

# Creel Notes from the



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Monthly Meeting Notice

October 17, 2000

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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

## October Program - Jim Teeny

by Gene Gudger, Program Chairman

The October program will feature Jim Teeny speaking on fishing opportunities just across our northern boarder for salmon, trout and steelhead.

Jim Teeny, born and raised in Portland, Oregon, began flyfishing at the age of 12 and originated the Teeny Nymph fly pattern in May of 1962. He fished the fly for 9 years before starting the Teeny Nymph Company in July of 1971. Jim Currently resides and operates his business, now called Jim Teeny, Inc., in Gresham, Oregon.

Jim has held 10 I.G.F.A. world records and has done programs for; "The Fishing Hole" with Jerry McKinnis on ESPN, "Fishing the West" with Larry Schoenborn, "Fly Fishing America" and had his own television series, "Fly Fishing with Jim Teeny" which ran for six years in Tacoma, Washington.

Jim designed the revolutionary T-Series sink tip flylines in 1983. This one piece shooting head/running line has changed the way many people fish for Steelhead, Salmon and many other big game fish in both fresh and salt water. In 1996 the T-Series flylines received a KUDOS award from Fly Rod & Reel magazine recognizing them as one of the top six products in the world.

Jim has several instructional videos available. In 1988, Jim's Catching More Steelhead, produced by Scientific Angler won the Teddy Roosevelt award, an award given to the best instructional fishing video in the nation. Another instructional video Jim has done is Basic Nymph Fishing, produced by ESPN. Other videos include Fly Fishing Still Waters, Russian Rainbows and Fly Fishing for Salmon.

His first book "The Teeny Technique for Steelhead & Salmon" is included in one of the volumes of Lefty's Little Library. Numerous articles about Jim and his contributions to the sport of flyfishing have been written in publications including Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing, Outdoor Life and Field & Stream.

Even though Jim's schedule is very busy he is currently on the advisory board with Cabela's. He also manages to attend numerous sport shows throughout the year, speaking engagements and seminars, to educate anyone who wants to know about the sport of Fly Fishing.

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### Notice!

Item to be voted on at the November meeting: On October 2, 2000, the WFFC Board voted in favor of purchasing a digital video camera for about \$1500. It is to be used by the Club for such things as recording interviews of members, education activities and for making the fly tying sessions during the Wet Fly hour available to more members. A Sony DCR-TRV 20 is the recommended camera because it has auto and manual focus, 520 lines of resolution, image stabilization, IEEE-1394 and S-Video ports, and analog input. The digital format will allow editing the recordings with a computer and making copies without losing image quality. If anyone has a source for this type of equipment at reduced or wholesale prices, please advise any board member. Because the cost is greater than \$500.00, this will be discussed at the October membership meeting and then will be voted on by the General Membership at the November membership meeting.

### **Final Reminder – October 17 Deadline For Boyd Aigner Competition**

*By Bill Neal, Awards Chairman*

Patterns for the Year 2000 Boyd Aigner Fly-Tying Competition are due at the October 17 general members' meeting. Boxes for submittal of patterns and assigned competition numbers will be available then.

The patterns for this year's Competition are:

- (1) callabaetis dun, size 12;
- (2) dragonfly nymph, size 8; and
- (3) leech, size 8.

Participants may chose or develop their own patterns. Judging will be as set forth in the Revised Guidelines, published in the February *Creel Notes*. For more information contact Bill Neal (w)(206) 667-8211; (h)(206) 232-0603.



