

# Creel Notes from the



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Monthly Meeting Notice

February 20, 2001

LI No. 1

The College Club, 505 Madison St.

Seattle, Washington

Phone: 206-622-0624

Wet Fly Hour 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:45 PM

## November Program: First 100 Years

by Gene Gudger, Last Year's Program Chairman

Steve Raymond will do the honors this month with a presentation of "Fly Fishing the Evergreen State - First 100 years - 1850 to 1950". He has researched fishing reports for the last century and will share his findings on Tuesday. All who have heard Steve know it should be a special evening.

*Editor's note: If this looks like deja vu to you, it's because a similar announcement appeared only three months ago on the front page of the November 2000 Creel Notes. Better luck this time, Steve!*

## Conservation Outing

by Doug Schaad, Conservation Co-Chairman

The first Conservation Outing of 2001 will occur on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. At that time we will be engaged in the removal of blackberries and other nuisance weeds/vines and the replanting of shrubs/trees that did not survive the summer of 2000 at the Water Ways 2000 site of Griffin Creek. Please mark your calendars now! Tools and other needed equipment will be supplied by King County. An informal luncheon of burgers and brauts (*what's that? Ed.*) will be provided by the WFFC. Directions and additional details will be forthcoming in the March edition of the Creel Notes.

In addition, the Conservation Committee wishes to thank Grant Hendrickson for acting as both Steward of this site and liaison with King County.



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*Our Leader. Ghillie!! What's the penalty for getting the President's Riffle in after the Friday DEADLINE, creating grievous emotional anguish in the heart of the Editor???*

# Awards

## 2000 Awards Recap

By Bill Neal, Awards Committee Chairman

Congratulations to all 2000 award winners. For those Club members who were not able to attend the December and January meetings at which awards were presented, here is a quick summary:

*Letcher Lambeth Award*—Steve Moran (Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club)

*Empty Creel Award*—Bill Boardman.

*Tommy Brayshaw Award*—Greg Hicks.

*Andy Award*—not presented this year, but our spies are looking for 2001

*Half-Assed Award*—Hugh Clark.

*Boyd Aigner Flytying Competition*—Dick Scales.

Special thanks to the other members of the 2000 Awards Committee: Pete Baird, Chuck Ballard, Tim Bohlin, Dick Brening, Don Simonson, and Gordy Young.



*Bill Neal, Awards Chairman  
doing his thing.*



*Greg presents the Letcher Lambeth award.*

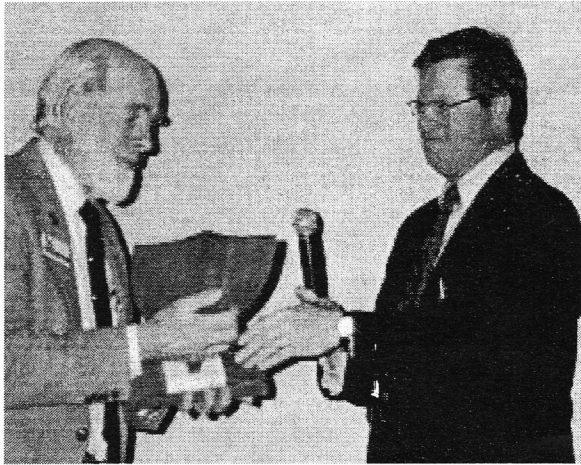


*Bill Boardman with  
the Empty Creel.  
"This award shall be  
presented annually to  
a Club member for  
exceptional  
dedication and  
contribution to Club  
welfare."*



*Steve Moran came from over the mountains to receive the Letcher Lambeth award. "This award is to perpetuate the memory of Letcher Lambuth and honor his many and important contributions to the knowledge, art, philosophy and techniques of fly fishing, and to encourage and recognize significant similar contributions by others. It shall be presented from time to time to outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions emulating that tradition."*

## Club Events: Awards & Camlin Hotel



*Fran accepts the Tommy Brayshaw Award for Greg Hicks.  
"Presented in honor of Tommy Brayshaw to a Club member  
annually, when warranted, for distinctive and meritorious  
contributions to the general community through furtherance of  
the Aims and Purposes of the Club."*



