



# Covering The Drift

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## Leaders Line

## Board's Work

By Carl Johnson, President  
This has been a busy summer; July was the FFF Conclave in Whitefish, MT. Shortly after I returned from the Conclave my wife and I headed to Alaska for two weeks. This has been followed by club outings to Montana and Oregon in September. This probably will end my fishing until after our Fly Fishing Fair next May. The Washington State Council was well represented at the Conclave with many of our members and board members attending. We were also well represented at the President's banquet, with five awards going to Council members. John Newbury and Bill

Redmond each received the Lew Jewett Memorial Life Award. The Puget Sound fly Fishers received the McKenzie Cup for Club of the year award. The Evergreen Fly Fishing Club received the Conservation Award and the Council Award of Excellence went to Vern Jeremica. Congratulations to all of the award winners.

**Washington State Fly Fishing Fair** – This year the Council is upgrading our spring show to a two day event, the Washington State Council Fly Fishing Fair. The Fair will be held at the Kittitas County Events Center in Ellensburg on Friday and Saturday May 1-2, 2009. As you might expect, putting on a fly fishing fair is a large task and the Council is looking for clubs and individuals to help. If you are interested in helping or would like more information about the fair please feel free to contact me or any of the board members.

**FFF Membership Promotions** The FFF has extended the \$15 one year FFF individual membership for Club members. In addition Family memberships are offered at \$25 and a three year individual membership is \$50. To get this rate a club officer must verify club membership and sign the application. Keep in mind that by joining the FFF you will help reduce your club's dues to the FFF. These memberships also count towards the rod incentive program. Please note for the membership to be counted toward the rod incentive the "Referred by" line must contain the full club name or number; don't use club initials, as those applications will not be counted.

**Mark May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** on your calendar for next year's Washington State Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg.

### October 10, 2009 – Board of Directors Meeting

Attending BOD Members – Carl Johnson, David Williams, Kip Keener, Mike Clancy, Larry Gibbs, John Newbury, Sue Morrison, Vern Jeremica, Walt Wittgow, Dick Matthaei

Absent BOD Members – Dick Lange, Jim Gee, Mike Perusse, Kevin Ryan, Larry Hill, Pat Peterman, Don Simonson, Ray Willms, Bob Bates

Guests – Dan Ferguson, Rick Rosner, Paul Jira

The meeting was conducted at The Rodeo City BBQ, Ellensburg, WA.

The meeting was called to order by Carl Johnson, President at 10:10 am.

**President's Report** - Carl announced the passing of Mel Kreiger. The new roster for the fly fishing clubs in Washington was distributed to the Board for corrections and updating. The roster is to be distributed to the public attending the various fly fishing events next year. The minutes from the July 12, 2008 BOD meeting were seconded and approved as printed.

FFF status – The status of the FFF is currently dysfunctional. The FFF has serious debts and the Finance Committee is reviewing the methods of dealing with the situation. It was remarked by one Board member, we should be careful how we support National until the situation improves.

There is a movement to establish all Affiliated Clubs to be 100% clubs in the FFF, the WSCFFF does not support

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that movement. We estimate 60% of the FFF membership are not club members and 75% of club members are not FFF members.

The WSCFFF has taken over the Discovery Fly Fishing booth since the organization no longer exists.

The \$15 FFF membership program has been extended through the end of the year. 10 new members per club, earns one new fly rod.

The National BOD has required all facts pertaining to the move will be in writing before any consideration for a move to Loveland, CO.

The Conclave will be conducted in Loveland, CO. July 28-Aug.1, 2009. Larry Gibbs is the new Auction-Raffle Coordinator at the national conclave for the next 5 years. Larry met Steve Pennington at the Whitefish, MT., a bamboo rod builder, who made a commemorative 8'4" bamboo rod, with 2 tips for the FFF, for promotion at the Loveland conclave. Larry is selling \$5 raffle tickets as a fund raiser to be awarded at the FFF Conclave.

Larry was presented a number of flies tied by Henry Hoffman at the Whitefish, MT. conclave to be auctioned during the evening event. It was suggested and approved, the flies be displayed in a fly plate, sponsored by the WSCFFF, constructed by Steve Jenson for \$200 and auctioned at the Loveland conclave in 2009. All proceeds from this event will go to the new FFF Fly Tying Group. Larry is also going to request 2 boxes of flies from each Council for the Loveland auction. The flies will be unique to their area.

