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In the event you missed the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting you missed out on listening to Jamie Glasgow's presentation on the fish feed lots in Puget Sound. Jamie is Director of Science and Research for Wild Fish Conservancy which, in my view, is the premier advocate of wild fish in the Pacific Northwest. (Jamie is also a recipient of a scholarship grant from the Washington Fly Fishing Club and a testament to putting our money to good use.)

Back to Jamie's program on Atlantic salmon net pens which right minded people characterize as fish feed lots. A proposal is now "in the hopper" to significantly expand and relocate an existing fish feed lot in the Port Angeles area. Salmon net pens are a serious issue. While there are but a few now in our waters net pens are certain to expand and multiply if their deleterious effects such as disease and water pollution are not given due consideration by those government agencies who are supposed to monitor and regulate these activities. We do not have to look any further than British Columbia for evidence of the problems these net pens bring. For more information take a look here: <http://wildfishconservancy.org/what-we-do/advocacy/net-pen-aquaculture> and here <https://www.voyageforsalmon.ca/>.

One would think that in the Puget Sound steelhead recovery plan NOAA would require these operations to be critically monitored and circumscribed given the state of our steelhead stocks in the Puget Sound.

Speaking of the Wild Fish Conservancy, it is having its annual fund raiser on November 11, 2016, at Chateau Ste Michelle Winery in Woodinville. I have attended more than a fair number of Wild Fish Conservancy events at Chateau Ste Michelle and can tell you it puts on a great event, not only for anglers, but non-anglers as well. More information is on the Wild Fish Conservancy web site at <http://wildfishconservancy.org/>. While you are on its website checking out the November 11<sup>th</sup> event take a tour and sample some of the papers and articles I think you will be impressed with the breadth and depth of the research and advocacy this organization brings to wild fish. It does good work

I ended last months' Creel Notes with the statement that I was going fishing. Well, I did. I had an unexpected window on my calendar, lined up a guide, Zach Sanders from TroutWater, and drove to Ellensburg.

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Zach put us in at Ringer and we floated to Umtanum. Generally I do not count fish beyond, say 4 or 5. (With a fly rod in one hand and my feet in boots I am challenged to count higher than 5). After a few fish to hand I am just out to having a good time. I had a more than a pretty good time on the water that day with Zach on the oars; capping it off by landing a 22 +++ inch rainbow at 4:07 that afternoon. A deep body heavy shouldered fish. That put a glow on the day. Still thinking about it. Zach has devised a nymph rig, similar to a New Zealand indicator, which proved to be quite effective. If you want to learn more about it you will need to hire Zach or ply me enough scotch. It may prove to be more cost effective for you to hire Zach.

We have made real progress on our new website. As I have mentioned before, Jim Goedhart has put in some serious time and effort on this project. Jim and our developers now have a working model of our new website which Jim previewed for the Board at its October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. For sure, some of the ways in which we now do business through the web site will change. Those who were at the meeting gave what they saw demonstrated some pretty high marks. We are now in the process of moving content from the existing site to the new site and testing/tweaking what has been developed which will take several weeks. We anticipate launching the new web site in late December. Can we launch the new web site earlier? Probably. Why the delay? A couple of reasons. One is time. As the date of the WFFC fund raiser approaches that event tends to suck up most of our efforts and time to devote to other matters simply goes away. Secondly I have no interest in

changing the manner in which sign ups and registrations are handled for the fund raiser at this time. Most of us are comfortable with the manner in which we currently sign up and pay for dinners so we will use that process for this event.

Did I mention the WFFC's annual fund raiser? Kerry Hodges (fka Kerry Oldenburg) is now in the process of identifying, locating and gathering items for the auctions and raffle. You will be contacted to participate in making donations to the WFFC for its fund raiser. The WFFC is YOUR CLUB and this event is its primary source of funds. The WFFC has been around for a long time, going on 78 years now, and is doing an outstanding job in meeting its aims and purposes. The WFFC's ability to continue doing so is solely due to its members...that means YOU. When you are contacted to provide something for the auctions and raffle, step up with a donation. A number of members have already committed to work in helping prepare for the event as well as pitching in to work at the fund raiser. If you are asked to help out, do so.

For those of you who would like to read the settlement agreement for the litigation in which the WFFC joined Wild Fish Conservancy and other groups forced NOAA to set a date for implementing a recovery plan for Puget Sound Steelhead go here: [http://wildfishconservancy.org/copy\\_of\\_news/in-the-news/029.stipulated.orderentered.2016.08.18PSsteelheadplan.pdf](http://wildfishconservancy.org/copy_of_news/in-the-news/029.stipulated.orderentered.2016.08.18PSsteelheadplan.pdf)

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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.

