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Leaders Line

Board's Work

By Carl Johnson, President
Change is everywhere. Thinking about what I would say in this Leader Line, the one thing that kept coming back to me was change. Some good changes and some that are hard to deal with but still change. The first change I want to mention is in the make-up of the WSC BOD. Since my last Leader Line we have lost two of our Board members with the passing of Don Bolstad in June and Bob Bates in October. They both were important parts of the BOD with Bob serving for over 25 years. They will be missed. I would like to thank Gilbert Biles and Jim Maus for stepping up and filling their positions on the Board. Gilbert is replacing Don as VP Conservation Eastside and Jim Maus is taking over as VP Communications to replace Bob. Welcome.

The next change has to do with the

WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. In the past the event was the first Friday and Saturday of May. The Board decided this year to change to the first Saturday and Sunday of May, this year the 3rd and 4th. The hours will be: Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. On Friday we will still have the youth education with local schools and the CI testing. The volunteer dinner will still be on Friday evening. The Annual Meeting and Auction will be on Saturday evening as usual. We hope to see you there. At the International Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone this past September the FFF officially changed their name to the International Federation of Fly Fishers. This will require changes to all of the Council and Charter Clubs by-laws and articles of incorporation. The Board will be working on this in the next year.

I am pleased to acknowledge the following WSC members who received well deserved awards at the President's Dinner in West Yellowstone for their service to the IFFF and WSC: Carl Zarelli received the Federator of the Year; Don Simonson received the Mel Krieger Fly Casting Instructor Award; Bob Bates received the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award; and Pat Herdt received the Council Award of Excellence. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your service.

By David Paul Williams
Your Board met October 19, 2013 at Pat and Pete Herdt's house, a double haul from the banks of the Methow River to conduct a brisk and productive meeting. Here are some highlights.

The Board needs to amend its Bylaws and Articles to reflect the addition of the work "International" to the FFF.

In honor of Bob Bates quarter century of service, your Council will donate \$250 to National in Bob's name to support the website. If any IFFF member would like to make their own donation, they are encouraged to do so. Please designate it to the Complete Angler Fund in memory of Bob Bates.

Much the meeting focused on gearing up for the 2014 Ellensburg event. Jim Maus and Sam Matalone will update the WSC website and plan to have the registration page go live on January 1, 2014.

Karen Royer and Dave Millard will be Fly Tying Co-Chairs. Don Simonson and Pat Peterman will handle the casting duties including the CI continuing education classes. Abe Lillard will round up fishing and fishing-related vendors. Pat Herdt will round up the children for the Friday youth education classes. Chet Allison, Jay Woodbury and Vern Jeremica are in charge of event announcements. Larry Gibbs and Robert Gerlach are seeking raffle and auction items. David Paul Williams will be lining up seminar presenters.

This year businesses will be able to buy ad space in the day of the Event brochure, with a discount early orders.

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In Memoriam

Donald A. Bolstad
Wenatchee, WA

Donald A. Bolstad passed away into the arms of Jesus June 19, 2013, after an extended illness. Don was born December 16, 1936, to Percy J. (a UW varsity basketball player) and Ada May Bolstad in Portland, OR. He grew up in Seattle and graduated



from Queen Anne High School with honors in 1955. He was a varsity basketball player and the inspirational award tennis winner. He earned his BS and Masters degrees in Metallurgy from the University of Washington, graduating with honors. In July, 1961, he married Iris Phillips.

His aerospace career began at Boeing when he worked on the wing design team for the SST. In 1971, he joined Martin Marietta and was a key player in winning the contract for building the external tank of the space shuttle and later directed that project.

Don will always be remembered as a brilliant, caring, giving person, who was respected by the people he directed and his superiors. His career was filled with honors and awards. He was Engineer of the Year twice and was one of the first to receive the NOVA award when Martin Marietta

and Lockheed merged. Don and Iris were flown to Washington, DC, where he was presented his trophy in the Smithsonian Space Museum Theater. One of his favorite honors was the 1981 Silver Snoopy award presented by the astronauts.

Don was active in the local sports community, coaching his sons in football, basketball and baseball. He was President of the Slidell Bantam Baseball Association in 1980, and was an essential part of the team that purchased and built new fields and installed stadium lights where Slidell youth continue to play their games today.

He was a member of the Pontchartrain Basin Fly Fishing Club, served as treasurer and organized youth fly tying booths at Fisheries Festivals in Louisiana. He fished Lake Pontchartrain and bayous in his kayak often and loved catching the large redfish.

Upon retirement in 2002, Don quickly got involved in many activities in Wenatchee. He served the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra, WSCFFF, Leavenworth Trout Unlimited, Stemilt-Squilchuck Community Vision, Chelan County Shoreline and Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group.

