

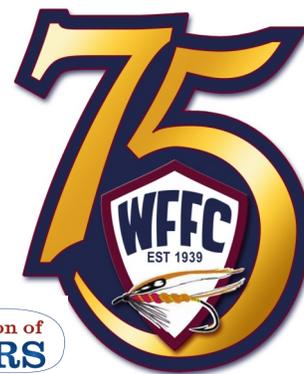
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President's Riffle

By President Michael Moscynski



As Charlie Davis said to me, "You have joined the L4-L5 Club" (lower back, lumbar vertebrae). As many of you know, I have recently injured my back. The limitations of my back injury have been a humbling but educational opportunity for me. For one thing, I have missed some meetings and all the fishing events we have had recently. It is a reminder to me of how precariously

we all live day-to-to-day. But most importantly I have been so rudely reminded of how I had taken many things for granted. Nothing is as attractive as that which you can no longer do. Basic things like standing for two minutes or walking 50 feet or so suddenly became more than a painful challenge but impossible. Planning to go to fishing outings, paddling my boat, casting all day and of course catching lots of fish (no snickering) was out the window. What a shock! Not to worry though, my prognosis is good. I hope to rejoin you all on the lakes and Sound in the not too distant future. But please take a moment to stop, take it all in, enjoy and really appreciate your next fishing outing.

Thanks to **Pat Becker**, Youth Chair and **Bob Young**, **Chuck Ballard**, **Dick Brening**, **Ron Dion**, **Jim McRoberts**, **Gary Berquist**, **Bob Burdick** and **Jim MacDonald** for conducting the Fly Tying and Casting event for the elite Issaquah HS summer PE class at Rattle Snake Lake August 6th. Next year's event is in the planning.

At the August meeting, **Kris Kristoferson** will make a presentation on Round Table Discussion Groups (6 to 8) and we will have the annual Fishing Gear Rummage Sale. So this is a good time to clean out your gear bag, box(es), closet or room, depending upon how long you have been fly fishing. Price your items beforehand and remember the rummage sale adage, about 25% of new is a good starting price. Bring pictures of items too big to bring into the STC. Consider pricing some items as Free to add a little sizzle to your table.

August 19, Membership Meeting, STC, Jim MacDonald, 1st Ghillie

August 18-24, Crazy Mountain, Montana high-lakes outing, **David Ehrich** organizer

September 13, Hood Canal Outing, **Dave Schorsch** organizer

September 27, Lake Hannan, **Mike Wearne** organizer

October 21, WFFC 75th Anniversary Gala, STC, **Dave Schorsch** organizer

I look into... my fly box, and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: 'Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five-eighths of an inch long.' **Allison Moir**

Be well.

August Program

Roundtable Fly Fishing Discussion Format for August

By **Bob Burdick** and **Kris Kristoferson**

Kris Kristoferson has organized the program for the August 19th meeting which will follow a round table theme, something we have enjoyed off and on over the last several years.

Kris tells me he has 6 or 7 speakers, for 6 or 7 tables, those speakers including **Preston Singletary** who will expound on local Cutthroat fishing, **Gene Gudger** who will divulge his

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secrets for figuring out which BC lakes are hot, **Walt Swanson** who will demonstrate how to tie his Callibaetis dry fly, and several others who have guaranteed to capture your attention.

Also remember to bring your rummage sale items. This is your only opportunity this year to sell, buy or trade your surplus fishing gear to our members who will be coming with pockets full of cash to take advantage of this one night opportunity.

Roundtable Speakers/Topics have shifted a bit and, at present for the Creel Notes, are as follows:

- Searun Cutthroat Fishing - **Preston Singletary**
- Tying and Fishing the Nyerges Nymph - **Gil Nyerges**
- BC Lake Fishing - **Gene Gudger**
- Welding Custom Fly Lines - **Walt Swanson**
- Making Furled Leaders - **Kris Kristoferson**
- Stillwater Secrets - TBD



Issaquah High School Fly Fishing Event

A Grand Success!

By Pat Becker

The Issaquah HS fishing event was successful, and they would like to do it again next year!

