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## President's Riffle

By President Michael Moscynski



**Harbinger of spring:** Just after the spell of frigid weather we had then sitting glumly watching the soft snow fall and grow ever higher this past week I was inspired with a moment of joy. If this was February that meant it would be only next month until the WFFC first outing of the year. Who would have thought our own dear David Schorsch, Outings Chair was as good as the first robin of spring. So if

you haven't already started, begin looking over your fishing gear and rig. It won't be long now!

A good warm up might be to attend the **Lynnwood Fly Fishing** show February 15-16. Many of you will help man the joint booth we have with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Seattle.html>

**Looking farther ahead,** planning for the 75<sup>th</sup> WFFC Anniversary and Christmas party is underway. Thanks to all of you who quickly responded to the online membership survey of what you wanted for these two significant events in our 2014 calendar. It was great to see that there were strong threads that emerged for planning.

**Roster prep.** Consider saying "Cheese" for the camera one more time. If you don't have a picture on the website or it is not current, get a new photo at the February dinner meeting. Here's a test: If your grandchildren (or virtual grandchild) wouldn't recognize you from your Roster picture, it's time to get a new one. If you can't make it to the meeting, send a recent appropriate digital photo from your phone or computer to Roger Rohrbeck for the 2014 Roster.

One thing that continues to impress me is the generosity of time and talent so many members give back to the WFFC again and again. With that thought, thanks to Bill Neal, Awards Chair, for all the preparation and work for the January Awards Dinner. We all benefit and enjoy the work of WFFC volunteers who make the dinners, outings, classes and celebrations possible. But it is easy to become complacent. While the year is still young, whether you are newly inducted or an old timer, pick just one thing you will do for the WFFC and the sport of fly fishing this year. Do something

you have never done or maybe something you used to do but stopped doing. We will all be richer for it.

*"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish." Herbert Hoover*

Be well.

## Outings Update

### Outings 2014

By David Schorsch

Here's an abbreviated outing schedule for 2014. The whole year will be on the web site soon (Thanks Roger!)

We were going to have a desert lakes outing in March, but the cold winter there has so much ice on the lakes, we're not sure they'll be open. So this year we'll start our outings with a trip to Dry Falls Lake on April 12 and 13. That's the weekend before Easter, and two weeks before the crowds descend on Sun Lakes State Park.

We will try an early May Desert seep lakes trip, to hit the Mayflies and damsels. May 10 sounds about right. Probably an informal day trip or weekend to some of the spots our state biologist will tell us about at the next meeting. Then on to Chopaka Lake for Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26.

More to come soon!

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## February Program

### Fishing for Atlantic Salmon on Russia's Kola Peninsula With Bruce McNae

From Bob Burdick, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Programs

Bruce McNae caught and released his first trout on a handmade stick rod with string and bent pin at age four. At that early age, the release of this fish was not of his making or desire, but established an evolving pattern of behavior.

Bruce retired from the real estate investment business in 1981 after selling off remaining properties to Microsoft. He and his wife Jeanne acquired 35 acres in the Snoqualmie valley north of Fall City where they enjoy growing high quality organic fruits and vegetables and interacting with the wildlife.

Bruce has worked quietly behind the scenes in wild fish conservation for over 25 years in the Pacific Northwest, as well as, on boards, in the field, or as a major donor primarily with the Wild Fish Conservancy and to a lesser degree with the Wild Salmon Center, Wild Steelhead Coalition, and in past times the B.C. Steelhead Society. Internationally he has a close relationship with the North Atlantic Salmon Fund and the Atlantic Salmon Federation.

Bruce was a primary owner in the "Wild Steelhead & Salmon" magazine along with Tom Pero, Pete Soverel, and others. Bruce and cane rod maker Daryl Whitehead in 1994 purchased the lathes for Joe Saracione that allowed him to handcraft some of the finest reels in the fly fishing world.

