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All things come to an end and I am at the end of my second one year tour as President of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

On January 1st John Gravendyk assumes office as President of the WFFC. We can look forward to John's leadership and guidance for the next year. It goes without saying, but I will do so anyway, John deserves the full support and help of each of us for the upcoming year as do his fellow officers, Rich Gaspard, First VP Membership, Michael Wearne, Second VP Programs, Tom Neu, Secretary, Jim Goedhart, Treasurer, Pat Becker, 1st Ghillie and Dexter Brown, 2nd Ghillie and all of the committee chairs. We have two new trustees coming on board for 2017, Hugh Clark and Bob Birkner. All of the WFFC members who have stepped up to serve the WFFC as officers, trustees and committee chairs and each of them deserve the support and help of each and all WFFC members. "Help" means your time and effort.

Thank you to Bob Burdick, Kerry Oldenburg, Abe Lillard, Chapin Henry, Ron Dion and Mark Pratt, and Michael Moszynski their service as past officers and trustees. Lest we overlook those who serve as committee chairs: Pat Peterman, Dave Schorsch, Doug Schaad, Chuck Ballard, Rich DuBose, Deanne Emmons, Bill Neal, Mike Wearne, Dick Brening, and Roger Rohrbeck.

The annual fund raiser will be held on December 20th...just around the corner. Attend and bring your wallet/credit card. We will have some interesting and exciting items up for auction, silent and live and with the raffle cans. This year we will be selling general raffle tickets at the Ghillie Desk. No more roving ticket sellers. Dick Brening and Chuck Ballard will be at their usual stations selling tickets for the fly box raffle which will see a couple of changes for this year. Remember this is not a yard sale it is a fund raiser so do not be shy or embarrassed to overpay....that is the whole point. For those of you who donated: Thank you. This event is how we raise funds to pay for our operations and, for the Foundation it is a major source of its funds. Both the WFFC and the Foundation made some major donations this year. Let's do what we need to allow that to happen again in 2017. We have a reputation to uphold.

We are in the process of replacing the WFFC website (where have you heard that before). The new web site is scheduled to "go live" later this month.

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I think you are going to like it. This has been a major undertaking with Jim Goedhart on the laboring oar along with Roger Rohrbeck. Roger has been THE MAN for the WFFC website for quite a number of years giving us so much more of his time and expertise than many realize. Roger has always been there for us and we will still have his help after the transition is made later this month. Jim, what can I say, you have gone beyond what I would have imagined when this project was first proposed. Without you I am not sure where we would have been...that is all speculation but I am somewhat in awe of the time and effort you expended in this endeavor. Thank you, thank you very much.

As many of you may know, Roger Rohrbeck has relocated to Plano, Texas; however, with the magic of the internet he is still "with us" and in pretty close communication with a number of members. Rumor has it that Roger is now the proud owner of a bass boat. Way to go Roger! So what have the last two years been like? No lies...being President of the WFFC does take time. It can be somewhat like trying to herd cats. All in all, it has been satisfying. My greatest enjoyment has been the pleasure of the opportunity to work with and get to know the other members of the WFFC who are giving of their time and effort to serve as an officer, trustee, and committee chair or just being there to help out. At least that has been my experience. Yes, it does take time and effort but for me that has been far outweighed by the pleasure of working with these people...we have shared many laughs and when I think of them I really

cannot help but smile. Thank you for the opportunity and your sense of humor in putting up with me.