Twenty-one students went to Rattlesnake Lake and had a sampling of fly fishing. The morning was cool and the low hanging clouds hung below the ridges. Plenty of volunteers came and quickly got the poles rigged and fly tying equipment set up. The students showed up at 9:00 AM and settled into a lecture on Entomology. Splitting into groups, we had fly tying and casting practice. The casting students listened and caught on very quickly to the art of letting the pole do the work. From a distance, one could see nice tight loops on many students. Many even got the double haul down! Great work guys!



At the fly tying table, the students were able to make two wooly buggers. The slight breeze played havoc with the feathers, but the kids all got the basics down. Finally after a quick snack, the rods got real hooks and the kids went down to the lake to try out their luck. Sadly, we all got skunked but had a great time.



Issaquah Youth Get the Rundown on Fly Fishing From Dick Brening

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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.

July 15, 2014



'On the Fly' (Diluted Edition')



My feeble attempt to transcribe last month's general meeting – *The Editor (Our superb 'On the Fly' writer, David Ehrich, is taking the summer off)*

Our President **Mike Mosecynski** kicked off (with his good leg) our dinner meeting with the introduction of current guests. The **Hutton's** (friends of **Jim McRoberts**) were introduced. The Hutton's are in Florida during winter and Seattle during the summer so they must get a real cross section of fishing experiences. **Evan Osborn** heard about our club through working with Healing Waters and **Jim McRoberts**. **Diane Warwick** was another dinner guest who loves to fish and came to check out our club.

Pat Peterman, Education Chairman, gave a rundown on the opportunities the club offers in the way of classes.

Mike Mosecynski (in **Dave Schorsch's** absence) gave a run-down on upcoming outings and events.

Hood Canal—**Jay Deed's** place Sept 13th and 14th. Jay reminded those who camp overnight to make reservations at Scenic Beach S.P. so you have camping spot. They fill up fast.

Hannan Lake—also in September (27th), Mike Wearne leading.

Twin Lakes (Winthrop) October 4th and 5th and then Penrose Point (Wetbuns) November 8th and 9th round out the year as far as outings. Squeezed in between these two outings is our 75th Anniversary event on October 21st, cost \$75.00.

Mike Mosecynski reminded members to send an old photo of yourself (when you were young) with a fish or something regarding fishing to **Dave Schorsch**. He'd like these for our 75th anniversary celebration. All photos will be returned to the owner.

Two 'congratulations' cards were passed around for members to sign in honor of Jackson Lamont Crumbaker, born June 28th, 2014, to member **Peter Crumbaker** and his wife Emelie.

Bob Burdick gave the details of our upcoming programs. In August we will have a Fly Fishing Roundtable lead by **Kris Kristoferson**. This will be 6 to 7 tables with the focus on various fly fishing techniques taught by subject matter experts in the club. August is also our club rummage sale and Bob reminded members to bring in used/new fly fishing equipment to sell, buy or trade. September's Program will be Dave Fast, Fisheries Biologist for the Yakima Tribe. He will talk on projects that the tribe is implementing.

Dan Eastman, our speaker for the evening is a regional biologist in King County primarily working on river restoration and riparian repair of which he gave a short presentation. But his primary talk was on fishing and exploring southern African, primarily Botswana and the Zambezi river system and the famed "Tigerfish" The tigerfish is a toothy critter that looks like it could put a nasty wound on you if you didn't watch your fingers. One opening photo which caught everyone's eye was (what looked to be) a small boy and his father on the very lip of

a pool at Victoria Falls. One step over the lip and you'd plunge ~1,000+ feet. An aerial view of the Okavango Delta shows a 200 mile which seeps into the ground in a giant 'finger like' spread. As the summer goes on, the delta shrinks in size and the area of habitat of animals also shrinks making it a prime area for wildlife viewing. His PowerPoint presentation showed the different camps available to the vacationer, Jacana Camp (water bound) where wildlife roam, Panhandle Camp (Nxanaseri) where a catfish (called a barbel) run along the reeds so thick you can catch them on almost every cast. Vembura Plains Camp is another camp which has much biodiversity and habitat. Lots of wildlife in this area. It was an interesting presentation with some wonderful photographs of Africa and the African environment. Dan reminded the members that there is still is one opening for the upcoming fall excursion.