Carl was authorized to commit \$500 from the WSCFFF at the Whitefish, MT. conclave after he assessed the financial situation, after attending a number of meetings, he decided to contribute our funds to the FFF. Carl was impressed with the Board, especially after listening to Carl Zarelli. Dean Childs of Sequim, WA. donated a \$700 tool kit for the auction.

**V.P. West Report – No Report**

**V.P. East Report** - Report later in meeting on fly tying event.

**Treasurer Report** - Dick Matthaei reviewed a copy of the finances he sent out prior to the meeting. There was a discussion on grants and donations. Larry Gibbs made a motion to second the report and it was approved. Since Dick is the only person on the current signature card with Key Bank, it is recommended Carl Johnson and Mike Clancy also sign signature cards. The Ellensburg fair grounds have been paid for next year's event.

Kip Keener discussed our CD's, particularly the Evergreen Fund "spendable funds" which matures on 12/23/08. The Board should find a conservation item to support with these funds.

**Conservation VP Report** – Kevin Ryan has resigned his position on the Board. Kevin has been a valuable asset to the Board and will be missed. Vern recommended we search for a new conservation person from outside the Board. Vern suggested we address a letter to the Affiliated Club President's to recruit a new conservation person.

Mike Clancy reported the Washington Legislature made \$200 million available to develop water supplies that enhance stream flows for fish and meet out-of-stream water needs for cities, farms and industry in the Columbia River Basin. \$10 million was authorized to study Pinto Dam & Upper Crab Creek and \$6 million to study the Odessa Subarea.

**Education V.P. Report** – Larry Hill is working with the Ellensburg schools for a program the Friday morning of May 1, 2009 during the Fly Fishing Fair. John Newbury suggested the level of student should be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level. Our goal is to entertain the students on Friday morning and recommend they bring their parents on Saturday. Vern suggested we send a letter to all schools.

**Secretary Report** – I will send the minutes to the Board via email as an attachment for review. Please make any corrections, deletions or additions at that time. I distributed the information about the 2009 Northwest Youth Conservation

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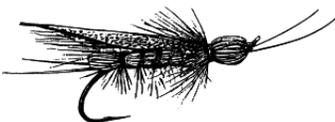
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**Board's Work Continued**

& Fly Fishing Academy conducted in Lacey, WA. This 7 day event is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to learn about the sport of flyfishing.

**Membership V.P. Report** – David Williams reported as of September, 2008, we have 862 members, an increase over 2007. The Board will be looking for a new membership chair for next year.

**Communication V.P.** – Newsletter - David Williams email has been down for some time and he asked the Board to resubmit articles for “The Drift”. David’s correct email is [DPW@thewilliamslawfirm.com](mailto:DPW@thewilliamslawfirm.com)

**Communication V.P.** – Website – Bob Bates will continue to report the various Washington State press releases.

**Fly Fishing Fair**

**Hours for the event** – 5/1/09 – Friday 9am – 12pm – Open to schools  
Friday 12pm – 6 pm – Open to public  
Friday 7pm BBQ – Carla Ferguson will conduct the BBQ  
5/2/09 – Saturday 8am – 5pm – open to public

**Lodging Information** – John distributed a registration form for lodging. Pat Peterman has negotiated with the Best Western for rates. RV parking is available at the Fair Grounds for \$11 per site including water and electric.

**Fly Tying** – John has the 2009 tyer registration form updated and ready for publication. He has 64 registrations addressed and ready to mail and would like to mail all the registrations to the fly tyers by November 1, 2008. He has 98 email addresses along with physical addresses on a disk. Other forms must be updated to add as an attachment and to mail out – banquet, raffle and promotional. The goal is to have 125 fly tyers for the 2 day event. He would also like to obtain a list of recommended fly tyers from each of the Washington clubs.

**Casting** – Kip and Don have been

**Northwest Fly Fishing Events for 2009**

January 21-25 Washington Sportsmen’s Show @ Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup WA  
[www.otshows.com/WSS](http://www.otshows.com/WSS)

February 4-8 Pacific NW Sportsmen’s Show @ Portland Expo Center  
[www.otshows.com/PNWSS](http://www.otshows.com/PNWSS)

February 6-8 The Fly Fishing Show @Meydenbauer Center Bellevue WA  
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February 14-15 The Fly Fishing Show @ Oregon Convention Center Portland OR  
[www.flyfishingshow.com/Portland.html](http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Portland.html)

February 19-22 Evergreen Sportsmen’s Show @Evergreen State Fairgrounds Monroe WA  
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March 6-8 Great Western Sport Fishing Show @Spokane Convention Center Spokane WA  
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March 13-14 Oregon Council FFF Northwest Fly Tyers & Fly Fishing Expo@Linn County Expo Center Albany OR  
[www.nwflytyerexpo.com](http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com)

May 1-2 Washington State Council FFF Washington State Fly Fishing Fair @ Kittitas Valley Events Center, Ellensburg WA  
[www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

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working on the casting event and will report at the next meeting since Don was not able to attend this meeting.