Don planned many youth fly tying lessons and helped organize fly tying booths at the Leavenworth Salmon Festivals. Don contributed to various and numerous wild-life and medical organizations. He was instrumental in organizing cleanup crews for mountain lakes and trails. He had a special place in his heart for helping wheelchair bound friends and project healing waters.org for disabled veterans to experience fishing outings. He loved to fly fish and enjoyed the many mountain streams and lakes in the Pacific NW. He was an avid reader and always won the Trivia game. Don lived a life of integrity, of excellent character and high achievements. He was a very polite and thankful person, who expressed his appreciation to others often.

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Lone Lake Pilot Revegetation Study

Evergreen Fly Fishing and Whidbey Island Fly Fishing club members installed exclusionary fencing, designed to keep grass carp out, at two separate plots on the south shore of Lone Lake, in the late spring of 2013. Lone Lake, a Selective Fishing Gear water is a popular Whidbey Island fly fishing destination. Grass carp were introduced to the lake in 2007 to control Brazilian Elodea. Subsequent vegetation surveys have shown a severe absence of any aquatic vegetation and the two clubs have been participating in a carp reduction project since 2010. The exclusion project is designed to answer the following questions:

1. Will Brazilian Elodea re-establish itself once the pressure from grass carp is reduced/eliminated?
2. Will native vegetation rebound once pressure from grass carp is reduced/eliminated?
3. Must native plant species be replanted to re-establish viable communities?



Each of the approximately 10,000 square feet (50 X200' each) areas were isolated using commercial gill nets. The plots will be evaluated over a two year timeline to assess the regrowth and establishment of native and exotic vegetation in the absence of grass carp.

Project Team was: Janet Stein, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Justin Spinelli, WDFW; Jake Jacobson, EFFC; Jeff Dodd, WIFFC; and Jennifer Parsons, DOE.

Northwest Fly Fishing Events for 2014

January 11-12, 2014 Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo @ Expo Idaho Boise ID
www.bvffexpo.com

February 15-16, 2014 The Fly Fishing Show @ Lynnwood Convention Center Lynnwood WA
www.theflyfishingshow.com

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May 3-4, 2014 WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair @ Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

July 2014 Metolius River Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair @ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR
www.campshermanstore.com

August 4-9, 2014 IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair (formerly known as Conclave) @ Livingston, MT
www.fedflyfishers.org

November 2014 Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous @ Jackson Armory, Portland, OR
www.nwflytyers.org



In Memoriam

By Len Zickler

Robert C. Bates, age 83, passed away peacefully at home on October 16th, 2013. He was born April 15th, 1930 in San Francisco to Beda Marie Stone and Thomas J. Bates. Robert married his wife of 53 years, Dora (Greenly), and they lived in Spokane while raising their three children: Hilary Bates,



Felicia Bates and Eugene Bates.

Bob was a life long member of the IFFF where he served as editor of the "Fly of the Month". Bob was the 2013 recipient of the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award. Bob was a gentle and kind teacher and relished the opportunity to share with people of all ages, especially children. Bob loved the Federation and especially enjoyed the recent International Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone. Even though, in his words "the air was a little too thin in West Yellowstone" he enjoyed the time he spent with his Federation friends. We were all blessed to spend time with Bob at the president's awards dinner.

Bob was a mining engineer, graduating from the University of California-

Berkley in 1955. Later he received two masters degrees in engineering and mathematics. At Gonzaga University he was at the forefront of the computing age and was the first student to be allowed to use FORTRAN to fulfill his foreign language degree requirements. He used his computing skills to serve the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and Washington Council IFFF as newsletter editor and webmaster.

Bob served his country in the Korean War and was stationed in the Philippines as a survey engineer for the U.S. Army. Bob moved his family to Spokane in 1964, and took a position with the Bureau of Mines. Bob took up snow skiing after retiring from the Bureau of Mines in 1988. He loved to ski and served as a ski instructor and the ski school director at Mt. Spokane. He was a volunteer at the Little Spokane River Fish Hatchery, where he guided hundreds of guest through the facility and the hatchery process.

Bob's main passion was fly fishing. He spent many of his early years fishing alpine lakes with his family in the Colorado Rockies. He received many awards for teaching and community service including the

Washington State Council IFFF 2013 Federator of the Year. He was inducted into the WSC Fly Tying Hall of Fame in 2010. Bob was considered one of the early pioneers of steelhead fishing in the Pacific Northwest, particularly on the Grand Ronde. He loved fishing all waters and, with age, his passion turned to still water. He spent many days fishing Amber, Medical, Coffee Pot and Silver lakes where he loved to test his special fly ties.

He is survived by his children, Hilary, Felicia and Eugene, daughter-in-law Leora Bates and his grandchildren Forest, Madison, Sierra and Melissa. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Dora. He was a caring and loving man and we will all miss him.

Random Thoughts

By David Paul Williams

We've all heard about the so-called "bucket biologists" who illegally transplant fish from one river, lake or stream into another body of water. It happens in every region of the state and adversely impacts fishing and drains WDFW's dwindling budget in many ways. A simple example is the cost of the rotenone treatment of Lake Chopaka to remove illegally planted smallmouth bass and the cost to restock the lake. Most often the culprits are moving warmwater species into waters managed for trout, however, before you damn all warmwater anglers in one fell swoop, here's some news. Trout anglers are doing it as well.