After a short break we commenced with a short business meeting where it was learned that **Roger Rohrbeck** has updated our WFFC website with ocean tide information – link. Check it out.

Fishing Reports included **Mike Wearne** spending a day at Teal Lake (near Kingston WA). Had a nice day and caught a couple of fish. **Chuck Ballard** fished the north end of Chopaka Lake and saw many fish taking adult damsels. Took 9 fish. **Chuck** also fished with fellow member **John Callahan** a lake called Smith Lake northwest of Malott WA. The road was very bad into the place and **Chuck** wouldn't recommend it, "It trashed the trucks". Nevertheless, they caught 15 to 20 fish in the 15" to 16" range but again emphasized it wasn't worth the drive in. **Hugh Clark** had a great time on the Chilko River (B.C.) with dry flies catching nice rainbows to 20+ inches. Had 15 'to 20 fish days. **Jay Deeds** caught a nice cut on Hood Canal recently (ready enticement for September's outing). **Bob Burdick** fished Leech Lake had reports a nice callibaetis hatch. Tried sized 14 fly, no takes, tried size 16 fly, got a few takes, went to a size 20 and that's the size they wanted. Caught 8 to 10 triploids and had a great day on the lake.

Committee Reports

Pat Becker, Youth Committee, addressed members about the need for 7 to 11 volunteers to teach fly fishing to 22 Issaquah High School students. The event will be held a Rattlesnake Lake. Would be nice to have a certified instructor at the event. Equipment vises and materials are all available. **Doug Schaad**, Conservation Committee informed that a number of lakes (most in eastern WA) are scheduled for rehabilitation to remove scrap fish. One of these is the Hampton Chain in Grant Count. Other news included picking a lake on the west side as a fly fishing only lake. Sixteen, Panther, Martha (WB), Chain and Riley are candidates. Also, Sockeye runs are excellent in the Columbia River but practically non existent in Lake Washington and Baker Lake.

Announcement that WFFC is now again an IFFF member ('*maybe*' even a charter member. Supposedly, there is a letter stating so but, currently, no one in the club can find it.

Meeting adjourned.

"I object to fishing tournaments less for what they do to fish than what they do to fishermen"

-Ted Williams

Resource Desecration

4 Men Found Guilty of Illegally Gillnetting at Banks Lake

*From the Northwest Sportsman News Website
By Andy Walgamott Via Don Gulliford*

A Central Washington prosecutor hopes four Westside men found guilty earlier this week of illegally gillnetting 194 whitefish out of Banks Lake last December get some fairly significant jail time at their sentencing.



“There really is no excuse for this behavior. We will be asking the court to impose two months of county jail time on each of these four defendants,” said Angus Lee of Grant County in an email announcing the verdict.

The four are identified as Vladimir Savchenko, 36, of Edmonds, Peter Zhezhelev, 46, of Kenmore, Aleksandr Kashnikov, 45, of Everett, and Sergey Mitsevich, 39, also of Everett.

They were each found guilty of unlawful use of a net to take fish, a second-degree gross misdemeanor, and illegal recreational fishing, a first-degree gross misdemeanor.

Tip of the hat to local prosecutors who are taking illegal fishing activities in Grant County very seriously.

Last year, three other Eastern European men caught with a couple hundred Lahontan cutthroat trout illegally gillnetted out Lake Lenore and one other man were sentenced to nearly three weeks of jail apiece and fined over \$4,000.

Here's how this latest case was first reported, by WDFW Law Enforcement on Facebook:

Late Thursday night, Sergeant Jewell and Officer Smith were patrolling Banks Lake (Grant County) after receiving several reports of subjects illegally netting whitefish in the area. Unfortunately, this activity has become all too common during the late fall and early winter when thousands of these fish begin to gather to spawn. Although each angler is already allowed to retain 15 fish per day using hook and line, sadly, that doesn't seem to satisfy the greed of some.

While checking areas of the shoreline in the dark, the two Officers located numerous bags of fish hidden in the rocks, as well



Game Warden Images of Gillnetted Whitefish (WDFD)

as several illegal gill nets deployed in the water north of the Million Dollar Mile. Expecting the culprits to return and retrieve their illegal bounty, the Officers hid nearby and waited.

