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2002 AWARDS RECAP

By Bill Neal, Awards Committee Chairman

Congratulations to the 2002 award winners, and thanks to all members who attended our January ceremonies to recognize those who have contributed so greatly to the Club and the community. Here is a recap for those who were not able to attend.

- *Empty Creel Award*, for long time service to the Club - Dick Stearns.
- *Tommy Brayshaw Award*, for service to the community - Richard Embry.
- *Letcher Lambeth Angling Craftsman Award*, for significant contributions to the knowledge, art, philosophy, and techniques of fly-fishing - John Propp.

John Propp, winner of the Letcher Lambeth Award, was nominated by the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and the Spokane Fly Fishers. Unfortunately, John passed away in September 2002, but Dick O'Dell and Leon Buckles from the Inland Empire Club were on hand to talk about John, his crafts, and other accomplishments. In addition, we saw a five minute video, put together by Dick Brening and Bill Kuper, of John fishing for northern pike on the McKenzie River and Great Slave Lake. This helped all of us get a better appreciation of John, his skills, and personality.

We did not present the *Andy Award*, for a member who has "suffered most cruelly from the vagaries of Murphy's Law", since potential candidates seemed to have brought on their own misfortunes. This Award has not been presented for several years now, and the Committee will be actively seeking candidates for 2003.

Also, the *Half-Assed Award* was not presented this year. Preston Singletary, last year's recipient, who has the honor of selecting the next "winner" could not think of any one. I am certain that he would appreciate any suggestions from other Club members.

In a very close competition, the winners of the 2002 *Boyd Aigner Flytying Competition* were: 1st place, Steve Sunich (new member candidate); 2nd place, Don Simonson; and 3rd place, Richard Embry. The winning flies will be on display at the February members meeting.

The Awards Committee also presented a special award to Dick Brenning for his significant contributions to the design and development of the Club's fly-tying DVD, as well as other video materials. This presentation was made by Don Simonson, who also recognized the efforts of Pete Baird, Chuck Ballard, Bob Birkner, Ron Dion, Curt Jacobs, Bill Kuper, Andy Hall, Paul Lingbloom, Don Schroder, Dick Scales, Ted Pearson, Walt Swanson, and Scott Hagan in organizing and staffing the Club's fly-tying program.

Special thanks to the other members of the 2001 Awards Committee: Pete Baird, Chuck Ballard, Tim Bohlin, Dick Brening, Don Simonson, and Gordy Young.

Email vs. Snail mail.....

In an effort to reduce publishing and mailing costs, we'd like everyone to indicate whether they would prefer to receive Creel Notes in electronic form or print form. If you would be happy with electronic only, we will put you on the "email only" list. Just send a note to Bill Kuper at billk@digitalfarm.com.

WFFC MEMBERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT NIFC SHOW AND BANQUET

By Ron Mazurek, North Idaho Fly Fishers & Associate WFFC member

The North Idaho Fly Fishing Club is inviting WFFC members to be a participant or observer at their Second Annual Fly Show and Banquet on March 15th, 2003. Last year, fifty tiers demonstrated their skills during the day-long event that culminated in an outstanding banquet and raffle / auction.

The NIFC was the proud recipient of the FFF McKinzie Award for the year 2000 and has committed \$2000 toward a Cutthroat migration tracking project directed by the IF&G Department as well as conducting three-day Water Awareness education classes teaching 6th graders the value of protecting our waters from pollution.

This year, the NIFC is gathering 75 to 100 tiers at the Couer d'Alene Inn on March 15th for an all day fly tying demonstration extravaganza. Notables joining the event this year include Bruce Staples, Bob Jacklin, Andre' Puyons and Hal Janssen. Hal will also be the guest speaker at the evening banquet.

Gil Nyerger attended last year and was very favorably impressed by what he saw. This year, he has been invited back to participate as a representative for Iliguk Lake. I would like to encourage others who may represent commercial interests based upon flyfishing to contact me very soon for further information. Booths are filling quickly.

