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Monthly Meeting Notice

October 16, 2006

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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: What, Where, When and How for Fishing the "Basalt Bones"

submitted by Jim McRoberts, WFFC Program Chairman and erstwhile Grande Ronde flyfisher. Jim always gets his material for Creel Notes in on time. What a guy!

Bill Marts, our October speaker, has over twenty five years of fly fishing instructing experience. Thousands of fly fishers have seen his instructions, clinics and programs all over the United States. He has appeared many times on ESPN's Fly Fishing Video Magazine program.

His fly fishing experience includes fish species from Bluegill to Sailfish in destinations throughout North America, Central America, South America and the South Pacific.

He has made several fly fishing videos and has authored several magazine articles about fly fishing.

Bill resides in Spokane, Washington where he owns Blue Dun Fly Fishing Outfitters, and his travel, school and guide service business, Peregrine Angler. He owns a second fly shop in Wenatchee, also named Blue Dun. He will start guiding steelhead trips on the Clearwater River this fall. His slide show presentation for WFFC is the what, where, when and how for fishing the "Basalt Bones". That's carp to most of us. This is a sporting fish that offers all of the challenges (and more) of other gamefish. We will be fishing central Washington, but the techniques can be applied anywhere. There will be samples of the flies used and demonstrations of how to use them.

Upcoming trips for Bill include Isla Holbox, Christmas Island and a steelheading trip to S.E. Alaska, plus his never ending searchthe perfect carp fly fishing experience.

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In Memoriam

Passing of a Dear Friend

by Pete Baird, Fruit and Flowers Chairman

On Saturday morning, September 29, at ~8:15 AM, Bruce Greene went to be with the Lord. This information was received via Bruce Clingan that morning. For those of you who may not be aware, Bruce had lost 2/3 of one lung from the onset of cancer about six years ago. More recently it was found to have reoccurred in his good lung and he had undergone both radiation and chemo treatments.

As attested to by his presence and comments at the August regular meeting, his spirits were good, and although he had a distinctly Jay Buhner appearance, he looked good. About a week ago Thursday he was admitted to Overlake Hospital with fluid in his lungs and severe breathing problems. He ranged up and down in the battle, but had contracted pneumonia during this time period. Few saw him while in the hospital, with the exception of his immediate family.

We will all miss you Bruce, but the many good memories you have left with us will linger on!!

WCCFF CASTING GAMES RECAP

by Don Simonson, Master Certified Casting Instructor, casting games coordinator and all-around friend

The WFFC casting team competed in the Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers casting games at Trophy Lakes on Saturday, September 29th. Before I announce some of the results I would like to explain the overall guidelines for the event. There was individual and team competition. The individuals were registered in two classifications. The first was professional, meaning the person was either a fly shop owner, registered guide, or FFF certified casting instructor. The second included all others registered. The four competition events were: trout fly accuracy, distance, catch and release fishing, and **monetary contribution** based on the distance cast in the distance event. (**The monetary contribution will be used to determine the overall team winner**, which will be announced later).

At the awards ceremony, individual awards were given out for the 1st and 2nd place finishers in individual competition along with 1st place team trophies for three of the four events.

I am pleased to announce that the WFFC was well represented. We received the following awards:

Richard Embry:	1 st place in trout fly accuracy (skilled category)
Jimmy Lemert:	1 st place in trout fly accuracy (professional category)
	2 nd place in distance (professional category)
WFFC TEAM:	1 st place in trout fly accuracy
	1 st place in catch and release fishing

The WFFC board approved a \$100.00 donation toward the monetary contribution event based on our team distance casting. This means we are in the running to take the overall trophy. We did very well in the distance event with a total of approximately 400 feet for the team. I also have reason to believe that we didn't miss taking first in distance by very much. That trophy went to the Lower Columbia Fly Fishers.

In case you missed last month's *Creel Notes* article, our team was comprised of Richard Embry, Jimmy Lemert, Richard Stearns, and Don Simonson.

