

WASHINGTON FLY FISHING CLUB  
Meeting notice  
May 1958

Time: 6:30 P.M. May 20th  
Place: Edmund Meany Hotel  
Program: In addition to a film about trout fishing, Program Chairman Howard Gray has prevailed upon several of our experts to discuss tackle, fly patterns and fishing techniques which have proved effective in the lakes of eastern Washington, particularly Lakes Campbell, Burke, Quincy and Jamieson.

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Announcements:

Casting Instructions. Under the capable supervision of Don Sachs and Don Ives, the fly casting instructions were started May 15 at Green Lake. Excepting two dates, May 29 and July 3rd, these classes will continue through the summer and into early fall. If you need help in correcting errors, in balancing rod and line, or if you have a friend who is anxious to learn the fundamentals of fly casting, remember 6:30 P.M. every Thursday at Green Lake.

Fly Tying Instructions. The situation is critical. Roy Patrick needs help. He has had some help, but far from enough. We should remember that this is not Roy's class; it is a class in fly tying sponsored by the Washington Fly Fishing Club. During the course of the year, considerable funds are added to our treasury from this source; but most important, it helps to create interest in fly fishing. The class meets each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A. If you can help out a time or two call either Bruce Clingan, Don West or Roy Patrick. You'll be a big help and you'll enjoy it.

Washington Fly Fishing Club Activities Raffle As instructed by the unanimous vote of members present at the April meeting, the Board has worked out the details of a Club raffle, all of which are included in enclosed outline over the signature of Pres. Bob Eisenhart. The only detail remaining to be accomplished is the sale of tickets.

Petitions for Initiative Measure No. 25, Ballot Title DAM CONSTRUCTION AND WATER DIVERSION, are now available and soon will be distributed. If each member will assume responsibility of obtaining 20 signatures, and some will do better than that, our contribution to this important legislation will be a substantial one.

Kispiox Drawing "Members (whose dues are paid) are reminded to pick up their free Kispiox raffle ticket at the meeting, sign it, and place it in the container provided. Also sign the attendance record book to qualify for a bonus raffle ticket for every three (3) meetings attended. Please do this during the social hour prior to business meeting."

Signed, Carl Larsen, 1st Vice Pres.

1958 Roster of Members The new rosters have been made up, and should be available in the near future.

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Check these dates :

- Sunday, May 25. King County Ham Shoot at the Issaquah Sportsmen's Club.
- Wednesday, May 28th. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors at the home of Don Ives, 10008 East 46th.
- Tuesday, June 3rd. Combined Board meeting of the Evergreen, Cascade and Washington Fly Fishing Clubs at the Meany. This is not a closed meeting. Anyone interested is invited.
- Wednesday, June 4th. The June meeting of the King County Outdoor Sports Club at the Vashon Sportsmen's Club, Vashon Island. Chicken and strawberry shortcake. Ferries leave Fauntleroy at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:20, and transportation will be provided from the Vashon Ferry Dock

June 14-15. Washington State Sportsmen's Council quarterly meeting, Wenatchee, Wash.

Dear Fellow Club Members,

The Board of Directors at the direction of the Club has set up the plan for a raffle in order to support the unusual activities which this club has undertaken for this year. These activities, as you may recall, include the Prize Trip to the Kispiox River for Steelhead Fishing, the Club's contribution and responsibility for the success of the Cowlitz River fight, the sponsorship of a boy to the Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp, and the numerous other activities that arise during the course of the year. The details of this raffle plan are as follows:

1. Prizes (1) Portable Hi-Fi Record Player valued at approximately \$125.00
  - (2) Fly Rod by Dawn Holbrook with a Hardy Perfect Reel and matched fly line, valued at approximately \$125.00
  - (3) 9' X 12' Picture Window 5' sidewall tent valued at approximately \$110.00
2. Drawing date to be July 15, 1958 at the regular club meeting at the Edmund Meany Hotel at approximately 10:00 P.M. Winners need not be present to win.
3. Ticket sale to begin May 16th and continue to July 11.
4. Tickets to cost \$.50 each and to be sold by club members.
5. Goal - at least \$1200.00 gross receipts.

Each member will receive in this package a booklet of twenty tickets. Sometime between receipt of this booklet and the next eight weeks ask a select group of your friends that you would like to see win a nice prize to buy a ticket, and with this small effort on the part of each member, the raffle will be a complete success. Let each man put a good effort into this one overall club program for 1958.

Clyde Rhodes has accepted the Chairmanship of the Raffle program for the club. Please return to Clyde (address 4139 W. Kenyon Street) your \$10.00 and booklet of ticket stubs as soon as possible and not later than July 11. Additional booklets, if desired, can be obtained from Clyde also. His telephone number is West 7-1306.