Auction/Raffle – Larry Gibbs will be responsible for this event. Larry has requested each Board Member contribute 15 items to the event valued at a minimum of \$30 each. He sent out 49 letters last year and received 5 items. This year would be even worse. So he wants to rely on the Board Members. Non fishing items will be welcomed. John Newbury promised 5 fly plates.

Publicity – Pat Peterman will be handling publicity. Pat needs the info on fly tying classes and seminars.

Dinner – Ray Willms will handle the dinner again this year.

Friday Evening BBQ – Dan Ferguson's wife, Carla will handle the thank you BBQ.

Seminars and Classes – David Williams will coordinate the free seminars while Sue Morrison will handle the classes. One room will be available for seminars.

Board Member and Certified Casting Instructor Jim Higgins gives some pointers to Marcus Lolos of East We-



natchee at the Leavenworth Salmon Festival. Just one example of the Board at work.

Youth Conservation

2008 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy - Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

There was no finer opportunity for 24 youth, ages 12-16, to learn about conservation and fly fishing than at this serious, no nonsense, seven day fly fishing experience. Dick Nye, the founder of the Academy, has done an incredible job organizing this 100% volunteer event. The students bunked in cabins at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. along with their advisors. The June 22-28, 2008 event was sponsored by the Olympia Chapter of TU and the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia, WA. The students were sponsored by various fly fishing organizations throughout the State of Washington.



Carl Johnson, President of the Washington State Council FFF, along with Gary Kellog, President of the South Sound Fly Fishers, Ron Smorynski of the Olympia TU and Paul Sparks, Washington Council TU, were invited to speak at the Opening Ceremonies.

To develop the student's fly fishing skills, the 24 students were divided into three groups rotating through the

three skill development sessions in casting, fly tying and knot tying.

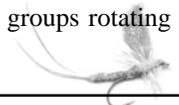
Wake up was at 6am, with classes and various activities all day till lights out at 11pm. Groups were transported by volunteers to the local Deschutes River for evening fishing, while the others stayed back at camp to fish Hicks Lake, study, practice casting or tie flies.

The fly tying classes were conducted by Skip Morris, Janet Schimpf and assisted by Karen Royer, all well known, expert fly tyers. The casting classes were conducted by Mel Hurd, SSFF and assisted by members from the local fly fishing organizations, South Sound Fly Fishers and Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Kevin Ryan, WSCFFF & SSFF, taught streamside ethics, etiquette and knot tying. Boating and water safety was taught by Kim Malcom, Washington State Parks & Boating Safety Council. Other classes were taught by twenty five well qualified experts from various organizations throughout the area.

Major contributors to the event were Cabela's, Sportsman's Warehouse, Outcast Sporting Gear and Office Max. The WSCFFF awarded each student with a one year

membership to the Federation of Fly-Fishers.

For application or additional information – visit website [www.nwycffa.org](http://www.nwycffa.org) or contact Dick Nye at email - [nyerj@comcast.net](mailto:nyerj@comcast.net). The date for the **2009 NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy** – June 21-27, 2009



## History Preserved

Ken Jacot, Charter Member of the Fidalgo Fly Fishers and 30 year member of the Federation of Fly Fishers donated two fly plates to the Fly Fishing Collection at Western Washington University. Ken made the fly plates many years ago after collecting flies from two noted northwest fly fishers, Al Knudson and Louis Corbin. After the Fidalgo club was organized, Knudson made a couple of trips to our meetings with members of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club in Everett. Ken recognized Al's contributions to fly fishing and fly tying and asked him for some of his flies.

Louis "Louie" Corbin lived at Dewey Beach and was a member of the Fidalgo Fly Fishers. Louie had fished Pass Lake since the 1930s and was given the moniker "Mayor of Pass Lake" by Enos Bradner. Over his many years and connections to fly fishing, Louie was a professional fly tier, rod builder and tying tool innovator.

Ken was the secretary/treasurer of the Northwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers for two or three years in the late 70s. This was before the council broke up into state and provincial councils.