Just as suspected, a van pulled up around midnight and five people jumped out to retrieve the nets and begin loading the fish into the vehicle. When the officers tried to contact the wayward group, the suspects fled in the van, nearly striking Officer Smith in the process. As the Officers continued their pursuit over 40 miles, they watched as the suspects threw bags of fish and illegal nets out the side of the van in an effort to dispose of the evidence. The pursuit ended on Highway 2 near the town of Douglas in Douglas County, where the suspects were finally stopped. Several Deputies from Douglas County and a State Trooper from the Wenatchee area arrived to assist WDFW Police Officers. Once the suspects were apprehended, the Officers went back and recovered over 175 fish and three gill nets from the shoulder of the roadway.

The driver of the van was booked into the Grant County Jail on felony charges to include attempting to elude police and 2nd degree assault for nearly running over Officer Smith. The other four accomplices were all charged with multiple gross misdemeanor fishing violations and the vehicle was seized.

Thank you to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Patrol for their quick response and assistance with this case

Added note: One of the perpetrators swam the length of Soap Lake during December trying to get away then caught at the south end of the lake—this is from a few farmers in the Ephrata area —Editor



Gillnetted Whitefish in Garbage Bags (WDFD)



Last Years (2013) Illegal Lahontan Cutthroat Gillnetting (Lenore Lake)



Chilko River, British Columbia

Large Trout in the Chilko River, BC

By Hugh Clark

From July 5th through the 12th I stayed at the Tsylos Park Lodge southwest of Williams Lake B.C. and fished the Chilko River and Chilko Lake. Fishing entirely with dry flies I caught and released 15 to 20 prime rainbow trout daily. These strong jumpers come up out of the crystal clear waters and huge rocks to hammer stone fly imitations such as sofa pillows, salmon flies, Chernobyl or skated patterns.

Most fish were in the 18-20 inch range and, daily, several fish over 20 inches were taken.



Nice Chilko Rainbow

Floating/wading ratio for us was about 80/20. T

This was my fifth trip over twenty years to this lodge and the fish this year were the biggest on average that I have seen. Weather and wind permitting, you can also fish the outlet of glacial streams as they enter the lake. Large bull trout and some rainbows are taken on sink tips in that setting.

The lodge is owned and operated by Karen McLean. Accommodations and food are excellent and for non fishers, hiking, swimming, day rides and horse pack trips are available.

Call me for further details or go to the website for Tsylos Park Lodge and Adventures.



Great Lodging

HiHium Lake, British Columbia

HiHium Lake: Fly Pattern Delivers

July 5-11

By Dick Stearns

Every year we've been going to HiHium (this was my 41st year), the hottest fly is introduced. Sure, most have been an emerger

or dry variant of the caddis, but someone comes up with materials, colors, or form that for whatever reason catches more fish. This year was no exception, with apologies to **Bob Birkner** who introduced a killer pattern last year whose secret I swore not to divulge. Of course the patterns such as Michalak Sedge, Gil's Monster, Six Pack, and Peacock Cary have always been effective, but this year a new fly was given to me by someone who also fished HiHium for many years, and coincidentally last summer hooked and retrieved my Loomis rod and Princess reel I lost overboard to a large fish two summers ago.

<There's a story here, but I defer to the editor as to whether he wants to use it.> *See 'A Princess Rescued', Page 6

Now I'll have to admit, because this pattern seemed a bit of a departure from my usual HiHium patterns, I was slow to try it, much less make duplicates from my portable kit. So it wasn't until the last day DeVonne tried the fly and proceeded to out-catch me by at least two to one using the prescribed retrieve: strip-strip-strip-pause. But it was on the biggest fish of the entire trip that made me a believer: At first I thought she hooked the bottom, but when it moved away with gusto and bent her 5 weight almost double, there was no doubt about its size. While tempted to kibitz her fighting technique (she never did put it on the reel), I shut up and clumsily netted it for her some twenty minutes later.

Full disclosure: DeVonne's fish was 24". The fly: Pumpkin Head*, size 6.