I hope to see all of you at the meetings.

As ever,

Bob Eisenhart, President.

Change of Address:

Carl A. Nilsson  
17711- 3rd Place, S.W.  
Seattle-66, Wash.

James E. Hoffman  
109 W. 59th Street  
Seattle-7, Wash.

H. Hawkins  
Highway Engineer, Roads Group  
Care of American Embassy  
Amman, Jordan

New Member

Kearney G. Robinson  
3839- 45th S.E.  
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Frederick A. Valentine  
2107 Camden Avenue  
Los Angeles-25, Calif.

Summer Run Steelhead

The experimental plant of migrant-size summer-run steelhead was made in Deer Creek May 6th, 7th and 8th. Enos Bradner and Walt Johnson witnessed the May 6th plant totaling 6300, 7 inchers running 7 to the pound, which was made about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile above the railroad bridge at Oso. In all, about 20,000 young steelhead were planted in three separate sections of Deer Creek; according to fisheries biologists they should begin their downstream migration immediately.

The temptation is to dream of a returning surge of fish in the summer of 1960. But we should remember that these fish were not planted to provide an increased sport fishery, but rather to obtain much needed information regarding the migration habits of hatchery raised summer-runs. It is hoped that these fish will be out of the river before extensive fishing pressure develops. These are marked fish. The right ventral fin has been clipped. If you fish the Stilly, and should happen to hook one of these steelhead, please note the date and place, and forward the information to the Game Department. We don't think that it is necessary to tell you to release the fish.

Fishing Reports

During the dark months we have anticipated the lowland lake season with a growing sense of liberation. Everybody fishing, and eager to provide material for Fishing Reports. No more digging in dark corners for a few items of doubtful interest. Nothing for the editor to do except to wait for the telephone to ring, listen, take notes, and later at leisure face up to the problem of interpreting his own pencil scratchings.

Then the May deadline approached and all we had was one lonely report. Conscious of obligations and determined that the May issue of Creel Notes would contain not one but several fishing reports, with a multitude of second-hand rumors as a starting point, we set about fabricating some fishing reports. Luckily for several members, and for your editor maybe, a last-minute rush of telephone calls prevented the necessity of publishing authentic lies.

Lake Hannan: Although the rush to the east has left a gap in the information available, the consensus is that the fishing is much improved, and the trout in better shape than last year. The brook trout seem to be doing much better than the rainbows, and it may be that Hannan is better suited as a habitat for brook trout than it is for rainbows. The majority of the members who opened the season at Hannan had good luck. Casting was definitely more productive than mooching. During the 10 days or so following the opening, fishing slacked off considerably but it is reported to have been picking up again. On April 26, although the lake was rather quiet, Don Ives took a  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pound Donaldson rainbow on a No. 12 March Brown dry fly. Contrary to reports that these trout will not feed on the food available, this trout had been feeding rather extensively on damsel and May Fly nymphs. Incidentally, the combination of Lake Hannan and it's Donaldson Rainbows has humbled your Creel Notes Editor. First, his son asked what fly pattern to start with. Well, the expert tells him, those fish are not adapted to feeding on naturals and would be more apt to take a lure-type fly. Why not try a steelhead pattern, say a Thor. Which the son proceeded to do and on his first row across the lake hooked a  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pound fish. But lacking faith in his own advise, the expert stuck to his imitations, and did not catch a big fish. Then the ordeal of listening to friend's congratulations -- because of his son's ability. Then, to cap it, a telephone call and a stranger asking to speak not to Vince Sellen Sr. but to Vince Sellen Jr, and going on to explain how he used to fish Lake Hannan and that it had once been his favorite lake, and asking for suggestions as to how he should fish the lake in order to catch one of those big rainbows, and listening in thumb-chewing agony while the son explains the where and how of it... The King is Dead and Long Live the King... This is bad, but not as difficult to face up to as Dawn Holbrook's problem. Wendy Holbrook hooked one of the big trout, which she lost not because of any fault of hers but because (and she'll believe this until a graver error comes to it's place) Dawn developed buck fever. It's possible. Both Wendy Holbrook and Evodie Orndorff proved themselves capable anglers, by the way. But did you witness the

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little scene when Dawn called Doc Maycumber over to be introduced? "The girls want to meet you. They think you're cute". CUTE! Ye Gods! Adding to this and to his opening day success, (a limit, largest RB 6#-8oz) Gil Nyerges had good luck at Hannan on May 12th, when he took 10 RB's to 12 inches. Best fly pattern: Thin body of Olive drab chenille, with thick thorax of same material; brown hackle tied palmer, clipped off on top and very short on sides and underbody. Hook #12 long shank.