### **Fly Tying Round Table**

*By Dick Brening*

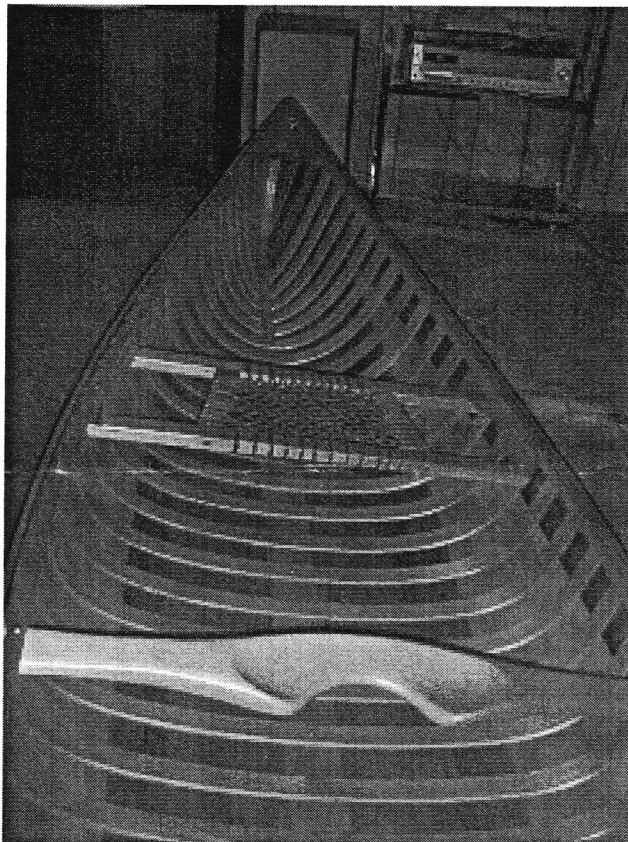
Our first session of the fall season was attended by four tiers and one watcher. A variety of flies were tied including the Blood Worm, Zonker, an emerger for use at the Dry Falls outing and Dick Thompson's ŒUpright Moose Main - Subshank Parachute Mayfly (sic). At our October session we expect to have Donn Mills demonstrate the tying of the Carlton General for those who may have missed it at a recent club meeting. The theme for the session will be flies that can be used for Sea Run Cutts at the Wet Buns outing in November.

**Time:** Wednesday, October 25th, 7 to 9 PM  
**Place:** Mercer Island Covenant Church, 3200 78th S.E. (S.E. corner of 78th S.E. and S.E. 32nd). Just south of the Mercer Island business district. Off street parking is available off 78th S.E.

You and your guests are welcome. Come to tie, watch or just share ideas. If you have any questions on directions contact Pete Baird or me at the club meeting or give me a call. By the way, a community church dinner of good quality is available to all from 5:45 to 7:00 PM for the bargain price of \$2.50 on all Wednesday nights.

### **Wooden Canoe For Sale**

Pasquinel Canadian Wood Canoe, 14-foot, too beautiful for words! Must see this piece of custom woodwork in a two-toned design owned by deceased WFFC member Ed Bates. This lightweight solid wood canoe is brand new, in perfect condition (never been out fishing) and is ready to slip into the water. Call Eva Bates (425) 670-2309 to see, or ask club members Bill Rundall or Andrew Hall to see the color photos at the next meeting. Reasonable offers only.



### **The Washington Fly Fishing Club Foundation**

*by Don Simonson, WFFC Foundation President*

The Washington Fly Fishing Club Foundation was formed by the WFFC Board in 1974 as a tax-exempt organization to develop, promote and support "programs and projects for the wise use, management and conservation of fish and wildlife, forests, waters, and other natural resources".

Its is funded by contributions from club members and friends, both in cash and in things which can be sold and converted to cash, such as fishing tackle, books, sets of fishing magazines, outdoor equipment and clothing, framed paintings or prints, etc. For the donor's income tax purposes, these contributions are tax deductible.

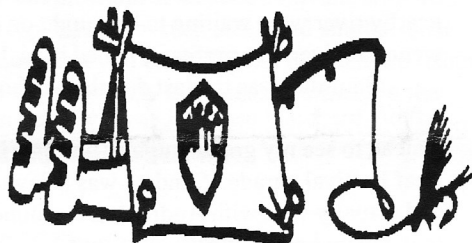
## Club News

Your foundation seeks to financially support long-term projects, focusing at this time on organizations, groups or individuals involved in conservation projects such as (1 preservation or rehabilitation of trout habitat, (2) education of the public to the need of more restrictive regulation of trout habitat, and (3) protection of wild fishery stocks.

