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Leaders Line

Board's Work

By Carl Johnson, President

On April 30th and May 1st your Council held the Fourth Washington Fly Fishing Fair and Annual Meeting in Ellensburg at the Kittitas Valley Event Center. The event was the culmination of a long show season for the Council this past year and a great success. The Fly Fishing Fair would not have been a success, however, without the wonderful members who volunteered their time and talents. I want to thank everyone who volunteered, this includes our fly tiers, fly casters, instructors, presenters and those who did all the tasks that needed to be done during the show. I'm not going to try and name everyone who volunteered because the list would be long and I know I would miss someone.

I do want to thank the clubs that volunteered for specific tasks at this year's Fair; Alpine Fly Fishers and Puget Sound Flyfishers for assisting with the Auction and Raffle; Evergreen Fly Fishing Club for covering the hospitality for the fly tiers; Fidalgo Fly Fishers who hosted the FFF Fly Fishing course, Northwest Fly Anglers for handling the registration booths, Spokane Fly Fishers for Friday's dinner and the coffee in the kitchen; and the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers who gave tying lessons to kids during the day.

Finally I want to thank all of our vendors who made the trip to Ellensburg for the show. When you visit these vendors, please let them know that you appreciate their support of the Council and FFF.

The Fly Fishing Fair was a success and we are in the planning stages for next year's event. Next year the event will be Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th . If you would like to help with next year's event please contact me or any other Board member. Please mark your calendars.

The upcoming officers and board members election is critical to the continued success of your Council. Please vote.

Now it's time to go fishing, I know I've got a few trips on my calendar including the Upper Columbia, the Clark Fork and Kelly Creek. Enjoy the summer.

By David Williams, Secretary

The Annual Membership meeting was held Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Kittitas Valley Event Center as part of the Fourth Washington Fly Fishing Fair.

President Carl Johnson called the meeting to order, then welcomed all those in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The next order of business was the introduction of the officer and board of directors candidate slate. President Johnson also sought additional nominations for each office and board position from the floor. No additional nominations were heard. (Candidate biographies begin on page 2 of this edition)

President Johnson presented Bob Bates with the Council Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award. Also receiving the award posthumously were Boyd Aigner, Walt Johnson, Al Knudsen and Everett Carl.

The Council Award of Excellence went to Larry Gibbs for his service as Council and National Auction Coordinator.

In the next order of business President Johnson announced the award of the President's Pin for outstanding service to the Council. The pins were awarded to Jim Higgins, Vicki Hoagland and Karen Royer.

The next board meeting will be 10:00 a.m. July 17, 2010 at Rodeo City Barbecue, Ellensburg. The results of the election will be certified and new members seated.

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Council Officer and Board Member Nominations

This is your chance to get to know more about the FFF members who have been nominated to vacant officer and board member positions. Please take a few moments to read these brief biographies, then vote for the candidates of your choice.

1st Vice-President West

Don Simonson, Camano Island, WA
I was born and raised on Camano Island. I moved to and lived in Seattle during my 32-year career with IBM. During that time a member of the Washington Fly fishing Club introduced me to the sport of fly-fishing. I have been a member of the WFFC for 40 years serving in most of the officer and chair positions, including President in 1994. I have been teaching fly tying and fly-casting for over 35 years. I joined the Federation of Fly Fishers in the 1980's and am a Life member. I am a Master Certified fly casting instructor and am a member of the Casting Board of Governors. I have served as a Director at Large on the WSCFFF for a few years, taking responsibility for our fly-casting efforts throughout the state.

1st Vice-President East

Len Zickler, Spokane, WA
Len has accepted the nomination for the WSCFFF 1st Vice-President, East position. He is presently a member of the Spokane Fly Fishers. Len is a Life member of the FFF and Trout Unlimited and a FFF certified casting instructor. While a member of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers, Len served as chair of the program and conservation committees. He also co-chaired the Northwest Fly Casting Expo held between 2001 and 2005. Len and his

wife, Dawn moved to Spokane in 2008 to be near their children. Len currently leads the Spokane Fly Fishers casting program as a part of the Club's very successful annual fly fishing school. He is also working with Casting for Recovery National (CFR) to establish a CFR program to serve residents of the "far" Eastside of Washington, North Idaho and Western Montana.