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Grant Putnam: No report, but hear he fished Jamieson April 27th, proceeding from Power's place directly across the lake where he anchored and sat for a long while in silent meditation, probably mourning lost tackle. But as there were no friends about to administer liquid first aid he stayed dry.

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Don West: Bonney Lake, April 20th and May 3rd. Lots of activity and trout taking well on almost any pattern in the small sizes. RB averaged 9 inches. One trip to Hicks, Thurston County for a skunking.

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Dick Miller: April 20th, Lake Hannan, 7 RB's. May 1, Heart and Sage in the Columbia Basin. A.M. Fishing very poor, which Dick blames on overfeeding. When seen from the high ground at the lower end of the lake, Sage seemed to have a yellowish color from the bottom-covering accumulation of corn and feed eggs. (On the subject of "corn" the story is that in some areas east of the mountains it is not possible to find canned corn on the grocery shelves. If you want corn to eat you must seek out a sporting goods shop) May 1 (P.M.) and May 2 (A.M.) Lake Jamieson. Fly fishing excellent, with the P.M. fishing best. Best pattern a green-bodied, pheasant hackle nymph (stout fella) tied on a #8 standard; in A.M. shrimp type fly with brown chenille body was most productive. Both Dick and his partner, whom he was introducing to the pleasure of fly fishing, came out with 9 fish weight limits. May 7 (P.M.), Silver Lake in Cowlitz County. Two nice rainbows of 11 and 13 inches on olive bodied shrimp; also 5 nice crappies (?) on a small white streamer. May 8th (P.M.) Offuts Lake, Thurston County. Plenty of fish, but all small. A limit which included one 11 inch holdover, the balance in the nine inch class. Pattern: olive green shrimp.

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Gil Nyerges (again). April 26. Burke Lake. Although there was a good rise to a hatch of may flies at the extreme north end of the lake, where Gil lost 7 fish one after another in the weeds, in contrast to last year the fishing was not good. Largest RB, 14 inches. May 10. Lake Jamieson. Lake in perfect shape, and the fishing, really wild. Reminiscent of the fish to be had there before the kill. Fish rising all over the lake, a heavy hatch of small green midges. Gil kept only injured fish, and released 28. Most ran from a pound to a pound and three-quarters, one weighed three pounds, eight ounces (on State tested scales) Best flym shrimp tied on #12 long shank hook.

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Enos Bradner and Don Ives May 3-4, Lakes Quincy and Campbell. Unfavorable weather and wind were a distinct handicap, but fair fishing nevertheless. Enos took the largest RB, which weighed 2½ pounds, According to Enos, there is something lacking in our make-up if we do not at once kiss the wife goodby, desert the kids, let the mortgage lapse, and take off for the Seeps. Not a bad idea, at that.

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Walt Johnson, April 27th, Texas Ponds. A seven fish weight limit of brook trout. Recommended gear, the usual fly fishing tackle, of course; but most important, courage, a good automobile, and a stout shovel.

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Col. Wm Frazer, April 21, Lone Lake, Whidby Island. 8 RB's from 9½ to 11½ inches. We saw the fly, which the Colonel used so successfully, but we are not sure of the pattern, altho' it looked something like a Wickham's Fancy.

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Bruce Clingan and Bob Jones, May 3 and May 4th, Campbell Lake. May 3rd slow in the A.M. and during mid-day, but a terrific rise in the evening and some good fishing. Best fly pattern: After 2/3 body light tan or cream fur loosely dubbed, black ostrich herl thorax, 4 fibres brown partridge tied beard fashion for hackle. Casting to rises, Bruce and Bob took several 2 pounders and one 2 3/4 pound RB. May 4th fishing slow, with black body Carey-type fly best. Mooched.

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Bruce and Mrs. Clingan, Lake Jamieson, May 11. IMAGINE THIS! A quiet, beautiful warm day. Fish in the creel, and a man and a wife, his wife, enjoying each other's company and the quiet pleasure of fishing together. Real tranquility. Suddenly the real screams, and the rod jumps overboard. All in one frenzied motion the man dropsoars, jumps to his feet and takes a long dive over his wife's head, hitting the water only a little behind the rod. For a moment all is anxious quiet again. Then an up-thrust arm appears from the water; then a head. The rod is saved, but the fish is gone and so is the tranquility. We think this man is deserving of a special award, and we feel his wife should have the honor of making the presentation.

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Don Sachs and Enos Bradner, May 10th at Quincy, May 11th at Burke. Fair fishing but nothing spectacular or consistent. Good hatch of damsel flies at Quincy, very few at Burke. Don feels that due to the water level change at Burke, and the consequent change in the feeding grounds, that Quincy is at the present a much better fly lake. Altho' Enos argues this point, Don also feels that, for their size, the RB's are not as heavy as they were last year. Several fish from a pound to a pound and a half, and one two pounder.