*I've been advised that at least one club is actively campaigning for contributions to help them win the overall competition. They have solicited funds from at least one of our members. If you are led to contribute to the cause, please contact Don Simonson to support the **WFFC team**, or contact Richard Embry or Jimmy Lemert to support them as **individuals!** All contributions must be received and recorded by October 31. Bill Boardman, Ed.*

For Sale! *Attire* Yourself and Promote Your Club (Actually, you don't really have to wear the fly box or the decal)

Presented by Leland Miyawaki, WFFC Ghillie

WFFC Jackets Are In! A late fall run of jackets are in and can be caught for only \$45 at the College Club Hole.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Jacket, WFFC logo, blue fabric	\$45.00
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

These items are normally for sale at the WFFC general membership meetings. What a great deal! Buy an elegant jacket for protection against cold, wet, windy and otherwise inclement weather this winter. **STOCK UP TODAY!**

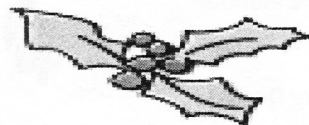
WFFC Christmas Party 2001

by Dean Ingram, WFFC 1st Vice President and Christmas Party Chairman (with a little gratuitous help from the Editor)

The WFFC and I would appreciate any items you can donate toward our raffle in December. Consider equipment you may never use, if (IT is) in good condition; a bottle of fine wine; a case of a microbrew; or a certificate to your favorite restaurant. Thanks for your digging deep for your club and support of its programs. I shall be at the meetings and will be glad to collect items and give you a receipt for tax purposes.

P.S. I'd sure be happy to have some more volunteers to help sort donations, set up and clean up after! Come twist my arm and beg me to let you help. Don't forget, you can never have too many helpers!

Dean



Introducing CELP's New Executive Director

submitted by Doug Schaad

After a lengthy and substantial search, CELP's board of directors has hired Karen D. Allston as CELP's new executive director. While it would be difficult for anyone to follow in Rob's footsteps, we think we have chosen an excellent candidate. Karen holds a JD from Seattle University, cum laude, and a BA Communications from UW. Before joining CELP, she was staff attorney for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for six years, where she focused on water law and environmental issues. She represented the Tribe in water law cases before the Pollution Control Hearings Board, King County Superior Court, and the State Supreme Court, advised the tribe on environmental policy issues, and testified in the state legislature on various issues. She has excellent working relationships with many key persons in the "world of water," including Department of Ecology staff, legislators, lobbyists, water purveyors, and other attorneys practicing water law.

Roman Millett

by Bill Boardman, Creel Notes Editor

Roman Millett has, for personal reasons, given up his duties as WFFC Roster Keeper and *Creel Notes* Co-Editor. Roman has faithfully served the Club for many years by creating, maintaining and mailing the WFFC roster. He has defended the privacy of Club members against numerous attempts to acquire paper and electronic copies of the membership database. These duties have been performed with little fanfare; many members have asked, "Roman who?"

For at least seven years, Roman has quietly labeled, stamped and mailed the *Creel Notes* each month. Two years ago he contributed untold hours of personal effort in researching techniques and then incorporating members' photos in the roster. He has been more visible in his long-time position as *Creel Notes* Co-Editor. Roman's articles borrowed from the Everett Herald's Outdoor Writer Wayne Kruse have stimulated interest in local fish-related happenings. His freely expressed political opinions and his personally written articles and editorial comments on firearms and other topics have endeared him to some members while infuriating others. Who among us will soon forget "Don't forget, you can never have too many guns"?

Thanks for your service, Roman!

Roster Updates

The following changes have been submitted by members. Please update your roster.

James E. Gudger, aka Gene Gudger: home address change
6823 36th Ave. NW
Seattle, WA 98117

Leland Miyawaki : e-mail address change

miyawaki@mail.iswnet.com

UW FISHLINE

submitted by Doug Schaad, WFFC Conservation Co-Chair and unbelievably prolific contributor
The URL provided below takes you directly to the UW's School of Fisheries calendar of events. It is updated at least weekly and contains links to a number of useful resources. You may want to consider adding it to your list of bookmarks. - Doug

<http://www.fish.washington.edu/fishline>

SEMINARS & TALKS

School of Aquatic & Fishery Sciences Departmental Seminar, Spring 2001

Tuesday Morning Get-Togethers (Center for Streamside Studies)

AWARDS, HONORS & KUDOS

Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association-Student Awards

MIGRATIONS

New Staff Member

GRADUATE STUDENT EXAMS

Successful Defense

Diego Holmgren

FYI

Fisheries/Oceanography Library Reserve Lists

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CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Society for the Protection of Old Fishes (SPOOF) 34th Annual Meeting

Northwest Salmon Recovery Workshop

American Statistical Association/UW Biostatistics:

Careers in Statistics

Pacific Rim Wild Salmon and Steelhead Conference

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In Retrospect

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from *WFFC Creel Notes* vol. XXIV No. 10, October 1976

FISHING REPORTS

Dry Falls Lake Outing, October 2, 3 and 4

Another successful and event-filled outing occurred at Dry Falls. Many people attended including the Boyd Aigners, Bruce Clingans, Tony Davern, the Fred Dewitts, Ralph Funkhouser, the Mike Garofanos, the Golds: Chuck, Bill and Jim, the Lyn Gross', Frank Headrick, Hugh Jennings, Vic Kalata, the Fred Kays, Bill Rundall, Bob Byfield, Graham Read, Jerry Sammons, the Bob Sincocks, Dick Stearns, Gerry Keller, the Jerry Sugameles and the Gordy Youngs.