Len loves to fish rivers and streams on the eastside including the Yakima, Upper Columbia, Klickitat, Methow, and Crab and "Rattlesnake" creeks!

Vice-President Education

Pat Herdt, Carlton, WA
Pat lived on the coast in the Everett area. She started her own business, was self employed, then retired to the Methow Valley about 18 years ago. She joined the FFF and the Methow Valley Fly Fishers. She was on the Board of Directors of the MVFF for a number of years and co-chaired helping with the National Kids Fish Day at the National Fish Hatchery in Winthrop. She co-chaired the club's fly tying classes and participated in their conservation projects.

She joined the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers and became active with the Youth Education program and the club's conservation projects. She served as Vice-President of the WVFF and is now President of the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers. She also joined Trout Unlimited and CCA to help with conservation projects and youth programs. She has taught fly tying to many people young and the not-so-young.. She co-chairs the WVFF Youth Fly Tying Classes at the Leavenworth Salmon Festival and is a WSCFFF Board Member at Large. She helps with the WSCFFF students Youth classes at the Ellensburg Fly Fishing Festival and the little kids fly tying during that Fair.

She has fished all her life, first with her father, then her husband and their two sons. She is a strong believer that kids are our future. She loves teaching kids to fish and explaining why it is so important to take care of our environment.

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Her home waters were the Snohomish River, North and South Forks of the Stillaguamish River, Elliott Bay, hopping log bundles in Snohomish Sloughs—chasing cutthroat down to the salt, then fly fishing for Cutthroat along the beach. The Methow River is now home water, as well as the Columbia River, Rufus Woods, and of course any lake you can get to

Treasurer

Jim Gee, Auburn, WA

After retiring from the Reader's Digest Assoc. as a Regional Sales Manager, I moved to the Seattle area, scraping my life-long pursuit of the largemouth bass for one of fly fishing the beaches, streams and lakes of Washington and Canada. Fly tying has become a recent hobby as well.

Although I visit other fly fishing clubs from time to time, my home club is the Overlake Fly Fishing Club, where I served as the Treasurer for 4 years. I have served as a Director at Large for the Washington Council of the FFF, and have now agreed to stand for the Treasurer's position.

I am a member of the Coastal Conservation Association and support various other conservation programs around the state.

Director at Large

Bill Aubrey, Puyallup, WA

I served as President of Alpine Fly Fishers in Puyallup/Sumner for several years and currently am the program coordinator. I am also active in Puget Sound Flyfishers and served a three year term on the Board of Directors and on the auction committee, as well the Federation of Fly Fishers. I have been an avid fisher most of my 62 years. I turned on to fly fishing when I migrated to the Pacific Northwest and the hook was set. I grew up in up-

Northwest Fly Fishing Events for 2010 & 2011

June 19 Jimmy Green Memorial
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Conclave) @ West Yellowstone,
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September 26 North Umpqua Fall
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munity Center, Glide OR
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November 6 Pacific Northwest Fly
Tyers Rendezvous @ Mt. Hood
Community College, Gresham OR
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February 26, 2011 Lower Umpqua
Fly Casters Fly Fishing
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March 12-13, 2011 Oregon Coun-
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www.nwflytyerexpo.com

April 29-30, 2011 WSCFFF Fly
Fishing Fair@ Kittitas Valley
Event Center, Ellensburg
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cil has an event you'd like publi-
cized, please email all the info to
the editor

Council Officer and Board Member Nominations, Continued

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state New York where I chased brookies, panfish and bass, but mostly with nightcrawlers, and have pretty much chased fish in a lot of locations--Alaska, Montana, the southeast and particularly, Florida, the Bahamas, and Utah (the latter while pursuing an MS in fisheries biology at Utah State, which is conveniently located next to the Logan River.) I fish rivers, lakes and the salt, and confess to being hooked on steel and intrigued by spey. I am very concerned with the future of our fisheries. I had my son in a boat so much he is now a marine biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. See--Take a kid fishing!

