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President's Riffle

By President Michael Mosczynski



Wasn't that just a great celebration? I am of course referring to the WFFC 75th Anniversary Gala! The evening hit just the right notes.

Thanks again to **Dave Schorsch** and his team. And the good news is, we may not have to worry about this again for another 25 years or so.

Who could believe it? The "Wet Buns" outing at Penrose Point State

Park for the first time in my memory did not live up to its name. In fact much of the day was just gorgeous. It didn't even soak us at the bouillabaisse feast at the shelter that night. But you know it was great day even without a cold drenching rain. I even tempted fate by not wearing my waders fishing. The bouillabaisse, via Chef Dave, assisted by many hands was great as usual, however. The French bread, courtesy of the Ghillie 1 was a great compliment to the piping hot bowls. With the usual assortment of hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts with a generous crackling fire at day's end it was just such a pleasant time for those attending. The fish could have been a bit more plentiful (in the Sound, not in the soup), but a pleasant day fly fishing with friends is better than almost anything.

Don't forget to vote! No, not in the public election last Tuesday, but for our new WFFC officers and board. The annual election of the Officers will be at the November membership meeting. The Nominating Committee has worked hard to bring us a great slate of candidates for 2015.

November 18, **Membership Meeting and Elections**, STC

December 16, **Christmas Party**, STC

January 8, **Beginning Fly Tying**, for 8 Thursdays, Evergreen Covenant Church, Mercer Is.

The best fishermen I know try not to make the same mistakes over and over again; instead they strive to make new and interesting mistakes and to remember what they learned from them.

-John Gierach "Fly Fishing the High Country"

Be well.

Fly Tier's Roundtable

Roundtable in Session

Fly Tier's Round Table is held the second Wednesday evening of each month

The Round Table is an informal evening of fly tying and general conversation about fly tying as well as many other subjects, most of which revolve around fly fishing.



We meet at the Evergreen Covenant Church, 3200 78th Ave SE on Mercer Island at 6:30PM and are usually out of there well before 9PM.

November Program

Kelly Galloup

'The Best Streamer Fisherman on the Planet'

By **Bob Burdick**, Vice President (Programs)

Our speaker for November's meeting is Kelly Galloup, from Montana, who is acknowledged as the planet's best streamer tyer and fishermen.

He owns the Slide Inn on the Madison River, is a guide, author, and teacher of a three day streamer course at his lodge in the summer. He will review for us the history of streamer fishing around the world, and share his secrets on the how,

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where, and when of using streamers to catch big fish. A consummate speaker, he will have you on the edge of your chair throughout his presentation and ready to rock out the door rod and streamer in hand headed for the nearest stream.

Join us for a spectacular evening of Kelly tying his famous flies (sex dungeon, Zoo Cougar, Boogie Man) and entertaining us with his war stories.

75th Anniversary, October 21, 2014



'On the Fly'

A Synopsis of Last Month's 75th Anniversary

By David Ehrich



Before the show began, two bars served the capacity crowd with loads off memories in between. Tables in the salad bar showed off memories, old jokes and epic fish. The walls reminded me of a college dorm room, pegged with photos of friends and family. In other words, tennis and tennis bracelets were not the order of the day, Filson and silk leaders were.

The ceremonies began, in theory, with a group picture, but the width, depth and breath of the shot remains to be seen. I put on my "miners in front of the mine" entrance look, but I won't hold my breath to the justice I deserve. Soon after the assembled found their seats, the wine got poured and royalty started clanging on glasses and making noise.



The President, Mike moved to suspend regular business and handed the mic over to the ever handsome, **Peter Crumbaker**. The first order on non-business was to thank **David Schorsch** for organizing the event and his next order was to make way for the meal to arrive. And it did, starting with a wonderful Brutus Salad, I mean Caesar. In the spirit of looking back and forward, **Dick Sterns** was next on the mic and took us back to WW II and the club's first out reach, teaching Italian POWs how to tie flies. No one alive knows if and how those lessons helped form the modern Italian state, but one can only imagine. In more modern times, members have worked with veterans to tie flies at the Seattle VA. Dick thanked the WFFC Foundation for supporting the efforts, including use of the hand tied flies at various trophy lakes in the area. Most members know the story, but those who have been involved know the absolute joy veterans feel when they catch fish on their own flies. Officials at the VA agree that pealing cries of "fish on" do more than fill the belly.