Bruce fishes in waters for steelhead from WA, B.C., OR, and ID, for Atlantic salmon in Russia, Iceland, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, and eastern Canada, for trout in the western states of the US, B.C., Alberta, Tierra del Fuego, Patagonia, New Zealand, and Great Britain, for Bonefish, Permit, and Tarpon in Bahamas, Belize, Venezuela, Mexico, and later this year Cuba and Seychelles.



Bruce McNae

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Board Meeting  
Fly Tiers Roundtable  
Lynnwood Fly Show  
General Membership Meeting

## Awards Night

### 2013 Awards Recap

By Bill Neal, Awards Committee Chairman

At our January 21, 2014, Members meeting, we recognized those who had contributed so much to further the aims and purposes of the Club for the year 2013. We also recognized those who have given us a laugh or two or otherwise entertained us. Congratulations to all. Here is a brief recap.

The Club's traditional Awards were presented to the following individuals:

**Empty Creel Award**, to a member for service to the Club—presentation of this one was deferred.

**Tommy Brayshaw Award**, to a member for service to the community, was presented to **Dick Brening** for his extensive participation in many outreach programs that bring fly fishing and related activities to the general community, including Project Healing Waters, as well as for his work on the Youth Committee and in support of other youth programs. **Kris Kristoferson** of the Awards Committee announced the winner, and current President **Michael Mosczynski** made the actual presentation of the Award.



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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 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.

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**Half-Assed Award**, to a member for acts of “half-assedness”, was presented by **Perry Barth**, one of last year’s recipients, to **Larry Karlovich** for events associated with the loss of a new and expensive (is there any that’s cheap?) rod and reel. Larry was not present to accept the Award.

**Letcher Lambeth Angling Craftsman Award**, to an individual residing in Washington, Oregon, or British Columbia for significant contributions to the knowledge, art, philosophy, and techniques of fly-fishing, was presented to Dean Childs of the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers for his development of the Casting Partner, a device to help an individual with only the use of one hand to fight and land a fish; development and production of high-end fly tying tools through Wasatch Custom Angling Products; development of a tool for tying CDC feathers; and enhancements to the Evergreen Hand tying device developed by Jesse Scott. Phil Shive, President of the OPFF, gave a short account of Dean’s accomplishments, and Bill Kindler, also of the OPFF and winner of the Letcher Lambuth Award for 2011, gave a longer one. We were all duly impressed. Past President **Mike Wearne** made the presentation.

**Andy Award**, to a member who has “suffered most cruelly from the vagaries of Murphy’s Law”, was, alas, again not presented. The Awards Committee encourages members to alert it to possible candidates for this humorous, but complimentary Award.

The Awards Committee always reserves the right to give special recognition to other Club members for their accomplishments, and it made one for 2013. **Dick Brening**, of that Committee, resurrected **Al Pratt’s** legendary “Goofus Award” and presented a variation of it to **Jack Crowley** for becoming totally lost on his way to Lake Chopaka. Jack was not present to accept the Award.

Two individuals were recognized for long standing membership in the Club—**Bill Redmond** for 50 years, and **Dick Stearns** for 40. Bill was presented with a certificate; Dick’s certificate will be presented at the next meeting at which he is present or will soon be mailed to his home.

Current President **Michael Moseynski** presented a past President’s pin to outgoing President **Mike Wearne**, as well as a Bauer CFX-4 reel. Many thanks to **Mike Wearne** from the Club.

We again recognized **Ron Dion** for winning the 2013 **Boyd Aigner Flytying Competition**. The 2014 Competition was briefly discussed, and details for it are in the January *Creel Notes*. Special thanks to **Bob Burdick** for his help with the 2013 Competition.

Finally, thanks to the other members of the 2013 Awards Committee: **Pete Baird**, **Chuck Ballard**, **Dick Brening**, **Ron Dion**, and **Kris Kristoferson**.