Dwight Caron, Olympia, WA

My fishing biography would probably begin when I was 14 in 1943. We lived in Tacoma on three acres just north of Wapato lake. Dad started my brother and me fishing before that, but my horizons changed. I started tying flies before I began fly fishing. Reading Field and Stream, Outdoor Life, and any other magazine or book which had fly fishing stories. My brother Milt, and I would fish almost daily in the summer at Wapato lake, and then one day a man showed up with a fly rod, hip boots and a wicker fish basket. He was a doctor who had taken the afternoon off to come to the lake and fly fish for bass. I quit fishing to go sit on the lawn to watch him. He caught a bass, not a big one, but about a pound, and he gave it to me. It was more than a bass he hooked that day. I had been learning to tie flies from a woman who had a tackle/fly shop on South Tacoma Way. Mickey Sherman was her name. Between Mickey and the doctor, it all

came together for me.

I was not able to afford my own fly rod until years later. I had tied many, many flies by that time, and had taught others to tie, and I'm still teaching. I teach the soldiers through Project Healing Waters at Ft. Lewis, the old fellows at American Lake Veterans Hospital, and the fly fisherman of the South Sound Fly Fishers. I have no idea how many people I have infected with the fly fishing-fly tying bug since my beginning in 1943. I am 80 years old now and I hope to infect more still, and you know something else? There is no cure

Dean Childs, Sequim, WA

I have been an active member of the Federation since the early 80's. In 2006 I received the Lee Wulff award and the Presidents pin. Both these awards were in recognition for my work in raising funds for the Federation through my company, Wasatch Angling. I retired from the electronics industry in 2002 as the general manager of a division that operated in Europe, Mexico, and Utah. I started Wasatch Angling in 1996, (notice the overlap, I was busy!) and sold the company last year. I am still active in the management of Wasatch. I am pleased for the opportunity to represent the Washington Council from the Olympic Peninsula and I am thrilled to live and fish in this wonderful part of the country. My recent activities are centered around my club, Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers, and Project Healing Waters.

Ben Dennis, Vancouver, WA

Candidate did not submit a biography by press time.

Editor's Note: Ben previously served as 1st Vice-President East and as Director at Large. He is active in several conservation organizations and a member of CCA.

Dick Lange, Woodinville, WA

Dick is a Software Development Manager at Boeing, where he has worked for

the last 20 years. He started fly fishing in 1974, and became involved with the Inglewood Fly Fishermen, where he met Paul Collier, Chuck Nelson, and Stand Lloyd, who signed him up as a Life Member of the FFF. He was President of the Inglewood club for two years, and then became involved with the Southwest Council, and served as President of the Council in 1984 and 1985. He co chaired the SWCFFF Conclave in 1980, and in 1981, he co-chaired the FFF International Conclave in West Yellowstone. He again co-chaired the SWCFFF Conclave in 1990, before moving to Seattle. Dick has been a member of the Overlake club since 1991, and was their President last year. He is very active in fly fishing, running a float fishing company in Alaska during the summer - Alaska Rivers Fly Fishing Adventures. www.flyfishalaskarivers.com. He also teaches both Fly Fishing 101 - an Introduction to Fly Fishing, and Fly Tying 101 - Basic Fly Tying, for the City of Woodinville 4 times each year.

Pat Peterman, Kirkland, WA

Pat Peterman is nominated to continue as Director at Large. His fly fishing background includes club participation in the Washington Fly Fishing Club where he has held several offices and is the Past President for 2009. He is also a member of the Overlake Fly Fishing Club and a Past President. He has served on the Board of Directors of both organizations for several years. He served as Director at Large for the WSCFFF for the past three years and is an FFF Certified Casting Instructor, assisting with club classes and teaching at Fly Fishing events. Fly Fishing lakes, rivers and the Sound are passions for him as well as teaching and helping others to enjoy the sport. He has attended three National FFF Conclaves and is looking forward to more.