Guidelines used by the Foundation in making its grants include whether the project will have a long-term impact, whether the Foundation's contribution will have a significant effect, and whether the impact will meet broad conservation and education policies.

The Foundation's Board members are Pete Baird, Don Gulliford, Hugh Jennings, Gil Nyerges, James Schmidt, Don Simonson, and Walt Walkinshaw.

We solicit your input regarding any projects you think would be good candidates for Foundation support. Send them to Don Simonson, as president, or to any Board member. Also we solicit your tax-deductible contributions.



### Wet Buns Outing

by *Donn Mills, Outdoors Chairman*

WFFC members and guests will gather for the Wet Buns (Winter Event to Try Bouillabaisse Under Nocturnal Skies) outing on November 4 & 5, 2000 at Jo Emma State Park near Olympia. Dick Stearns will again be there to make his world famous bouillabaisse. The outing will be discussed briefly at the October membership meeting. If you plan on going on the outing, and can not make the October meeting, then contact Dave Schorsch at 253-863-3717 and let him know how many will be in your party, so Dick Stearns can be advised. Thanks Dave, for volunteering. You do know you volunteered don't you? Your Outdoor Chair will not be attending the outing.

### For Sale: Carver Boat

My 1955 15-foot Carver wooden boat is STILL for sale. I'm still asking \$3000.00. Bill Boardman 425-252-9833.

### For Sale!

By *Dean Ingram, Ghillie*

The following items are normally for sale at the WFFC general membership meetings. What a great deal! STOCK UP TODAY!

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Shirt, WFFC logo, blue denim	\$25.00
Cap, WFFC logo, tan denim	\$10.00
Fly Box, WFFC logo	\$10.00
Belt Buckle, WFFC logo	\$10.00
Patch, WFFC logo	\$5.00
Decal, WFFC logo	\$2.00

### In Retrospect

from *WFFC Creel Notes vol. XXI #10, October, 1972*

Bradner and Raymond: In B.C. September 17-20.

High winds, cold, snow. Fished Marquart Lake briefly and fruitlessly in high wind. Big fish still present, but shiner infestation also evident. Fished Lundbom Lake on the 18th and 20th and each took one trout about six pounds, plus several smaller fish from a plant made last spring. Busted off a couple of fish of unknown dimensions, barometer at rock bottom and fishing much slower than usual for this time of year.

On September 19th it was blowing too hard to fish Lundbom so we went to Plateau Lake. The wind was not quite as bad there. But it snowed. When it was visible through the snow squalls, Plateau Lake appeared to be a beautiful fly lake with exciting possibilities. In two hours of awkward fishing, handicapped by the wind, Steve took one small fish. And that was all. The Golden Shrimp accounted for all the fish.

Thompson and Raymond: Dry Falls Lake October 1 and 2. The fishing was too good and by early afternoon of the second day we were completely satiated. Pesky 10-inchers from last spring's plant were bothersome, but there were good numbers of 14-to-16 inch holdovers and an occasional bigger fish, plus some ugly, black lunkers that were the remnants of the supply of big fish in the lake last spring. They were almost uniformly in poor condition and gave poor accounts of themselves. Steve also took a brown of about 15 inches that didn't quite make the 2-pound gold button minimum qualifying weight. Virtually any fly, wet or dry, seemed to take fish in the shallows. The trollers out in the deeper part of the lake took an occasional fish, but we had the shallows all to ourselves — even on opening day (October 1).

Good weather and lots of 10 - 12" fish greeted over 20 W.F.F.C. members who made the trek to Dry Falls on October 7 and 8. Due to timing, no individual reports will

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# Fishing Reports

## European Fishing Report

by Dick Stearns

Mondsee River, Austria. Dick Stearns & Don Anderson, Sept 4, 2000

During WWII, when OSS agent Jack Hemingway parachuted behind German lines with his fly rod, he had only the Gestapo to worry about. Jack's exploits, described in his autobiography: *Misadventures of a Fly Fisherman*, undoubtedly were motivated by the wonderful trout streams draining the Alps of Southern Europe. It was with similar motivation that Don and I planned to try some of these streams during our Austrian vacation. Armed with my Hardy Smuggler, and Don with a Sage four piece, we came prepared to fish, albeit not overtly, as we had little knowledge insofar as local regulations were concerned. If we could get licenses we'd fish. Otherwise we'd appease our wives and just be tourists. Like Jack, we figured we wouldn't surrender easily, however.