*Hugh Clark gets the Half-Assed Award.*

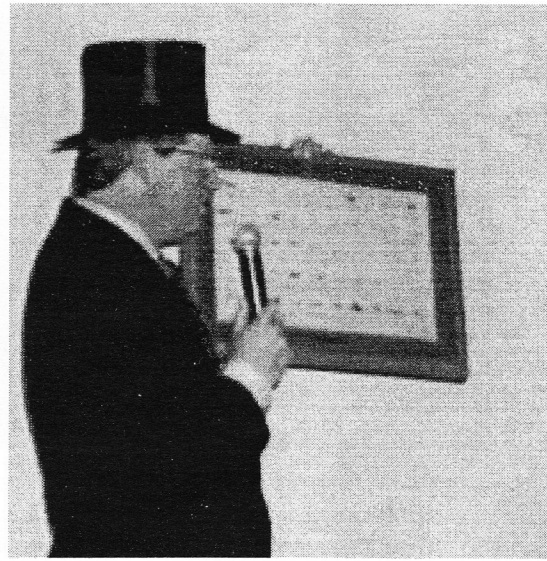


*This must be the fabled  
**Camlin.***

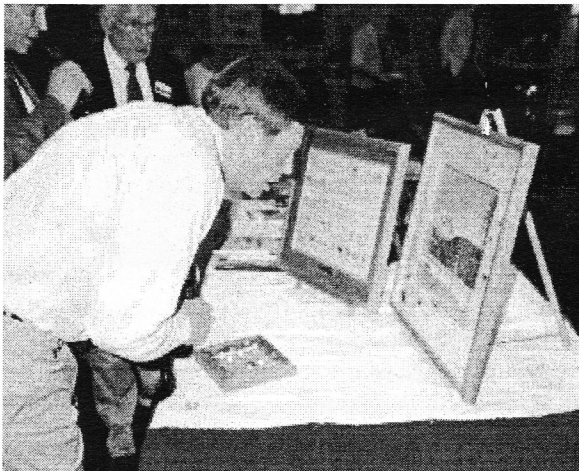
## Club Events: Christmas Part



*Well, it says here...*



*Now Gil's made this beautiful fly plate...*



*Simply awesome! I have to have it!*



*Come on now! You know it's worth at least twice that.*

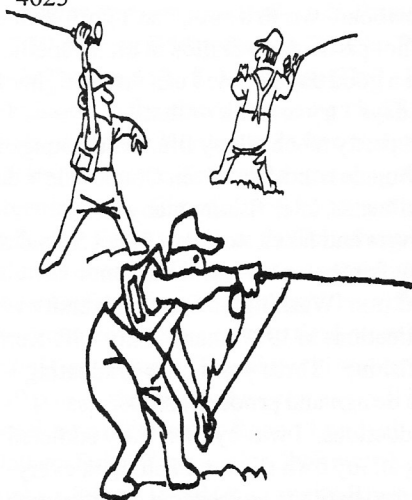
## Club Events: Christmas Party Pix



*Robert Service Lives!!!*

### Beginning Fly Casting Class

- Starts Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>
- 8 sessions every Thursday Evening
- 7 PM till Dusk
- Greenlake Casting Pier
- Cost is \$25.00
- Registration is required. To register or inquire call 206-542-4623



*We all ate and talked, and talked, and talked.....*

### Fly Casting Spring Tune Up

*by Don Simonson, Head Certified Casting Honcho & Education Chairman*

Come on out and get the kinks out. Enjoy casting with the club's Certified Casting Instructors. Get instruction, tips, or just good fellowship, (your choice), at the Greenlake Casting Pier from 8AM till noon on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Fly Tying Round Table

*By Dick Brening*

At our January session we tied patterns for use in winter lake fishing. These fly patterns included a Redhead Zonker, Hair-leg Scud, Pass Lake Woolly Bugger, Black Bodied Carrey (with silver rib), Ultra Violet Shrimp (where did that come from?) and Bead head Woolly Bugger, plus others. The variety of patterns illustrates the breadth of this craft, and the tying techniques used show incredible skills (great for beginners as well as accomplished tiers).

The fly to be featured at the February Round Table will be your favorite saltwater pattern.  
February Meeting: Wednesday, February 28th, 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. Visitors are welcome.

If you have any questions on directions contact Pete Baird or me at the club meeting or give me a call.

### Proposed for Membership

*Frank Vulliet and Scott Rosenkrantz have survived the inquisition of the Membership Committee and will be voted on by the Club membership at the February meeting.*

#### Fishing Resume C. F. "Frank" Vulliet

My flyfishing career started approximately 15 years ago when I spotted a one-week trip to Mt. Katmai Lodge going unwanted at a charity auction. With an opening and only bid of \$600 I felt I could hardly go wrong, and at the same time satisfy my curiosity about why flyfishers got so excited. With 10-30 Coho, and uncounted humpies daily, it was hard not to be hooked permanently.

Despite my desire to do and learn more, my fishing has been sporadic. I seized opportunities as time and family events allowed. I attended Kauffman's school on the Deschutes, have taken a steel-heading class, and have gone fishing when the opportunity presented itself. Most of my fishing has been lake and stream fishing in the Bend area where we have a second home. However, I was able to entice my wife on a trip to Skitcheen Lodge near Kamloops, have been back to Alaska twice, and even inserted a side-trip to London Lakes Lodge in Tasmania into a family wedding trip to Australia, as well as getting some time on Montana, Wyoming, and Utah waters.

Since my retirement from trial and appellate litigation, I look to increased flyfishing and related activities as part of my "recovery." I want to do much more in-state fishing, and felt that joining a local club would be the best way to find others to share the activity. While I enjoy peaceful solitude on picturesque Fall River near my Sunriver home, I also enjoy the camaraderie and interaction of the sport. This summer's trip to Hidden takes is the sort of fishing to which I look forward. I have enjoyed the WFFC luncheons at the Camlin. I look forward to the opportunities to improve my skills and knowledge as a flyfisher through fly tying classes, casting clinics, and similar opportunities offered by WFFC.

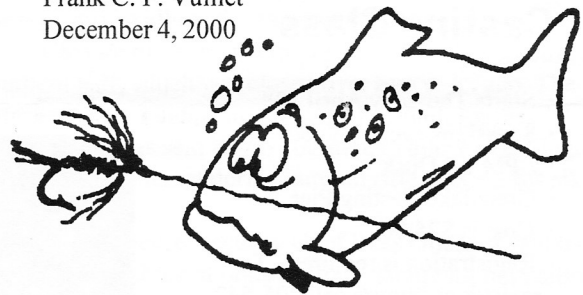
My interests go beyond the satisfaction of deftly laying a line out with a "killer" fly at the end. I have had an interest in conservation since I was a Boy Scout, and more recently, in improving fish habitat. I have been participating on the conservation committee on an informal basis and look forward this year to the hands-on work on the Griffin Creek project.

One of my most memorable, challenging and frustrating fishing days was spent on Silver Creek in Idaho. I was really taken by what the Nature Conservancy and flyfishers had created, or restored, together. It caused me to provide in the "apocalypse" clause in my will that my estate will go to similar projects should I not be survived by spouse or dependents. It seems to me that a WFFC gifting program to seek financial support for such purposes, either presently, or through testamentary gifts,

would be an important, worthwhile effort for the club, whether to establish private waters, or to work with other organizations to create similar preserves such as Silver Creek. It clearly would be in keeping with the goals of WFFC. Those are goals, by the way, to which I fully subscribe. It is a project on which my legal and real estate experience could be of much use. Although I no longer wish to litigate for a living, I intend to lend my nearly 30 years of experience from time to time to conservation and other causes in which I have a strong belief.

