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Monthly Meeting Notice

October 15, 2002

LII No. 10

The College Club, 505 Madison St.

Seattle, Washington

Phone: 206-622-0624

Wet Fly Hour 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:45 PM

President's Riffle



Kris Kristoferson, President 2002

Things rarely work out precisely as planned. Few things demonstrate this more clearly than our fishing trips. We may tie a good selection of patterns and bring all the right gear only to have the weather turn cold or the wind start howling. The weather can be great but the fish persnickety or responsive only to the least likely fly patterns. What it boils down to is some factors are simply beyond our control.

So what do we do on the days when the going gets unpredictably tough? Well, that's easy. We get frustrated. But just how frustrated depends on a few things - some of which we can control. It helps to remember the greatness of our great fishing days depends on this very same unpredictability. It can't all be above average. Also, being well prepared and willing to experiment will improve our chances of turning reluctant fish. In fact, finding a successful fly after trying 3 or 4 other patterns can do wonders for a fisherman's ego. On the other hand, if it is your fishing buddy who has just done it, he often becomes downright annoying. At any rate, by maintaining a healthy perspective, preparing well and working at it; we make the best of challenging situations.

Just as we know to expect both tough and easy fishing days, we know also that we cannot fish forever. A couple weeks ago, we lost members Ken Jarvis and Ken Sheide who passed away on September 27th and 28th. Ken Sheide was almost 90 and Ken Jarvis just 68. As we mourn their passing, I am sure these men would urge us to maintain our perspective, to prepare for and work toward maintaining the strength and

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vitality of our Club going forward. They would smile to see their "prime lies" at the WFFC newly occupied by a couple young bucks, each with a lifetime of great experiences ahead. We can best honor the memory of these men by working to make that happen. In bringing new people into our Club, we will help secure a great future for the WFFC, a Club that meant so much to these two.

October Program: Biological Response to Constructed Logjams on the Elwha and Stillaguamish Rivers

This month George Pess of NOAA's NW Fisheries Science Center Watershed Program will discuss the restoration of freshwater habitat on the Elwha and the Stillaguamish Rivers through the placement of large log jams. We will learn how these large log jams redistribute adult salmon, effect juvenile salmon use and growth rates, and also how the macroinvertebrates are responding in these two great Northwest rivers.

Mr. Pess has worked in the fisheries science and management field since 1989. With a B.A. in Economics and Environmental Science (Bowdoin College, 1987) and an M.S. in Forest Science (Yale University, 1992), Mr. Pess is sure to inject the passion he has for his studies into our October Program.

In Memoriam

Ken Jarvis

Ken Jarvis, a long standing WFFC member (since 1982), died on September 30, 2002. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday October 2nd at the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints in Normandy Park. Norm Norlander, Ken's good friend and also WFFC member, gave the Eulogy.

Norm reflected on Ken's passion for flyfishing and shared remembrances of the many fishing trips they took together. Norm also noted that he first met Ken at a fishing show and that Ken was the first person to actually buy one of Norm's rotary vises.

Ken was the President of the WFFC in 1989 and held many of the elected offices. Ken was a very active member and could always be counted on to volunteer for a work party or committee assignment. Ken prided himself in knowing every member by name and we will all remember him for his big smile and hardy handshake. Ken's role as the Tempura Fish chef at outings over the last few years endeared him to all in attendance. A good club member and great friend ... Ken will be missed!

Ken Sheide

July 31, 1913- September 28, 2002. Born to Leland and Alma Shidy in Lodi, California. He showed endless love to his wife of 66 years Bess, his son Kenneth A., his daughter Karen, his grandchildren Dana, Kim, and Ken R, and his great grandchildren Jordan, Kelsey, Matt, and Melissa. After 43 years of service with Greyhound he retired and felt privileged to be president of the Greyhound retirees club. His affiliations included Brooklyn Masonic Lodge in Oakland, CA, where he was Master in 1954, Washington Fly Fishing Club, Seattle Parks Department Senior Division, and Ballard Elks. Between Ken and Bess they volunteered over 15,000 hours at Northwest Hospital and have received numerous awards for their service. Ken was an avid sports fan, especially baseball which he played, coached, and umpired until recently. Survivors also include his sister Eleanor and brother William, and numerous nieces and nephews. He gave freely of his time and will be greatly missed by the many people, plants, and animals whose lives he touched. Remembrances to Ballard Elks Deck Fund or Northwest Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. Celebration of his life on October 13th.

