

Creel Notes from the



P.O. Box 639, Mercer Island, WA 98040



December, 2006

President's Riffle

The time has come to dig through the closet and find a suitable jacket and tie or suit and tie for the big Christmas Party! Then we can leave 'em out for the Awards meeting in January 2007.

Richard Embry will help you tie a mono-loop if that's your preference for anchoring those strange things called ties, otherwise a bowline is another good non-slipping knot. The new Ghillie team is really anxious to try out the net used for gathering fines so it's best not to tempt them by forgetting your tie.

This is a good time to complete your application for a Gold Button Certificate for that qualifying fish you caught during 2006. **Bill Neal** will be glad to receive your entry and see if you're a winner.

I was pleased to see most of our new officers and trustees at the December board meeting. The next board meeting will be January 2nd at 7:00 pm at the College Club. All members are welcome to come and see the board in action. We always appreciate comments and input from any member. Thanks to **Jim McRoberts**, I'll have the WFFC Operations Procedures on CD for the board members who didn't receive them at the December board meeting.

Craig Koepler accepted appointment as Chairman of the committee seeking a new location for our meetings. The College Club building has been sold and will eventually be replaced by a high-rise structure. If you know of a suitable location with space for our meetings and a place

for our library that doesn't cost an arm and a leg, let Craig know.

Many of you receive an email from **Kris Kristoferson** or **John Schuitemaker** when the Creel Notes have been posted to the WFFC Website. If clicking on the link in the email doesn't display the Creel Notes for you, simply enter "wffc.com" (without the quotes) on the address line of your Internet browser and click on "Current Issue" when the WFFC page displays. You'll notice that back issues for several years are also available there.

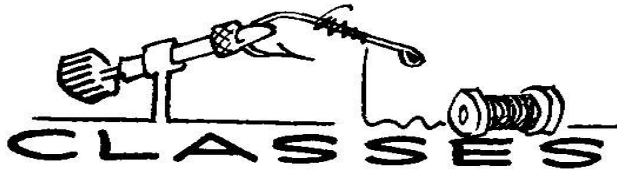
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours!

Bob Birkner



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Beginning Fly Tying Class

Starts: Thursday January 4, 2007

Place: Mercer Island Covenant Church

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Duration: 8 weeks, every Thur. evening

Cost: \$35.00 plus \$20 for tying DVD

To register call **Don Simonson** 206-932-4925 or **Bob Birkner** 206-542-4623

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

The next round table will be on the 2nd Wednesday, January 10th, 7 to 9 PM.

A new year will have begun by then and your "New Year's Resolutions" may include trying something new on fly fishing front. How about a new fly pattern. This month let's tie Winter Steelhead patterns and share these patterns with all the tiers that attend the round table.

Place: Mercer Island Covenant Church, 3200 78th S.E. (S.E. corner of 78th S.E. and SE 32nd). Just south of the Mercer Island business district. Off street parking is available off 78th S.E.

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

ROSTER CHANGES

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Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others — particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.



Chopaka Lake *By Don Clough*

Since 2005 the bass population in Chopaka Lake has increased substantially. It has been my experience that you will most probably catch them in the Spring time verses the Fall period. Bob Jateff, the Regional Biologist, and I were at Chopaka in May of this year and caught several sizeable bass. When Bob examined these fish they contained several fry that were planted at the end of the year.

I returned to the lake in September with my brother-in-law and we caught no bass during that trip. I called Bob and related our recent experience. During our trip in September we caught some really nice fish most of which were 18+ inches, and only two or three that were smaller. Bob's concern is that there are no fish in the 10" - 14" category. During our discussion over the past two years there are a couple of suggestions that are being considered: (1) Rehab the lake, and (2) my suggestion of changing the size of newly planted fish. The rehab proposal can not be accomplished until 2007 if it were to be done or approved. my suggestion is to plant larger fish in the 8" to 10" size to avoid the bass consumption and permit these fish to fill the void of the intermediate size that is currently missing. This suggestion may be implemented depending on his budget.

The lake condition has improved tremendously from two years ago. The lake margins are in my opinion very close to where they were three years ago. Using our fish finders there is a very good number of fish in the south end of the lake. We did not look at any of the lake in the northern end.

The Okanogan Fly Fishers had an outing in June and killed a large number of bass for a fish fry. In addition, their club is working on an idea of imposing a substantial fine

for any one planting illegal fish in any lake. Also if this idea were approved it would reward a person who could identify the person who committed the violation. This idea would be published in the Washington State Game regulations pamphlet.

The Game Department is planning on netting the lake in October and examine the bass situation again. Hopefully this problem can be resolved and the lake can be returned to the great resource that it was. It might be a good idea for our club to promote the "illegal planting" idea and gain support from the Washington State Fly Fishing Federation as well as other clubs in our state.