Campbell Lake

Probably no lake in Washington has been more avidly worked by members of the WFFC than has Campbell. If we were less confident of the integrity of our members some of the rumors that have sifted over the mountains would suggest exaggeration. Specific reports are strangely lacking. No claims may be made that this is a secret lake. It has been well publicized. With so many of our members fishing the lake, it is difficult to understand the conspiracy of silence. Particularly as one of those who has had outstanding success is a member of the Creel Notes Committee. We would like to give you the facts, but the only facts that are available are provided by one of our roving reporters who is not a member of the Creel Notes Committee, yet strictly honest. First of all, Campbell is a good fly lake, with extensive shallows, and under favorable conditions when the midges are hatching, a good rise of large fish. One morning our roving reporter was getting ready at lakeshore for a day of fishing, when suddenly the clan began to assemble: Early Orndorff, Milt Grout, Merlin Martin and son, Joe Kristof and son, Boyd Aigner and fishing companion, Don Sachs and Ray Christiansen, Jim Pautzke and Joe Rawlings, Jim Headrick---several others whose names I have not been able to obtain. Although none of the above have reported this, we hear the fishing was little short of fabulous. Everybody caught good fish. Jim with a brand new dobson fly imitation, which is something remarkable because we were not aware that Dobson flies were found in the Columbia Basin lakes. We also hear that, although all those around him were catching fish, and good ones too, Don Sachs was having no luck at all until, in desperation he tied on a Lights Delight, was sick, and almost at once started catching fish. We also hear that whereas the others were hooking two and three pounders, Boyd was surrounded by six pounders and outboard motors. He was heard to say that one lunker took six of his flies. We believe Boyd was sincere in believing this, but we did hear something to the effect that later in the day a corn fisherman pulled up a hunk of sage brush in which was impaled two nymph-nymphs, and four cowpie nymphs.

We do not like to repeat rumors, but lacking the facts, what else?

Aeneas Lake; It has been suggested this lake, if enough members are interested, might be a good spot for a fly club outing sometime in June. The Evergreen Fly Fishing Club of Everett, with fifteen members making the trip, fished Aeneas the week end of April 26th and 27th, and experienced good fishing. According to Lloyd Solie, who was kind enough to

provide us with this information, trout in the 14-15 inch class are plentiful; there are trout in the 2-3 pound class in the lake, but in April they were in spawning condition and very dark. In the early season, about 90% of the fly fishing (this is a fly fishing only lake) is done from shore. June is supposed to be the best month; however the weeds are up then and it is necessary to fish from a boat. There is a camping area near the lake, and the lake itself is about three miles out of Tonasket. If you like the idea of a club outing at this lake some time in June, get in touch with Ken Sellen, Chr. Outdoor Activities Committee, Telephone Em 3-7360.

### Fly of This Month

As tied and described by Dr. Robert M. Yumber.

#### "Pubic Nymph"

Hook -- #12 long shank  
Tail -- None  
Body -- Pubic hair of brown bear, moistened with a light coating of latex rubber cement and wrapped on.  
Hackle -- None  
Wing -- Few strands fine, brown bucktail, rough and uneven.

Bob swears this is an authentic pattern. Effective during the spawning season only. When we inquired how he could be sure of the source of this material we were told that for a doctor this was easy. You would probably have to obtain a complete skin. Whatever the reason, this fly accounted for several good fish at Hannan.

### ----- Washington State Sportsman's Council

Resolutions- By Russ Light.

It is becoming increasingly evident that many members feel that the voting instructions given to our convention delegate are not adequate. Many members think that sending a delegate "uninstructed" does not reflect the collective viewpoint of the Club. To a certain extent this is true. However, as a rule the resolutions are not received in time to permit the Legislative Committee to make a thorough investigation of all resolutions; the delegate can and does gain much information from the floor discussions at the convention. Further, at the convention the delegate usually can contact (in private) informed experts who can give an objective analysis of the subject resolution. This is especially true regarding those resolutions covering subjects not of immediate concern to the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

It is important that each resolution be discussed thoroughly, regardless of the instructions given the delegate. These discussions and the findings of the legislative committee, aid the delegate in making a decision on an uninstructed resolution when it's true meaning becomes evident. This is also true of resolutions that are amended at the convention. A simple amendment can often change the intent of a resolution. The delegate can, benefiting from the general discussion, vote with confidence that his vote does reflect the wishes of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. However, our delegate should never go uninstructed for the avowed purpose of vote trading.

Creeel Notes Committee

See you at Jamieson

Russ Light  
Jim Headrick

Don West  
Vince Sellen, Chr.