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President's Riffle

Happy New Year to all and I want to thank you for granting me opportunity to be the WFFC's

President for 2019. Having served as Treasurer for the past five years, I have had the opportunity to learn leadership skills from the past three Presidents which will help me carry forward the great heritage of our club into its 80th year. I look forward to celebrating our 80th anniversary at a "special" May Dinner Meeting.

First, let me thank, on behalf of the club membership, John Gravendyk for his Presidency over the past two years. Under his leadership we added thirty-seven new members and had gross revenue of over \$70K from the Christmas Fundraisers. Both of these are vital to the club's ability to achieve its mission and objectives for conservation, education, outings, youth and social gatherings activities.

Next let me thank Deborah Katz for organizing and pulling off another record setting Christmas Fundraiser. This was accomplished through the efforts of her committee, the exceptional silent and live auction item donations by our members and sponsors, and our two "closers" Kris Kristoferson as MC, and Keith Robins as auctioneer. The fundraiser netted \$22.5 K for the WFFC and \$6.7K for the Foundation.

I would like to give Pat Becker, who has been the



1st Ghillie for the last four years, a huge thank you from all us. Pat has done a wonderful job in taking care of all the many details that it takes to arrange for the meetings dinners, last minute phone call sign-ups, ride arrangements, check-ins and with pleasure, passing out the skunk hats awards, to name a few. Marica Kindinger is taking over as our new 1st Ghillie. Going forward, Pat will be in charge of our Fruit & Flowers activities, replacing Robert Dubose who also did a great job for us. I would also like to welcome Dave Spratt, our new Treasurer.

This year is the clubs 80th anniversary and as your President I will be working with the Board Members and Committee Chairs to continue our great Fly Fishing Club's legacy and to insure that we on a path that will lead us to our 100th anniversary in 2039. In next month's Riffle, I will describe what we are calling "Project 100 Years" that is comprised of the following tasks:

- Reviewing the WFFC Purpose, Mission, and Committees Roles

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Upcoming

2019 BOYD AIGNER COMPETITION

By: Bill Neal, Awards Committee
Chairman

The Boyd Aigner Fly Tying Competition for 2019 has commenced. The objective of the Competition is to have participants demonstrate their creativity and tying skills. Each participant is to submit a "best" fly in each of three categories. The Members of the Club will be the judges.

Here are the 2019 patterns:

- CDC Biot Comparadunn, size 14 hook;
- Dragonfly adult, size 8 hook; and
- Green Drake nymph, size 12 hook.

Here is the schedule for the Competition:

- February Members' Meeting- Display boxes distributed
- April Members' Meeting Flies due
- May Members' Meeting Judging
- June Members' Meeting- Winners announced

The overall winner will receive a special WFFC pin developed for the Competition and will have his or her name engraved on a rotating plaque. Bob Burdick and I will serve as Coordinators for the Competition. Please contact either of us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your participation and good luck to all.

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AWARD CEREMONIES; LETCHER LAMBUTH TO HENRY HOFMAN

By Bill Neal, Awards Committee
Chairman

Please join us this month for
our annual awards ceremonies.

We are especially pleased to announce that the Letcher Lambuth Angling Craftsman Award, the Club's highest Award, will be presented Henry Hoffman. This should be of particular interest to the more serious fly-tiers among our membership. Beginning in the 1960's Henry devoted himself to developing the best dry fly hackle in the world. He has received numerous awards for his work, and it is only fitting that he should receive ours. Henry will be available during the Wet Fly Hour to meet with members--please welcome him.

We will also be doing our
more traditional Awards. Here
is a brief description:

Empty Creel Award, presented to a member for exceptional dedication and contribution to the welfare of the Club;

Tommy Brayshaw Award, presented to a member for distinctive and meritorious contribution to the general community through furtherance of the aims and purposes of the Club;

Andy Award, presented to a member who has "suffered most cruelly from the vagaries of Murphy's Law"; and

Half-Assed Award, presented to a member for, well, you know.

We also have a number of special Awards that we will be presenting to recognize other members for their accomplishments and contributions, laudatory and otherwise.

Remember, the coat and tie rule is relaxed for this meeting. I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

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contacted by logging in the WFFC
website in the roster area.*

CORRECTIONS: in the December
Creel notes. Pat Decker should be
Pat Becker and it was Bill Boeing
not Bob Boeing.