I want to emphasize that I am not just looking for a vehicle for a conservation project, but seek the fellowship and fishing experiences with other club members. One activity I would offer is the opportunity for members to join me in the spring and/or fall each year at my Sunriver home to enjoy the bounties of Central Oregon fishing. I understand a "Lake Hosmer" trip was a tradition and perhaps by providing a base, that tradition can be reestablished. In the approximate six months association I have had with WFFC, I have enjoyed the activities in which I have participated, and the fellowship of those I have met. I took forward to a long-term relationship.

Frank C. F. Vulliet  
December 4, 2000



#### Scott Rosenkrantz

I can't snowboard worth a hoot, can't golf, dance or hold a tune, am not particularly skilled at math, spelling or grammar, but on a good day I know I can throw eighty feet of line. On bad days I try to think of that.

I've fished pretty much all my life. As a youngster I fished with homemade hand-lines from Coupeville's dock for perch and bullheads, later fishing many of Washington's rivers and lakes, northern Puget Sound and the coast with my family for trout and salmon.

I graduated from Washington State University with a B.A. in communications in 1987, married my wife Kerry and took up fly fishing. Three years after graduating I started a graphic design and production business, Rosenkrantz Productions. I was by then fully addicted to fly fishing, tying all my own flies and fishing at every opportunity. Three years ago we became a family with the addition of my daughter Erin.

I have at one point or another attempted to drag nearly everyone I know out fly fishing with me. I confess not many people I know share the intense passion I have for fly fishing and I've made few true converts to our sport.

## Club News

Along the way though, I have met some great people and made some fine friends. Of late, the majority of my efforts revolve around catching salmonids in saltwater and developing my own patterns to match what I see happening in the rips and eddies of Puget Sound. This is a great fishery with room for all, and I hope to contribute to its resurgence.

I look forward to fly fishing at least the next 50 to 60 years, and I look forward to sharing tall tales and efforts at improvement with the friends I have made and will make in the WFFC.

Thank you for considering my application for membership.

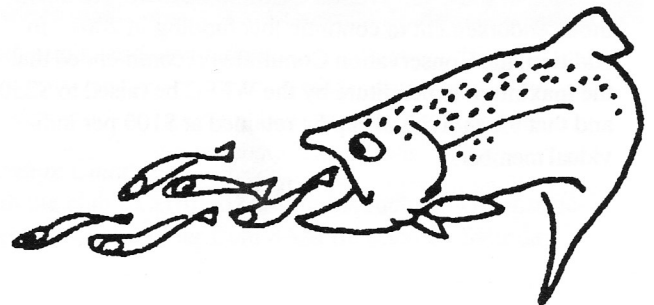
Sincerely, Scott Rosenkranz

### Elwha River Dam Removal is Focus of Feature-Length Film

*forwarded by Doug Schaad, Conservation Committee Co-Chairman. This article contains some politically biased commentary. It is included in Creel Notes solely for the information of the members and does not necessarily represent the opinion of the Club, its Officers or the Editor.*

EVOLUTIONFILM announces the Washington debut screenings of *Unconquering the Last Frontier*, the first film to address dam removal on the Olympic Peninsula's Elwha River. The 100-minute-long documentary was made over seven years by director Robert Lundahl. The film screens at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, at the Capitol Theater, 206 Fifth Avenue SE, Olympia; at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at the Broadway Performance Hall, 1625 Broadway, Seattle; and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2, at the Peninsula College Little Theater, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles. Admission to the above screenings is \$7. Billy Frank, Jr., Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, will be among the dignitaries attending the Olympia screening. The film also will be shown at a special benefit on Friday, February 23, at the Broadway Performance Hall (address above). The evening opens with a 6:30 p.m. reception featuring refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and a performance by dancers from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community. The film will screen at approximately 7:30 p.m., after which the audience will be invited to ask questions of filmmaker Robert Lundahl, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community Chairman Russ Hepfer, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community River Restoration Coordinator Michael Q. Langland, and local environmental leaders. Admission for the special benefit is \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. A portion of the evening's proceeds will go to Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community Cultural Affairs. Through interviews and archival photographs, *Unconquering the Last Frontier* tells the

historic saga of how the Lower Elwha Dam was constructed illegally, without passage for salmon, in 1910; how dam management practices contributed to the salmon's decline; and how this progression of events paralleled the political, economic, and cultural suppression of the native people. More recent efforts of the local community to remove the dams and restore the river's ecosystem are also detailed. In 1986, the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe-joined by conservation groups including Friends of the Earth, the Sierra Club, Seattle Audubon Society, Olympic Park Associates, Trout Unlimited, American Rivers, and other local and federal agencies-intervened in the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) process to stop the relicensing of one of the river's two dams. As a result, Congress mandated restoration in 1992. Then, in February 2000, the federal government purchased the dams, in the first step toward their removal. However, despite these gains, Elwha River dam removal and river restoration is not yet assured. Political pressures have delayed allocation of complete funding for the project. "Unconquering the Last Frontier tells of the aggressive industrial development of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, which took place at the expense of the area's indigenous people," Lundahl said. "The triumvirate of hydropower, mills and logging stripped most of the peninsula of its magnificent forests and legendary salmon. The native people, as well as some of the descendants of the region's Euro-American settlers, were deprived of the river's sustenance, jobs, and a clear and positive vision of the future." The film also relates a cautionary tale, as the companies that once exploited the resources of the Pacific Northwest have since moved on to the developing nations of Asia, Africa, Central and South America, where they've continued their same practices." EVOLUTIONFILM is a global film, video and multimedia production company specializing in environmental sustainability and indigenous rights. More information about *Unconquering the Last Frontier*, including a downloadable press packet, is available at: [www.evolutionfilm.com](http://www.evolutionfilm.com). The public can purchase tickets in advance for the Seattle or Olympia screenings through any of the three Ticket Window retail outlets (Capitol Hill's Broadway Market, Downtown Seattle's Pike Place Market, or Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center) from noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.