The fishing was good with a lot of 12" fish. The wind blew slightly during Saturday and then blew like a hurricane that night. The stew dinner around the campfire was enjoyed by everybody.

Bill Rundall caught everybody's attention when he returned from fishing Castle Lake on Saturday. Bill had somehow taken the wrong step getting into his rubber raft and fell into the lake. The only change to dry clothes available included a pair of hiking shorts. However, Bill's style of underwear made for more than a slight hanging down of his white shorts below his hiking shorts. He modeled the outfit for everybody in the campground.

Bruce Clingan made flies using the dried flowers and plant materials his wife collected. The flies actually caught fish or so he says!

Bob Sincock brought along some of his home-brewed "Mead" wine which everybody enjoyed.

Lyn Gross had the worst experience of the week-end. His boat was stolen. Lyn left it at the lake Sunday night and Monday morning it was gone. A word to the rest of us. No place seems to be safe from crime these days.

Tugula Lake, September 27 and 28:

Gordy Young was enroute to the Dry Falls outing and stopped at this wide spot on the Cle Elum River (more familiarly known as Fish Lake). Gordy had the place all to himself with many Eastern Brook caught from 7 to 10" on a #12 Coachman Bucktail. The fishing was best in the late afternoon and evening after the sun went behind Goat Mountain. Many of the canoe and kyack enthusiasts in the club may be overlooking this beautiful spot, because now you can travel upstream from the campgrounds at Scatter Creek for three miles on the slow moving river. Gordy recommends trying it next September.

Castle Lake (12.4 Acres), October 2: Bill Rundall

Bob Byfield (broken air pump), Bob Sincock (stepped on and broke 7' rod*) Fred DeWitt (leaking raft and lost knife in lake) and Bill Rundall packed rubber rafts into Castle Lake. Some wind on this sunny day made casting difficult at times but there was continual activity with 8-10" Rainbows, with some to IS" in the west cove. Only two other rafts on the lake. There was no "muddy" flavor to any of the fish caught here. Dark nymph patterns used on a fast strip were very effective.

(*Rod is now either 6' 6" or 6' 9".)

McLeod Lake, September 25, Fran Wood

An exploratory trip to Lake Hancock was aborted when Spur 10 road off the Snoqualmie North Fork road was closed. Fortunately, the stimulus of the latest issue of Fishing Holes magazine and a quadrangle map of the area lead my wife and me to an alternate, McLeod Lake just off the same road. We launched our canoe and dog (the latter complicated the fishing a bit) and found one other angler on the 13-acre lake. He stayed nearly as long as we did and never got a bite using all the lures listed in Fishing Holes that he could handle on his spinning gear plus eggs and worms et. al. The cutthroat were hitting dry flies and in a couple of hours I took about a dozen between 5-6" (trout education) and 11" (the pan). Pattern was a size 14 House and Lot. The trick was to cast beyond the swimming dog. The lake requires a boat. Good action all afternoon. The fish tasted a trifle musty.

Lewis Lake, October 2-3: Fran Wood

The closing of the High Lake season was done in style on a really high lake. My daughter, Jennie and I headed for Lewis Lake from Rainy Pass on the North Cascades Highway, trail head 170 miles from Seattle. Interesting area, good new trail to Heather Pass and rock scramble beyond. About two to three hours to get to the lake. The plummeting barometer and subfreezing weather did not discourage us. I took a skunk on a brief fish trial. Another fly fisherman from Ephrata there took a 13" Rainbow on a deeply fished nymph—very fat fish. He says there are also cutts, all very healthy with much better fishing earlier in the year. Lake Ann and its outflow stream are said to contain smaller pan sized cutts. This is about half way into Lewis Lake and so accessible from the highway that camping is not allowed.

Coney or Rat Lake above Shield Lake in the Enchantments came up in discussions with my Ephrata colleague. He had been in there several times but his last trip was a sad disappointment. The 20" cutts were long and snaky as a result of an overabundance of newly planted, small cutts. He also reaffirmed that the route from Shield to Nada Lake requires a 70-foot rope for safety.