An invitation is extended to anyone in the WFFC interested in demonstrating their tying skills at the show and the following special offer from Ron has been made to the WFFC: "I am going to make a very difficult offer to the WFFC, but this will have some strings attached. The difficulty is on my part, where I am willing to give up something I cherish very much. I own the WFFC 50th anniversary Fly Plate and I have always felt that at some point, it should go back to the club in some way to promote the WFFC Foundation financial base for conservation purposes. If the WFFC, or representatives of the WFFC buy Two (2) \$500 table packages, as described in our flyers, I will donate the 50th Anniversary plate to the WFFC Foundation with the following stipulation: The plate cannot be purchased from me outright."

1. All sixteen (16) places at the two tables must be filled with WFFC representation. This can be a WFFC member, family member, or friend, but they should have some affiliation with the WFFC.

2. Every two (2) years the WFFC Foundation must auction off the plate. The highest bidder gets to retain the plate in his possession for a two (2) year period and then it must go back to the WFFC Foundation for re-auction. This would become a revolving generator of conservation funds for the WFFC.

It's that simple, but not necessarily easily accomplished. The plate was put together by Steve Brocco and others and most of the flies were tied by John Tibbs. There are fifty flies beautifully tied and professionally mounted and represent the many flies our own WFFC members originated. The plate is priceless! It's the WFFC Foundation's if both stipulations are assured.

Thanks so much to all and here's wishing you all tight lines. For additional information, please contact Ron Mazurek at: H. 208-687-9752 or rmazur4@juno.com.

Ken Jarvis Estate Sale at March meeting

Join us for a Ken Jarvis Estate "fishing gear" sale at the March meeting. There will be a large selection of rods, reels, flies, fly boxes, hooks, and tools and including some collectable flies, some of which are framed. Joyce has already donated Ken's library to the club, so lets help with a good showing of support for some great values!

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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 work to the outlawing the use of salmon eggs in any form during the regular trout season.
3. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
4. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout in state waters.
5. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
6. To encourage and assist boys — particularly of high school age—to become fly fishermen and true sportsmen.

February, 2003 President's Riffle

Living in Seattle provides many opportunities. I love that, within 100 miles of Seattle, there is some type of fly fishing available every month of the year. Saltwater fishing from the beaches; steelhead, salmon, Dolly Varden, and sea-run cutts in westside rivers; lake fishing for trout; stream fishing for trout – it just goes on. So much fishing, so little time!

However, although there are fly fishing opportunities each month, sometimes there is more fishing going on than catching. During the fishing lulls, say, like right now, I like to start going through my fishing equipment, cleaning, maintaining, and generally getting my gear fit and ready. I hate to have an incredible fishing opportunity become available, and then scramble to get my equipment ready and in shape. Besides, the early lake and the general lake openers will be upon us before we know it.

First, one of the most overlooked maintenance steps is cleaning your fly line. Cleaning it regularly will make it last longer, float higher (if it is a floating line, obviously!), and cast farther. I keep one of those line cleaning patches in my vest, and clean the line after every other fishing trip. Don't forget your reel; even if you don't fish in saltwater, rust can form in some reels, and can negatively effect its performance. Pop off that spool, and put a little lubricant on the shaft. If you have a click/pawl reel, don't forget to put a little grease on those spool teeth. Have a cork drag? Lube that, too; even Abel reels need maintenance.

Next, I dump out my vest, and I get rid of those leader remnants, old candy bar wrappers, 6 mini toilet paper rolls, etc. I consolidate my leaders, throwing out those old ones, and I check my tippet spools to make sure they indeed have more than 3 turns of line left on them. I get particularly frustrated when, in the middle of floating the Yakima and I'm casting #18 blue wing olives at the end of 5x tippet, and every fish in the river wants to eat my fly, I run out of 5X tippet, and the only thing I can find in my vest is 3x. Been there, done that.

So, consolidate your leaders and check your tippet spools now.

I open my fly boxes, and start reorganizing. I organize my boxes in various groups; for instance, I have a caddis dry box, a mayfly dry box, a blue wing olive fly box, a hopper box, a stimulator box, a general nymph box, a streamer box, etc. For all of my attempts at keeping things straight during the heart of fishing season, it's amazing how cross-pollinated those boxes become. And, I occasionally get water in my vest (I'm not admitting to any dunking, mind you), and water in the fly boxes can start flies rusting quickly. I can clean out those ratty old flies and give them away to my nephews or just toss 'em, and replenish with fresh, new flies. As noted earlier, water tends to get in my fly boxes (more often than I care to admit), and the new C&F waterproof fly boxes are simply awesome. Though expensive, they will pay for themselves in one season of keeping some of my flies rust free.