Gary Bergquist

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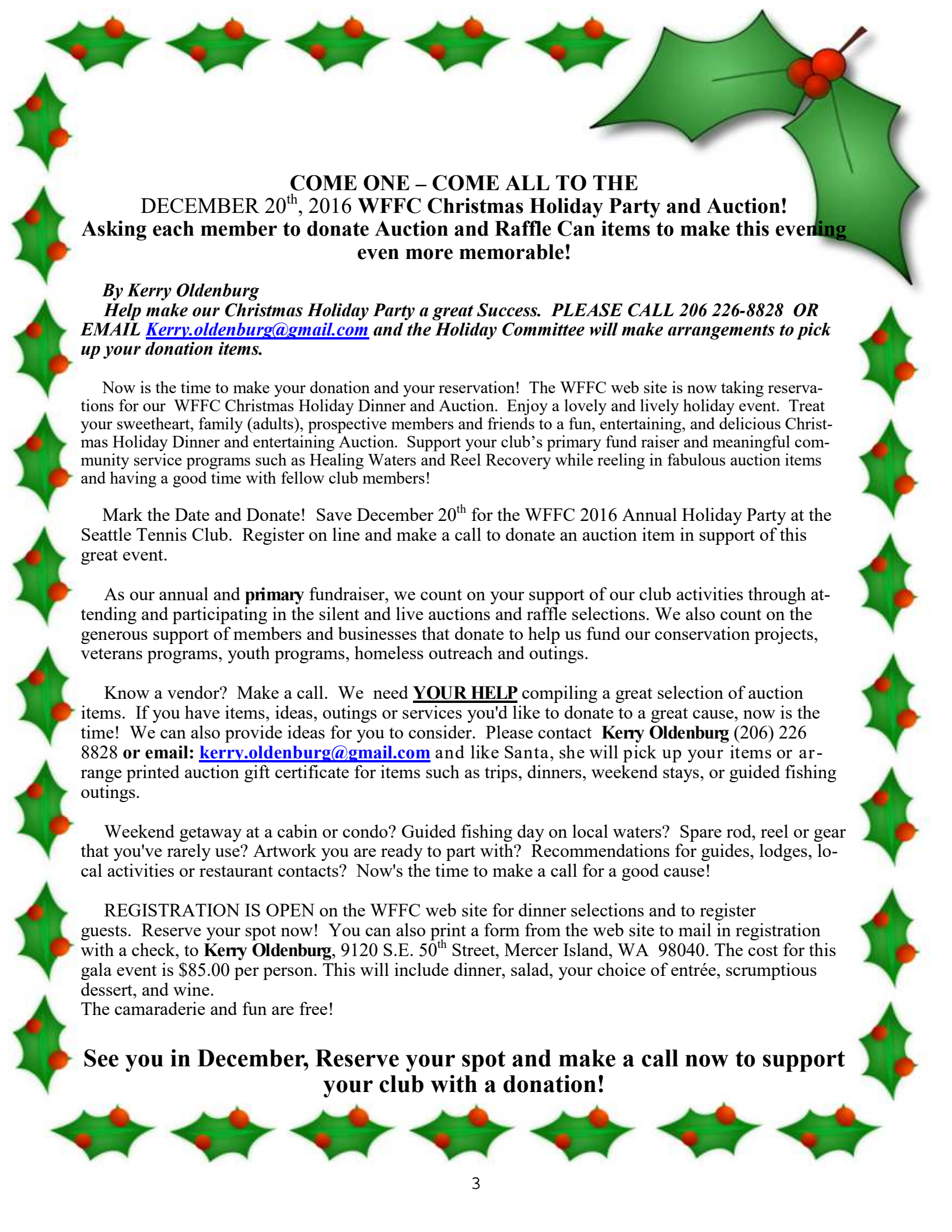
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Club officers and chairmen can be contacted by logging in the WFFC website then selecting email (upper right corner). Button selec-

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.



**COME ONE – COME ALL TO THE
DECEMBER 20th, 2016 WFFC Christmas Holiday Party and Auction!
Asking each member to donate Auction and Raffle Can items to make this evening
even more memorable!**

By Kerry Oldenburg

*Help make our Christmas Holiday Party a great Success. PLEASE CALL 206 226-8828 OR
EMAIL Kerry.oldenburg@gmail.com and the Holiday Committee will make arrangements to pick
up your donation items.*

Now is the time to make your donation and your reservation! The WFFC web site is now taking reservations for our WFFC Christmas Holiday Dinner and Auction. Enjoy a lovely and lively holiday event. Treat your sweetheart, family (adults), prospective members and friends to a fun, entertaining, and delicious Christmas Holiday Dinner and entertaining Auction. Support your club's primary fund raiser and meaningful community service programs such as Healing Waters and Reel Recovery while reeling in fabulous auction items and having a good time with fellow club members!

Mark the Date and Donate! Save December 20th for the WFFC 2016 Annual Holiday Party at the Seattle Tennis Club. Register on line and make a call to donate an auction item in support of this great event.

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.

Know a vendor? Make a call. 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 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, reel or gear 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 IS OPEN on the WFFC web site for dinner selections and to register guests. Reserve your spot now! You can also print a form from the web site to mail in registration with a check, to **Kerry Oldenburg**, 9120 S.E. 50th 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, Reserve your spot and make a call now to support
your club with a donation!**



Guided Fishing Trips, Weekend Getaways, New Rods and Reels, oh my!