*This is a popular Canadian pattern. 'Google it.



HiHium Moonlight

Chopaka Lake

Chopaka Lake July 12,13 2014

By David Schorsch

Because we missed the usual Memorial Day trip with the club this year (damn house sales, remodels, etc), Lynn and I decided to head up there three weeks later. What a trip!

On the way, we drove through the Entiat fire. You could look right at the sun through the thick smoke, like a big red basketball! Once we got there, we pretty much had the place to ourselves! Only two other sites were occupied, and the wildlife had pretty much taken over. We got a great spot next to the water, and set up camp in the dark. We were joined by the biggest beetle I ever saw here, big as a mans thumb, that liked our orange tent.

Next morning started about 4:00 when a couple dozen birds decided to have a screaming convention above our bed! The weather was beautiful, until the sun came over the mountain about 7:00. BOOM! 90 degrees! While I'm sure we hit a hundred each day, it didn't seem to bother the trout, which boiled on the blue damsel hatches from 11:00 till mid-afternoon. A cartoon blue foam damsel brought crashing hits and a deer hair version, that lay flatter in the water, brought sipping gulps. Awesome fishing all day, if you could take the heat.

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Our solution on day two was to set the lawn chairs in the lake, with appropriate beverages, in the shade of the home camp trees. Absolutely terrific! Trout rose at our feet, while we considered fetching another bottle of wine.

We spent two and a half days at Chopaka. Fished each day, and hiked a mountainside and some meadows. When it was time to head home, we stopped in Omak for a huckleberry ice cream cone. It was 104 degrees by noon! Those poor firefighters!

We'll do it again next year, but might go a few weeks earlier! Lynn's a trooper, think I'll keep her if she'll have me.....

September Program Update

Jim Cox, Western Rivers Conservancy Will Be Our September Speaker

By Bob Burdick, 2nd VP (Programs)

Our September speaker, Dave Fast, who was going to talk on all the projects the Yakima tribe is involved with on the Yakima has notified me that he will be unable to keep that commitment. Fortunately, Jim Cox, from Western Rivers Conservancy, has volunteered to give a presentation on the John Day River where the conservancy has recently purchased many acres of river access which now gives the public access to previously closed waters.

This presentation should be of interest to everyone who fishes for steelhead. Jim's photo with a recently caught John Day steelhead should whet everyone's appetite to learn about this new opportunity.



Jim Cox

A Princess Rescued

(Copied from a letter to Steve Rajeff)

By Dick Sterns

In years past, you've generously replaced or repaired rods I've clumsily broken, melted or otherwise rendered useless. But when it comes to losing one, either to a fish, or carelessly left on a car roof, I never expected anything other than caustic sympathy. Now I'm hoping that you'll make an exception. Let me explain:

Back in 1974, I was about to start a new career after 20 years in the Air Force and I thought I would like to professionally tie flies to supplement my pension. With some mentoring from Dave Whitlock, I set out to sell some to a fly shop in Hope, BC, but instead traded a couple hundred Doc Spratleys for a Hardy Princess reel, which wasn't available in the States at the time. But because tying in quantities became more of a chore than a pleasure, I quickly decided to return to my more lucrative engineering profession. The Princess always represented a reminder of that important decision, and for that reason, it always graced one of my favorite rods. In your case it was on this GLX that I bought after the 2001 FFF conclave because I was sold on its casting qualities by your demo at the casting pond. Now fast forward to July 2012:



Having fished HiHium Lake in BC for the past 41 years, I'd known through observation of other misfortunes to never leave an unattended rod with line in the water, or if it is, to make sure it's tethered. In my case it was tethered, but not well enough, because before I could react to Princess' plaintive scream, she and GLX were flying off the transom, tether parted by a large Kamloops. After hours of dragging anchor in ever widening circles, I concluded I would never see my Princess again.

To my unexpected pleasure, however, I entered into a conversation about lost rods with a gentleman while fishing at Leighton Lake, BC. After listening to my tale of woe, he introduced me the next day to a friend from nearby Logan Lake, who, while fishing at HiHium last year, retrieved a rod and reel that matched GLX and Princess perfectly. Needless to say, I rewarded my new friends with dinner and a bottle of scotch.