So much to do! How about those waders? Remember that little seepage around the ankle or knee that you didn't want to address it because it was fishing season and you didn't want to take the time? Now is the time to figure out where those little leaks are and patch 'em. Your favorite fly rod? Wax up the ferrules, and your rod will stay together better and take apart more easily. It's never too early to get ready for fishing season!

Fishing Tip of the Month.

No fish in the rivers, too cold, too wet, or something else, to fish? It IS the season for fishing shows! In this Creel Notes issue you'll find the details about an upcoming show, The Fly Fishing Show. This will be held February 22-23, and this will mark its debut in the Seattle area. These shows have been held back east for years; tackle reps tell me they're awesome. Various manufacturers (like Sage, Loomis, etc.) and fishing groups (Weigh West Resort in Tofino – awesome saltwater salmon fishing!)

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who have donated products and services to our Christmas party fund-raisers will be there; be sure to stop by their booths and tell them how much we appreciate their participation and support. Also, you're likely familiar with the O'Loughlin Seattle Sports Show; so mark March 13-16 on your calendar for this event. **Richard Embry, President**

The Fly Fishing Show

On February 22 and 23, The Fly Fishing Show will be held at Meydenbauer Center from 9-6 Saturday and 9-5 Sunday. It is a 100% fly fishing show! The WFFC will have a booth out front and will need volunteers to help man it. If you can help in any way--tying flies, shaking hands, or just spreading the good word of the WFFC in our ongoing effort to recruit new members, please see Bill Kuper at Tuesday's meeting, call him at (206) 634-2677 or email billk@digitalfarm.com. Ideally, we would like to have at least two people for three hour shifts at a time. That means we need at least 12 volunteers.

For information and updates on the show, call 1-800-420-7482 or visit www.flyfishingshow.com and click on the Seattle Show. Admission is \$10 adults, \$2 under 12.

February Board of Directors Meeting *By Brian Hata*

The WFFC Board met at the College Club on February 3, 2003. Of primary importance at this meeting was the Treasurer's report. Jim Sokol told us that everything appeared to be within budget, and that as long as all the various committees worked within the scope of their projected budgets, we should be OK.

Bill Kuper reported to us that he will be approaching membership recruitment on several fronts. We will have a table at the Meydenbauer Fly Fishing Show, where hopefully we will be able to attract the notice of prospective members. Pamphlets, video monitors, slide shows, and most importantly, our members will be there. Bill would also like to enhance our membership data base with additional info such as fishing water preferences, favorite waters, boat availability, and any other special expertise.

It was also thought that the Creel Notes should be made available as e-mail to those members who prefer to not have their Creel Notes mailed, thus saving the club both postage and printing. Interested members should e-mail Leland Miyawaki at miyawaki@iswnet.com to change their subscription address from snail mail to e-mail. The Creel Notes will still be posted on the web site as well.

Chuck Ballard agreed to bring the late Ken Jarvis' fishing equipment to the March general club meeting to sell during the wetfly hour.

North of Falcon Process Dates Announced

The North of Falcon Process (reference to Cape Falcon, a few miles south of Seaside, Oregon) establishes commercial, tribal and sport fishery seasons and regulations for the area north of the cape, including Puget Sound.

WFFC member **Capt. Keith Robbins**, who is also a member of the WDFW's Anadromous and Marine Resources Sport Fishery Advisory Group says: "The North of Falcon Process is open to the public. The public can and does influence the process. For the last seven years I have been trying to promote some catch-and-release fishing seasons in Puget Sound as an alternative to complete closures or to catch-and-kill opportunities that offer almost no chance of success. With a group of like-minded anglers and a little education on how the process works (or doesn't work) **"we can make a difference."**

If you would like to discuss how the process works and transportation please contact Keith at 206-295-7031 or 206-283-6680 / flymooch@aol.com