As we arrived from Munich to our vacation cottage just outside of Salzburg, we salivated over the many streams that we crossed, some colored by the snow melt of higher elevations, but others running cool and clear from the many lakes of the region. Our curiosity as to what kind of fish they supported was satisfied by a short hike the first morning. Running directly through our village was a stream, appropriately named Fish Creek. Salmonids in various sizes could be seen in all the likely looking riffles and drifts. Our excitement peaked. Now all we had to do is find someone to sell us a fishing license. Not an easy task! It seems that each stream and lake is closely managed by local game wardens who speak little English. Trying to convey our intentions over the phone was next to impossible, since most Austrians, like their Italian neighbors, use gestures when words fail. Unquestionably after many failed attempts, our German merited a grade of "F".

Finally, we stumbled across a fly shop in Salzburg whose owner spoke some English, and we secured licenses. Our chosen stream would be the Mondsee which connected two large lakes not far from our village. The warmer water from the lakes would allow us to fish, sans waders, we reasoned; and so, on the morning of our allotted beat, we arrived in our sandals, shorts and started fishing. Almost immediately, a stream warden appeared on the bridge above us and motioned for us to come up for a check of our licenses and tackle. As he checked our hooks to make sure they were barbless, I could feel a bead of sweat trickle down my back. This guy is old enough to have been in the Gestapo, I guessed, and as he returned my license with a grunt of approval, I wondered if he and Jack ever crossed paths.

Much relieved that we passed inspection, we fished the morning with a delightful break for lunch at a Gasthaus near the river. There we dined with several other fly fishers

from Germany and Switzerland; exchanged fishing stories over drafts of beer and returned much relaxed to fish out the afternoon. Next day we returned to Seattle, satisfied that we finally got to fish, but wishing that we had found that fly shop a little earlier.

(Note: for those contemplating fishing near Salzburg, the fly shop's website is: <http://www.fliegenfischen.at/hurch.htm>)

## Fishing Around Washington With the Editor, September 29 - October 6

By Bill Boardman, *Creel Notes Editor*

From a base of operations at Wapato Point in the resort town of Manson on Lake Chelan, I visited the Methow River between Carlton and Twisp on Friday, Sept. 29. Weather clear and warm. NO wind. Bill McAdow at the Carlton General Store sold me Carlton Generals in assorted sizes and colors for lake fishing (Thanks for the tip, Donn & Fran.) and hinted that 22-inch cutthroat in the nearby river were waiting to be caught on caddis nymphs. I went, the river was perfect, I fished hard, I was skunked!

Saturday was the last day the Methow was open but I left my truck and went to Leavenworth with my wife instead to see my granddaughter perform in the Autumn Leaf Festival parade. Sunday was a day to sleep in, read and actually visit with Audrey! (Hey, none of you guys took me up on my offer!)

Monday found me at Antilon Lake, nine miles north of Manson. This is an impoundment with an earthen dam at the south end. I couldn't see any outlet plumbing or stream but the dam was obviously built a long time ago for orchard irrigation. Antilon is long and narrow but difficult to fish without a boat because of the steep shoreline and extensive cattail growth. Four hours of fishing, two of them in my kick boat, got me three brown trout to 15 inches plus several small crappie, using a sinking line and #10 green Carlton General. Weather still warm and sunny with NO wind till 6 or so, when the sun went behind the hills.

Tuesday afternoon I was skunked again, this time at Roses Lake four miles north of Manson. The lake is heavily ringed with cattails—I'd hate to have to get ashore anywhere except at the boat launch; a man could die! Had several good strikes and lost a 14-inch rainbow just short of the net. All activity was in one small outlet area at the southwest end of the lake.