## ‘On the Fly’

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A Synopsis of Last Month’s General Meeting  
By David Ehrich

### Awards Night 2014

Outgoing president, **Mike Wearne**, joyfully passed the mic over to incoming president, **Michael Moseynski**, who immediately brought calls for the Ghillie as he forgot to mention his name to start off the meeting. After a quick recovery, **Bill Neal** introduced several guests from the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Club in support of one of their own in line to take home the Letcher Lambuth Award, Dean Childs.

Fly reports were few and fish followed suit. Two of the three anglers complained not only about low fish counts, but also bemoaned hearing high ordinance release. Evidently, both **Jim McRoberts** and **Mike Wearne** stumbled either on military installations of militia hang outs.

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## Dues Reminder

*From Charlie Davis, 1st VP Membership*

If you have not yet paid your 2014 dues they are due now.

You can pay on-line via the website or use the printed form found in December 2013 *Creel Notes*.

Dues are payable by March 1, 2014



## Fly Tiers Roundtable

The Fly Tier’s Round Table meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Evergreen Covenant Church on Mercer Island.

Address:  
Evergreen Covenant Church  
3200 78th Ave SE.  
Mercer Island, WA



Attend and spruce up those tying skills!

## Show Reminder

### Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show February 15 and 16

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

Address:  
Lynnwood Convention Center  
3711 196<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98036.



Our Club will be sharing a booth with Project Healing Waters

## Club Receives Donation

### Dick Thompson Memorial Donation

*From Bob Young, Treasurer*

The Washington Fly Fishing Club has received a \$100 donation from **Mr. Wayne Daley** in memory of **Dick Thompson** with the following memo:



Dick Thompson

“As a past member I was saddened to learn of the death of **Dick Thompson**. Dick was an inspiration for my career change to fisheries and return to school at the U.W. School of Fisheries.”

*Ed.—The club thanks Wayne Daley for the wonderful tribute to Dr. Thompson who had both an impact in his life and the Washington Fly Fishing Club.*



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**Pete Baird** led the somber crowd in remembrance of club members and their loved ones who passed this year.

After a dinner pause, Michael opened the meeting with a call for new business (hearing none) and then we heard from committees. VP, **Dick Robbins**, received roaring applause for a very successful Christmas Party. **David Schorsch** asked for feedback about outings: good, bad and the ugly. New ideas are welcome. **Doug Schaad** strove to clarify recent news, rumors and news of rumors. Just the facts. We have a new legislature and they seem to dislike fish in some cases. On a positive note, critics of suction extraction are gearing up. The Pebble Mine project is making last ditch efforts. Our Canadian friends are joining us in listing some lakes for selective gear only. He took questions at the podium and always invites your emails.

VP of Programs, **Bob Burdick**, advertised the next few programs: fishing for 40 lbs. salmon with dry flies in Russia, Chad will reveal us in cool things to do in the basin lakes, and Bob, from the Wild Steelhead Coalition will talk about the state of wild steelhead. Great line up.

**Pat Peterman** reviewed education highlights by inviting **Dick Brening** to the mic to report of the latest fly tying class. We are taking sign-ups for beginning and advanced casting classes. Sign up on line, these classes fill up.

**Jim McRoberts** explained how we are sharing the booth with Project Healing Waters at the Lynnwood Fly Show. We need 16 people a day to cover volunteer shifts of two hours apiece. Email Jim or Walt Swanson with your availability.

After a short break, the main event hit the ring and the awards started despite a chatty crowd. Cutting through the intense anticipation, **Bill Neal** started with our traditional awards. **Pete Baird** took up the Empty Creel and disbursed our oldest award, given out since 1941. Initially offered to those members who managed to report few fish, the award eventually morphed into recognition to those who provide great service to the WFFC. Naming the former recipients, at these those still standing, **Fran Wood** stood tall as the most long ago recipient. Many others followed, making up the bulk of the club's greatness. This year's winner didn't find his way to the meeting tonight, so Pete asked us to keep the name secret despite his easy identification from Pete's glowing description. Mum's the word!