2003 North of Falcon Meeting Public Meetings

- March 3 Pre-season Forecasts & Fishery Discussion
Public Meeting 9:30 am, General Admin. Bldg.
11th and Columbia St., Olympia
- March 10-14 Pacific Fish Management Council
Meeting (PFMC) Sacramento, CA Red Lion Inn
- March 11 Coastal Fisheries Discussion - Public Mtg
7-9 am, Montesano High School, Commons
303 N. Church St., Montesano
- March 13 Puget Sound Fisheries Discussion
Public Meeting 7-9 am,
WDFW Mill Creek Office
- March 18 Columbia River Fisheries Discussion
States, Tribes and Public
Columbia River Doubletree Inn, Portland, OR
- March 20 North of Falcon #1 - Public Meeting
9am, Rm. 172 WDFW - Natural Resources Bldg
Olympia, WA
- April 2 North of Falcon #2 - Public Meeting
9am, Sea-Tac Holiday Inn
- April 7-11 Final PFMC & North of Falcon Meeting
States, Tribes and Public
Red Lion at the Quay, Vancouver, WA

For additional information contact WDFW's
Pat Patillo at 360-902-2705.



**BRUSH UP YOUR CASTING
OR HELP YOUR BUDDY KEEP HIS FLY
OUT OF YOUR EAR**

Don Simonson is taking reservations now for his **Beginning Fly Casting Class**. It's the easiest way to tune up your casting for the upcoming season and a perfect way to get your spouse into flyfishing without risking divorce.

Don will cover the basic casting stroke, line hand techniques, false casting, shooting line, roll cast, single haul, and double haul.

Starting date: Thursday April 10
Duration: 8 weeks, every Thursday evening.
April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
Cost: \$30.00
Time: 7pm till dusk.
Place: Green Lake Casting Pier

To register: Call Bob Birkner 206-542-4623, or Don Simonson at 206-932-4925

Fly Tying Demo.s at The Avid Angler

Richard Embry, on a recent visit to Avid Angler in Lake Forest Park found that the shop will be sponsoring free fly tying demonstrations on Saturdays, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Richard thought you might be interested in the various topics and lineup (listed by date, tyer, and fly topic).

February 8th - Dylan Rose - Epoxy/Silicone Baitfish Patterns
February 15th - Stephen Jackson - Early season lake flies
March 1st - Chris West - Puget Sound Baitfish Patterns
March 8th - Nathan Keen - Spring Steelhead Flies
March 22nd - Dave & Mike McCoy - Warm Saltwater Flies & Poppers
March 29th - David Tucker - Dry Flies for Rivers
April 5th - John Fiskum - Alaska Bugs
April 19th - Donn Mills - Tying Dry Flies.

**IMPROVE YOUR CASTING
AND CATCH MORE FISH
(what more could you want?)**

There is always room for improvement. Even for the best of us. Don Simonson is taking reservations now for his **Intermediate to Advanced Fly Casting Class**. If you can double haul, then you've fulfilled the prerequisite to this class.

Now you're going to get into line control, casting tight loops, casting in different planes, accuracy, casting in wind conditions, roll cast enhancements, distance enhancements, (haul timing), aerial mends, and curve casts.

Starting date: Wednesday, April 9
Duration: 4 weeks, every Wednesday evening.
April 9, 16, 23, 30
Cost: \$40.00
Time: 7pm till dusk.
Place: Green Lake Casting Pier

Class limited to 10. To register: Call Don Simonson at 206-932-4925

Fly Tying Round Table By Dick Brening

February Meeting: Wed., Feb. 26 2003 7 to 9 PM
Place: Mercer Island Covenant Church, 3200 78th S.E. (S.E. corner of 78th S.E. and SE 32nd). Just south of the Mercer Island business district. Off street parking is available off 78th S.E.

The January round table was attended by 8 club members and several terrestrial fly patterns were demonstrated. Look for the Fly Tier's Round Table display at the February dinner meeting for examples of the these patterns.

At the February Round Table we will focus on Dragons and Damsels (wet and dry). As a special treat Dick Scales will provide a refresher in the use of Super Floss as a tying material.

You and your guests are welcome. Come to tie, watch or just share ideas. If you have any questions on directions contact Pete Baird or me at the club meeting or give me a call @ 425-455-4514.