## WFFC Conservation Funding 2001

by Doug Schaad, Conservation Co-Chairman

The WFFC Board of Trustees has unanimously endorsed the 2001 budget submitted by the Conservation Committee of the WFFC. Two items within that approved budget exceed \$500 and require the approval of the membership of the WFFC as delineated in the By-Laws. At the February general membership meeting you will be asked to vote on the following two items:

- 1) Shall the WFFC provide \$1500 in supplemental support of two graduate students at the Center for StreamSide Studies of the University of Washington.
- 2) Shall the WFFC provide up to \$2500 in matching funds for support of the activities of the Center for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP).

The following information is provided as background to help you in your decision-making process. Last year the WFFC engaged in a 5-year program of support at \$1000/year for one student in the Center for StreamSide studies. This initial award was provided to Jennifer McLean in support of her genetic investigations of wild/hatchery steelhead in Forks Creek. In addition, the WFFC decided to support Jon Honea's investigation into the impact of marine-derived nutrients on macroinvertebrate production within Kennedy Creek. Jon's investigations also received \$1000 in support from the WFFC.

This year the Conservation Committee received an additional request for funds to investigate the influence of stream runoff and scour on the mortality and distribution of bull trout (an endangered species) in western Washington. An independent review by members of the WFFC and subsequent discussion by the Conservation Committee recommended partial funding for the new applicant and continued funding for Jennifer and Jon.

In April of 2000 the WFFC instituted a matching program with the Center for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP). This program, that was unanimously endorsed by the membership of WFFC, stipulated a dollar-for-dollar match of member contributions up to a maximum of \$100 per individual and a total club expenditure of \$2000. During the calendar year 2000, the WFFC provided matching funds of \$1450 to CELP. At the January 2001 meeting of the Conservation Committee, there was unanimous endorsement to continue this funding in 2001. In addition, the Conservation Committee recommended that the maximum expenditure by the WFFC be raised to \$2500 and that the individual cap be retained at \$100 per individual member.

Should you desire additional information about these proposals prior to the general membership meeting, please contact Doug Schaad at 206-522-7491 (evenings) or [dcschaad@home.com](mailto:dcschaad@home.com) via E-mail. Doug and other members of the Conservation Committee will address these funding proposals at the membership meeting.

## Weyerhaeuser Closes Part of its Land to Public

from *The Herald*, by Wayne Kruse. Submitted by Roman Millett, *Creel Notes* Co-Editor

A prepared statement from the Weyerhaeuser Company has revealed the huge forest products corporation is closing a substantial portion of public access to its 422,000-acre Mount St. Helens Tree Farm in southwest Washington. The company has banned all public motorized travel on tree farm roads, except for those which provide access to the South Fork Toutle valley and a large tract of state and federal forest between the branches of the Toutle. Also left open is access to the Green River fish hatchery, a well-known fall salmon fishing area, and non-motorized use will still be allowed, year-around.

Closure of the northern portion of the forest joins the southern half, which was closed over two years ago. The company cites vandalism, dumping and theft for the closures, but has said it will continue to allow street-legal vehicles on the forest during autumn rifle seasons for elk and deer.

Weyerhaeuser security chief Ross Gilchrist said the company is looking at other options, including imposition of the same fee-use system currently in place on its Snoqualmie Tree Farm. The company is one of only two major forest owners in the state to impose a user fee for public access, but many forest recreationists would probably prefer that to a nearly-total ban on motorized access.

According to the statement, motorized use is still permitted on the 4100 Road, up the South Fork Toutle for approximately 10 miles to the 4950 Road; on the 4200 Road for access to federal and state forest land between the forks of the Toutle, and to the Loowit Trail around Mount St. Helens; and over several roads between the Green Mountain mill and the Green River hatchery.





## Conservation

### Fly-Rodders' Input Needed For WDFW Study

*The following article was written by Leroy Ledeboer, and published in the March issue of Washington-Oregon Game & Fish, page 56.*

Here's a chance for anyone who is handy with a fly line and wants to fish three beautiful quality lakes in the Okanogan to have a great outing, help out the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and enhance his own sport. Aenas, Chopaka, and Ell lakes (the first two are fly-fishing only, and the third is a selective-gear water) have now been planted with a mix of regular rainbows and sterile triploids.

"Our goal is to get an older and, consequently, bigger trout in these quality lakes," says Region II fish biologist Heather Bartlette, "so we're planting all three with half Trout Lodge Triploids and half Spokane rainbow stock."

Bartlette doesn't expect the triploids to outgrow their counterparts in the first year or so, but because they've been sterilized by splitting a chromosome in the egg stage, these trout never go through spawning cycles, thus living and growing for many more years.

"What we have to know early on is how well the triploids are surviving," she says, "and that's where the anglers come in. We're asking anyone who successfully fishes these three lakes to keep track of how many Spokane rainbows and how many triploids they catch and release. The Spokanes will all have clipped adipose fins; the triploids don't.

"Because these lakes are being managed as quality waters, we'd like to see them turning out some real trophy trout. If enough triploids can survive into their third year and longer, that's what we'll get."

**Anglers who wish to help with this study can call in their information to Bartlette at 509-422-4465, or E-mail her at [barthrb@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:barthrb@dfw.wa.gov).**

### All Fishing and Hunting Licenses to be Sold by Computer Starting March 1

*Submitted by Doug Schaad, Chief Monitor of Things Piscatorial*

In step with Washington state's move to digital government, beginning March 1 all state hunting and

fishing licenses are scheduled to be sold with a new, computerized system known as the Washington Interactive Licensing Database (WILD).

Once in place at private license dealers and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regional offices statewide, WILD system computer terminals will be used to sell all 2001 fishing and hunting licenses. Fishers and hunters are required to have their 2001 licenses beginning April 1.

Fishers and hunters also will have the option of using their credit cards to purchase hunting and fishing licenses over the telephone or on the Internet. These services also are scheduled to be activated March 1.

Special hunting permit applications and raffle tickets will be issued through the WILD system, too, with hunters submitting their applications by telephone or Internet.

Once the WILD system is in place hunters and fishers can expect these changes:

**Sales will be quicker:** Basic information about most current license holders is already in the computer database, so most purchases will only take a couple of minutes.