Wednesday afternoon I spent a lazy four hours at the far west end of Wapato Lake, just north of and very similar to Roses Lake. Weather still clear and wonderful. NO wind! Weed growth to within three feet of the surface near shore and no activity there during the afternoon. A little

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farther out, Carlton Generals and black bunny leeches, fished deep on a sinking line, fooled six nice rainbows from 13 to 18 inches. After 6:30, rings began to show and the action switched to surface feeding. I was able to hook several fish by holding my rod high and keeping the sinking line near the surface. When I switched to a floating line and a hare's ear, the surface feeding continued but the strikes stopped dead! So much for analyzing what should work!

On the way home Thursday, after determining that Audrey's mature Cadillac had blown a head gasket, again, I stopped and fished the Skykomish above Gold Bar. Several folks casting hardware along the river but no one catching anything, not even me. Yes, Audrey made it home ok; she told me to do it! Really! What a wife!! (Forty six years last month!!!)

Friday morning my son-in-law called to ask if I'd like to fish the Stilly with him. He raved about how he'd caught lots of nice searun cutts there several days ago. We fished the North Fork till about two PM with no results. Saw a couple of dark, spawning salmon but no searuns. Later we wore out the main stem above Silvana with no fish caught except a few six-inch steelhead smolts. Just proves once more that you can't depend on what the fishing was like a few days ago! As the sun sank slowly in the west I reached home and crashed after six almost-consecutive days of fishing, a record for me!

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make it into this issue, but the editors did gather general comments from many who managed to pull themselves away from the lake and back to Aigner's "hand warming and stew making fire". Wayne Daley "caught several nice fish up to 18". John Callahan "left Seattle at 4:00 a.m., drove straight to the lake and caught several nice fish in his favorite spot". Chuck Gold and Nick Lidstone "fished the slot on Friday taking several fish to 18". Chuck had part of the evidence in his cooler explaining that they were "hooked too bad to be returned to the water." Most patterns were successful, although this spring's plants (now 10 - 12") made up 50% of the fun. Your editors went to the museum overlooking Dry Falls at two different times on Saturday and counted 48 and 49 boats on the lake. Part of these boats were from members of three other Fly Fishing Clubs attending their outing to Dry Falls.

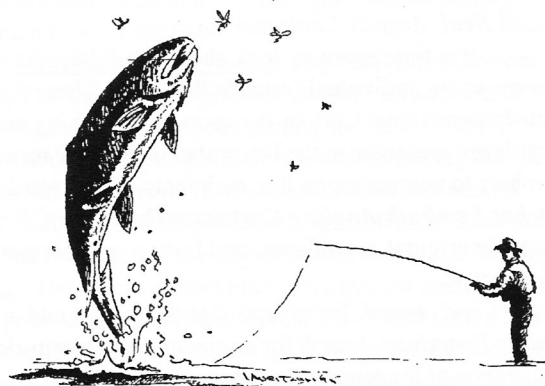
From Gil Nyerges:

On Saturday, September 30, walked into the desert wildlife area and found fishing enjoyable, but not fast. Fish were 9 - 11 inches and, of course, Gil used his own patterns. On Sunday, October 1, Gil could not resist the temptation and fished Lenice. Gil indicated that he experienced at least a strike on nearly every cast. A number of Pennask fish in the 14 - 16 inch range were caught, and most of these were showing signs of sexual maturity. There was a good hatch of large dragon flies as well as damsel flies and that Gil's Monster seemed to produce the solid strikes.

From Wayne Daley:

On Sunday, September 23 I fished Pass Lake from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. I started out fishing with a wet line and after a half hour without success, I went to a dry line and a wet fly. The results were remarkable. A TDC and black wool Carey with silver rib produced numerous fish to 13" and one three-pound 17" carryover. I was casting close to the shoreline with a few strips and then casting again. Another trip Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1 -- The weather was so nice Friday that I drove straight from work to Lundbom, B. C., and hoped that Saturday and Sunday might be beautiful sunshine and flat calm in the Merit, B.C. area.