Club News

Corrected Announcement - Proposed Bylaws Change

(a similar announcement appeared last month but the vote has been rescheduled for the November meeting to comply with the 30 day notice requirement)

The WFFC Board of Directors proposes to revise the Club's Bylaws so that the Nominating Committee is elected at the September general membership meeting rather than at the October meeting. This change would allow the Committee more time to prepare a slate of candidates (typically a rushed procedure) for presentation and vote at the November general membership meeting. The proposed new language (below) is identical to the existing language except that "September" replaces "October" in the first sentence. This proposed Bylaws revision will be presented to the members for vote at the November 2002 general membership meeting.

Proposed Revision:

Amend WASHINGTON FLY FISHING CLUB BYLAWS, ARTICLE VII. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS, Section 1. Nominations., para. A. to read: "A Nominating Committee shall be elected by written ballot of members present at the September meeting each year. The Committee shall consist of the five (5) nominees receiving the largest number of votes."

Welcome to New Member James Boldman

James Boldman has been fishing just almost all his life but didn't really get much satisfaction out of the sport until Steve Sutton introduced him to the Yakima two and half years ago. Since then, he's been trying different techniques and widening his horizons from saltwater flyfishing for salmon and searuns to lakes for rainbows. This last year James has spent most of his fishing days, when he has them, on the Eastern Washington lakes. James attended the WFFC fly-tying class a year and a half ago and since then has tied just about every fly he uses. He is anxious to learn more about conservation and help preserve some of the great fisheries we have here in the NW as well as teach others about this wonderful sport. James feels our club will help him achieve both goals and is very happy and proud to be a member of the WFFC.

Welcome to the WFFC, James!

Revised Patterns for Boyd Aigner Competition

by Bill Neal, Awards Chairman

We have received a number of comments about the parachute mayfly pattern specified for this year's Competition. These range from "it's just too big" to be practical to comments to the effect that even I could tie one! Well, that last comment did it so an executive decision has been made to down-size this pattern from a 12 to a 16. Accordingly, the 2002 Competition patterns now are as follows:

Muddler minnow, size 8

Mayfly (parachute), any species, size 16

Mayfly (dry), any species, size 18

Humpy, any color, size 14

Same rules otherwise apply. Sorry for any inconvenience to you participants, other than making you squint more to tie this smaller pattern or finally buy those "cheater glasses" that you have been procrastinating about. Flies need to be submitted by the December Holiday Party. Thank you.

Please contact Dick Scales or me for further information, as well as copy of the Competition Guidelines and a confidential identifier number to be used in the Competition. Bill Neal (w) (206) 667-8211; (h) (206) 232-0603; wneal@staffordfrey.com; Dick Scales (425) 746-1723.

Wet Buns, Nov. 9th and 10th

This is a friendly reminder that the annual Wet Buns event is nearing. Your presence is requested November 9th and 10th at Joema State Park. Dick Stearns will be whipping up his famous bouillabaisse.

You are encouraged to bring appetizers, deserts, and beverages.

Swap Box Redeux ?

by Jim Sokol, Ghillie

The Swap Box is an old tradition of the WFFC. It revolves around the two wood boxes located on the raffle table at our monthly general membership meetings. These boxes are a depository for flies contributed by WFFC members. The idea has been that one contributes three flies, any kind, into the boxes and then takes any one fly from the boxes. It seems like a fun way to get some unique flies and to see what patterns, materials and tying techniques the other members may be using.

Participation with the Swap Box has dwindled. Truthfully, it appears to be non-existent. Times change, people change and organizations change. Perhaps this is one tradition whose time has past. On the other hand, if we are going to maintain the Swap Box and keep the tradition alive, we should use it. In order for it to be viable and fun, the Swap Box needs active participation.

So if the Swap Box is something that you enjoy, I encourage you to please use it. This maybe the perfect spot for those practice flies that are tied in an attempt to produce the winner in this year's fly tying competition. Let's see what kind of interest we have over the next few months and then we can better determine the value of the Swap Box to the WFFC.

Also, please let me have your comments regarding this. It is possible to make changes such as maybe three flies in, two flies out or whatever may make the Swap Box more enjoyable and increase participation. Thanks.

Roster Updates:

Dick Levinthal

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It's That Time Again

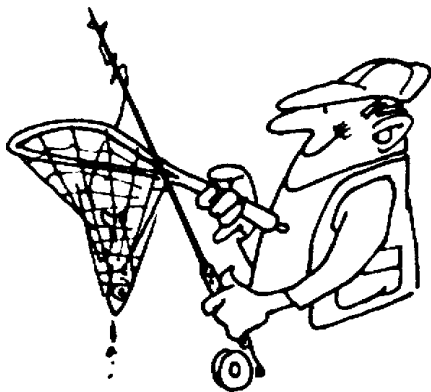
We're not talking about steelhead season either. It's time for all of us to begin thinking about our Annual Holiday Party. This year's event should be the highlight of the year! We usually have our largest turnout with members and their guests swapping stories (some even true), enjoying the food and jockeying for position at their favorite raffle item.