The Tommy Brayshaw Award honors that member who serves the community while honoring the WFFC. The Tommy award recognizes those members who follow Tommy's lead by showing enthusiasm, joy and expertise around the sport of fly fishing. Former recipient, **Kris Kristofferson**, described in detail a member who takes the spirit of the club beyond the club's confines, to activities like Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, Youth Education and more. He then called **Dick Brening** to the podium, humble though he may be.

Without missing a beat, Dick followed suit and gave an award to a member with the same enthusiasm. Dick told a story about a member who continued well past the Chopaka grade well into ranch country. Channeling the former Goofus award, Dick gave **Jack Crowley** the award, a perpetual road sign to the lake. Sadly, Jack was not able to find his way to the meeting.

The night's "last" award, one given out only when deserving, goes to those nominees who the committee deems worthy. Phil Shive, President of the OPFFC, spoke of his friend and fellow club member, Bill Kindler, the 2011 award winner, to speak about Dean Childs. Dean worked in electronics and logged in lots of corporate travel. In his free time, he founded a company, the Wasatch Custom Angling Products, that created very usable, but elegant fly-tying tools, like Letcher, marrying craftsmanship with usability. Retiring from his company, Dean continues to contribute by designing special tools to assist angling for those who have lost use of their arm. His one handed fly tying outfit, the now famous "Evergreen Hand." His company has dispersed 1200 of these tool sets for veterans in Project Healing Waters. The list of Dean's craft and generosity continued, ending only with a list of other awards. Dean told a few stories about his recent passion; helping those who lose an arm or hand to get back to tying and casting. Working off prototypes and exhaustive testing, Dean has helped the Evergreen Hand reach mass production. He then started working on a device that assists with one armed casting - the Casting Partner. Newly developed prototypes are just now headed out for advanced field testing by veterans and stroke victims. Dean received enthusiastic applause from the membership.

As if that wasn't enough, **Bill Neal** finished the evening off with a token of the Club's appreciation to outgoing President, **Mike Wearne**.

But wait, there's more. The Half-Assed award, acknowledged by **Parry Barth** who remembered former recipients and then contributed some verse. Well, one thing can be said, it rhymed. The transgression, in this case, involved a rod placed erroneously on the car roof before by none other than **Larry Karlovich** who will be forever remembered in Perry's doggerel.



None this month

## Youth Academy—Thanks

### Flies for the Youth Academy

By Dick Brening, Youth Chairman

Last month I sent out an e-mail requesting flies for the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy.



As usual, the members of the WFFC responded generously with flies in abundance.

These hand tied flies, some 10 dozen, were forwarded to Mike Clancy the coordinator of the academy as a contribution from the WFFC in honor of the work he does for this worthy activity.

My thanks goes directly to **Art Alton**, **Pete Baird**, **Chuck Ballard**, **Pat Becker**, **Gary Bergquist** and **Walt Swanson** for tying up these flies.

## Conservation

### Conservation Committee Report

*By Doug Schaad, Conservation Chairman*

Over the last month several important developments have been occurring. I'll begin with the most local and then move to a more regional perspective.



Over the last 6 months a coalition of Puget Sound Fly Fishers has been working on a "Proposal for Selective Gear Lakes in Snohomish and Skagit County." Thanks to the work of Neil Westover (and many others), five lakes are being submitted to WDFW as primary opportunities for new selective gear regulations. Those six lakes include: Martha Lake (Warm Beach), Chain Lake, Riley Lake, Panther Lake and Lake Sixteen. If you have strong preferences for one lake over another, please let me know.

From a broader perspective, federal Judge Ander Haggerty ruled that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife failed to consider the negative consequences of hatchery production of Chinook, Coho and Steelhead for wild fish in the Sandy River. While further review will be forthcoming, this is an important milestone in support of rebuilding our wild populations of all salmonids. Of importance, the judge cited "the ODFW's miserable track record of containing stray rates" (of hatchery fish). Our thanks should be directed to the Native Fish Society for their efforts.