**DECEMBER 20th, 2016 will be a night fun and frivolity.
Preview the Auction list on pages 5 &6 , make your bidding plan,
and call a friend to go in on a trip!**

By Kerry Oldenburg

Now is the time to 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! December 20th will be the WFFC 2016 Annual Holiday Christmas Party at the Seattle Tennis Club. Preview the list below, select you favorites and make your bidding plan. Then call a friend to go in on a trip. Bring your check book and credit card and don't forget to buy lots of raffle tickets to stuff your favorite Raffle Cans for offerings of great fishing gear!

Happy hour starts at 5:30 with plenty of time to peruse the wide selection of Live an Silent auction items and Raffle Cans.

Weekend getaway at a waterfront home, mountain condo, or fishing lodge, full day guided fishing trips, wide variety of new rods and reels, Original Art-work to enhance your home, rare fly plates, dinners out and of course great selections of wine and specialty bottles of alcohol to enjoy with it all. Get ready to bid and do your part for a good cause!

Item Description	Donated by
Silent Auction	
Original Artwork and Paintings	Greg Crumbaker *For Foundation
6 Bottle set Hedges fine Wine and wine glasses	James Goedhart
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Beautiful Original Kelly Davis Painting	Kelly Davies
2 bottles fine wine and wine glasses	Dick Brenning
New complete Redington 9ft/5wt Rod and Reel Pkg	WFFC
7) 10 Wt Fly Rod/Reel Pkg, flies and Art-work *Great for Permit and Tarpon fishing	Jim Goedhart
Beautiful Original Bronze Trout Statue	Brad Smith
Fine Whiskey with Simms Flasks and glasses	Gary Berquist
Sears 17 Ft Aluminum canoe, paddles and gear	Jim McRoberts
Photograph by Dave McCoy	Emerald Waters
Bottle of Old Grand Whiskey and glasses	Curt Jacobs
2 Night-3 day Stay South Sound waterfront home	Kerry and Bob Hodges
*Sleeps 6, think cutthroat trout, beach fires and all the oysters you can eat!	
2 Bdrm Suite 3-4 nights at Mt Baker Snowwater condo	Robert Thorpe
*Sleeps 6 with use extensive Rec facilities	Chuck Ballard
2 Nights at Lake Chelan Condo with guided fishing	
Weekend Hosted stay for two couples at Cle Elm Cabin or Hood Canal Home. Includes 2 Breakfasts and Dinner	Robert Tovar
Red's in the Yakima Canyon, Casting Lesson of choice for 2 and overnight at The Lodge – 2 bedroom, 2 Bath Condo with kitchen	Reds Anglers

New Regal Vice, tying gear and pattern books
Great Bottle of Scotch and glasses

Gary Berquist
Patricia Becker

Live Auction

Brand New CUSTOM MADE Winston Baron
III LS 9ft 5 wt *Rod donated Bill Amerongen-
Highliner Custom Rods

Check it out at www.highlinercustomrods.com Liz Hendrix

2 nights bed and breakfast Suite in Friday
Harbor

*Ettas with wine and dinner gift certificate
Full Day Guided Fishing trip of your choice
with Avid Angler

Carol Anderson

Original fly plate and artwork by Gil

Avid Angler

Original fly plate and artwork by Gil

Gil Nyerges

Fantastic Gourmet Italian Dinner for 8

Gil Nyerges

Classic Salmon Fly Plate by R. Veverla circa
1988

Rocco Maccarrone

3-4 Nights Stay at Oregon Coast Home

Len Zickler/IFFF

Full Day guided fishing on the South Sound

Doug Schaad

Dave Schorsch

Circle W Hi Hium Trip - 4 nights for 4 guests
At any Cabin for 2017 fishing season

Hi Hium Lodge
Bendzak Family

Original Painting by Kris Kristopherson
Full Day Guided Yakima Canyon Float Trip
with Al Parke

Kris Kristopherson
Brian McGee and
Greg Smith

One Week Salmon River Float Trip with Ag-
gipah Tours

Aggipah Tours

Brand New Sage Reel Pulse 9ft/6wt 691-4
Black Bear Lodge Trip for 2, Upper Columbia
River

WFFC

4 Nights at Whistler Condo

Jack Mitchell

Paul Wycoff

**Registration is available online until December 14th at the WFFC web site:
wffc.com.**

See you at the Dinner!