For more information on the Fly Fishing Collection you may access the web site:

<http://www.library.wvu.edu/specialcollections/FlyFishing/index.html>

If any members of the council have or know of items of historical value to fly fishing or fly fishing books they think the collection should have, you may contact Danny or the University for more information.

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## Chopaka Lake Fish Fund

By Jerry McBride

Most of you know that Chopaka Lake in Okanogan County was rehabilitated in the fall of 2007. It was slated to be replanted this spring with fingerlings, 9 to 10" catchables and a few 14" fish. Bob Jateff, WDFW fisheries biologist for Chopaka wanted to spice up the fishing with some bigger fish, but he didn't have the budget. He was looking to plant 1000 1.5 pound fish (diploids) in addition to WDFW hatchery fish if they were made available to him.

With the blessing of the WSCFFF Board, I drafted and mailed a letter to 25 Washington State fly fishing clubs asking them to contribute money to buy fish for Chopaka, with a goal of raising \$3500. It was planned that the fish would be purchased from Trout Lodge Hatchery in Soap Lake. To get the project started, WSCFFF contributed \$500 seed money. Fifteen clubs contributed \$3,760 which when added to the WSCFFF contribution totaled \$4260 exceeding our goal.

The following clubs contributed to the 2008 Chopaka Lake Fund: Clark-Skamania Flyfishers, Dry Side Fly Fishers, Evergreen Fly Fishing Club, Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, Methow Valley Fly Fishers, Northwest Women Flyfishers, Olympic Fly Fishers, Olympic Peninsula Flyfishers, Okanogan County Fly Fishing Club, Overlake Fly Fishing Club, Puget Sound Flyfishers, South Sound Fly

Fishers, Spokane Fly Fishers, and Washington Fly Fishing Club.

WDFW Region 2 biologists Jeff Korth and Bob Jateff specified diploid fish. Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding with Trout Lodge which planned to supply triploids. Korth and Jateff won't allow triploids in Chopaka because of their experience at Dry Falls Lake. Over a period of time by planting the longer lived triploids, they built up a population of larger fish that ate up the small fish subsequently planted.

So, here is what was done. Jeff Korth "horse traded" for 500 1.25 pound diploid rainbow trout from the Wells Dam hatchery. They were planted in Chopaka along with 3000 catchables.. In return, we purchased 500 1.25 pound triploids from Trout Lodge Hatchery that were planted in Aeneas Lake which allows triploids. \$1524 was spent from the Chopaka Lake fund for permit, delivery and fish.

\$2736 remains in the fund and it is not anticipated that more fish will be needed for Chopaka. WSCFFF is leaving its share of this money in a redirected fund to purchase triploids for Lenice and Nunnally. Each contributing club has been contacted to determine how to handle their remaining contribution.

It is unfortunate that this project didn't work out as planned, but we managed to improve the fishing in Chopaka somewhat and got some fish into Aeneas as a bonus. Thank you again to the 15 fly clubs that so generously contributed to this project.



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# Fly of the Season

Don't mean to rush the season, but while sitting at my keyboard, suddenly the words of Clement C. Moore came to mind. "On Comet..." Don't know if this professor of Oriental and Greek Literature at Columbia University was an angler back in the days of greenheart rods and horsehair lines, but he could have been. (Note two additional reindeer names Donner and Blitzen are immortalized in Oregon's Donner und Blitzen River.) The Comet is a wonderful fly for catching those feisty Coho swimming through the Strait of Juan de Fuca on their way to doing the appointed deed in freshwater. An old pattern (roughly the same age as your editor), the Comet in its various colors, has been around

since 1949. Originally designed for Russian River steelhead, the Comet, like my wife, is a wonderful example of all the good that comes out of California. The keys to a successful Comet are a heavy head and long tail. In fact, the tail should be 25% longer than the body while the heavy beadchain head gets the fly down where the big fish swim. This fly has something to offer the salmon fisher no matter which species is targeted. Fly fishers soon learned that fall Chinook liked it dredged deep through pools. When the Chinook are in the rivers, strong, stout hooks are the order of the day. When Coho are in the salt, change the color to cerise and fish the outer edges of eelgrass beds on a floating line. In rivers, Coho look for soft water and so should you. In pink salmon years, chartreuse

and cerise Comets on a floating line, fool many a fish into laying flat on a hot barbeque. Those same colors and floating line work for chum, my personal favorite salmon in the salt. Chum, the fastest swimmers of the Pacific salmon, can make a 100 yards of backing disappear faster than David Copperfield.



Tie a few Comets in all different colors, give them a go and hang on.



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