

# Creel Notes from the



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## President's Riffle

By President Gary Bergquist



The November Board meeting had a full agenda.

First up was a proposal to create a new Senior Ghillie's position in the WFFC as proposed amendment to the bylaws.

The exact language of the proposed amendment is in this issue. Here are my thoughts and rationale in making this proposal.

The Senior Ghillie should participate in the meetings starting with the Wet Fly. He or she will take the initiative in locating newer members, interact with them, introduce them to other members and do what is necessary and appropriate to make new members feel welcome. There is little in place to help steer our newer members to other members who have answers or can find the answers to questions about the WFFC and, where to fish, what to use and when to go.

The Senior Ghillie will also augment the First and Second Ghillie as may be necessary or take actions as directed by the President. The President, with the approval of the Board will appoint the Senior Ghillie. The position of Senior Ghillie need not be filled if it is determined there is no current requirement or suitable candidate. The Board voted in favor of the proposed amendment to the bylaws which creates the position of Senior Ghillie.

Next on the agenda was a proposal presented by **Kris Kristoferson** to replace the current website. Why? The current website is old, 17 years old and based on a system which can only be maintained by a person with a high level of technical experience. Over the years we have had the benefit of a member who has the requisite knowledge and the willingness to devote the time to keep our system in tune with the demands we have placed on it. Did I say time? Yes, time. Our webmaster, **Roger Rohrbeck** spends at least 50 hours a month on our website. Roger is retiring as our webmaster. Replacing Roger's time will be a very costly.



I have been working with **Kris Kristoferson**, **Roger Rohrbeck** and **Jim Goedhart** since last spring to explore what options are available. Cutting to the chase, the board created a committee of **Roger Rohrbeck**, **Kris Kristoferson**, **Jim Young**, **Carol Anderson** and **Jim Goedhart**, the Website Redevelopment Committee. Jim will chair the committee which may be increased as its members deem desirable. The Board has direct me, through the Website Development Commit-

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## November Program

### Five Mistakes

**'You Don't Need to Make While Trout Fishing'**  
with

**Rick Hafale**

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

On Tuesday, November 17th, Rick Hafale, will be our featured speaker. Rick, an entomologist by training, is an accomplished author, fly fisherman, and public speaker, who now lives in Wilsonville, Oregon.

He fished and studied locally at Western Washington University, before moving on to Oregon State University where he obtained his Masters in aquatic entomology followed by a stint with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. His first book "The Complete

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tee, to seek approval of the membership to continue with the process of replacing the existing website with a new one. We believe we can develop a new website which will be easier to use and maintain, either by our own members or with limited outside assistance. The proposal to the membership will be to authorize the Website Redevelopment Committee to define a new website's content and functional requirements, search for and evaluate and select potential website development partners and to negotiate a website developer contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for approval by the Board of Trustees.

What are the other options? None, really, other than paying \$12,000 + per year to a third party to maintain our current website, a cost we cannot sustain over time. Show up at the November meeting and we will attempt to answer any of your questions. There will be a lot of work with most of it being done by your Website Development Committee.

**Kerry Oldenburg**, Third Vice President gave a report on the upcoming fund raiser to be held December 15<sup>th</sup>. Kerry reviewed where she and her committee is and what remains to be done. Look for more information on this and mark December 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. Plan on bringing a couple of guests.

## Christmas Party 2015



### The Holiday Party of the Year! By Kerry Oldenburg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President



Come one, Come All! Bring your sweetheart, family (adults) and friends to our fun, entertaining, and delicious Holiday Evening Event. Support our club's annual fund raiser, and our meaningful community service programs such as Healing Waters and Reel Recovery all while reeling in some fabulous auction items and having a good time!

Mark the Date! December 15<sup>th</sup>, the third Tuesday of the month, we will hold the WFFC 2015 Holiday Party at the Seattle Tennis Club. Happy hour starts around 5:00, with plenty of time to peruse a wide selection of 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 such as Roasted Alaskan Halibut with bacon/Brussel sprout slaw, Beef Tenderloin with blue cheese demi glace, and a Creamy Vegetable Risotto. All followed by a yummy dessert and the auction fun begins.