Editor's notes

Jim McRoberts, Doug Schaad and Leland Miyawaki have been selected to be members of the **WDFW Steelhead and Cutthroat Policy Advisory Group**. This group is a communication link between the department and key constituent groups on issues related to steelhead and coastal cutthroat. The appointments are for two years and renewable. Our first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12. We will have a report in the March issue of Creel Notes.

(This was passed on to me by Kevin Ryan, Conservation Committee, South Sound Fly Fishers:)

Do you fish, watch birds at, visit or just enjoy the Kennedy Creek Estuary?

The DNR has purchased a substantial portion of the tidelands at Kennedy Creek tidelands at Oyster Bay at the head of Totten Inlet (after deeding away much of the public's tidelands in the 70's). Now they must decide how to manage this estuarial jewel. Possibilities range from a total ban on the public's use (except for approved scientific inquiry) to continuing to allow public access for activities such as fishing.

As of this writing and with the necessity of wrapping up this issue of Creel Notes, the editors apologize for not having informed any of you who might have attended the public meeting scheduled for February 10th in Olympia. Be assured that we will publish notes from the meeting as well as any actions that members may want to take.

TREASURER'S UPDATE *by Jim Sokol*

We are sorting through the year-end accounting for the club. As most of you are aware there has been some confusion regarding check cashing and payments for expenditures. As of the end of January, all checks in the possession of the club have been deposited. These checks should be coming through your personal accounts and show up on your February or March statements. If anyone's records still indicate uncashed checks written to the club prior to January 15, 2003 after receipt of your March statement, please contact me and we will sort it out on an individual basis.

Reimbursement checks to individual members for club related expenditures have been issued for all requests for payment in our possession. If you have requested payment before January 15, 2003

for a club related expense and have not received a check, please resubmit your request. I would appreciate it if you would write "DUPLICATE" on the request to ease with the accounting. For those of you who might not have a copy, are unsure of payment, or have other questions, please contact me and we will sort it out.

Spey Clave on the Snoqualmie

A Spey Clave will be held at the confluence of the Snoqualmie and Raging Rivers at 1:00 pm, Friday, Feb. 21. This one will be co-sponsored by fly-fishingforum.com and the International Spey Pages. This 'clave will feature Nobuo Nodai, the designer and builder of the CND spey rods in Japan that have all the great casters buzzing. Also, since the Meydenbauer show begins the next day, who knows who will show up!

WFFC High Lake Outing. *By Ron Dion*

This year we are applying for a reservation permit to hike into the Enchantment Lakes in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness near Leavenworth. The maximum group size allowed is 8 persons. The application allows for 3 choices for dates. The dates, in order of preference, that we are applying for are; (1st. choice) July 31 thru Aug. 5, (2nd. choice) July 24 thru 29, and (3rd.choice) any 6 consecutive days between July 24 – August 6. Our application is to be mailed on February 21, 2003.

With our application we are required to include a check in the amount of \$3.00 per day per person. This amounts to \$18.00 per person for the 6 day hike. Therefore, if you want to be included, you must get your \$18.00 to either **Pete Baird** or **Ron Dion no-later-than February 18th**, which is the night of the February WFFC meeting. (If you want to pay by check, make it payable to Ron Dion.) This fee is nonrefundable if the USDA Forest Service confirms the reservation. The fee will be returned if our reservation cannot be confirmed. Our application will only be for the first 8 persons who have paid by February 18. Any questions – contact Pete (206-232-7682) or Ron (425-485-0363)! Start your exercise program now so you'll be in great condition for the climb up Aasgard Pass!!!

MONTHLY HOSTS WANTED *By Bill Kuper*

In an effort to step up our new membership initiative, we need volunteers to be "Host-of-the Month" at each general membership meeting. These persons would be responsible for taking good care of any new members, potential members, and "walk-ins" who might be experiencing the club for the first time. Duties would simply include making sure the guest is greeted at the sign-in table, introducing them to other members, and simply "showing them the ropes" of what our club and the meetings are all about. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting. Thanks!



