

WASHINGTON FLY FISHING CLUB  
MEETING NOTICE  
JULY 1957

Time; 6:15 P.M. Tuesday July 16th  
Place: Edmond Meany Hotel  
Program: Before leaving on a trip to the east coast, program chairman Al Harsch made arrangements for Fred Hosea, Game Protector, to be with us to talk about the Skykomish, it's forks and tributaries, and the high lakes in that area.  
Prelim: During the Social Hour, Walt Ribble will show us how he ties his favorite steelhead fly patterns, and Jerry Judy will demonstrate how felt soles may be applied to boots and waders.

Dues: In June twenty-nine forgetful members were reminded of unpaid dues. This number has been reduced to sixteen, but still too many, and too much. Article 4, Section 3A of the Constitution and By-Laws reads as follows.....:

"If a member has become delinquent in his dues, he shall receive a notice of his delinquency. After four such notices he shall become officially dropped, 30 days after the last notice....."

Four notices have been mailed by the Secretary. The Board would be most reluctant to exercise this authority, so if you are one of the sixteen, please mail your check now. Treasurer Grant will be delighted if, on his business-pleasure trip to the south, he has nothing more important to worry about than how to catch Mississippi cats on a fly.

Annual Family Picnic

Co-Chr. Joe Kristof and Cly Rhodes have experienced considerable difficulty in locating a suitable location for the family picnic. However with Board approval, and remembering that this is not a fishing party and not for us but for the wife and kids, it has been decided that this year the picnic will be held at Seward Park. Mark and save the date, and plan to attend. Good food, games for the kids and young at heart and the wistful. These family picnics are always enjoyable. A notice giving full details will be mailed at a later date but meanwhile don't forget to mark August 18 in red.

We might go so far as to plan a little trip to the Seward Park hatchery ponds so that some of our wives may know what a trout looks like.

A Warm Welcome to the following new members:

Lloyd D. McChesney  
2917 Rucker Avenue  
Everett, Washington Ba 3708

Robert E. Jones Ad o601  
9029 E. Shorewood Drive, Apt 609  
Mercer Island, Wash.

D. Roy Johnson Ve 3477  
c/o J.C.Penny Co.  
2nd and Pike

Don Ives, Pres.  
Jim Headrick, Secy.

CREEL NOTES

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Evergreen Fly Fishing Club Outing on the Stilly; Al Knudson's Camp on the North Fork of the Stilly (with a very considerable assist on the part of Walt Gible) was headquarters for the July 8th meeting of the Evergreen Club. The rains came, the steelhead were coy. Three steelhead were beached, and two of these by Don Ives. But the meeting was a social as well as a gastronomical success. Forty some members of the club attended. The Evergreen Club is a good club, and those several members of the WFFC who assisted in the organization of this club have reason to be proud.

Project Completed: At the June meeting, Russ Light announced plans to construct rafts on Lake Hannanto serve as sort of floating fertilization stations. Thanks to Russ, Gil Nyerges, Bob Wadly, and Russ's two daughters, one of whom is now eligible for the dunkers club, and thanks also to the Union Oil Company in providing drums at token cost, these rafts have been completed. You are warned, however. These rafts are not meant to be fished from. And if you try it you will undoubtedly end up end up in the lake.

Fishing Reports:

Brief summary on the Stilly: Not hot, nor even luke warm, and plenty of conjecture as to what has happened to reduce the run of summer fish in the Stilly. Estimates as to number of fish beached to date as follows: Don Ives 3, Enos Bradner 1, Walt Johnson 1, Russ Willis 1, Wes Drain 1, Dick (Rick) Miller 1, Al Knudsen 1, Warren Erholm 1.

Have you ever had opportunity to say "I wish I had a movie camera?"

Picture if you will in midstream a rocky ledge where the water is fairly shallow, but with deeper water on both sides, in front a series of rocks and a snag or two around which the water foams and swirls white, and standing in the shallow water of the ledge a gray-haired gentleman who casts across and downstream into a fairly deep run against the far bank. On the bank above, a black lab waiting patiently, wandering off a little ways, coming back again to wait and to watch. Animal patience, wise with experience. Used to waiting. Then the sudden strike, the thrill of the screeching reel, the splash of a jumping silvery fish. Sudden confusion. Man chasing fish, and dog in the water also chasing fish. Loud outcries. Jet--Jet, get away from that fish. Please Jet. Jet, you're going to lose my fish. Damn it, Jet, leave that fish alone! Heel! Heel! Go home, Jet. Oh--Jet! Man stumbling and splashing, torn waders, fish snagged and breaking free again and heading suddenly downstream. Dog and gray-haired man chasing after. Man splashing and stumbling; dog paying no attention to man but following fish from deep to shallow and back to deep again. Not concerned even when fish makes a wild run between legs. Finally an end to the outcries and far down the bar dog picks up spent fish and carries it ashore. Calmly, with an air of unconcern, a look in his eye which seems to say it's a damned good thing one of us keeps his head!

