

# Creel Notes from the



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## President's Riffle

Ho, ho, ho 'tis the season to be Jolly!! So, rejoice that the WFFC has made it through the year so far, despite the inability of us to meet and fish together, thanks to the Zoom Speakers, Fly Tying Forums and club email broadcasts. With the vaccines just around the corner, my bet is that we will be able to restart the Dinner Meetings, Outings and Education Classes in the Spring or Early Summer – keep your fingers crossed.



As mentioned, in my November Creel Notes Riffle, the Board voted to reduce the 2021 Dues for Active and Associate Members to \$40. The [wffc.com](http://wffc.com) website is available for you to renew your membership now by logging into the Members Only side of the website and clicking on the “Members Due Fish-in-Hand” pictured tile.

98% of the Members who cast their November e-ballot, voted “yes” to reelect the following Board Members and Trustees for 2021:

- Jim Goedhart President
- Dexter Brown 1st VP Membership
- Neal Hoffberg 2nd VP Programs
- Lily Cutler 3rd VP Fundraising
- David Spratt Treasurer
- Deborah Katz Secretary
- Marcia Kindinger 1st Ghillie
- Ben Porter 2nd Ghillie
- John Narvar 3rd Year Trustee
- James Young 3rd Year Trustee

The BIG EVENT for this month is our virtual WFFC Holiday Fundraiser, using the Greater Giving auction website. The auction opens at noon on Sunday December 13th and ends on Saturday the 19th at noon. You need to register for the auction by December 12 to bid on all the “over the top” auction items that Lily Cutler has organized for us. Click on the following link to register and to view the auction items <https://wffc2020.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>. The virtual auction will be opened to all members along with invited friends and family. Lily and I will be holding a Zoom Holiday Fundraiser Kickoff on Sunday December 13th at noon and hope to see you all there. For more information about the Holiday Fundraiser click on the following link: <https://wffc.com/event/december-13-19th-virtual-fundraiser/>.

I hope that you will all participate in the Holiday Fundraiser. The funds raised will help support our 2021 Dinner Meetings, Outings, Education Classes, Conservation and Youth activities.

Stay Safe and Tight Lines - Jim Goedhart WFFC President

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### What kind of stripper are you?

The debate on stripping a fly has many ideas. The most important thing to think about is what is the insect/ bait fish imitation your trying to replicate its movement.

There are "almost no" fast moving water borne insects except for a dragon fly nymph and a water boatman. Nearly all are "very" slow movers. Most people strip way too fast. One needs to slow down to a crawl so to speak.

When I am fishing a carey or leech / wollybugger type fly I never strip faster than one short pull every 5 seconds . I have found this is a big improvement in catching fish.

The exceptions of course are a streamer and the Dragon fly nymph or a water boatman. Quick short pulls simulate the Dragon fly and longer fast strips are best with a bait fish imitation streamer and water boatman.

Another technique is the hand retrieve which essentially moves the fly at a constant speed and once again it is very slow but somewhat steady compared to a strip.

Another debate is varying a strip in speeds. Contrary to how an insect may move this variation in movement can often induce a take when all else has failed .

If you take only one message from this remember the Slow Down and see if things improve a bit.

Chuck Ballard

### Update from Allen Peterson

Been tying lots of flies since the onset of the pandemic, mostly the pattern called the Olive Willy which is the signature pattern of Swede's Fly Shop. You can find it on line, as it has been copied and videoed by many. This year so far we're up to 650 dozen of those little critters. It has the distinction of being my personal best trout fly

of landing 37 rainbows in 2.5 hours. It also won the award for best fly in the Spokane Fly Fishers one fly fishing contest for 3 years in a row and holds the state record for number of small-mouth caught on a fly rod.

I also have a challenge for WFFC members as to who owns the largest amount of fly rods. My latest tally is 38 fly rods. Yes...I have sought professional help but could not make any appointments as they were always out fly fishing somewhere.

Best lake for trout is Fan Lake in E. WA north of Spokane. Rainbows to 6 lbs. not typical but are there for the patient and knowledgeable angler.

Really miss seeing many of you in the club whom I've known for many years.