## October Speaker

On October 18th our monthly speaker will be Rick Hafele talking (All About Emergers). Rick, as many of you know, is an entomologist and flyfisher, who visited us last year and spoke on (Five Mistakes Fly fishers Need Not Make) to a full house.

Rick is als. a prolific magazine writer. an author of several books, and a frequent speaker at flyfishing forums around the Northwest.

For those of you who have been driven crazy by an evening fish feeding frenzy which ignores every one of our offerings and shows us nothing but backs and tails this talk is for you. Is it the size of the fly. The Color. Leader size. Presentation. Would you do better with a sink tip line. A floating line with a sinking leader. Etc. Rick has the answers.

Don't miss this informative lecture!

Thanks,

Robert Burdick

## Lake Hannan Outing October 29

Hi all

We have access to Lake Hannan on October 29; this is the CYO facility known as Camp Hamilton. We can go on site at 8:00 and stay until 6:00. There will be a chili lunch served during the noon hour. I will provide maps which show the route at the next meeting. If club members have any questions, they can contact me at work, my phone number is 253.305.1562. My email is [michael\\_wearne@msn.com](mailto:michael_wearne@msn.com). If you want, let me know and I can email you the map to the site.

## November 5-6 Wetbuns Outing

Our annual celebration of the drizzle season! Finally! Normal Northwest weather! Chums are staging in the shallow estuaries, the resident coho are there for those who know where to cast, and the biggest searuns are looking for that last meal before a long winter in a little tle stream.

Seafood stew, prepared by liberally lubricated volunteer labor always tastes best around a big fire. This is the best "outing" meal of the year as far as many are concerned, and is a must do trip for me. So stay away if you don't like shrimp, halibut, clams, cod, crab, or any of that other fishy food. Yes, there are some vegis in there too...

We will gather at the group camp area at Penrose Point state Park, with dinner prepping starting around 4:00. I Know, that cuts into some fishing time, but it gets dark early these days. We need several volunteers to crack crabs, chop fish, shell shrimp, etc.

Bring your favorite cold weather appetizer, and the club does the rest. This is truly a great outing.

The fishing can be done from beaches, but is done better from a boat. Launches at Vaughn bay, Allyn, Latimers landing, Treasure Island, and Von Geldern cove are all good jumping off spots for South Sound fly fishing.

Orange and white flies, along with olive clousers and dali lamas work really well. Chums like anything small and green.

Sign up for head count and bring a sturdy bowl for dinner. See you there!



## Project Healing Waters

### WFFC & PROJECT HEALING WATERS NORTH WEST 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 2-FLY CONTEST

Project Healing Waters 2-Fly contest on the Yakima. September 10<sup>th</sup>. Three WFFC members (Jay Deeds, Rich Gaspar, Jim McRoberts, and former member, James Schmidt,) went to the KOA in Ellensburg on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a great dinner and set up camp. We brought four veterans from the Seattle Veterans system. They all live in the Compass House for veterans in Renton.

There were about 75 people in all. The Northwest Region (AK, WA, ID, OR) put 23 boats on the water starting at 0930 Saturday. Each boat had one Veteran in the bow a rower/judge and a volunteer in the stern. We were allowed 5 hours to fish. The two fisherman each had two flies of the same type. We used a large stone fly imitation size # 4 and a nymph size #16 that had a red wire body with biot split tails, herl for the abdomen and a bead head. We only used one fly at a time for fear of losing both and not being able to continue in the contest! Most of our group caught fish but not many! The largest was 13" caught by one of the veterans.



### WFFC & PROJECT HEALING WATERS AT TROPHY LAKE

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we took nine veterans and seven volunteers (Chuck Ballard, Jay Deeds, Jim McRoberts from WFFC) nonmembers were Gregg Kirmeyer, John Lell, James Schmidt, and John Roskopf; to Trophy Lake at Port Orchard. We divided our group into two teams and fished one team on the upper lake in the morning and one on the lower. We swapped in the afternoon. Fishing was very slow but the fish that were landed were fat, 20" plus! Anyone want to volunteer for an outing, let me know!

Jim McRoberts, PHW Lead





# Big Twin Outing - 2016



Big Twin Lake



But.....On Arrival...Yikes!\*

Nice Drive Over North Cascades

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- Conferring with the campground caretaker we were fortunately allowed us to stay thru Sunday noon.
- *The campground is currently going a ownership trust issue as the principle owner passed away*



17" Rainbow



Getting Setup for Dinner

**SAVE THE DATE and DONATE!**  
**DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will be the WFFC Christmas Holiday Party!**  
**We need your donations now to make this evening even more memorable!**

**By Kerry Oldenburg**

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Bring your sweetheart, family (adults), prospective members and friends to our WFFC fun, entertaining, and delicious Annual Holiday Dinner and Auction. Support our club's annual fund raiser and our meaningful community service programs such as Healing Waters and Reel Recovery all while reeling in fabulous auction items and having a good time!