Lake Hannan June 28th. Dick Thompson. Fished morning and evening for the total of four fish. Midge hatch. Flies: Calif. Mosquito, Golden Carey, Yellow nymph. One fish mooching, others casting to rises. Fish were fat, and in good condition.

Bob Maycumber reports two trips to Hannan (dates not indicated) and further reports that the trout population suffered no disturbance because of the visit. Which is probably Bob's way of saying "I was skunked".

Haller Lake: June 27th, Richard W. Miller. 3 fish, one ten and 2 eight inch fish on a carot nymph, on a cast fly fishing from shore. Dick saw several nice fish rise, and one 19 incher caught on you know what still fishing deep. Also reports of several rainbows in the 22 inch class. On June 9th, Dick fished Swan's Mill Pond, and as Dr. Bob would put it, did not disturb any trout which may or may not have been in residence there.

Stu Oles June 29th and 30th, the Taylor River and the middle and south forks of the Snoqualmie. Plenty of trout in the Taylor, but small. Middle fork n.g. South Fork good for ten inchers on #10 brown hackle dry.

Lake Kapowsin: Jerry Pease, July 2nd. Two small trout on Irish Blue Dun.

Skunk Trip: June 29th Burke Lake; Smith, Martin and Kristof. Early in the morning trout were rising in the shallows, but elected to fish the deep water. Merlin finally caught one 13 incher.

Mountain Streams: A July 3 quote from Walt Walkinshaw: "Mountain streams are getting into pretty good shape. I'd estimate about 4 weeks ahead of last year at least. Have had some good dry fly fishing for 8-11 inch Rainbows. Where? Back up in the hills is all that I can say!" Real coy, huh.

Jim Headrick: Jim reports losing 16 big fish, and landing one 12 pounder in Lake Sammamish. No other details as to method, or what kind of fish.

Canadian Lakes: June 24-29th. Don Sachs, Don West, Jerry Pease and Curt Privett; also met Joe Rawlings and Hank Reynolds. Surrey Lake elevation 4500 feet, a mile long, and approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide. Fairly good fishing for trout up to 2 pounds, and some dry fly fishing in the evening. Almost any lake pattern in size 6-14 worked well. Also fished Bob's Lake, elevation 5500, approx.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Surrey. Reported to contain large fish, but too early, and trout caught were large spawners. Two 3 pounders for Jerry, and one same weight for Don Sachs. Best fly black and silver carey type, and Hanks variation of the Black O'Lindsay. July 4th, 5th and 6th Gil Nyerges, Bob Wadly, Bob Eisenhart, Ron Waller and Jack McCormack. Lake fished, Hi Hiume. One report has it that several patterns produced equally well, with olive green and olive drab Carey type on #6 perhaps the best patterns. 120 trout caught by party of 6, best fish 2 pounds. Don Sachs commented that in his judgment, from info gathered from conversations with local people, Hi Hiume, as is the case with many lakes in Canada, is now overpopulated with trout in relation to the available food supply, and that this is largely due to the attitude of the resort owners who are anxious that all the guests catch a lot of fish. The larger fish in Hi Hiume were thin, with big heads. Best fly for Don, Green Sedge both wet and dry in evening, in the morning and during the day, mooched Carey. Don also recommended Surrey as a much better lake than Hi Hiume; better fishing and better facilities.

#### Fly Patterns of the Month

##### Walt Ribble's Yellow Hammer

Hook - 1/0

Tail - Heavy wisp of brite orange hackle fibres.

Body - Orange gantron chenille

Rib - Silver

Hackle - Hot Orange

Wing - White bucktail

Comment: Good fly for both Winter and Summer steelhead

##### Black O'Reynolds

Hook - #6- #8

Tail - Red hackle fibres

Body - Yellow chenille

Rib - Gold

Wing - Underwing 4-5 strands Peacock sword

- Overwing Mallard flank feather (down-wing style)

Hackle - Grizzly

Creel Notes Committee

August Creel Notes  
will have Jock Nymph,  
Muddler's Minnow

Cece Schmidt, Jerry Judy, Boyd Aigner, Don West  
Alan Pratt and Vince Sellen, Chr.