So please find enclosed a perfectly fishable GLX rod, except the cork grip is a little under the weather after a year's soaking. Perhaps you can remedy that. By the way, that Hardy Princess lived up to her namesake: not a spec of rust and she still screams like an old Hardy should.

Thanks again for all the rods you've replaced, and as my fishing hours become fewer, maybe this will be the last one. But then, I won't make promises.

Good Fishing / Good Business

Cariboo Biologist Works to Keep the Balance

Insuring lakes in the British Columbia Cariboo are environmentally balanced and producing quality fishing is a top job of B.C. fisheries biologist Ron Bowron. But it also entails managing funding, evaluating lakes/streams best use policy and convincing your funding people that you are meeting the needs of not only the angler but the many B.C. business the depend on quality fishing in British Columbia.

Ron Bowron is a fisheries biologist, a 4 generation Canadian, who works the Cariboo area to provide quality angling in the region. Many of the dollars supporting fisheries funding are surprisingly from the Alberta Oil sands project

I'd met Ron a few years ago and was pleasantly surprised to see him again this year where he was busy interviewing anglers as they came in from a busy day of fishing. He's a gregarious individual keeping people at ease with questions as to their opinion of fishing, rating the quality of fishing, how much they spent approximately on the trip, where they were staying etc. An angler may take it as an invasion of privacy but data drives results and funding. With his data collected he can show his funding people just what anglers are looking for and the impact fishing is having on the local economy.



Ron Bowron
Cariboo District Fish Biologist

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Ron is serious about quality fishing in British Columbia. At one small lake in the area he initiated a change in regulations, converted to no kill, catch and release (which aren't always popular with fishermen). Large populations of 4 species of coarse fish inhabit the lake. To counteract the populations of coarse fish, the lake is being stocked with a strain of B.C. rainbow called a Blackwater. Ron tells me these trout are shallow water piscivorous feeders (meaning they feed on other fish). When they start approaching the 10 lb range (and they are working their way to that size) the lake should produce trophy size trout. The lake is already turning out some really nice fish per as evidence a fish caught by your Creel Notes editor (below).



Caught and Released June 24th, 2014
British Columbia, Canada
'Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn every once n' a while'

There is a lot of competing interests that have to be considered in managing a resource. The Cariboo local economy depends much on visitors for their livelihood. Quality fishing is sort of a balancing act, reasonable regulations, correct stocking numbers, type of trout based on the food available are, all part of a biologist job Furthermore, "We have lost a generation of anglers", Ron stated. License sales have been impacted because of societal changes. Getting grandfathers to teach their kids the joy of the great outdoors instead of the indoor plug-in devices is imperative. It is important for the future of the resource.

Pressure

Barometric Pressure & Fishing

By Ron Newman

Here is a thoughtful and data driven article by Ron Newman of the Kamloops Fly Fishers on observations concerning barometric pressure—Ed

Over the years, folks have said that fishing was better when the barometer was either high, low, rising, falling, or steady. I even went on



the Internet to see if there was a consensus and there wasn't. About the only thing that seemed certain was that there was no known scientific reason that the barometer should affect the fish.

So I finally decided to get the pressure readings for my 974 recorded fishing trips and see if there was any kind of correlation. I couldn't get readings at each lake so I used the readings from Kamloops Airport which is essentially the epicenter of my fishing trips. I got readings for 24 hours and 3 hours in advance of each fishing day. I also got readings for the time I started fishing and 4 hours after that for to give a total of four pressure readings for each fishing trip.

Here is a summary of the findings:

Success (Prior to) and During Fishing

Pressure in Millibars	Strikes per Hour (S/Hr)
Greater than 1030	2.84
1027 to 1030	2.37
1024 to 1027	2.23
1021 to 1024	2.08
1018 to 1021	1.99
1015 to 1018	1.81
1012 to 1015	1.71
1009 to 1012	1.91
1006 to 1009	1.99
1003 to 1006	2.00
Less than 1003	2.38

The average success rate for all trips is 1.91 strikes per hour. And for those who care, 10 millibars equals one kilopascal. Either is accepted for barometric pressure readings in Canada.