**Licenses will be easier to carry:** The WILD system will issue licenses slightly larger than a credit card (3 by 4 inches). Licenses will be issued on the spot to those buying in person, and will be mailed to those buying over the phone or Internet.

**Social Security numbers will be required:** Under federal and state laws aimed at enforcing court-ordered child support judgements, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is required to obtain the Social Security number of each person applying to buy a hunting or fishing license. These numbers will be secured and will not be displayed on WILD system terminals once they are collected.

**A transaction fee will be charged:** A 9.5 percent transaction fee will be collected on each license sale to reimburse the system contractor, MCI WorldCom, Inc., for the cost of computer hardware, software and training to operate the WILD system. The fee saves WDFW and Washington taxpayers the cost of investing in computer hardware and software that will eventually become obsolete.

If you have questions about these or other changes associated with the WILD system please email Bruce Crawford, WDFW Licensing Division Manager at [crawfbac@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:crawfbac@dfw.wa.gov)

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## President's Riffle

### President's Riffle

by Kris Kristoferson, WFFC President

As a fisherman, I am sometimes a little slow to try something new, whether it is a different pattern or a new method for presenting the fly. When my "go to" patterns fail to produce, I merely label the fish as difficult or finicky. A recent fishing trip to Oregon's Crooked River has changed my thinking.

Before leaving, I tied up, among other things, some size 20 olive mayfly dries and I remember at the time thinking it unlikely that I would actually use them. I have a hard enough time seeing a size 16.

On the stream, we started our fishing late in the morning, thinking the cold temperatures (around freezing) would have little happening any earlier. After about an hour the fish started rising. I couldn't make out just what they were taking but it was small and the fish were taking them from the surface. I tied on a size 18 olive parachute with oversized hackle and a bright yellow foam post. That post might look a little scary but at least I'd have a chance at seeing the fly. After catching one fish, I got a couple refusals and then nothing. The fish were really rising now but not to my offering. Since my fly wasn't doing it and perhaps to better justify all the swearing I'd done tying them, I knotted on one of the size 20's. No hi-vis post, just a standard hackle, little olive dry fly. My first drift confirmed my suspicions. The fly was invisible on the water. I gritted my teeth for I knew the next few casts would be frustrating exercises in locating and following my fly. As it turned out, the fish saved me the trouble. They saw it just fine. I adjusted to lifting my rod tip to rises in the general area where my fly should be and I started catching fish. Well, it doesn't take too many hookups to make one a convert. I even caught myself thinking the fish might take a size 22 or even a 24 more consistently.

Unexpectedly, trying something new (these little flies) gave me new fishing tools instead of the expected frustrations. I now have more tactics I can confidently pull from my bag of angling tricks. Trying new things pays off. Not always, but often enough to be worthwhile. Our Club will be adding new things to its bag of tried and true favorites this year. We can all join in these efforts and, in the process, reap unexpected rewards.

### Rods For Sale

by Pete Van Gytenbeek, with minor musings by the Editor.

Pete Van Gytenbeek here. My friend Bryan Peterson, an ex-Thomas & Thomas rod designer, is planning to sell some of his rods. Presumably these are not designs that went wrong somehow on some of his bad days! The rods are listed below. Better give me a call at (206) 441-5594 (home) if you're interested, because Bill Boardman isn't quite perceptive enough to correctly interpret the number I gave him with this announcement.

LPS904	9'0"	#4	New	\$250
HS904	9'0"	#4	New	\$250
HS912S	9'0"	#12	Near New	\$225
HS903	9'0"	#3	New	\$250
HS8613S	8'6"	#13	New	\$250
LPS865	8'6"	#5	New	\$250



### WFFC Foundation Solicits Your Help

by Don Simonson, Foundation President

The WFFC Foundation is seeking projects in conservation, rehabilitation, or preservation of trout habitat. The foundation would contribute monetary funds to support a specific project with the assumption it would be a primary contributor.

If you are aware of any such projects please contact one of the following board members with specific details: Pete Baird, Don Gulliford, Hugh Jennings, Gregg Crumbaker, Don Simonson, or Walt Walkinshaw

### Technical Assistance Sought!!

by the Creel Notes Editor

As some members with exceptionally good vision may have noticed, the quality of photographic reproductions that occasionally grace these pages is somewhere south of the epitome of perfection demanded by our Editorial Standards. What malignant agency causes the perfectly acceptable images submitted by our talented photographers to metamorphose (yes, really, that's what the dictionary says) into the hazy, graphics-challenged, squint-inducing blobs we observe before us? (See pages 1 through 5). What, if anything, can reasonably be done to improve the quality of *Creel Notes*' graphics and therefore of this publication? **Your Editor humbly solicits your solutions.** Please advise, preferably sooner than later!

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## March Program - Chasing Hatches in the West

by Jim McRoberts, Program Chairman

Jim Schollmeyer is a professional photographer and ex-fishing guide living in Salem, OR. He is the author of Hatch Guide for the Lower Deschutes River, Hatch Guide for Lakes, Hatch Guide for Western Streams and co-author of a few more books. His photographs have appeared in many fly fishing books and magazines.

Jim's slide presentation gives a short overview of western hatches that are important to trout and fly anglers. He shows the insects along with a selection of the waters where they occur. This program is the result of years of chasing hatches to photograph the insects and to fish for the trout that feed on them.

Come enjoy this program and perhaps learn something new about this all-important skill.

## Notice - Dinner Price

by Bill Boardman, Creel Notes Editor

**This is just a heads up.** The price for our monthly dinner is under discussion. Look for an announcement in the April or May *Creel Notes*.

## Griffin Creek Project

by Grant Hendrickson, Project Coordinator

Saturday, April 7, at Griffin Creek, is the test for how serious you are about enhancing salmon habitat! It's the Club's workday at our Habitat Partners site with the emphasis on "dirty work." The primary task for the day is removal of large clumps of evergreen blackberries. The county will provide tools, but you might wish to bring some good garden gloves and your own set of pruning tools. The task will be a whole lot easier if we get a good turnout! Work will start at 9:00 AM.