New Officers for 2007

President:

John Schutemaker

1st VP's

Pat Peterman
Craig Koeppler

2nd VP

Keith Robbins

Treasurer

John Huey

Secretary

David Erich

Ghillie(s)

Peter Crumbaker
Jim McDonald

Trustees

Don Schroder (replaces J. Schutemaker's remaining term)
Mike Wearne
Ed Sozinho

BIG TWIN LAKE AERATOR *By Don Simonson*

The Methow Valley Fly Fishing Club (MVFF) is asking for financial help installing an aerator in Big Twin Lake in Winthrop. The reason for the aerator is to reduce winter kill in the lake. Several of our members fish this lake with nice success. In fact it has been suggested that our club schedule a fall outing there next year. There is a nice campground right on the lake.

The aerator will be owned and maintained by the WDFW. The MVFF club will install the aerator and pay the first two years electric costs. Currently the MVFF has the WDFW permit with the DNR draft available but pending formal receipt probably in December 2006.

The MVFF plans to use the grant money provided to purchase the equipment late this winter but needs an additional \$7500.00 in contributions for installation, excavation, and electrical.

I am asking the WFFC Board and the membership for a \$1000.00 contribution from the WFFC to the MVFF towards the installation of the aerator. The donation would be contingent on the MVFF receiving the final formal permit from the DNR.

Donations to the WFFC Foundation

The WFFC foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), founded by the Washington Fly Fishing Club in 1974. The corporation was organized and is bound by its Articles of Incorporation to be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes. to promote the public welfare through the development, promotion and support of programs and projects for the wise use, management and conservation of fish and wildlife, and their environment. No part of the foundation's earnings can be used for individual profit.

To effectively carry out its programs the Foundation must rely solely on donations

from individuals who share the foundation's interests and goals. Your gift or bequest may support the foundation's general operations or a special project. It will serve as a memorial to yourself or a loved one.

To make a tax-deductible gift, you may write a check to Washington Fly Fishing Club Foundation. If you have tax deferred income in an IRA and must begin taking required distributions at age 70-1/2, you will pay income tax on the distribution. However, by making an outright gift to the WFFC Foundation from your IRA, your donation will be tax-free.

If you make a donation to the WFFC Foundation, the Tax ID # is 23-7438069.

ARTICLE III. FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Fees, Dues and Club Fines. The Board of Trustees shall establish dues, initiation fee, reinstatement fee and Club fine structure at the December board meeting each year, which shall be published in the December Creel Notes, together with Article III, Sections 4 and 5 of these Bylaws. **Active and associate member dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year.**

Article III:

Section 4. Dues Notices. A statement of dues payable shall be sent to each member by the Treasurer with the mailing of the December "Creel Notes" each year. One (1) additional notice shall be sent by the Treasurer to members whose dues are unpaid as of January 30.

Section 5. Delinquent Dues.

- A. Any member delinquent in dues payment on March 1 of each year shall automatically be dropped from membership and the Club mailing list, without notice.
- B. Delinquent members may regain active or (if eligible) associate membership by

payment of a reinstatement fee and the appropriate annual dues, providing reinstatement occurs during the year in which the dues became delinquent. Otherwise, regaining membership shall be through the same application requirements as those for new members.

- e) The Membership Committee shall also review the list of organizations to which the Creel Notes is sent, emphasizing reciprocity as the major criterion for continuance. The Creel Notes will not be sent to commercial establishments or to non-member individuals.

Hello from your Ghillies

In the interest of re-ordering the club logo merchandise and having it available for the next year, we are hoping to make a pre-order system available so that members can get what they want in the size they want.

Kris Kristoferson will put a sign-up sheet on the web site so that members can place an order for club merchandise with the club logo. The merchandise currently available is listed below and the prices are available on the site:

Club Hats: White with brown bill
Blue with brown bill

Shirts: Light blue denim Long sleeve w/ embroidered logo

Navy blue polo shirt with embroidered logo

Jackets: Navy blue Nylon covered fleece with embroidered logo

Name badges: Wood laser engraved name badges

Belt Buckles

DVD of the flies tied by the tying class

Club decals

In the new year, additional merchandise may be added.

We also wanted to remind you that dinner can now be paid for using visa cards. The system seems to be de-bugged and working well if we get a clean telephone line at the club.

We appreciate your help.

Pat Peterman
Peter Crumbacher

WFFC Membership Dues Notice
2007 Dues are Due!

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment check.

Dues: \$50/full member \$35 /associate member (payable to WFFC)

Last Name _____ First _____
M.I. _____

Check this box if your info in the latest roster is still correct.

Please make sure we have your correct roster information. Enter any changes below.

Spouse _____

Address _____

City/State _____
Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ / Work Phone (____) _____ - _____

e-mail address _____

Year Initiated _____

Sponsor(s) _____ / _____

Creel Notes Delivery Preference: _____ e-mail only (PDF) _____ regular mail

Return completed form and dues check to:

Pat Peterman

12821 102nd Ave. NE

Kirkland, WA 98034

Dues are due and payable by January 1, 2007

(Members paying after March 1st subject to a \$10 reinstatement fee)



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Meeting Announcement



The 2006 Christmas Party! Tuesday Dec. 19th.
5:30 for some WET fly action
7:00 PM for Dinner.
If you don't have your reservation call
Ed Sozinho at 206-914-0983!