Next up, Conservation Chair **Doug Shaad**, got introduced as the smartest guy anyone ever knew. He informed us that fisherman are born liars. Humility aside, Doug took us back to when the club began, 1939. His dad was graduating from high school, the Grand Coulee was yet to be build, many dams on the Skagit were yet to fill, no seep lakes existed, and no traffic jams existed on I-5 (yet to be built). Then and now, we are still fighting the same battles of dams, lakes and hatcheries. ■ No battle then and no battle now has gone un-fought by members of the WFFC.

Doug regaled us in the ongoing methods of WFFC advocacy: members find the issues, and leadership responds. For example, since 2003, the club has helped finance studies, scholarship and degrees for those people who are as we speak in the field today advocating through research and science. Doug, to be honest, got a little bit choked up and proud remembering just a few of the long term efforts of these scholars. From there he took us back to club efforts in Griffin Creek, which rehabilitated now carries 40% of the Snohomish River Coho. Look at it! That's our work.

As the meal showed up, **Bill Neal** had the unfortunate duty of talking over the life and death battle between knives and forks; meat and fish. Still, he heroically described the various awards, ancient and recent award winners. Of some little note, was the refusal to accept the 'HalfAssed' award by one member, whose name shall go unrecorded, thus ending for eternity the stream of toilet seat jockeys to be named in the future, because it is, I am afraid to tell you, the job of last year's recipient to look for another

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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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candidate, much like the game of tag. The club future hangs in the balance. (If that ain't half assed, then I'm not my mother's son!)

As if that low moment could be redeemed, thankfully long time and much loved member Pete Baird took the mic and introduced a lesser known work of the great poet Robert Service. The crowd reacted with the usual appreciation for both memory and delivery.

Peter introduced over the waning noise **Kris Kristoferson**, who regaled us with stories of Reel Recovery. Founded in 2003, the group conducts free fly fishing retreats with men suffering with cancer. The WFFC has helped on all levels, from on the ground assistance to financial help from the WFFC Foundation. Like Project Healing Waters, the concentration required to fish gives those men who live on the knife's edge of debilitating illness, an opportunity to leave the limitations of their disease behind for a while. The 'Hall of Fame' of those involved was read with great pride by Kris to great applause.

Pete introduced out last speaker, his majesty, **David Schorsch**, or someone he called a "good friend". He also forgot his name tag, which was ceremoniously waived by Ghilley, **Jim MacDonald**. As usual, Dave pre-warned us that his speech was written on the way to the podium. He started by noticing that the room was full of friends, 110 to be exact. He went on to remind members and guests of the historical tradition that the club represents. Evidently, we have invented flies, tried and rejected those which don't work, and led other members onto some of the class water they have fished.

Times change, the club changes, the rivers change, but the mission of the WFFC remains the same and each member has a role in our future.

Club Bylaw Revision

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

By Bob Burdick

Steve Boyer, our former Publicity chair at the WFFC, upon moving out of the Seattle area, mentioned that one of the frustrating things about the club was the bylaw that prohibited him from being a sponsor for several of his friends who might be interested in joining us.

The bylaw in question is in Article II, section 3 subsection B and requires that all sponsors must be club members for at least 2 years. That same bylaw section also precludes any member from being a sponsor for more than 4 new members per year.



This bylaw was discussed at both the September and October board meetings. It was the consensus of the board that the bylaw in question should be changed and that sponsors need only be members for one year before being eligible to be sponsors and that any sponsor could sponsor an unlimited number of member candidates. In addition **Roger Rohrbeck** proposed that one of the two sponsors agree to be a mentor to the new member for a period of one year to help that new member assimilate, meet other members and understand the traditions and organization of the club. At the October 7th board meeting the board voted unanimously to recommend replacing the current Article II, section 3, subsection B with the following wording.

Each applicant for active and associate membership must have (2) sponsors, each of whom must have been an active member for one (1) year or more. One of the two sponsors will volunteer to serve as a club mentor to the new member for one year.

Our bylaws require a 30 day notice to the membership before any bylaw change can be voted on. At our **January** meeting I will make the motion that we adopt this amendment.

Christmas Party

The Bash of the Year!

By Dave Schorsch

Oooohhh! The weather outside is frightful, and inside it's so delightful, but the fish might be biting sooo, let us go, let us go, let us go! Yeah, I know my musical skills need work, and winter chum fishing's not for everybody, but the WFFC Christmas party is!