Northwest Project Healing Waters Two-fly Event

Mark your calendars to join us for the First Annual NW PHW Two-Fly on the Yakima River, Saturday, August 21, 2010! As this is the inaugural event, priority for fishing spots will be reserved for soldiers and vets, and the volunteers and guides who have donated their time helping wounded warriors through Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. In the future, this will be a fund raising event that may feature pro and amateur teams in addition to the soldiers, vets and volunteers. Sponsors this year are Red's Fly Shop and Worley-Bugger Fly Co., with the event headquarters centralized at Red's. Many members of the Washington Fly Fishing website forum are also on board as volunteers and contributors. Master Camp Chef Jerry Daschofsky will be in charge of what is always an outstanding chow line! Details are still being worked out, but volunteers will be needed to make this event run smoothly. Donations of fishing supplies (tippet, flies, leaders, floatant) as well as prizes for winning contestants are always appreciated. For additional information, contact PHW Regional Coordinator **Ch u c k T y e** at: cmtye@comcast.net or 360-915-9438.

Fly Tying Roundup

By Dan Ferguson, Tying Co-Chair
The 2010 Fly Fishing Fair Fly Tying Demonstrators deserve a round of applause from the entire council. A special thanks to the board and volunteers for all their help. We ended up with eighty seven national and international tiers. We had demonstrations of trout, salmon, bass, steelhead and saltwater. I could have easily spent 5 days watching and learning from all these artists and craftsmen (and women). Space doesn't permit me to recognize each of you individually, although you deserve it! Vicki Hoagland was a capable co-chair and deserves my special thanks. She took the reins in the last month before the show and was indispensable with the tabling and scheduling. Her knowledge of data bases made it look

easy to me! Bob Bates made sure we were all on the same page with the tier registration and web posting.

Anyone who runs across Bob Borden or Marcos Vergara with *Hair-line Dubbin*, be sure to thank them for their generous donation for the tier packets. Dan Wight, with the *Spokane Fly Fishers*, deserves thanks for helping me with the tier fly donation cups.

We started making plans for the 2011 show before the 2010 show ended and want to extend an invitation to all tiers for 2011. Look for our invitations and reminders. Help us with an email or call to keep your address current.

Friday Night Dinner Thanks

By Carla Ferguson

A brief and important thank you to all the dedicated people that helped me put together the "Thank you Spaghetti Dinner" for all of the volunteers. These amazing people didn't stop until the last brownie was served and the last dish was washed. Without them I wouldn't be able to stand up today: Mary Kovach, Fred Howe, Mike Melmoth, Alli Melmoth, Linda Howe, and Dan Ferguson. A special thanks to Karen Royer for that awesome Trout Cake.



President Carl Johnson (l) and Steve Brocco presenting an award to Bob Bates while Harry Lemire looks on. Photo by Mike Clancy

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Fly of the Season

Enough already with all the trout-centric focus. It's summertime and the smallmouth are tugging. (Don't know and don't care if the cotton is high—with apologies to Porgy & Bess.)

Those who fly fish for smallmouth know how much fun they are. Those who have yet to cross the divide are missing out on some wonderful warmwater action. Washington is blessed with many excellent smallmouth lakes on both sides of the Cascades. Most of the best rivers are on the Eastside, but those willing to poke around can find smallies in Westside rivers (or they can merely contact me.)

A brief history lesson—smallmouth were introduced into Washington in 1924 and first planted in the

Yakima River in 1925. The Yakima fish spread into the Snake and Columbia rivers, turning them into prime smallmouth waters. Tri-Cities, where the Snake, Yakima and Columbia come together, is the smallmouth motherlode. Not far south is the Walla Walla, then another 200 miles of the Columbia with cool spots like Plymouth, Paterson, and Rock Creek.

Look them up on your Gazetteer and you'll note boat launches at each location.

Smallmouth eat most anything they want, but tend to focus on stuff like forage fish, leeches and crayfish. That brings up to a favorite Columbia River pattern known as D-Dub's Charreuse Caboose. (Hey, don't blame me, my brother named it—I merely created it.)

Think combination squid and woolly bugger, weighted on top of the shank so it rides point up. Fish it on a sinking line, bounce it along the bottom, just like a crayfish. Sometimes a fish simply stops it from bouncing, sometimes a fish gobbles it on the drop, sometimes a fish crushes it. Makes no difference how the fun starts, only that it starts. See you on the water.



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