Come join your fellow club members **Kris Kristoferson**, our Honorary Master of Ceremonies along with **John Schuitemaker** and **Peter Crumbaker** this year's Auctioneers, as they outdo each other to win your hearts, your dollars and entertain you throughout the evening.

As our annual and **primary** fundraiser, we count on your support our club activities through attending and participating in the silent and live auctions and raffle selections. We also count on the generous support of members and businesses that donate to help us fund our conservation projects, veterans programs, youth programs, homeless outreach and outings.

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### **Ghillie 1**

Jim Macdonald

### **Ghillie 2**

Abe Lillard

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Club officers and chairmen can be contacted by logging in the WFFC website then selecting **email** (upper right corner). Button selection and message box will appear on scroll down

## 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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We are compiling a great selection of auction items, but if you have items or services you'd like to donate to a great cause, now is the time! Please contact me (**Kerry Oldenburg** (206) 226 8828 or email:

[kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com).



Weekend getaway at a cabin or condo? Spare rod your loved one bought you, that you'll never use? Business contacts with guides, lodges, or local restaurants? Now's the time to make a call for a good cause and help us make a great party!

Registration is available on the WFFC web site for dinner and menu selections and for you to register guests. You can pay via credit card or pay-pal, to make things easy. Sign up now to reserve your spot! Registration closes December 10<sup>th</sup>. You can also do a mail in form, with a check, to **Kerry Oldenburg**, 9120 S.E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040. The cost for this gala event is \$85.00 per person. This will include dinner, salad, entrée of choice, dessert, and wine. The camaraderie and fun is free!

**See you at the party!**

- S. Claus



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Book of Western Hatches was authored in 1981 with Dave Hughes, followed by Western Mayfly Hatches, An Anglers Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations, Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams and more. I think it is likely that every one of us has at least one of his books in our own library. He has also produced 7 instructional videos, the most recent of which is titled "Advanced Tactics for Emergers and Dries".

He is a speaker in great demand nationwide at various conclaves, and I am delighted that he has agreed to present to us 'Five Mistakes you don't need to make fly-fishing', and to answer a myriad of questions in a Q & A afterwards.

This should be a real treat!



**Rich Hafele**

## Veterans Day

   **November 11th**   

However you enjoy your Veteran's day remember the debt we owe these guys.

There is an unfortunate toll on many war veterans but, because of their service, we have the of abundance of American freedoms. So include all veteran's in your thoughts this holiday.

Oh yeah, **Jim McRoberts**—Don't forget the Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10th (1775)!



## Change in Bylaws

### Senior Ghillie

*By Gary Bergquist, WFFC President*

Members of the WFFC: At our January 19, 2016, meeting I will be making a motion for a change to our bylaws.

This amendment was discussed at our November 3, 2015 board meeting and was given unanimous approval by the board trustees:

**Article VI. Officers** shall be amended in the following manner

**1)** At the end of Section G there shall be added an additional sentence to read:

"As time and circumstances at meetings of the members may dictate or as may be directed by the President or requested by the First Ghillie or Second Ghillie, the Senior Ghillie, if there is an individual serving in that capacity, will assist the First Ghillie or Second Ghillie in the performance of the duties described in the first sentence of this section."

**2)** There shall be added an additional section to read:

**"H. Senior Ghillie.** It shall be the duty of the Senior Ghillie, in the absence or unavailability of the First Ghillie and the Second Ghillie, or as may be requested by them or as circumstances at meetings may warrant to see that the orders of the President at the meetings are carried out and to collect authorized fines, be responsible at meetings of members for awarding the King Skunk hat and supervising the Dunker's Club Ceremony The Senior Ghillie shall also be responsible for welcoming new members into the Club, assisting new members' sponsors with the integration of new members into the Club and such other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Senior Ghillie, if present, shall participate in the induction of new members. The Senior Ghillie shall be a non-voting ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. The office of Senior



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"Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?"