The highlight of our evening's entertainment will be our annual raffle and auction which is also our Club's primary fundraising event. It generates funds vital to the continuation and improvement of WFFC conservation efforts, education programs and restoration projects.

Every year, more organizations than ever are competing for corporate and commercial donations and the Club has been forced to purchase more and more of the items. It is your donations, however, that will insure the success of our fundraising.

We hope that you will donate to the raffle and/or auction and share in the fun and success of a great Club tradition. Things to consider donating include: any flyfishing related items (not necessarily equipment); works of art or books – always highly prized; your time in the form of casting instruction, one-on-one fly tying, or flyfishing; fine wines, cigars, etc.; a dinner at your favorite restaurant; or some personal or business expertise that would be appreciated and valued by a fellow flyfisher. Whatever you give, your donation becomes an important part of the Club's efforts to promote healthy fisheries both now and for the future generations of flyfishers. It also adds to the fun and excitement of this great Club event.

Please phone Leland Miyawaki at (206) 264-0609 to confirm what goods or services you will be donating. Please send or drop items off by November 30, 2002 to: Earl Harper Studios, 312 So. Lucile St., Seattle, WA 98108; (206) 764-1775. If you need to have someone pick up your item, please don't hesitate to call me.



WSCFFF Casting Exposition-Trophy Lakes

by Don Simonson

I want to thank the following members who represented our club this year in the casting competition: Richard Embry, Ed Sozinho, John Farrar, and Jimmy Lemert. We won the distance competition with Jimmy Lemert placing first in the individual distance with a cast of 98 feet 10 inches. Hopefully, next year, we can encourage enough of our club members to try out so we can enter two teams.

We are still in the running for the overall winner of the competition (if we win big in the donation portion of the event).

If you would like to donate (all proceeds stay in Washington State and go towards youth and environmental programs), please send checks (made out to the WSCFFF) to Richard Embry:

Richard Embry
1014 NW 130th Street
Seattle, WA 98177

Richard will forward it on to the appropriate FFF person. He will fill out a donation form to send along with your donation, and mail to you a copy of the completed donation form for your files.

Loose Ends

Advanced Casting Workshop

Dates: Wednesday, October 23rd; Saturday, October 26th

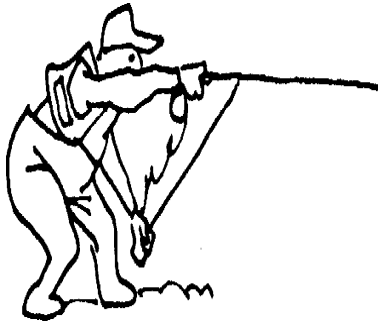
Times: Wednesday- 5pm- dusk, Saturday- Noon- 2pm

Place: Greenlake Casting Pier

Cost: Club Members- No charge, Non-Club Members \$20.00

To enroll call Don Simonson, 206.932.4925. Workshop is limited to 10 Students.

Student should have adequate line control techniques and able to shoot line. The workshop will cover in the air mends, slack line casts, curve casts, casting in the wind, distance enhancements, i.e.: Hauling- both single and double haul.



Fly Tying Round Table

by Dick Brening

October Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 7 to 9 PM

(Fourth Wednesday of the Month)

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.

Let's kick off this tying season with your favorite salt water pattern for the South Sound. The Wet Buns Outing is coming up ... so share a good pattern for that outing.

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.



WFFC Foundation Book Sale

by Dick Brening, WFFC Foundation Member

The estate of Don Sachs has donated his flyfishing library collection to the WFFC Foundation. Books in the collection date from 1904 to 1996 editions. It is the Foundations intent to make these books available for sale to members of the club. We will have a few books on silent auction each month at dinner meetings until we have disposed of all the items. The proceeds will go to the Foundation.

A complete listing of the books will be available from Dick Brening on request.