### CLUB FIGHT SONG 2020

WELL I'VE BEEN A FLY FISHER  
FOR MANY LONG YEARS  
I SPEND ALL MY MONEY ON FLY  
FISHING GEAR  
GO DOWN TO SOME RIVER AND  
FISH WITH MY FRIENDS  
WE'LL STOP BY SOME TAVERN  
WHERE THE STORIES  
TRANSCEND

I LOOKED FOR SOME EXPERTS TO  
BETTER MY CATCH  
A FLY CLUB WOULD HELP ME  
THE IDEA DID HATCH  
THE CHOICES WERE MANY BUT  
ONE CAME TO ME  
I CHOSE TO JOIN UP WITH THE  
WFFC

THE HELP THAT I GOT THERE  
WAS REALLY WORLD CLASS  
I HAD SOME GREAT LESSONS TO  
BETTER MY CAST  
FLY TYING WAS NEXT ON MY  
SKILL SET PLAN  
I LEARNED HOW TO TIE WITH  
MY VERY OWN HANDS

THE OUTINGS WERE CLASSY  
WITH BEER AND FREE STEAK  
RELATIONS WERE MADE THAT  
JUST WOULDN'T BREAK  
IF I EVER CHOOSE TO PULL UP  
MY STEAKS  
I'LL NEVER FORGET THOSE

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FRIENDS I DID MAKE

WELL A FLY CLUB NEEDS HELPERS  
FOR IT TO THRIVE  
WE ALL HAVE TO WORK HARD TO  
KEEP IT ALIVE  
WE'LL MAKE OUR NEXT MILE-  
STONE AT YEAR 85  
WITH EVERYONES HELP OUR  
CLUB WILL SURVIVE

ORIGINAL LYRICS BY CHUCK BALLARD,  
SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "MOONSHINER"

# New Members

## Howard Cutler



Howard started fishing as an adult on large ponds in Western Maine. He moved back to Washington in 2010 and is getting back into fly fishing with daughter Lily and son Jesse, both WFFC members.

## Jesse Cutler



Started fishing with his father Howard in northern Maine. For the last 15 years has fished the Yakima, and beach fishes at Lincoln Park in W Seattle where he resides, and often at Titlow Park on Tacoma Narrows and has both a small skiff as well as a canoe/kayak.

## Jeff Geuin



Jeff lives in Olympia, started in E WA spin fishing mountain creeks, attended CWU where he found the Yakima, Rocky Ford, and local lakes. A friend later introduced him to fly tying. After an approximately 10 year hiatus busy with family Jeff now has a drift boat with electric motor, and he loves to fish with his daughter at nearby Munn Lake and favorite Coldwater Lake enjoying its spectacular surroundings near Mt. St. Helens.

## Thomas Gruver



Thomas lives on Ames Lake in Redmond, and got his start fly fishing in his teens with his father. He has a kayak and a float tube and fishes the Skykomish and Snoqualmie.

## Andy Jansen



Andy is the tennis pro at Harbor Square Athletic Club in Edmonds and lives in Snohomish. He fishes all over W WA, the Yakima, and mounted a major expedition to fish Montana this summer.

## Gregory Knab



I am the owner of Mt. Gardner Inn in Winthrop, WA next to the Methow River. The lobby of the hotel housed Fly-fishers Pro Shop and Guide Service. I was fortunate to open the store and guide during the Steelhead resurgence and enjoyed teaching and showing clients the Methow River. Now I focus my time on running the hotel and taking friends and family fishing. I am passionate about conservation and protecting wilderness.



## On-line Bidding Opens December 13, Closes the 19th

This year's virtual fundraiser and auction will go live on Sunday, December 13 at 12:00 pm noon, and bidding will close at noon on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Browse and bid by accessing this link: Type <https://wffc2020.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse> into your favorite browser. Bid away in your Santa outfit, favorite PJs, of dinner jacket. Have a couple drinks. That usually helps.

The goal here is to make money for the club, not have a fire sale. So bid high and bid often.

If you don't get your bid, hit the donate button and be glad you can still help the WFFC.

Questions: [lilyannacutler@gmail.com](mailto:lilyannacutler@gmail.com).

### Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout, steelhead, and salmon in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others — particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.

## Featured Fly: Morris Emerger, Calibaetis



Hook: Daiichi Curved hook #14 or #16

Thread: Tan 70 denier

Tail: Hen Saddle or any tailing material you have

Ribbing: Gold Wire - Size XS or SM

Body: Mottled turkey

Thorax: Tan superfine dubbing (dry fly dubbing)

Wing : Deer hair



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## December, 2020

Meetings have been temporarily cancelled in person at the Seattle Tennis Club, but club life goes on with new members joining, zoom meetings, fly-tying webinars, board meetings, and regular updates to the the club web pages.

- Keep in touch at <https://wffc.com/>
- Send you thoughts and fishing reports to [davidehrich@rocketmail.com](mailto:davidehrich@rocketmail.com) for the next issue of Creel Notes. Please include a photo (.jpeg preferred) with your article.