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Monthly Meeting Notice

August 20, 2002

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The College Club, 505 Madison St.

Seattle, Washington

Phone: 206-622-0624

Wet Fly Hour 5:30 PM

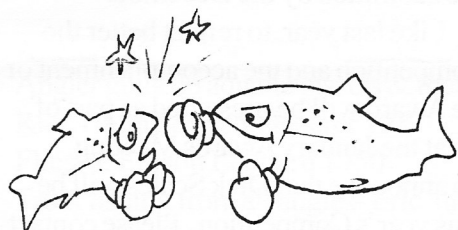
Dinner 6:45 PM

August Program

Annual Garage/Yard/Attic Equipment Sale

by Richard Embry, 2nd VP and Programs Chair

This month we won't have a speaker because it is time for the event that is fast becoming one of the more popular with our members, our annual garage/yard/attic sale. If you have any fly fishing or outdoor-related items that are taking up space or you aren't using any more, bring it to sell or trade. Items sold in previous event have included rods, reels, vest, waders, float tubes, camping equipment, duffel bags, fly lines, fly tying materials, etc. The club hopes you will donate a portion of those large proceeds generated from your sales; but of course the donation is optional. Tables will be set up for you to display your wares.



HATCHERY VS WILD

Conservation Outing, Griffin Creek.

by Doug Schaad, Conservation Committee

The next conservation outing will be at Griffin Creek on August 24th. We will begin at 8:30 (or whenever the first willing volunteer arrives) and finish up sometime around 12:30. Lunch will commence around that time. Our primary task will be the elimination of encroaching blackberries in the South meadow.

How to find the work party:

CAMP DON BOSCO

Camp Don Bosco is located near Carnation, Washington, approximately a 45 minute drive from Seattle.

From 1-90, exit at Preston. Follow the signs through Preston to Fall City. At the stop sign, go straight continuing north. As you cross over the Snoqualmie River Bridge get into the left turn lane and turn onto Highway 203 (Fall City-Carnation Road). Continue approximately five miles to NE 11th. Turn right and follow the signs to Camp Don Bosco. From State Highway 520 (Evergreen Point Bridge) continue to 1st stop light, turn right onto Highway 202 (Redmond-Fall City Road). Take a left on Tolt Hill Road (Sign to Carnation Golf Course). At the intersection with Highway 203 turn right (south), less than a mile, to NE 11th. Turn left and follow the signs to Camp Don Bosco.

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Club Outings

by Dave Schorsch

Hey guys! Are you doing any fishing? We have some club outings coming up soon that might be of interest.

New Members Outing, September 7- The "New Members Outing" is at the Port of Allyn Park. For those of you who don't know where that is, it's located at the city of Allyn on beautiful North Bay about 12 miles west of Purdy. There is a nice boat launch there along with picnic and sanitary facilities. It's easy to find, and the world's largest chainsaw art gallery is there for you more sophisticated types. The salmon move past the park on their way to Coulter Creek hatchery along with many wild fish that use the same gyre on their paths home. The sea-run cutthroat fishing can be quite good, and there is a lot of beach fishing in the area. This is great small boat water, with launches close to fish in every direction. There should be Coho in North, Vaughn, and Rocky bays. The Treasure Island and Belfair areas are just minutes away and should not be ignored either!

I will have maps of the area available upon request... I'm pretty sure I won't get killed for sharing. As in all salmon fishing, the early time is prime. I'll be at the park in the morning to help new (and old) members get started right. Let's figure on a potluck lunch at the park about 2:00. We can try to get a boat sharing list put together between now and the outing.

This outing is a special invite to all the new members initiated in the last two years and their sponsors. It's a chance to get the new guys active and hooked up with the established hands at fishing our home waters. I'll be calling all of them at least once to encourage them to get their hands slimy. So come on down and soak some feathers!

Dry Falls, October 5, and 6- this is a great outing! Rainbows and Browns in the basin in the fall. Sun Lakes State Park as usual. Sign up sheets at the September meeting, I'll need some help with this one. Music! We need music! Volunteers call me at 206.227.6134.

2002 Boyd Aigner Fly-Tying Competition

by Bill Neal, Awards Chairman

Last year's Competition with its relaxed pattern specifications and greater emphasis on tying skills had the largest participation in the Competition's history. We want to continue a good thing so we are taking the same approach this year, perhaps even more relaxed. The following are the patterns for 2002:

Muddler minnow, size 8

Mayfly (parachute), any species, size 12

Mayfly (dry), any species, size 18

Humpy, any color, size 14

Participants are free to use existing patterns or to develop their own, although a Muddler still needs to be a Muddler, and a Humpy, a Humpy. Specimens will be judged primarily upon degree of difficulty, proportions, and overall tying quality.

Flies need to be submitted by the December Holiday Party. Like last year, to reflect better the status of the Competition and the accomplishment of its winners, the Award will be presented as part of the ceremonies at the January Awards Meeting.