Bob Spencer, our Club's contact person with King County, will be at the March meeting to give us a briefing on the project and more details on what to expect.

### DIRECTIONS TO GRIFFIN CREEK

From 520 eastbound, take the Redmond/Fall City/SR202 exit.

Turn right and follow 202, the Redmond/Fall City Road, 7.6 miles to Tolt Hill Road.

Turn left onto Tolt Hill Road and follow over the hill and across the Snoqualmie River to Carnation/Fall City Road (SR203).

Turn right 1.3 miles to NE 11th. Turn left on NE 11th. Follow straight ahead on the dirt road 0.2 miles to a designated parking area on the left.

The actual site is 0.3 miles down that road. The site is entered by a path to the left of the gate on the right side of the road.

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## Oops, Correction:

Some of you sharp-eyed folks may have noticed that the February 2001 issue of *Creel Notes* was printed with volume number **LI No. 1** in the banner. (Although no one has bothered to bring it to my attention.) Please correct that to **LI No. 2**. Thanks, the Editor.

### Fly Tying Roundtable

by Pete Baird

Well, our attendance at the Fly Tying Roundtable was down on the night of Feb 28 in spite of the usual good meal being served and all; must have had something to do with an earthquake that day. The stalwarts that did make it included Chuck Ballard, Greg Crumbaker, Dick Scales, and yours truly. The plan for the night called for favorite salt water patterns. Chuck produced a couple of beauties - a yellow wooly bugger and a candle fish pattern. Dick Scales turned out one of his custom dandies now known as a "Dick's Deceiver" and I managed a few very simple overgrown euphausid patterns that are a spin off from one of Don Simonson's favorites. Greg, I'm afraid, is still suffering from the 2 stressful years of serving as WFFC president, and was a little confused about the difference between fresh & saltwater flies, but in his defense he did produce a very nice looking stone fly nymph. All will be contributed to our Swap Box. Pete Baird (surrogate recorder for Dick Brening in Belize, poor guy)

### Fly Tying Roundtable

by Dick Brening

Tim Coleman has agreed to come to our March Fly Tying Round Table and tie up some of his great Damsel Fly patterns. I'm sure if you have had a chance to see what Tim can do with these patterns you will want to attend. If you haven't had a chance to see them, now is your opportunity!

March Meeting: Wednesday, March 28th, 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. Visitors are welcome.  
If you have any questions on directions contact Pete Baird or me at the club meeting or give me a call.

### Proposed for Membership

*Earl Harper and Mark Pratt have been interviewed by the Membership Committee and will be voted on at the March meeting.*

#### Earl Harper

My name is Earl Harper and my fishing career is neither long nor illustrious. It all began here in the northwest when my parents were stationed at McChord Air Force Base and we lived near Lake Spanaway. I remember walking to a nearby dock and spending many hours fishing for perch with a bobber and worm. The worms were, of course, raised on my own little worm farm.

Just before the second grade, my parents were stationed to an Air Force Base in Spain where I spent the next seven years fishing for carp and large mouth bass. Luckily, the Rod & Gun Club had stocked a nearby lake with bass. Next we moved to and spent a year in Michigan where the prime prey were salmon, suckers and the occasional pike. I hate to admit it but many of these fish were not taken in the most sporting of methods. As a freshman in high school, 30lb test and a weighted treble hook seemed the most productive way of landing a big salmon. Well, the fish gods must have been watching and not liked what they saw because we were then sent to the desert where I spent the next two and a half years living in hell... Las Vegas.

After graduating from high school on an American base in Germany, I went off to college to what should have been my fishing paradise, the University of Montana. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending upon how you look at it, once I arrived, I realized that parties and girls consumed much more time than I had anticipated. So, although I did fish some, I certainly did not fish as much as I could have. Luckily though, on one of those occasional trips I was introduced to fly fishing. To me growing up as a lead-chucking gear-hound, this was a whole new concept. I must admit at first I wasn't so sure about this, how could I possibly trade in my 15lb tackle box for this little box of flies and this pencil thin rod. Lucky for me, the friend who fly-fished always seemed to catch more fish than I did on my Mepps spinners and Daredevil spoons, so more out of jealousy than anything, I began to fly fish.

After moving to Seattle in the late 1980's, I am sorry to say, the lead in me arose once again and I began mooching. I spent a couple of years mooching for salmon in Puget Sound before realizing how boring it could be. I never said I was the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree. Finally about ten years ago I bought my first fly rod. The first two or three years I barely caught enough fish to keep me interested. Slowly, after time and reading, I began to catch more and more fish. It wasn't until about three years ago when I met Leland Miyawaki and Scott Rosenkranz that I began to really understand the finer points of fly fishing. It was also when my wife began to see less and less of me. I wish to thank both Leland and Scott for allowing me to tag along on their ventures, especially to Leland for introducing me to the WFFC of which I hope to become a longtime member. Thank you very much, Earl Harper.

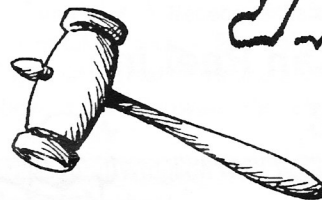
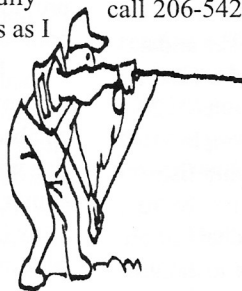
## Mark Pratt

*Technical difficulties prevent publishing the full text of Mark's statement in this issue. Perhaps more in April. The following can, however, be presented:*

"Members attending the WFFC meeting on September 19 became aware that the son of A.C.P. (Lucky Al), otherwise known as Al Pratt, declared his wish to join the Club. ...I think it's about time I got to know some new fisher folk and rekindle some old friendships, hopefully learning some new skills and breaking old bad habits as I go. Hope to see ya on the water. M.A.P."