This December 16th, third Tuesday of the month, we will be hosting the 2014 Christmas Party at the Seattle Tennis Club. Happy hour starts around 5:00, with plenty of time to peruse the auction items, and visit with more than a hundred close friends! Dinner will be served at 7:00, with wine on the tables, and entree choices like dried fruit stuffed apple smoked pork loin, Dungeness crab stuffed prawns, and baked parmesan eggplant.



This is our annual fundraiser, and we count on our members to support all the activities we do all year, by participating in the silent and live auctions, as well as the raffles. We have lots of friends and businesses that donate to help us with conservation projects, veterans programs, and outings. If you have items or services you'd like to donate to a great cause, contact me (**Dave Schorsch**) at 206-227-6134. Or e-mail @ colvosdrifter@aol.com. Lots of folks have great things available, that can be of great value at auction. Weekend getaway at a beach condo? Spare rod your loved one bought you, that you'll never use? How about the gear you spent a fortune on, for that aborted trip for tarpon? Let me know what you have in mind, and I'm sure we can use it to advantage. Also, if you have business contacts with folks that have what we want, now's the time to call in those markers! It's all for a good cause, and make for a great party!

There is a great sign up form on the web site, and you can pay via pay-pal, to make things easy. I know this is relatively late notice, but we really need everybody to sign up by 12-10, so the chef can catch enough shrimp. You can also do a mail in form, with a check, to me at **David Schorsch**, 1425 Broadway #234, Seattle, WA, 98122. The cost is the same as the 75th anniversary dinner, at 75.00 per person. This includes dinner, salad, dessert, and wine. And of course, the camaraderie is free!

See you at the party!



Movie Release

Elwha River Story Now Out on Film

From Don Gulliford

Return of the River tells the story of a remarkable campaign to set a river free, culminating in the largest dam removal in history.

Film Synopsis:

Return of the River follows a group of strong-minded committed people as they attempt the impossible: to change the public opinion of a town and eventually the nation to bring a dam down. The community comes to a consensus, setting the Elwha River free and showing the way to more sustainable future. Amid grim environmental news, Return of the River is a film infused with hope.



Directors Statement :

"Return of the River" offers a story of hope and possibility amid grim environmental news. It is a film for our time: an invitation to consider crazy ideas that could transform the world for the better. It features an unlikely success story for environmental and cultural restoration.



Grande Ronde River

Grande Ronde Trip Report

By Scott Hagen

Jim McRoberts and I departed my house on October 16th, about 8:00 AM, and arrived at the No Key campground on the lower river about 4:30 PM. By the time we got the camper leveled and hooked up, it was too late to try to fish.

The next morning, when we got up about 6:00, we saw people using flashlights to get in position on the river! We started at a more civilized hour, and were the 4th or 5th people fishing down the "Turkey Shoot" river left. I hooked and landed two 28" hatchery hens on my first pass down the run. We were joined by **Jay Deeds** and his brother Craig for lunch and then returned to the river. Jim and I fished river right, Jay and Craig, river left. Most of our fish in the afternoon were caught low in the run, a total of six more steelhead to hand. Craig landed three, with the biggest being a 34" wild hen. Everybody landed a fish. The next two days weren't quite so productive, but fish were landed every day.

On Sunday the 19th at 4:00 PM, we, along with **Hugh Clark**, were picked up at Heller Bar by Mike Smith and his amazing jet boat. We spent the next two and a half days fishing the Salmon and Snake rivers. The fishing was a little tough on the Salmon,

but I had a very nice day on the Salmon, landing three of the four steelhead that I hooked. We were returned to Heller Bar about noon of the 22nd, after a bodacious brunch.

Hugh headed home, the rest of us spent the next two and a half days fishing the lower 'Ronde. The fishing was still quite good, with multiple fish being landed every day. On the 23rd, we had a couple of the strongest microburst wind and rain storms I have ever seen, with visibility down to only 100' or so and winds I would guess at over 50 MPH. All in all, this was the best fishing we have ever had on the Grande Ronde in all the years we have fished it.



Grande Ronde Country



Scott Hagen - 'One a Steelhead'



Jay Deeds—'Two a Steelhead'



Jim McRoberts—'Three a Steelhead' and many more...'

Penrose Point (aka Wetbuns)

Nice Weather and Scrumptious Bouillabaisse By Dave Schorsch

A beautiful day to be on the water! Could this be the Wetbuns weekend? Guess so! 16 club members and guests attended the annual wetbuns outing at Penrose State Park Nov. 8. We had nice weather, some say a little too nice, all day long.

