lynnwood Washington Convention Center the **Washington State Fly Fishing Club** will have a table on the lower level to advertise our club and its programs.

One of the programs, **Project Healing Waters**, also will have a table. Last year we shared a table. I am coordinating the effort to have people at both tables.

We will have a WFFC banner & a PHW banner. There will be hand-outs for both tables with their respective programs with ways to participate and/or join.



Show runs Saturday, from 9:00am – 5:30 pm; on Sunday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Address:

**Lynnwood Convention Center
3711 196th St. SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036.**

At the time of this publication we could still use some volunteers to man some of the open time slots for both tables.

Please contact me at jim4fish@comcast.net. Jim would like to have your requests for time slots by January 26th in order to complete duty rosters before he leave for a fishing trip, returning on February 9th.

NW Fly Tyer/Fishing Expo



March 13 - 14, 2015

Albany, Oregon
Linn County Expo Center

Linn County Expo Center

Albany Oregon

March 13th and 14th

2015 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo will be held in Albany, Oregon on March 13 and 14th at the Linn County Expo Center.

Lots of good fly tiers show their stuff.

WFFC members are encouraged to attend this event.

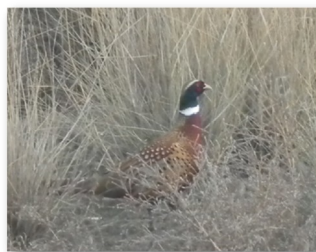
IFFF Regional Event

IFFF Regional Fly Fishing Fair

May 1st & 2nd, Fairgrounds

Ellensburg WA

- Free seminars
- 100 tiers to observe
- Casting demos throughout the show
- Federation Fly Fishing 9 Hole Casting Course at the Park, it's free.
- Private lessons with a Certified Instructor. *Cost is cheap for a one on one lesson.* Sign up on-line (space available)
- Numerous vendors



'Mr. Smartee' (pheasant) "gave his all" for some lucky fly tier at Christmas Party auction

Courtesy of Don Gulliford's hunting skills



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January 2015

Meeting Announcement



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Seattle Tennis Club, 922 McGilvra Blvd. E.

The Wet Fly hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner is served at 6:45 PM.

This month:

Award Ceremonies

Club Awards for 2014