## Beginning Fly Casting Class

- Starts Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>
- 8 sessions every Thursday Evening
- 7PM till Dusk
- Greenlake Casting Pier
- Cost is \$25.00
- Registration is required. To register or inquire call 206-542-4623



## Become a Volunteer Beach Naturalist This Summer!

*submitted by Doug Schaad, Conservation Committee Co-Chair*

Care about beaches? Good with people? Sign up to be a volunteer beach naturalist at a Seattle-area beach this summer. Naturalists will receive training from marine and interpretive experts on three Thursday evenings (March 29, April 12 and April 26) and three Saturdays (March 31, April 14 and April 28) and then spend three summer weekend days educating visitors about beach ecology and beach etiquette at Constellation Park (Alki), Lincoln Park, Golden Gardens, Carkeek Park, Seahurst Park, Des Moines Beach Park and Richmond Beach. People who live near these beaches are especially encouraged to participate, but anyone with the time, interest and commitment is welcome.

An orientation session for the program will be held Thursday evening, March 22 at the Seattle Aquarium. To sign up or with any questions about the program, please call Polly Freeman at (206) 296-8359, or email [polly.freeman@metrokc.gov](mailto:polly.freeman@metrokc.gov).

The partners sponsoring this third year of the Beach Naturalist Program include Alki Community Council, the Seattle Aquarium, King County Department of Natural Resources, Central Puget Sound Watershed Forum, King Conservation District, People for Puget Sound, Puget Sound Action Team, Seattle Parks, University of Washington Sea Grant, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington State Department of Health.

## WFFC President's Riffle

*by Kris Kristoferson, WFFC President*

Each day now, the sun sets just a little bit later. That, together with the warm days of recent weeks, brings up thoughts of fishing. While many of us have fished through the winter, we all look forward to spring and summer for the excellent fishing these seasons bring.

Dave Schorsch has lined up a terrific schedule of WFFC outings, which will have us out on the water making the most of our fisheries during this great time of year.

Also coming up is our spring work party at Griffin Creek. This April 7th event brings members together to continue our riparian restoration efforts under the able leadership of Grant Hendrickson as well as the Club's Conservation Committee.

Turning to our monthly general membership meetings, Second Vice President Jim McRoberts has lined up a slate of programs guaranteed to interest anglers across the board. The Club's flytiers and photographers will want to catch this month's program in particular, featuring Jim Schollmeyer, who has recently co-authored [The Flytier's Benchside Reference](#).

Thanks to Dave, Grant and Jim for getting our activities rolling as we move into prime fishing season!

Kris Kristoferson President, 2001

## Fishing Reports

### Fishing Report - Monday, February 26, 2001

by Gil Nyerges

On my way home from the Yakima Sport Show, I drove the Canyon Road and stopped at four likely looking stretches of water near the 9, 10, and 19 mile markers. The river was low and clear - a little skim ice along the edges - sun bright and warming up. A small hatch of pinhead sized midges was in evidence with very few rises. Used a floating line and a Nyerges Nymph for two strikes and a release of one 17-inch rainbow. Next stop used a TDC for two more strikes and release of a 20-inch ( yes, that's 20 inches ) rainbow. Next stop with a Nyerges Nymph resulted in two more strikes and one 18-inch whitefish. My final stop produced four more strikes with two more releases - one 17 -inch 'bow and another 20 incher, all on the Nymph. Quit at 1:00 PM sharp - had a bite to eat and had a very pleasant trip home. This was my very best trip ever on the Yakima - and there was no one else on the river until I got almost to Ellensburg. I'd rather be lucky than good anytime - sometimes it happens!!

### Fly-fishers Can Reel in Fine Reading

by Fenton Roskelley - *The Spokesman-Review*

If you could absorb even a fraction of the information contained in books on fly-fishing published the last few weeks, you would be on your way to becoming a master fly-fisher. Seldom have so many fly-fishing books been published in such a short time. Inland Northwest fly-fishers who spend most of their time on still waters can learn a lot from Fly Patterns for Stillwaters, \$29.95, by Philip Rowley and published by Frank Amato Publications. The 106-page softcover book is a gold mine of useful information on insects that fish eat and patterns created to simulate them. Many of the patterns are popular in Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Hundreds of excellent color photos by Jim Schollmeyer are included.

In The Orvis Guide to Prospecting for Trout, \$19.95, by Tom Rosenbauer, published by The Lyons Press, the author goes into elaborate detail to explain techniques for finding where trout live, why they live in certain spots and how and where they feed. By the time a fisher, whether novice or expert, finishes reading the 271 pages, he or she will be a much better fly-fisher. Rosenbauer's long chapter on rich and poor trout streams will be a revelation to most fishers; it's worth the price of the book.

As experienced fly-fishers know, there's been a

resurgence of interest in bamboo fly rods the last few years. Everywhere, it seems, fly-fishers and entrepreneurs are making bamboo fly rods. In the Inland Northwest, for example, numerous people painstakingly create rods out of split bamboo. A few books on building the rods have been available. Now, Handcrafting Bamboo Fly Rods, \$50, by master craftsman Wayne Cattanch, has been published by The Lyons Press. Until now, the 210-page book was available only as a privately printed edition. Cattanch provides step-by-step instructions on converting hard, raw bamboo into beautifully finished rods.

If you've fly-fished for several years, you likely tie your own flies. Most veteran fly-fishers do. Fly tying is an absorbing hobby, and there's satisfaction in catching a fish with a fly you've tied. Like most of us, John Gierach, author of Good Flies: Favorite Trout Patterns and How They Got That Way, started out as a tinkerer. He originated patterns that didn't work and gradually became an adequate tier who admires the work of professional tiers. He eventually settled on relatively few patterns. In his latest book, his 12th, he tells how he selected his favorite patterns, how to tie them quickly and efficiently. The 179-page book, \$22.95, published by The Lyons Press, is illustrated with numerous line drawings.

Stories written by such famous authors as A.J. McClane, Joe Brooks, Ted Trueblood, Lee Wulff and Zane Grey are among the many fascinating and informative tales in Sports Afield Treasury of Fly Fishing, \$27.95, edited by Tom Paugh and published by The Lyons Press. You'll add a lot to your fly-fishing knowledge by reading the stories told by the masters of storytelling. Some were written a century ago; most were written the last 50 years. All are as fresh today as the day they were published.