A bit more locally, 4 conservation groups filed a motion on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to halt planned releases of hatchery coho and steelhead into the Elwha River. Later that week the Wild Fish Conservancy served noticed to WDFW that they would sue if the outplantings of "Chambers Creek" hatchery steelhead continued.

Further information on the latter two developments are available at:

<http://www.cbbulletin.com/429637.aspx>

<http://www.cbbulletin.com/429636.aspx>

Suffice it to say that each of these developments is entirely consistent with the mission of the WFFC and endorsed by the Conservation Committee.

## Latest on the Elwha

### Conservation Groups File Suit For Court Injunction To Stop Hatchery Fish Release In The Elwha

*From Don Gulliford*

By Joe Smillie  
Peninsula Daily News

TACOMA — Four conservation groups are seeking an injunction in federal court to stop hatchery coho and steelhead from being used to boost the Elwha River salmon run and to stop the removal of wild salmon to use in hatchery breeding.

"The science is clear: Hatchery fish are detrimental to wild fish recovery," said Kurt Beardslee, executive director of Wild Fish Conservancy, one of the groups in the filing. "We need to let the Elwha River heal itself and not jump-start it with nearly half a million maladapted hatchery fish per year."

The suit filed in U.S. District Court in Tacoma asks the court to order the release of hatchery fish stopped until it can determine whether the practice complies with the federal Endangered Species Act. The suit was filed against the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe, Olympic National Park, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Conservation Angler, Federation of Fly Fishers Steelhead Committee and Wild Steelhead Coalition are plaintiffs.

Officials with the national park and Fish and Wildlife declined to comment. Tribal officials did not return phone calls for comment.

The four groups initially filed suit in February 2012 to stop tribal, state and federal wildlife officials from planting fish reared in the \$16.4 million hatchery built as part of the Elwha River restoration that includes removal of the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams. Elwha Dam is fully removed, and Glines Canyon Dam upriver only has a stub about 35 feet tall remaining. The latter concrete dam originally was 212 feet tall.



**Glines Canyon Dam Now Gone!  
Photo Taken January 26, 2014**

The first suit was dismissed by U.S. District Court Judge Benjamin Settle last February after he determined that the hatchery program had received proper approval from federal authorities.

The tribe agreed to stop planting a steelhead species native to Chambers Creek, near Lakewood in Pierce County, in the Elwha fish runs.

The conservation groups then challenged the approval documents in a case still pending in U.S. District Court.

Hatchery fish are used to supplement wild species that eventually will recolonize 70 miles of habitat upstream.

As the dam removal was getting underway, officials with the tribe said they needed to use hatchery fish because of the risk that returning wild salmon could be killed by sediment released by the removal of the dams.

But the conservation groups argue the releases are harmful to steelhead, chinook and bull trout, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The wild fish advocates also contend that the practice of removing native steelhead, salmon and bull trout for breeding stock in the hatchery damages the native population. The groups claim that the fish runs can be rehabilitated without removing native fish and by planting "a much smaller" number of fish than is laid out in the plan.

The action against the Elwha hatchery followed by three days

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Wild Fish Conservancy's 60-day notice of intent to sue the state Department of Fish and Wildlife for planting the non-native Chambers Creek steelhead in rivers that drain into Puget Sound.

That suit contends that Chambers Creek steelhead harms wild Puget Sound steelhead, wild Puget Sound chinook and bull trout.

On the North Olympic Peninsula, the suit would apply to rivers and streams east of the Elwha River that are considered part of the Puget Sound drainage

## Programs 2014

### Schedule of Programs for 2014 Unfolding

*Bob Burdick, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Programs*

Just to let you know that we've got a terrific series of programs scheduled for this year.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a picture and autobiography of our first speaker of the year, Bruce McNae, who will discuss on **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, fishing for Atlantic Salmon on Russia's Kola Peninsula (Northwestern Russia) He has some terrific video footage, and tells me that these salmon, which will go to 40#, sometimes will take dry flies!