I had expected numbers to bounce all over the place and was surprised to see consistency as the data for barometric pressure changed. The trend held true for readings prior to the start of fishing as well as readings during fishing and so the table shows the average of these readings. Thus, the answer to the question about barometric pressure is that fishing is BEST when the barometer is high. But it is also above average fishing when the barometer is low. It is in the middle pressure ranges (1012 to 1018 millibars) that the fishing is below average. I also checked out rising and falling barometric pressures. Prior to the start of fishing, it is best if the pressure is rapidly rising or rapidly falling. While fishing, success is best if the pressure remains steady.

Following is a summary of these pressure changes:

Barometric Pressure	Rapid Rise Strikes/Hr	Rise Strikes/Hr	Steady Strikes/Hr	Fall Strikes/Hr	Rapid Fall Strikes/Hr
Prior to Fishing	2.14	1.88	1.89	1.78	2.09
While Fishing	1.66	1.95	2.29	1.91	1.84

Those are the results of my investigations. Make up your own mind about how barometric pressure affects fishing but remember that according to the scientists, air pressure isn't supposed to affect fish. If a trout moves up or down the water column by more than three feet it goes through more pressure changes than can be exerted by changing from the highest to the lowest barometric pressures.

For what its worth....during my working years I was more familiar with pressure gradients in 'inches of mercury' (Hg) rather than millibars which is what meteorologists apparently use. Those who are familiar with inches of mercury, measured at sea level, is ~29.92 inches which equals ~ 1013.21 millibars—Editor

75th Celebration

75th Celebration Approaches

By David Schorsch, 3rd V.P. (75th Celebration)

Our October meeting is the celebration of our 75th year as a working fly club! Isn't that cool? We are working on lots of stuff, but you can help by making an early reservation for yourself and guests! While it's a work in progress, figure on a max of 150 attendees, choices of something beefy, something fishy, and something veggie. The music is jazz, by the Triangular Trio, and the bars will be on both ends of the club. There will be NO FUNDRAISING, only fun! (maybe a little dancing during happy hour?) Some nice door prizes will happen. Wine, and souvenir commemorative glasses, will be on the tables.



We will be setting up a sign up spot on the web site in the "outings" area at this time for early reservations, and will have a regular "fill it out" page there for the party in a week or so. PayPal will be available too.

Meanwhile!!! We need early pics of all you folks! Preferably with fish! How awesome would it be to have a wall of "then and now" shots of all attending? Little kid with a trout from the pond down the road, and last seasons best shot of the pro you've become. O.K. even if it's just a shot of you with a beer at the campfire, it's all good....

Send said stuff to me at Colvosdrifter@aol.com or mail priceless pics, which will be returned, to me at 1425 Broadway #234, Seattle, WA, 98122. Or have them at the club meetings, always good for a laugh.

We would also like to try for a group photo before dinner, maybe a past presidents picture too! I know it will be like herding cats, but I think it might just work.

Still looking at 75.00 per person, for dinner and wine, and stuff. Open pay bar at this point. More specific info will be on

the web site reservation form by Aug 12.

YOU CANNOT MISS THIS PARTY!!!!

See you there!

Dave Schorsch 206-227-6134

Summer Reading

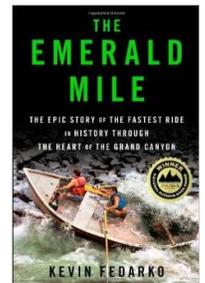
The Emerald Mile

Author: Kevin Fedarko

Although not a fly fishing book, there is a lot here to absorb.

Superb writing with detailed descriptions on river and dam hydraulics and runoff, plus a thrilling story to boot about the Grand Canyon/Colorado River and the odd bunch river runners who run the Colorado in wooden Mackenzie style boats.

Also included are battles of environmental stewardship and the unique characteristics of rivers and the skills needed in running them



One of the better outdoor books I've ever read. Check it out on Amazon—at last count 394 reviews, nearly all 5 star ratings so I'm not the only one who liked this book—Editor



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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:

Fly Fishing Roundtable

**Kris Kristoferson will lead a Series of
Group Roundtable Discussions**

Also, August is the WFFC Rummage Sale