-The late George Carlin

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Ghillie will be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Trustees. If a qualified candidate for Senior Ghillie is not available one need not be appointed. Vacancies in the office of Senior Ghillie may be filled at the discretion of the Board of Trustees all in the same manner as vacancies in other offices. "

The purpose of this proposal is to create a new position, Senior Ghillie which will augment the First and Second Ghillie and, in addition, take on those additional tasks assigned by the President. I see the Senior Ghillie becoming a key factor in integrating our new and newer members into the club which will go a long way toward retaining them as members. The Senior Ghillie will be a presence in our meetings participating in all of our ceremonies as well as discharging those additional responsibilities as may be assigned by the President. The Senior Ghillie will be appointed by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your support of this amendment to the bylaws and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me or any other Board member.

## An Extra Tip

### Fishing Very Clear Lakes

The problem with very clear lakes is it extends the epilimnion to greater depths but don't worry about the clarity. The fish don't care.

The epilimnion is the area where trout spend 95% of the time. That means trout might be feeding at 60 feet rather than the top 20 feet where most anglers concentrate. Weed beds and marl flats are where 70% of the fish food locates. That means the trout will be somewhere nearby.

In most lakes the weed beds get sparser below about 20 feet, but in very clear lakes they can extend much deeper than that. In the summer and late spring trout might be cruising around at 60 feet below the surface.

Suggest you have some deep sinking lines just in case if you are going to visit a very clear lake



None this month

## Fly of the Month

### Ham n' Eggs

*From the Central Oregon Flyfishers*

**Hook:** size 16 or 18 scud hook

**Thread:** size 6/0 fluorescent orange or pink

**Egg:** knitting yarn (orange and yellow); GloBug yarn (dark roe or steelhead orange or pink and Oregon egg (a yellow) and chartreuse); McFly Foam (orange or pink and lite yellow or chartreuse)



1. Debarb hook and start thread on the hook.
2. Advance the thread to the rear of hook to a point between the hook point and barb.
3. If using knitting yarn, attach three single strands of yarn (e.g. two orange and one yellow OR two yellow and one orange) with the one color flanked by the other strands of the other color (e.g. orange, yellow, orange). If you use GloBug Yarn or McFly Foam, use two strands (about 3/16 inch in diameter) of orange and a yellow color.
4. Hold the three strands in your right hand (for a right hand tier) and a dubbing needle in the left hand. Pull the strands forward over the needle. Then pull the needle to the rear to make a loop about 1/8 inch in size. Grab the loop with the left hand and place the needle on the bench. Then make five tight loops of thread over the yarn to make a loop. Repeat the process two more times to make a total of three loops (see photo) and whip finish.

The Ham 'n Eggs is the ultimate guide fly – simple and quick to tie. It uses three or less materials, and catches fish – Oh does it catch fish, especially rainbows.

The pattern is an adaptation of a Great Lakes steelhead pattern



Cutthroat Trout (Lahontan) Takes a Crawfish Imitation  
*From Omak Lake (Colville Indian Reservation)*



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**November, 2015**

**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:**

**"Five Mistakes You Don't Need to Make While Trout Fishing"**

**with**

**Rick Hafele**

# THE 2015 WFFC CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION FORM



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015



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

DINNER RESERVATIONS - \$85 EACH

**Price will increase to \$95 if payment is received after December 10, 2015**

**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 contact Kerry at 206-236-2127 or [kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com). If you would like to make a cash contribution, please fill in the appropriate space on the form below, and include that amount in your check.**

**(For online payment via our secure PayPal interface, please access member area of the website)**

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**(For payment by check, please cut along dotted line above. and mail in below form with your check)**

-----**please circle desired entrée**-----

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Tenderloin      Alaskan Halibut      Vegetarian Risotto

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Tenderloin      Alaskan Halibut      Vegetarian Risotto

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# of Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ # of Alaskan Halibut \_\_\_\_\_ # of Vegetarian Risotto \_\_\_\_\_

Total # \_\_\_\_\_ of dinners x **\$85** each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send this reservation form along with check to:

**Kerry Oldenburg  
9120 SE 50th St.  
Mercer Island, WA 98040**