In **March**, Chad Jackson, a WDFW biologist who lives in Ephrata, will return and give us an update on what's happening and what's hot in the Columbia Basin lakes and streams. Chad has been one of our favorite speakers and is returning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

On **April 15<sup>th</sup>** we'll hear from Bob Margulis from the Washington Wild Steelhead Coalition who will talk on the state of steelheading in our state streams and some positive things that are happening that offset the general decline in steelhead fishing runs. Bob will be followed on May 20<sup>th</sup> by Joe Bogard from Save our Wild Salmon and Chris Caudill from the U. of Idaho fisheries department who will discuss what's going on with anadromous fish in the Columbia Basin, including upstream and downstream migration, turbine kill of fingerlings, and whether or not it would be wise or even necessary to tear down the Snake River dams.

On **June 17<sup>th</sup>** Marc Williamson, an Oregon fishing guide will discuss Central Oregon Fishing Opportunities including the Crooked River and Fall River.

On **July 15<sup>th</sup>** I've managed to secure the presence of Dan Eastman and his wife Erica Varga who will show film and talk about "Flyfishing Africa's Wild Rivers - a once in a lifetime experience." Dan is a local fisheries biologist and Erica organizes and runs safaris. This should be a real mind blower from the clips I've seen.

On **August 19<sup>th</sup>** a representative from the Native Fish Society has agreed to visit us and describe who they are, how they work, and what they've done in the Northwest. Conrad Gowell, one of our longtime associate members works for this society and is enthused about their work, one aspect of which is to appoint local fishermen as stewards of their streams which then gives the Society first hand knowledge of that area.

**September-October.** Reserved for the 75th Birthday party of

the WFFC.

**November:** I'm negotiating with both Kelly Glissmeyer of Idaho who could talk to us about "Spring Creek Strategies" and Kelly Galloup of Montana who could discuss "How, When, and Where to use Streamers."

## WFFC Foundation

### What is the WFFC Foundation? and

### How does it Spend Its Donations?

*By Greg Crumbaker, President WFFC Foundation*

The WFFC Foundation grew out of a memorial fund established in the early 1970s by the family of **Bert Robinson**, who had been a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the WFFC.

On November 22, 1974 the Foundation was formally incorporated as a non-profit organization with a 501© 3 IRS tax status. It's charter says it is to be "operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, to promote the public welfare through the development, promotion, and support of programs and projects for the wise use, management and conservation of fish and wildlife, forests, waters, and other natural resources."

In it's earlier years the Foundation contributed to the Wild Salmon and Trout Alliance, the Orcas Island Youth Camp, the Deer Creek Restoration Fund, the Northwest Rivers Council, the WFFC's Lake Lenore Project and the Clark-Skamanian Fly-fishers' Siouxi and Canyon Creeks Project. In the recently past year of 2013, the Foundation contributed to the following:

Project Healing Waters	\$1,985.24
Reel Recovery	\$2,000.00
Casting for Recovery	\$1,500.00
W. WA. Univ. Fly Fishing Library	\$1,000.00
NW Youth Conservancy & Fly Fishing Academy	\$550.00
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b><u>\$7,035.24</u></b>

In order for the above type grants to continue, the Foundation depends primarily on member donations, which contributions may be claimed as legitimate deductions on your annual IRS tax return, if you to chose to itemize. Even if you do not itemize the Foundation still is a cause that warrants your continuing and generous financial support.

Projects the Foundation is currently looking at supporting in 2014 are: Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, Casting for Recovery, the NW Youth Conservancy, and the Rod building project for one handed fly fishers that the WFFC 2014 Letcher Lambuth awardee spoke about at the January meeting. This is the same group that developed a fly tying vise for people with only one hand.