Mark the Date and Donate! Save December 20<sup>th</sup> for the WFFC 2016 Annual Holiday Party at the Seattle Tennis Club. Then make a call this month to donate an auction item in support of this great event.

Happy hour starts around 5:30 with plenty of time to peruse a wide selection of auction items and visit with fellow WFFC members and close friends! Dinner will be served at 7:00 with wine on the tables and your special entrée choice made when you register. A gourmet meal followed by a delicious 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 our 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 of 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.

We need **YOUR HELP** compiling a great selection of auction items. If you have items, ideas, outings or services you'd like to donate to a great cause, now is the time! We can also provide ideas for you to consider. Please contact **Kerry Oldenburg (206) 226 8828** or email: [kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com) and like Santa, she will pick up your items or arrange printed auction gift certificate for items such as trips, dinners, weekend stays, or guided fishing outings.

Weekend getaway at a cabin or condo? Guided fishing day on local waters? Spare rod or reel that you've rarely use? Artwork you are ready to part with? Recommendations for guides, lodges, local activities or restaurant contacts? Now's the time to make a call for a good cause!

Registration will be available on the WFFC web site in November for dinner selections and to register guests. So **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendar and remember to Sign up in November to reserve your spot! You can also print a form from the web site to mail in registration 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, your choice of entrée, scrumptious dessert, and wine.

The camaraderie and fun are free!

**See you in December and make a call now to support your club with a donation !**



## Fishing Report

Harrison River Oct. 1, 2016

We left Seattle around noon, after doing all the chores, answering e mails, and all the other stuff that seems to need doing outside of our mutual work weeks. She crunches numbers for cancer research, and I build things out of glass and aluminum in a booming city. Both of us needed a break. We had talked about a weekend at Harrison Hotsprings, and the time had come. Just over three hours later, we were pulling into Harrison Village, British Columbia, up to a cute little air b+b condo. Our plan worked exactly as intended. The restaurants were cool, and the food was great! Walking on the waterfront park at sunset was awesome! Rest and relaxation achieved!

Early the next morning, we loaded up a lunch and some fishing gear, and headed for Kilby Park on the Harrison river to meet our guide for the day. Thomas, with STS guide service met us at the launch with his fancy jet boat. Once suited up in waders, we headed about a half mile down river to the mouth of the Harrison, where it meets the brownish waters of the mighty Fraser River. Tom paid special attention to Lynn, helping her fish from the boat with the unique gear targeting big chum salmon. I jumped out, and started casting a sink tip into the fish rolling along the shoreline rocks. The clear water of the Harrison, at the confluence, was key. Most any fly with marabou in purple or pink seemed to work. Heavy fish, sulking on the take, then charging all over the river, were the game. At one point, Lynn hollered from the boat, "is that a fish or a snag?", at which a huge chum came cartwheeling out of the water and crashing down in front of another boatload of anglers.

We fished for a 6 hour day, some of that loading, dressing, and travelling. Lynn landed about 5 chums, and I landed about 7. We both had lots more on, not counting foul hooked fish. All in great shape, and really strong. (Four are now resting in a smoker at home.) Tom dropped us off at the launch in time to make our dinner reservations at Morgans in Harrison Village. Standing rack of lamb is a great way to wrap up a day of fishing! Next morning, we headed home after a huge blueberry muffin at Muddys. 3 1/2 hours later we're home, unload, and relax some more. An excellent weekend! Do this trip!

Dave Schorsch

## In Memoriam Albert Augustus Green III

With sadness we announce that Al Green passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in Winthrop, Washington where he had resided for the past twenty-six years after a 48-year career in banking in Seattle. He was an avid fly fisherman. He started fly fishing at the age of eleven, learning from his father in Mississippi. He caught his last fish near Winthrop at Moccasin Lake at age 92 in May, this year. His fly fishing equipment will be donated to the Methow Valley Fly Fishers. This will benefit their youth fly fishing classes and other projects supported by the club in the Methow Valley. He was also active in the WFFC for many years. He will be missed.

Dr. Rick DuBose





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**Meeting Announcement**



**Meetings are held on the third Tuesday October 18, 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: The presenter at our October meeting will be: Rick Hafele talking (All About Emergers).**