Christmas Island *By Gil Nyerges*

On January 12th, a group consisting of **Chuck Ballard**, John Stachurski, Fred Casserd, **Frank Vulliet**, and Four Whidbey Islanders, **Tom Campbell**, Paul Messner, Mike Merringer, and myself arrived on Christmas Island for a week of seeking the wily bonefish and the equally wily occasional trevally. We stayed at the Mini-Hotel in London, a sleepy, quiet little fishing village situated on the shore of the huge lagoon, which is the heart of the bonefishing flats of Christmas (Kiritimati) Island, in the Republic of Kiribati. We were here to experience catching twenty to thirty bonefish a day having an average size of two to four pounds. The last time I was here was about 10 years ago. I was the only person in the group that had been here before - this was my fifth trip - **WHAT IN HELL HAPPENED??!!**

We all caught bones every day, and they were the same speed demons running into our backing - occasionally - but they averaged about one to one-and-a-half pounds. I believe everyone caught at least **ONE** fish in the 24" range - which puts them in the two to two-and-a-half pound class (compare with report of February, 1985 - the picture was of a six-pounder). My best day was 14 bones - I don't know the box score of all the others, but I'm the first liar - and we all know, that the first liar doesn't stand a chance! We had steady breezes all week, which made casting very difficult - and only one or two heavy rain showers, which came and went quickly. In spite of all this, we all had a good experience.

On January 19th, the second group consisting of **Jay Deeds**, his brother Craig from Colorado, **Jim McRoberts**, **Perry Barth**, (the only newcomer to the island in this group), Walt Walkinshaw, Larry Wheeler, **Fran Wood**, and again myself, began our week of fun in the sun. The wind picked up several notches in strength, but in spite of it all, we again all caught bones and a few trevally - same size, same quantity, same hard work, same results, but more rain showers. **WHAT IN HELL HAPPENED??!!**

Our sleepy, quiet little fishing village is no more. There is a lot of residential building going on - a water system with four windmills going full blast pumping water into their reservoirs. There is a strip mall and a **K-mart** in town. (Kiribati- mart). Everybody and his cousin now owns a motorbike or a diesel pick-up truck - each equipped with **LARGE** boom boxes turned up to the highest volume possible. Taxis and 12 passenger vans operating as busses also competed

in the cacophony. The plus side of this picture is that the native people still don't hate us - greet them, or point a camera at them and they light up with the most brilliant smiles you ever saw - maybe they're laughing at us for coming down there to partake of their tremendous bonefishing. Of course, I'm exaggerating and trying to be funny, but the point I'm trying to make is that the only thing constant is **CHANGE**. The twenty to thirty fish days can still be had, but they are few and far between. There are a few of us who have been fortunate to have been able to fish the flats during the halcyon days of yore. The challenge now is to find one of the twenty fish days and to catch a fish over four pounds. Choose your weather and your tides wisely and you can probably make it - you'll still enjoy it - it's a blast and a good experience!

Here is **WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING!** The local Clerics tell me that the population is growing by about 1500 people per year, most of whom are coming from their capital, Tarawa. There are reportedly 65,000 people on Tarawa, which has a land area half the size of Kiritimati

(here's Chuck Ballards take on the trip)

Christmas Island *By Chuck Ballard*

The week of February 12 through 19, Gill Nyerges led a group of eight on a great trip to the bonefishing capital of the world, Christmas Island. The fishing has deteriorated from the past according to Gill and the guides. However, it was still very exciting for me as a novice. The weather for us was good but a little windy (25-35MPH) with enough clouds to make spotting fish difficult.

The people there are very poor and the accommodations sparse but adequate. The fish dinners were great. The guides (less one with a booze problem) were very good at spotting fish but would sometimes become frustrated with our inability to cast into the wind with any accuracy! We caught 6-8 fish most days and I had one really good day with 18 fish (15 were without guides i.e., self- spotted). Trevally were abundant also and were just as much fun to catch as the bones.

Roster Photos

Bob Birkner will be taking photographs near the piano down in the Wet Fly Practice area at the February and March meetings. C'mon now, let's replace the fish and happy faces in our upcoming roster with our pretty faces!



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Meeting Announcement



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at The College Club, 505 Madison St.
The Wet Fly hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner is served at 6:45 PM

This months program is by club member Les Johnson. Les is actively working on his new Cutthroat book and will be presenting a video of a recent television show he co-hosted with Pete Van Gytenbeek on Prime Sports TV (No commercials). There is some exciting footage you won't want to miss. Les will then entertain your questions.