If you know of causes that you feel are worthy of Foundation support, we would like to hear about them in writing. If you would like to make a donation that can be done on the website where there is a button to contribute, or send your check payable to the WFFC Foundation c/o **Chapin Henry, Treasurer**. If you have any questions feel free to call me at any time, **Greg Crumbaker**, Foundation President.



## 75th Year Celebration / Christmas Party

### 75th Celebration and Christmas Party Planning Kicks Off

By David Schorsch, 3rd Vice President, 75th and Christmas Party

Hey folks. It's time to plan the biggest social events of the WFFC's year. Lets get started early this year, and figure out how to pack some serious FUN into these events. We will be having a preliminary planning meeting at the Silver Cloud Lounge, (Madison and Broadway, you pass it on the way to the regular meetings!) at 7:00 on Thursday Feb 13.



There is free parking in the garage downstairs, and a wide selection of beers and food. We will entertain ANY AND ALL ideas that will make these parties memorable, once in a lifetime events. Both the 75th anniversary and the 2014 Christmas parties are on the agenda. Hope to see all the willing volunteers and serious partiers there. Let's do this!

### 'Reeling' in the Years

*From July 1985 Creel Notes, member gives new wife an introduction to fly fishing and some interesting catches*

#### Zihuatanejo Mexico, July 1985 Newlywed Leo Mehler



Old Mexican hand Gordy Young told me there might be a needlefish or two around Zihuatanejo harbor. The fly casting would be tough however and my new bride would probably object. But I took my 9X9 Orvis anyhow.

I found my best technique was to sight cast directly at the fish in the face of a wave and just behind the crest. Standing amid the reef rocks added interest; I had to raise the rod before being engulfed in the wave to assure good hookups.

Pompano to 10 inches and needlefish to 18 inches were taken on #12 tan shrimp and sink tip with short leader. A four foot bright green moray eel took a #2 mylar fishhair-peacock coho fly. Fortunately, I broke off from him when he came looking for me. A saltwater crocodile (not alligator) was taken on the same fly from a brackish pond behind the beach. He was harder to disconnect, being only 2 1/2 feet long. My wife didn't mind at all; in fact she thought it was funny.

*Husband and wife team, he works the fly rod, she unhooks his catches?-Ed.*

### An Extra Tip

#### Fix Those Holes In Your Waders

Here is an effective way to repair Gortex breathable waders. Having fought a blackberry thicket This repair method works great and is very easy. This is how it is done:

1. Get a tube of Aquaseal, cut a plastic supermarket bag into one-inch squares, and get a bright LED flashlight.
2. Completely dry the waders and turn them inside out.
3. Go in a dark room and then methodically move the LED light inside the waders. It will be apparent by the light coming through when you find a hole; hopefully it doesn't resemble the Milky Way.
4. When you find a hole, keep your finger there to mark the spot, turn on the room light, dap some Aquaseal on the spot (I like to use a wooden skewer), and then take a plastic square and press onto the Aquaseal, sealing the hole.
5. Leave the plastic in place as you search for more holes. The next day the plastic squares can be peeled off.



### Fly of the Month

#### Dead Chicken

**Hook:** #6 to #8  
**Tail:** Red Hackle Fibers, 8-10  
**Body:** Yellow chenille, large full body  
**Ribbing:** Silver tinsel, medium, 4 turns  
**Hackle:** Barred, large, 2 turns only

Easy to tie sea run cutthroat patterns, good in both salt and fresh water. Has been a favorite for sea runs for years.



"You will find angling to be like the virtue of humanity, which has a calmness of spirit and a world of blessing attending upon it."

- Izaak Walton



**Traveling Sedge**  
Lost Lake, British Columbia  
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**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:**

**Fishing for Atlantic Salmon on Russia's Kola Peninsula**  
**Bruce McNae**