Greetings from your 2018 WFFC Christmas fundraiser Chairperson

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who contributed wonderful items for your friends to bid on and take home. I hesitate to mention individual donors because SO many of you showered me with great goods. I think it was quite the bountiful haul. Okay, I'll mention one: Peter Crum-



baker was very kind with his contribution of those JUICY WFFC tote bags that jazzed up some of the raffle cans.

I would also like to mention the craftsmen who constructed the fine fly boxes and tied those BEAUTIFUL flies. Dick Brening and Chuck Ballard headed up that effort for us, wrangling the tiers and creating their lovely display. Special thanks, guys, especially because I won one of them this year!

Thank you Kerry Hodges for getting me through the tough parts and for Jim Goedhart being a strong

Left, Auction loot gathers for the hopeful rafflers, below; The Hawk embraces then President Elect, Jim Goedhart before the feast begins.

force behind the scenes. Of course, Keith Robbins, our interpid auctioneer was able to squeeze just one more bid out of the crowd.

Bidders deserve thanks, too! You folks are great and so generous. Our charitable efforts will be well supported in the next year.

I'm ready for 2019 and would love a show of hands from those of you who want to learn the ropes. I confess that it is a huge job in the last few weeks, but many hands make light work. Don't be shy. Drop me a note at dnaomikatz@gmail.com if you want to get in on the ground floor for 2019.. I'll send out a note when I'm ready to start accumulating goodies for 2019. For the moment, I'm appreciating seeing the floor in my basement.

Deb Katz

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.



President's Riffle continued

- Rating the Club's 1939 to 2017 Purpose, Mission and Committees Accomplishments
- Identifying and recommending what we need to do to continue or improve upon to reach 100 years

- Subject to Membership approval, implement the "Project 100 Years" recommendations

While this activity is important, our first priority will be for all of us to go fishing and have great times together in 2019!

Tight Lines – Jim Goedhart



Happy New Year! Hope you all had a great holiday season and wishing the best luck on your fly fishing outings in 2019!

Per the Washington Fly Fishing Club By-laws, the 2109 dues for Active and Associate Members are due and payable as of January 1 through February 28, 2019. On March 1, 2019 dues are delinquent and an additional \$20 late fee will be applied if the delinquent member wishes to rejoin after March 1.

Active members annual dues are \$80 and 50\$ for Associate Members who have no WFFC voting rights.

Senior and Honorary Members do not pay annual dues and need to do no more regarding this email.

The preferred way for Active and Associate Members to pay your dues is by credit card on the "Members Only" side of the WFFC website (see instructions below).

If you cannot pay your dues through the website, you may pay at either of the January or February Dinner Meetings or by check made out to the WFFC and mailed to the Membership VP (Michael Mosczynski, 6954 Parshall PL SW, Seattle WA 98136-1969).

To pay online:

Go to the website www.WFFC.com. Login to the Member-side of the website using your email address for your user Id. Click on the "Member Dues" pictured tile on the menu page and then click on the "Add to cart" button to pay your Active or Associate dues following the instructions. Be sure to click on the box to accept electronic ByLaws changes.

If you are having difficulties logging into the Members Only side of the WFFC Website the problem is usually due to one of or both of the following problems:

#1. Invalid User Name or Email Address error message. Reason the User Name you entered did not match your name as recorded in roster. Solution, always log in with your email address rather than your name.

#2. Invalid Password. Solution Click on the "Lost your password" and following the instructions to reset/create a new password. A new password will be emailed to your email address of record which should be the same as the one used for your ID.

For help paying your dues, don't hesitate to call or email the Membership VP, Michael Mosczynski or the Web Master, Jim Goedhart.

January, 2019

Meeting Announcement



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Seattle Tennis Club, 922 McGilvra Blvd. E.

This month's program is on January 15. The Wet Fly hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner is served at 6:45 PM.

This month: Nick Chambers grew up on the Rogue River in Southern Oregon and has been a passionate angler his entire life. Working for Trout Unlimited on its Wild Steelhead Initiative and Sportsman Conservation Project Nick draws upon his background in fisheries research and management to be an effective advocate for Washington's sport fisherman and wild fish populations.

Nick will be talking about Trout Unlimited's suction dredge mining reform campaign including its history, where it stands now and the path forward for enacting meaningful reform in order to protect critical fish habitat. Nick will also give a brief overview of TU's Wild Steelhead Initiative and their efforts to protect and restore wild steelhead populations and sport fisheries targeting them.