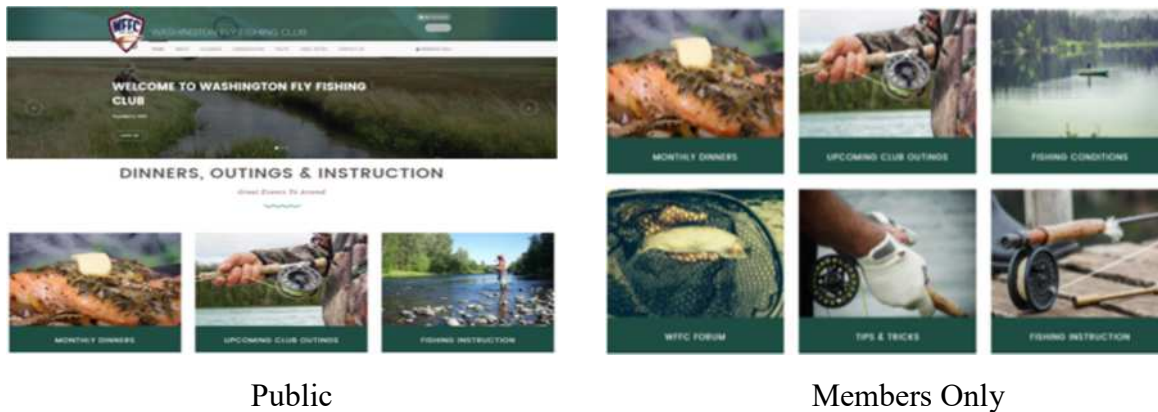
New WFFC Website Launch Announcement

The new WFFC Website will be launched on December 21st ready for your 2017 Dues renewals payments and the January Awards Dinner Meeting signups replacing the current website which is over 15 years old.

A “First Look” pdf will be emailed to you shortly, showing several screen shots of the WFFC.com “Public” and “Members Only” features of the new website.

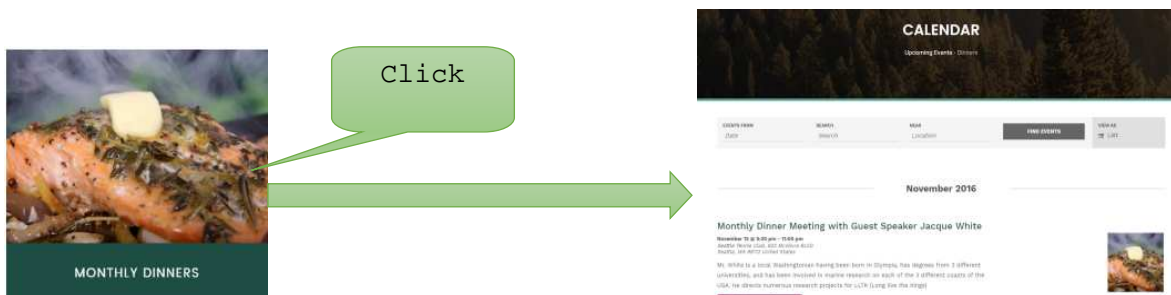
What’s New:

*Public and Members Only content viewable on a PC, iPhone or iPad



*Login to Members Only content with your email address and your current WFFC Password

*Click on the Menu Tile Subject Pictures to access the subject content



*Stripe Credit Card payments are used pay for Meals, Education Classes , Dues and to make Donations (WFFC will no longer accept PayPal for payments)

A full presentation of the new website’s capabilities will be presented at the November 15th Dinner Meeting with a Q&A time to ask questions.

Tight Lines – Jim Goedhart, Website Development Committee Chair



Washington Fly Fishing Club

2017 Membership Dues Notice

Dues are payable on January 1st and no later than February 28th *.

You may pay your 2017 Dues by Credit card, using the WFFC.com Members Only website starting on January 1st, by clicking on "Member Dues" (preferred), or by mail enclosing this form with your check.

Membership Mail-In Dues Payment:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Type of Membership:	Dues Amount:
Regular	\$ 80*
Associate	\$ 50*
Senior or Honorary	\$ 0

WFFC Donation (voluntary)

\$ _____

- **Reinstatement fee**
after February 28th \$ 30

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Check amount	\$ _____
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Meeting Announcement



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday December 20, 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: Our annual Christmas Holiday Party and Fund-raiser. Please wear and coat and tie for this festive evening.