I am pleased to announce that Dick Scales will be helping with this year's Competition. Please contact Dick or me for further information, as well as copy of the Competition Guidelines and a confidential identifier number to be used in the Competition. Bill Neal (w) (206) 667-8211; (h) (206) 232-0603; wneal@staffordfrey.com; Dick Scales (425) 746-

1723.





WFFC Foundation Book Sale

by Dick Brening, WFFC Foundation Member

The estate of Don Sachs has donated his flyfishing library collection to the WFFC Foundation. Books in the collection date from 1904 to 1996 editions. It is the Foundations intent to make these books available for sale to members of the club. We will have a few books on silent auction each month at dinner meetings until we have disposed of all the items. The proceeds will go to the Foundation. A complete listing of the books will be available from Dick Brening on request. At the August WFFC Equipment Swap Meet the following books will be for sale:

Anglers work shop 1979- Letcher Lambuth
Angler guide to aquatic insects & their imitations-
Rick Hafele & Scott Roerer 1987
Flies- J. Edison Leonard 1950
Trout fishing from all angles- Eric Tauerer 1944
The dry fly & fast water, The salmon and the dry fly-
George M.LLabranche 1951
How to fish from top to bottom- Sid Gordon 1957
Lakes of Washington vol. I- 1961
The Modern Fly Code- Vince Marinaro 1950
Death of the river keeper- Schwiebert 1980
The Gilly- Al Davey 1985
Fishing with floating flies- S.G. Camp 1906
Trout- Ray Bergman 1938
American Nymph Flytying Manual- Randal
Kaufmann
Flies of the N. W. - Inland Empire Flyfishing
Club 1965 Edition (Black/White)
Flies of the N. W.- Inland Empire Flyfishing Club
1979 Edition
Flies of the N. W.- Inland Empire Flyfishing Club
1986 Edition
Flyfishing Strategies for Still Waters- Brian Chain
And a game on fishing Called "Good Fishing
Game."

It's That Time Again

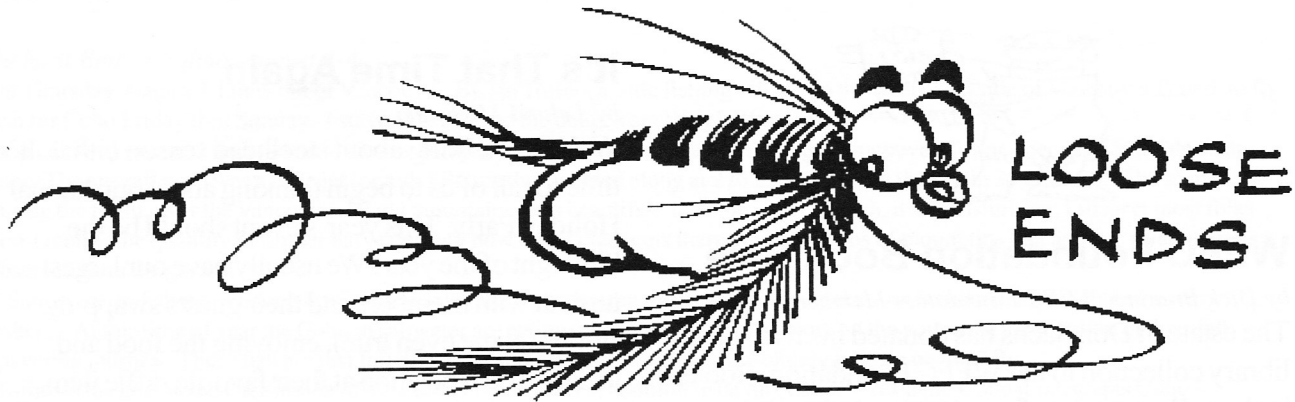
by Leland Miyawaki

We're not talking about steelhead season either. It's time for all of us to begin thinking about our Annual Holiday Party. This year's event should be the highlight of the year! We usually have our largest turnout with members and their guests swapping stories (some even true), enjoying the food and jockeying for position at their favorite raffle item. The highlight of our evening's entertainment will be our annual raffle and auction which is also our Club's primary fundraising event. It generates funds vital to the continuation and improvement of WFFC conservation efforts, education programs and restoration projects.

Every year, more organizations than ever are competing for corporate and commercial donations and the Club has been forced to purchase more and more of the items. It is your donations, however, that will insure the success of our fundraising.

We hope that you will donate to the raffle and/or auction and share in the fun and success of a great Club tradition. Things to consider donating include: any flyfishing related items (not necessarily equipment); works of art or books – always highly prized; your time in the form of casting instruction, one-on-one fly tying, or flyfishing; fine wines, cigars, etc.; a dinner at your favorite restaurant; or some personal or business expertise that would be appreciated and valued by a fellow flyfisher. Whatever you give, your donation becomes an important part of the Club's efforts to promote healthy fisheries both now and for the future generations of flyfishers. It also adds to the fun and excitement of this great Club event.