Members gathered around 4:00 to help prepare the seafood, and consume wine, beer, and snacks. Lots of firewood, warm bread, (compliments of Jim MacDonald), and tall tales helped pass the time while the pot boiled.



Members fished as far afield as Vaughn Bay, Hammersley Inlet, Allyn, and Belfair. Fishing was generally slow, with the usual suspects reporting a preposterous number to hand. The highlight for me was **Jim McRoberts** long line release on a really hot chum! Others reported pretty good success right at Penrose! As the wine took effect, the whiners stopped complaining about the cold fish chopping job, and joined the fun.

The bouillabaisse was very edible, and the dessert table well stocked. There was lots of help for the outing chairman, and I'm pretty sure everyone had a good time.

Chuck Ballard's Take

Fishing and weather were the best in years ,however fish were in very short supply for me ,only one cut 12" and I didn't see any salmon at all. Some of the others had a few fish but it was a tough year for catching. the bouillabaisse was great as usual ,and special thanks to all the prep people and Dave's mixing skills.

Thanks also to **Jim MacDonald** for the French bread but didn't stay to enjoy it, as he was still sick from a last weeks bug.



Penrose Point State Park



'Cheap Bouillabaisse Kitchen Help' worth < than \$15.00/Hr



Mike Sez....Oh, Yeah! He was this big I swear it!

Neat Technology

Whooshh: No Dam Problem with the Salmon Cannon

By Manon Verchot from Treehugger Magazine

Admit it, it's funny. A salmon gets sucked up into a tube, propelled through at 22 miles an hour and comes flying out the other end, tail flapping in the wind.

This is the invention of **Whooshh Innovations**, a fruit and fish transport company based in Bellevue Washington. And hilarity aside, it serves an important purpose: salmon conservation and restoration.



The idea came to the company several years ago, when salmon population decline was all over the news. Dams like the Grand Coulee Dam, 551 feet high, blocked – and continue to block - salmon passage back to their spawning grounds. Salmon imprint on the spawning ground they

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hatched in, but unable to get up stream, many were forced to lay their eggs in warmer or more turbulent waters, or did not reproduce at all. In the last two decades, salmon populations declined by an estimated 50 percent.

“In the Columbia Basin, the science and research we have regarding climate change and climate effects on salmon, suggests that we desperately need to find ways to let salmon access some of the better habitats in the Columbia basin – that is, the cooler water, the welcoming headwaters,” Charles Hudson, intergovernmental affairs director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, told TreeHugger.

Whooshh already had technology to delicately transport fruit. Their apple transporting tubes allowed apple pickers to stay on top of the ladder and feed apples into the tubes instead of having to go back and forth carrying buckets. The apples came out the other end with no bruising. So one day, a Whoosh employee put a tilapia fish into the tubes and watched it fly - and the idea for the fish transporter was born.

Since then, fish aren't the only things that have passed through the transporters – the team has played with Christmas ornaments, chickens (dead, of course) and watermelons.

“It's been fun,” Todd Deligan, vice-president of fish transport at Whooshh, told us. “But at the same time, we always want to remind people that we're dealing with very serious issues and we need to focus on those issues.”

So far, the salmon cannon seems to be working. In trials at the Roza Dam in Washington, fish have been attracted to the transporter and swim towards it willingly. The system has carried salmon over 100 vertical feet, and could go higher. It can also transport 40 fish per minute.



Ultimately, the salmon cannon is a more cost effective and efficient method for getting fish over dams than methods like fish stairs - a structure around a dam that fish jump up. In some cases conservationists even truck - and occasionally helicopter - salmon over dams.

But dams are not the only things causing problems for salmon population. Cattle walking into streams can kill eggs and over fishing is a constant problem. Organizations like the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission have been working for years to encourage multiple approaches to restoring populations.

Hudson told us, “Salmon is linked to life itself. Without water, without fish, we are not people.”

Many northwestern tribes rely on salmon as a form of primary subsistence. Salmon, when abundant, has also been a source of income for people in the region.

“The best intervention man can make is in the egg to smolt [juvenile] stage,” added Hudson. Increasing egg to smolt survival will have drastic effects on salmon populations. For Hudson, the salmon transporting conduit is just one of the ways to encourage salmon survival.



The salmon cannon also has some interesting implications for hydropower. A major obstacle to increasing hydropower in the United States has been the effect it would have on fish populations. With the fish transportation conduit, fish populations might be able to get around hydro-electric plants without being killed by the turbine blades.