At the October WFFC dinner meeting the following books will be for sale:

Trout fishing in America- Richard Brautigan 1972 (SB)

Trout tackle one- Schwiebert 1983

American Fisherman's guide- Ben Bueno 1952

A Fine and Pleasant Misery- Patrick McManus 1978

British Anglers Natural History- E.G.Boulenger 1956 (SB)

Where the Pools are Bright and Deep- Dana S.Lamb 1973

Secret Fresh and Salt Water Tricks of the Worlds best Pro Fishermen- Herter 1961

State of Maine Research Bulletin 2 "Brown Trout of Maine"- 1954

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Fishing Reports

Bruce Clingan, Yakutat, Sept. 4-9th

This year eight of us from the WFFC made the trip again to Yakutat to fish for Coho in the Situk and other nearby waters. The group included Perry Barth, Chuck Bolender, Bruce Clingan, Jim Hanson, Dale Smith, Jerry Sugamele, John Thompson and Dave Wands. We checked in at the airport very early Wednesday morning, allowing time to resolve security issues such as carry on baggage containing dangerous weapons like fish hooks and inspection of Jim's suspicious shoes which may have been walked across a lawn treated with nitrate fertilizer. The flight itself was uneventful, and the weather in Yakutat was sunny and mild. We were fishing the Situk by early that afternoon. This was the beginning of six days of great fishing.

The next morning six of us flew out to the "old" Italo while Bruce and Perry fished the saltwater lagoons up the Ankau with a Lund boat. The Italo group encountered the only bears of the trip, a sow with cubs that stood on her hind legs to check them out. Fortunately she didn't like the look or sound or smell of them and departed with her cubs. The fishing on the Italo was outstanding. Fishing the small shallow stream with floating lines, each fisherman hooked 20- 30 fish. Bruce and Perry also had a good day on the saltwater, though not as fast as the Italo.

During the remainder of our stay in Yakutat we concentrated on the Situk. Fishing varied from good to outstanding, with the best action just before high tides. Spoons were usually somewhat more effective than flies, and most of us caught fish on both. Perry, John, and Jim stuck with flies only and did as well as the rest of us.

Jim, being too young to legally fish the "Geezer Hole" with the rest of us, hiked upstream and had great fishing alone in uncrowded waters while checking over his shoulders for bears. He used a large, ugly, heavily weighted fly he found in a tree. It was tied with purple sparkle chenille and something orange, and it was deadly. He had quite a workout carrying 30 lbs. Of fish (two Coho) back down to the vehicle.

Fishing at the "Geezer Hole" was also hot. One time there were seven fish on at the same time. These are wild bright Coho with sea lice on them, and you can't just horse them in. Jerry Sugamele caught the largest fish, an 18 pounder that circled the line of anglers on the bar twice before he was able to beach it.

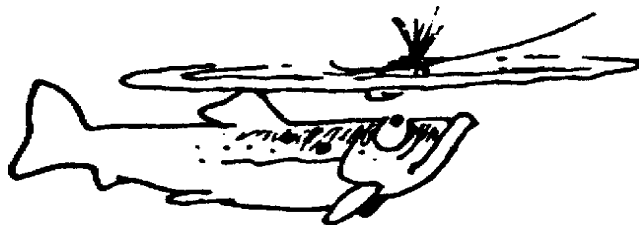
All in all it was a great trip, good fishing with good friends, good weather except for one day, good food, and Alaskan Amber on tap at the lodge. Our special thanks to Jerry Sugamele for organizing the trip and making all the arrangements.

Leland Miyawaki, Snoqualmie River, Oct. 1-4

Since I've been having a difficult time getting in touch with any returning salmon on the Puget Sound beaches, I have been spending my early mornings on the way in to the office fishing for steelhead on the Snoqualmie near Fall City.

Tuesday morning at 8am I picked up a beautiful hatchery hen of about eight pounds grease-lining a #7 "Freight Spey" - a mutation of two of my favorite patterns - a Freight Train and the venerable Purple Spey. After the wednesday night rains, I waited until the "eager beaver flyfishers" (the ones who can't wait for the river to rise but fish when they feel the first raindrops) to leave the water thursday morning. I fished for a couple hours during lunch and landed a big 'ol buck on the same fly in the rising water. The next day, friday, I came out again a little later in the afternoon after I saw on the USGS water flow website that the river was dropping. The water was marginally fishable but I was able to pick up another buck in the close-in water on the same fly again. He was in a foul mood and wasn't very happy about being hooked in the nose and let me know it with some aerial acrobatics that gave my 6 wt. two-hander a serious workout.

I've since retired the fly to my wall am fishing a new one.





October

- October 15th- WFFC Meeting, College Club 5:30 pm
- October 23rd- Advanced Casting Workshop, 5pm,
Green Lake Casting Pier
- October 23rd- Fly Tier's Roundtable
- October 26th- Advanced Casting Workshop, noon,
Green Lake Casting Pier

November

- November 4th- Board Meeting, College Club 7:00 pm
- November 9th & 10th- Joema State Park
- November 9th- Creel Notes submissions due by
noon



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