Please phone Leland Miyawaki at (206) 264-0609 to confirm what goods or services you will be donating. Please send or drop items off by November 30, 2002 to: Earl Harper Studios, 312 So. Lucile St., Seattle, WA 98108; (206) 764-1775. If you need to have someone pick up your item, please don't hesitate to call me.



Bahamas Anyone?

Captain Keith Robbins is attempting to put a group together to go fishing in the Bahamas. If interested please call 206.283.6680 or e-mail at flymooch@aol.com

Reminder

by Don Simonson

Don Simonson needs your flies for the two fly boxes we are donating to the raffle for the up coming WCFFF Casting Expo. Please bring three of your prize flies to the Aug. Meeting. I will gladly accept them.

Change of Address:

Steve Sutton

✓ 1908 Terrace Ave.
Snohomish, WA 98107
360-563-2675 (home)
425-705-9838 (work)
e-mail: stevesu@windows.microsoft.com

Gordy Young

✓ e-mail: younggoje@attbi.com

Fishing Equipment for Sale

Interested in buying any good fly rods? I have the following for sale. Some like new, others slightly used.

2- Orvis 9'4 wt 3 piece rods, \$250.00 each. Excellent condition (Zephyr).
1 7'9" 5 wt Far & Fine two piece rod, \$250.00.

1 10' 6wt 3 piece Westerner used 3 times, \$250.00.

1 Cane rod 5 wt 2 piece, \$375.00.

1 15' 10-11wt 4 piece Sage spey rod used twice, \$375.00.

1 9' 6" 4 wt 2 piece Sage, \$250.00

1 9' 9wt 2 piece Fenwick Boron, \$200.00.

Also, 1 Achilles 8' inflatable boat like new with lots of extras, \$750.00

Interested?

Call Stephen Clements at 206.784.1154



President's Riffle



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by Kris Kristoferson, President 2002

Many of us, fishers and non-fishers alike, have fond memories of fiddling around in a little creek. These little flows make reasonably safe play areas so a kid with a stick can spend many happy hours poking, digging, splashing, catching and so on. Along the way, the creek's treasures are revealed. Damsels and dragons, little fish, crawdads, and many other small creatures find their home in the tiny creek. Narrow enough to jump across, some of these waters are reduced to a trickle or dry up altogether toward the end of summer. Creeks are fascinating places for all kids and some reach adulthood still mesmerized by these little bits of moving water.

Because their flows are small and sometimes intermittent, these little creeks can easily be dismissed as unimportant or even a nuisance. They are sometimes surrounded by marshy ground that doesn't pass perk tests and constrains development for many owners of small parcels. It's fair to say that for a lot of these folks, the tiny creek romance has ended. There is no denying the headaches these people face particularly since many of them purchased their land long before we knew much about setbacks and the like.

While the creeks *are* tiny, they do big things. Our Coho and chum salmon fisheries depend heavily on very small creeks. The outflow from our lake on Camano is intermittent but in July, Stillaguamish tribal fisheries personnel did some electro shocking and found juvenile Coho at the southwest corner of what we affectionately call "the swamp." Landowners farther downstream have also seen returning adults. Tiny little jump-across streams supporting big, powerful salmon. It is an amazing story that highlights the importance of these little flows.

Griffin Creek, a touch larger, is another small water that does big work. It is the primary nursery stream for Snohomish River Coho and the WFFC's riparian restoration efforts there are making it much more fish friendly. On August 24th, we will have another Griffin Creek workday. Join in. You'll be doing big things.

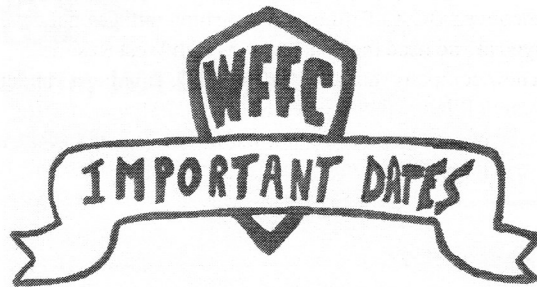
Fishing Reports

Bill Boardman, North Fork Stilly and Rapid River July 16, 2002

Tuesday July 16 I took Audrey exploring and visited the Fortson hole (You all know where that is, right?). The water level was just right but I didn't fish. Eight men and a boy were fishing it!. None from the WFFC since they (the WFFC members, dummy) were all probably at the dinner meeting! Talked to one guy from Seattle on the walk out who was bringing out a 9 lb Steelhead. Nice hatchery fish. Audrey was impressed and wants to go back!

By the next Sunday, I developed a terrifically sore spot in my left hip. Did I break something significant? Today, a week later, my hip is better and I'm almost completely recovered from my ordeal, and ready to consider yet another foray into the unknown wilds of the Pacific Northwest. I must fish more this summer!

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August

August 20th- WFEC Meeting, College Club 5:30 pm
August 24th- Griffin Creek Work Party

September

September 3rd- Board Meeting, College Club 7:00 pm
September 7th- New Members Outing, Port of Allyn Park