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President's Riffle

by Kris Kristoferson, WFFC President, 2001

The bright, sunny weather continues but now each passing day brings a bit more of fall's bracing crispness. The salmon are headed toward their home rivers, the high irrigation flows have subsided and, though the days are shorter, this is a great time for the fisherman. The season's change moves trout to feed with a greater sense of urgency. As anglers, we too are keenly aware that fall's bounty will, in a few weeks, be just a memory. It is time to get out and enjoy the fishing and all the other elements of nature's grand finale.

As I write this, I am also thinking of my "stuff to bring" list for the WFFC's Dry Falls Outing. Rods, reels, flies, and the like come first. Next, I get the boat, oars, anchor and life preserver. With my basic fishing system squared away, I turn my attention to clothes, tent, food and any other odds and ends. I wind up scurrying around, shuttling stuff up and down the stairs, and usually work in the hasty tying of a few essential flies before all my stuff is together. Finally, I am set. The boat sits atop the car's rack and everything else is packed inside. I can now relax a bit and then, as I begin the drive, I experience one of life's finer things: I'm heading out on a fishing trip. Anticipation, purpose, uncertainty, freedom and probably a few other good ingredients make up this stew and, to my way of thinking, it's a surefire recipe for feeling good. At our Club outings, that recipe is wonderfully seasoned with fine camaraderie.

Coming up is the WFFC's Wet Buns outing (November 10-12), (*Schorsch told me the first weekend in November. Ed.*) so get it onto your calendar. You'll be glad you did. New members, if you are unsure about how to attend a Club outing, talk to your sponsor, talk to Outdoor Chairman Dave Schorsch or talk to me. We'll be glad to help. We all were new members at some point and we know you'll find, as we have, you are fishing with a great group of people.

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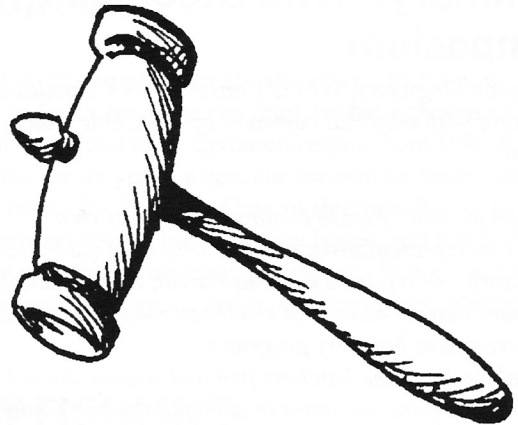
Lenice Lake, October 4-5: Gordy Young

Gordy now finds fishing to be best on Mondays and Tuesdays. At Lenice, the fishing was good, the fish were fat 12" and 15" fish with none larger or smaller. The silted area to the east is now underwater due to the reclamation work and weeds are growing on the bottom. Gordy caught fish in this area. The lake area has improved due to the reclamation work by the Game Department.

West Seattle, September 14: Ed Foss

Ed had a 9" cutt in his side to remove kidney stones. He is home recovering, and miserable because he can't do any fishing. The doctor's orders are to drink a lot of liquids. Ed doesn't need any practice doing that.

Co-Editors — Boyd Aigner Fred Kay



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ment: Where We Have Been, What We Should Have Learned', and 'Recommendations for Future Directions'. Due to Sam's very soft voice and the poor acoustics of the room in which the symposium was held, I'm afraid I was able to follow very little of what he said, even though I moved up to the second row to try to hear him better.

Mark Chilcote was the closing speaker, with 'Oregon's Steelhead Fishery Management - Objectives, Strategies and Biological Rationale'. His presentation was followed by a panel discussion and more questions from the audience. One rhetorical question that received a long and enthusiastic round of applause from the audience was: "When is the state of Washington going to learn from its neighbors?"

I would say that there were somewhere between 125 and 150 attendees, and nearly all appeared to be supporters of wild catch-and-release. If the other side was represented, they were conspicuously quiet (one question was asked by someone who identified himself as a member of the Wildcat Steelheaders). I was a little disappointed not to see more WFFC members there. Those who were there were the same cadre of members who I always expect to see. I don't know what we can do to generate more participation in events like this.