While these projects are in the pipeline, Whooshh and the Department of Energy will be running more tests on the salmon transporter from now through September, seeing how they can improve the system and contemplating its use at hydroelectric dams.

Vice president Deligan said we'll be able to see the big picture better in two or three months “The bigger picture is what's important here – not just the funny salmon cannon.”



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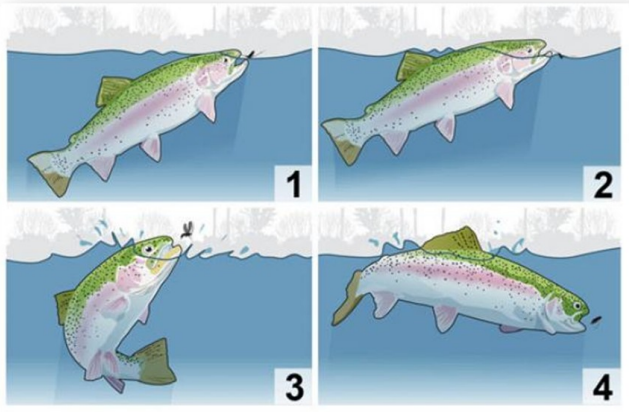
“Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you.”

— Wendell Berry

An Extra Tip

Trout Surface Feeding Behavior and Choosing Flies They Can't Resist

by Kirk Deeter



Watching trout rise from a vantage point will tell you where to cast. But by taking an even closer look and noting how those trout are rising, you can also glean exactly what type of fly to throw at them—especially when there are many different bugs flying in the air.

Here's what to look for:

1 - The Sip

What you see: A very subtle dimple in the water, and only the nose of the trout appears.

What that means: The fish are either sipping midges or eating spent mayfly spinners.

What to fish: A Rusty Spinner—but no bigger than a size 18.

2 - The Slurp

What you see: More pronounced “beaks,” eating on the surface.

What that means: The fish are dialed in on a hatch—likely mayfly duns.

What to fish: A size 18 Parachute Adams. When the fish are really chopping, try a cripple variation.

3 - The Splash

What you see: A sudden, explosive pop with some splash.

What that means: Trout are on moving targets, like skittering caddisflies.

What to fish: Tie on a caddis pattern, such as a size 16 Lawson's Caddis, and don't be afraid to give it a twitch.

4 - The Boil

What you see: Disturbed water but no faces—only a dorsal fin and maybe a tail.

What that means: They're eating emergers before they reach the surface.

What to fish: A size 20 Flashback Barr Emerger just beneath the film.

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Honed His Skills Here! (WFFC)

Former WFFC Member's Big Fish



Robin Poole (*Former member during WFFC's 'Meany Hotel Days'*)

From Robin Poole Thru Don Gulliford

Some of you have heard about my Fantastic Two Hours in Alaska this fall where I caught a 29", 31" and a 29 3/4" rainbow. In fact you might have seen this pic before. If you have, sorry for the intrusion. If you haven't, enjoy. It was certainly fun getting the trout to participate and pose for your viewing enjoyment. He was released to bite and fight another day. Think this guy is the 31 incher if not then he's at least 29. ~ From Robin Poole



Wild Steelhead (Photo by WFFC member Bill McMillan)



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November 2014

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:

Kelly Galloup

(Fly Tier, Author, Guide, Lodge Owner)

'How To Be Successful Fishing Streamers--from A to Z'

THE 2014 WFFC CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION FORM



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014



AT THE SEATTLE TENNIS CLUB
922 McGivra Blvd. E., Seattle, WA 98112

DINNER RESERVATIONS - \$75 EACH

Price will increase to \$80 if payment is received after December 10, 2014

Full payment must accompany your reservations to be accepted

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:30 PM: Wet Fly Practice, Raffle Tickets Sales, Review of Auction Items

7:00 PM: Dinner

Dinner until closing: Merriment, Raffle, Silent Auction, Live Auction, and More Merriment

If you have not yet contributed to the auction or raffle and want to, please get in touch with Dave Schorsch at 206-227-6134 or colvosdrifter@aol.com. If you would like to make a cash contribution, fill in the appropriate space on the form below and include that amount with your reservation fee.

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Member name: _____ Smoked Pork Loin Crab Stuffed Prawns Eggplant Parmesan

Guest name: _____ Smoked Pork Loin Crab Stuffed Prawns Eggplant Parmesan

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My check also includes a cash contribution toward the WFFC Fund Raiser of \$ _____

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