

Creel Notes from the



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President's Riffle

This month's meeting program is among my favorites. It's time for the expert's tables. Each year our program chairman selects from within the club a slate of experts on varying topics. They each man a table and we members have our

choice of whom to learn from. This is the essence of the club's benefit to members: learning from one another about new techniques, new waters and new skills. This year we will try to get three turns of the tables so you will have an opportunity to visit up to three tables during the evening.

In association with this program, August is also the month that we have our swap meet. Members bring a variety of fishing gear old and new to swap or sell for new gear. In past years I've found some great items that I use to this day: over-the-boot fins, a Loop large arbor reel that I love, and leaders and tippet at a fraction of retail cost. Be sure to come with a full wallet as cash is the preferred method of payment.

By the end of this week we should have the I's dotted the T's crossed on an agreement for our new monthly meeting location. As you recall, The College Club of Seattle has sold it's building so we have to move to a new location starting in January 2008. After an exhaustive search by our Relocation Committee, your Board of Directors has unanimously approved a new meeting facility. The Seattle Tennis Club will be our new home for the foreseeable future. Over 30 sites were visited and reviewed. Our members were surveyed to solicit their input on aspects most important to them in a facility. Quotes on dinner prices and menus were obtained and negotiated. Our fears that prices were going to skyrocket into the high \$30's and \$40's were put

to rest. I think you will be very pleased with the quality of the new facility. One item of importance to all our members is parking, which the Seattle Tennis Club is providing free of charge. Dinner pricing is yet to be finalized but will be below the \$30 ceiling we had set.

Even though we've found our new meeting facility we will not rest. **Craig Keoppler** our Relocation Committee Chairman and Co-1st VP is committed to continue the search for a facility where the WFFC can assert it's identity. A location where members and guests alike can walk in and feel they are entering a realm of fly fishing tradition and experience this sport among like-minded friends.

"Yir juist aboot hauf an 'oor late wi yer striking." - Comment made to twentieth-century Scottish angler W. Robertson, MD, by his Ghillie.

Tight lines,

John Schuitemaker

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Gents;
The old and new editors apologize for any shortcomings in this issue of the Creel Notes.

Jim van de Erve has been called out of town by a death in the family.

Bob Young has been handicapped by an illness in his computer.

WFFC Fly Tier's Round Table *By Dick Brening*

The next round table will be on the 2nd Wednesday in September, September 12th, 7 to 9 PM.

It is time to get back to some fly tying again. This September's round table would be a good opportunity to get some flies tied for the Reel Recovery Program. I have a very large fly box that needs to be filled as our contribution to this worthy men's cancer recovery program. Come and tie any patterns you would like and help fill the box!

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.

If you have any questions on directions contact **Pete Baird** or me at the club meeting or give me a call.

WFFC Member/Guest Smoker

September 13th Fly Fishing Smoker in Georgetown.

A Club activity aimed at promoting our Club to younger fly fishers. An evening of beer, cigars, snacks and fly casting games. Members attending are asked to please bring a guest under the age of 40 who has some interest in fly fishing. Bring a rod for some casting activities.

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Location: Misty Mountain Mfg.
6264 Stanley Ave. S.
Seattle, WA. 98108

E-mail **Greg Crumbaker** at greg@mistymtn.com or **Earl Harper** at earl@ecostock.com if you plan to attend so we can get a food estimate.

Note: If you need cigars try Rain City Cigar in Georgetown, just off the CorsonMichigan St. Exit. 5963 Corson Ave. S. Suite 130 By the Wells Fargo bank. 767-3619 (Rain City)

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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 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.

Long time member, **Carl Elling**, passed away Sunday morning, August 5th. Many of you newer members will not know of **Carl Elling** - he was a regular attendee of monthly meetings from the late forties onward. Due to failing health, primarily from congestive heart failure, he has not been able to attend meetings for about two years. Carl was last living in Tacoma.

John Callahan is our member most recently in contact with him and John has in his possession pretty much all of Carl's fly fishing gear which he will bring to the August regular meeting, the proceeds of which will benefit the WFFC Foundation

There will be a potluck type lunch to celebrate Carl's life. This will be held at the home of Carl's long time friends, Candice and Bob Reda, on Sunday, August 19th starting around 1:00pm. The address for the Reda's is:

28449 – 15th Ave So.

Federal Way, WA.

Ph: 253-677-8214

Directions: From I-5 South take the 272nd exit and go west to Pacific Hwy and turn left (South) to 288th and turn right and go down the hill to 15th and turn left. 28449 is on the right side at the end of the first block. Call **John Callahan** or **Pete Baird** if you wish to car pool or have further questions.

Carl requested that Bob Reda and **John Callahan** scatter his ashes in the Deschutes River. This will be done at a later date and, of course, any WFFC member is welcome to attend.

WFFC Outdoors.

The following 2 outings are scheduled to occur prior to the September WFFC meeting, so if you plan to participate and expect to have a steak provided, it is imperative that you signup at the August WFFC meeting or notify **Ron Dion** regarding your plans.

Sept. 8-9 - South Whidbey State Park; Saturday evening a BBQ pot luck dinner is planned with steaks provided if you signup. Bring something to share for the pot luck and some fire wood. This outing is planned on the recommendation of **Leland Miyawaki** as a good opportunity for pursuing Coho from the beach, and also Humpies this year. The beach trail in the State Park is officially closed due to last winters storm damage, however, **Paul Lingbloom**, who lives on Whidbey, says it is possible to get to the beach. In addition, there is a boat ramp about 5 minutes drive to the south, at Bush

point, and from there the beach is accessible for wading to the north. Camping reservations for over-nighting at the State Park are recommended.

Sept. 15-16 - Big Twin Lake (near Winthrop); Saturday evening a BBQ pot luck dinner is planned with steaks provided if you signup. Bring something to share for the pot luck and some fire wood. The fishing this autumn should be better than we had at our outing there last May, since the fish have had several months to grow and disperse, rather than being concentrated deep. Camping reservations for over-nighting at Big Twin Lake Campground (509-996-2650) are recommended.

Also, the spring Yakima River Outing, which was postponed, is now being resurrected by **Sean Overman** for this September. Contact Sean for the details.

Ron Dion



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Meeting Announcement
August 21st, 2007



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.

This month is our annual swap meet and round table discussions as follows:

Leland Miyawaki: Low water summer steelhead.

Ed Sozhno: Photogaaphy on the water

Doug Schaad: Freshwater Salmonoids along the Oregon coast

Steve Raymond: How to write a fishing story & why you shouldn't

Don Simonson: How to improve your casting

Keith Robbins: Fishing around Islamorada, Florida