This is an excellent report; this one and more like it may well be what's needed to generate more participation! I applaud Preston, Doug and others among us who are passionate about wild steelhead. Go for it! However, there are some of us to whom wild steelhead are more of an academic interest than a passion. I'm afraid that even the complete disappearance of wild steelhead from Washington's streams would fail to stir some of us to action. Nevertheless, don't give up on us. Keep on urging us to speak out. Who knows, maybe someone will get turned on and become the newest evangelist for the cause!
Ed.

Summary: Wild Steelhead Symposium

by Preston Singletary, WFFC Conservation Committee Co-Chair, with editorial comment by Co-Chair Doug Schaad

Don't let up now. Please continue to contact your legislative representatives to make wild steelhead release mandatory. As reported by John Farrar, it is especially important that we have wild steelhead release on streams that have active hatchery programs.

Bottomline, bonk the hatchery fish and release the wild ones! As the data continues to accumulate, one could argue that we have an obligation to bonk the hatchery fish! — Doug

Just a few lines to give you my impressions of yesterday's Steelhead Symposium. First, let me say that I think that we won this round, in spite of the WDFW. Virtually all of the panelists, with the exception of WDFW's Bob Gibbons, were wholeheartedly in favor of catch-and-release of wild steelhead and Gibbons was forced to go on the defensive throughout the day. After opening remarks by Jeff Koenings and Russ Cahill and the introduction of Terry Roelofs of Humboldt State University as moderator, the first area of discussion was Steelhead Hooking Mortality. Bob Hooton of the BC Ministry of Environment presented findings that indicated numbers in the neighborhood of 7 to 10% mortality for steelhead caught on bait, 3% for those caught on lures and 1% or less for flies. Stephen Pettit of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game presented the positive results of a study of the reproductive success of caught-and-released female steelhead in the Clearwater River, and Bob Leland, WDFW, presented a rather muddled reprise of Hooton's remarks.

The next topic was Escapement Objectives for Steelhead, and the leadoff speaker was WDFW's Bob Gibbons. His presentation was entitled 'Wild Steelhead Escapement Goals - How We Got Where We Are and Should We Change?'. He then proceeded to trot out the same old recruitment curves and to espouse the same management philosophies that have led to the present crisis. Needless to say, his answer to the above question was a resounding NO! Art Tautz, of the BC Ministry of

Fisheries, followed up with a strong endorsement of catch-and-release of wild steelhead as a management tool. He pointed out that wild steelhead populations in the streams that bear the brunt of fishing pressure in BC, both on the mainland and on Vancouver Island, have held up well under this type of regulation.

After the lunch break, Mark Chilcote of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spoke on 'Defining Objectives of Healthy Steelhead Populations'. Being from Oregon where, with the exception of short reaches of the Umpqua and Rogue Rivers, wild steelhead release has been the rule for nearly ten years now, he also endorsed such a management philosophy.

'Harvest Objectives for Wild Steelhead' was the next topic and Bob Gibbons led off again with 'Washington's Harvest Objectives for Wild Steelhead - Past, Present and Future'. He reiterated the refrain that harvest of wild steelhead should be allowed where and whenever there was judged to be a "harvestable surplus" and insisted that the department's definition of such a surplus was sufficiently conservative to assure the survival of wild steelhead. In response to a question from the audience about last year's reduction of the Skagit River's minimum escapement requirement of wild fish, the explanation was that it was an effort to avoid having to face the tribes in court (?). The continued harvest of the early segment of the wild run was explained as a disinclination to interfere with the recreation of those whose main pleasure in fishing lies in harvest. How much of an "interference" mandated release of an admittedly small (one could say vanishingly small) percentage of the early run would be, was not made clear.

The bugaboo of foregone opportunity was brought up repeatedly as an argument against trying to build the runs up any further, and of course the same old recruitment charts came out to show that the largest numbers to be hoped for were no more than a 3 to 9% increase. Some preliminary data from the most recent angler preference survey were presented, showing that the percentage of steelhead anglers favoring wild catch-and-release was 61% (almost double the number of the 1985 survey). Gibbons was adamant, however, that the right of that thirty-some percent of anglers to continue to kill (pardon me, harvest) wild steelhead must be considered.

Sam Wright, formerly of WDFW and currently a fisheries biology consultant spoke on 'Steelhead Manage-

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21 Go Fishing!	22	23 FLY TYER'S ROUNDTABLE 7:00 PM MERCER IS. COVN'T CHURCH	24 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	25 CONSERVATION COM. MEETING 7:00 PM AT THE RAM PUB	26	27 Go Fishing!
28 Go Fishing!	29	30	31 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	1 NOVEMBER	2	3 WET BUNS OUTING AT JOEMMA STATE PARK
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