Much to my dismay Saturday morning was overcast, but only a slight breeze (which turned to a gale about 3:00 p.m.). After breakfast (at 12:30) I was sitting in my truck watching the lake and listening to the news. I saw a large fish rise, so I jumped in my boat, rowed across the bay and began stalking the bulges. I saw large fish and laid my fly on the bulge. Within micro seconds I was onto a 51/2 pound monster that made five jumps completely out of the water.



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### President's Riffle

October, 2000

by Greg Crumbaker, WFFC President

The feedback I have received on the September meeting was how neat it was to be able to sit with some of the Club's really knowledgeable members and hear first hand how to do some fishing things. The one complaint heard was that many wanted to visit more than one table, or had trouble deciding which table to choose. The current thought is to repeat this approach twice a year, spring and fall, covering the type of fishing at hand. If you have input, please give it to myself or Gene Gudger. A very special thank you to Gene and all the members who participated. It was a well done evening and seems to be a pleasant, relaxed way to share experiences.

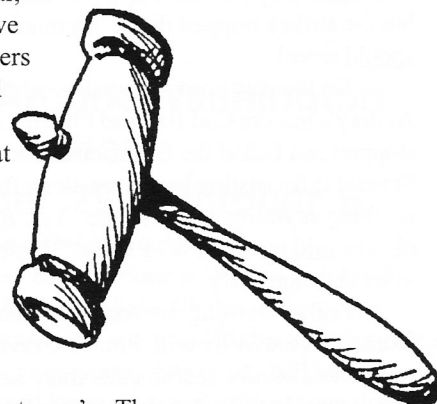
Thinking of more relaxed, there will be a change to coat and tie optional at future meetings, excluding December and January. This decision was reached after Board discussion, member input, and talking with social and business clubs in the City of Seattle. In place of a coat and tie, slacks and shirts with a collar are now appropriate. Jeans, shorts or cutoffs, T or sweat shirts are not. I have yet to figure out where motorcycle suits fit...any Ann Landers types out there, feel free to help me out.

The new member outing that Kris Kristoferson put together was another success, but it appears that this year's group of recruits does not fish as well as last year's. The main thing is that new met old, and a good time was had by all attendees. Thanks, Kris.

It is encouraging to see the increase in younger guests. Our Membership Chairman has begun a survey of the ages of our members in order to see how we're stratified and the results to date are interesting. We have an equal number of those under age 40 as those over age 80! It is pleasing to see that WFFC members enjoy longevity, but please do keep in mind, that we do need younger members. The "movers and shakers" of this Club in the year 2010 will not come from this current membership. We need to look today for tomorrow's leaders. Do your part to continue the strength and reputation of this Club.

Stay well, fish well and when you come to the next meeting, dress casually well.

Greg Crumbaker  
President, Year 2000



### 2000 CLUB AWARDS

By Bill Neal, Awards Chairman

It is time again to think about candidates for the several Awards that WFFC presents each year to its members, or in some cases, individuals outside the Club. These Awards, both serious and humorous, recognize individuals for their contributions to the Club or the sport of fly-fishing and for their adventures or misadventures in pursuit of noble fish. Awards are presented at the December or January membership meetings, and the Awards Committee encourages all Club members to nominate possible recipients. The Awards include:

**Letcher Lambuth Angling Craftsmanship Award**, for a flyfisher within Washington, Oregon, or British Columbia who has made original, significant, and lasting contributions to the art of fly fishing—*please contact Bill Neal for more information.*

**Empty Creel Award**, for exceptional dedication and contribution by a member to the welfare of the Club.

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


**Andy Award**, for a member who has suffered cruelly and repeatedly from the dictates of Murphy's Law.

**King Skunk Award**, for a member who has demonstrated a general inability to catch "anything piscatorial."

**Half-Assed Award**, for a member who has demonstrated significant acts of "half-assedness"—*the recipient of this Award is selected by the prior year's recipient.*

The Committee reserves the right to present other Awards, both embarrassing or laudatory, as appropriate. Please give your nominations as soon as possible to any of the Committee members: Pete Baird, Chuck Ballard, Dick Brenning, Tim Bohlin, Don Simonson, Gordy Young, and your reporter.

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