Lefty Kreh is one of the best known fly-fishers in North America. He has written several books and hundreds of magazine articles over his long career. Now, The Lyons Press has published two of his latest books, 101 Fly-Fishing Tips and Solving Fly-Casting Problems. The little paperback books are \$14.95 each. My favorite is the book on fly-fishing tips. Each tip is illustrated with a black and white photo. A fly-fisher who has fished with the best of the world's fishers, Kreh has learned ways of making his fly-fishing more enjoyable and easier.

The most entertaining book published in recent weeks is Green River Virgins and Other Passionate Anglers, \$22.95, by Mallory Burton and published by The Lyons Press. A fly-fishing guide and linguist, Burton, who lives in Prince Albert, British Columbia, is a wonderful writer who adroitly describes the idiosyncrasies of fly-fishers, many of them men, in her absorbing, witty stories.

You can contact Fenton Roskelley by voice mail at 459-5577, extension = 3814.



## Fishing Reports

### More Than 50 Trout Lakes to Open in Eastern Washington

By Wayne Kruse, Famous Outdoor Writer and Local Resident. Submitted by Co-Editor Roman Millett.

Just in time to take up the slack caused by the demise of the winter steelhead season locally is the opening of more than 50 trout lakes in Eastern Washington. The lakes almost always offer some of the best action on rainbow (and in a few cases, browns) available in the state each year.

Success will depend to a degree on weather conditions, and a few of the lakes may still be iced over, either totally or in part, but generally, anglers should score well. The winter has been a mild one, and water temperatures are optimum. Most of the lakes have been planted, often with a mix of fingerlings the previous spring, catchables (three to the pound) last fall through this winter, and purchased "triploid" rainbow, of a pound or better.

Here are the prospects for a selection of lakes in the Columbia Basin, from biologists at the WDFW's Ephrata office:

Spectacle Lake, near Tonasket in Okanogan County, should provide good fishing on the opener, if it's ice-free enough to be accessible (call Spectacle Lake Resort, 509-223-3433; Spectacle Falls Resort, 509-223-4141; or Rainbow Resort, 509-223-3700, for the latest information). The lake was stocked with 25,000 5- to 6-inch rainbow last fall and will receive 30,000 catchable 'bows through this spring. It will also get 3,500 triploids to 2 pounds, a little later in the season.

Quincy and Burke lakes, south of Quincy in Grant County, will be a top bet. They were treated with rotenone in 1999, and this should be their "magic" year. Most of the 20,000 planted fingerlings should be 9-10 inches, but there should also be a fair number of larger carryovers from the catchables planted last season, and 1/3-pound catchables planted this year. Dusty Lake, in the same area, has not been rehabbed yet, and will put out very few multi-pound rainbow and browns. Martha Lake, near George, is again infested with goldfish and sunfish, and fishing is expected to be only fair, but with a good sprinkling of 16 to 18-inch carryovers.

Lake Lenore is coming back strongly from a summer fish kill in 1998, but the big cutts don't really start to get

active until April (remember it's C&R, March through May). Stocking rates were increased from 40,000 to 70,000 fingerlings the past two years to help replace the lost fish. The earliest stockers should enter the fishery this spring as 2 or 3-pound fish.

Lenice and Nunnally, south of Royal City in Grant County, were treated with rotenone last spring and restocked with catchable-size trout that provided excellent numbers but not the usual size expected in these "quality" waters. District biologist Jeff Korth says Lenice will receive 6,000 quarter-pound rainbow, 1,600 browns of 1/3-pound each, 1,000 rainbow of 1 1/2 pounds, 800 triploids at 2 1/2 pounds and 200 triploids at 5 1/2 pounds. Nunnally will get 10,000 quarter-pound rainbow, 2,700 browns at 1/3-pound each and 1,000 triploids at 2 1/2-pounds.

The Caliche lakes, south of Quincy, started slowly last year - unusual for these consistent producers - and Korth hopes they'll revert to a more normal pattern this year. The upper lake will get 8,000 rainbow, the lower, 6,000 and West Caliche, 1,000.

The Pillar-Widgeon chain, below O'Sullivan Dam in the "seep lakes" area, offers walk-in tranquility for anglers equipped with float tubes and good fishing for yearling rainbow. Pillar, Gadwall, Shoveler, and Cattail should be the best bets in the chain, according to Korth. Sago, Hourglass and Widgeon were not stocked because of an access road washout.

Because the popular Hampton Lakes are on the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, stocking practices are severely restricted by the feds. They will put out some very nice holdovers, and the limited number of yearling rainbow which can out-survive bass and sunfish, should be fat 14-inchers. Expect to put in an hour or so for each fish taken.

The string of Quincy Wildlife Area walk-in lakes and ponds offer anglers the chance to explore the lava scabland and get a little exercise. Yearling 'bows range from 9 to 12 inches and carryovers can be found 14 to 18 inches. Cascade, Dot, and Lower Spring lakes each received 500 fingerling rainbow; Scout 600; and Cliff, Crystal, Cup and Upper Spring 1,000 each. Bass were discovered at Dot Lake last year, and may have spread to other waters by now, Korth said.

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# MARCH - APRIL 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 MARCH Go FISHING!	12	13	14	15	16	17 Go FISHING!
18 Go FISHING!	19	20 WFFC DINNER MEETING 5:30 PM COLLEGE CLUB	21 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN HOTEL, 9TH & PINE	22	23	24 Go FISHING!
25 Go FISHING!	26	27	28 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	29 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM AT THE RAM PUB	30	31 Go FISHING!
1 APRIL Go FISHING!	2 WFFC BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM COLLEGE CLUB	3	4 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	5	6 APRIL CREEL NOTES FROZEN	7 GRIFFIN CREEK WORK PARTY
8 Go FISHING!	9	10	11 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	12 FLY CASTING CLASSES 7:00PM GREEN LAKE	13	14 Go FISHING!
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