According to WDFW, trout anglers are illegally stocking brookies, brown trout and golden trout in some alpine lakes. And before you, as a dedicated trout angler, dismiss the illegal stocking as "no harm, no foul," know there is harm. It's illegal and merely because you might like to fish for trout, doesn't remove the taint of illegal conduct. Make them stop or turn them in.

In 2012, WDFW & ODFW Commissions developed a management plan to "reform fisheries on the lower Columbia River that includes phasing out the use of non-tribal commercial gill nets." Oregon adopted a plan, then Washington adopted the plan and then the commercial fishermen lawyered up.

Under the reform, sportsmen get a larger share of salmon, gill net usage is restricted and hatchery production of salmon would be enhanced and directed towards those areas where gill nets could still be used.

Gill net interests have challenged the plan in both states and presently both suits are pending in the courts of appeals. So far, the score is recreational fishers 2, gill netters 0.



NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

By Mike Clancy, Co-Director

It all started with idea of the founder, Dick Nye, a retired Tacoma middle school music teacher. Preparations for the Academy started in 2002 with Dick attending



a youth camp, the nationally acclaimed, award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in Boiling Springs, PA. After 2 years of preparation, Dick conducted the first Academy on Hicks Lake at the Gwinwood Christian Community Center in 2004.

The Academy is sponsored by the Washington Council of TU, the Washington State Council of the International Fly Fishing Federation, and hosted by the Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma, Olympia Chapter of TU and the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia.

Dick Nye retired after the 2009 Academy. Jim Brosio and I took over the responsibly of The Academy with our first challenge for the 2010 Academy. With the financial support of the Washington TU Chapters, the IFFF Fly Fishing Clubs, corporate and individual sponsors, we gave it our best and it worked. In all the years that Jim and I have been co-directors, we have been assisted by at least 50 volunteers, during the week of the Academy. Without the support of the groups I mentioned, this Acad-

emy would not happen. Ron Smorynski, TU/SSFF, has been involved since the very first Academy in 2004.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in environmental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, fish biology and behavior. Students also learn the skill of fly fishing, including fly tying, casting by CCI's, knot tying, stream side ethics and water safety. The Academy is for boys and girls, 12-16 years old. All equipment is supplied, tuition is still \$275, however; no one will be turned away because of money. Each applicant needs to write an essay, explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation from their school science teacher or counselor. The Academy for 2014 will be June 22-28 at The Gwinwood Center, on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

Contact: Mike Clancy, 360-753-1259, email: nwycfa@comcast.net or Jim Brosio, 360-943-9947

Service Opportunity

Do you like handling money? Or do you know anyone who likes handling money? If so, your Board has a service opportunity awaiting. The Board has been informed that Bob Banks will be resigning next year after the Fly Fishing Fair, so we are looking for a new Treasurer.

The Council would like to thank Bob for not only his years of service but for his efforts at developing and implementing systems and procedures that have simplified the Treasurer's tasks. The new person will benefit from Bob's work.

In a perfect world, we would like to identify the person by January so she or he can work with Bob on the Fair and be up to speed on the duties of the Treasurer before Bob leaves. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Carl Johnson at 425-308-6161 or flyfishalso@frontier.com.

Organization of the Year Award

On behalf of the Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, Jason Lundgren, Matt Shales and WSC VP, Conservation East Gil Biles received the Organization of the Year Award presented by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. One of 14 such groups created in 1990 by the Legislature to involve landowners, local communities and citizen volunteers in salmon recovery efforts, the Cascade Columbia Group was recognized for its efforts to create better spawning areas for salmon, steelhead and trout. The Group has received \$1,132,972.00 in grant money to fund a list of nine conservation projects to be completed in the next two years and are on the lookout for additional conservation pro-



jects.

The award recognizes the team effort of the 12-member group consisting of Chuck Brushwood, Greg Knott, Ken Bevis, John Arterburn, Dick Evens, Aaron Penrose, Phil Archibald, Sean Koester, Carla Salbaugh, Jason Lundgren, Matt Shales and Gil Biles.

To learn more about the Cascade Columbia Group, go to www.ccfeg.org. To learn more about the regional enhancement group in your area, go to www.wdfw.wa.gov/about/volunteer/rfeg/.

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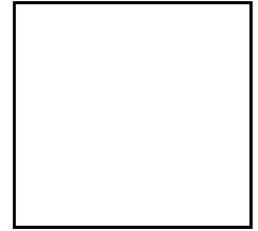
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Fly of the Season

By David Paul Williams

According to the October 13, 1553 edition of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Colonel Esmond Drury, “43-year old sales manager and one of Britain’s leading fly fishermen” cast a 2 ounce lead from the top of the Savoy Hotel into the Thames yesterday. The feat was accomplished in order to settle a sizable wager made by two hotel guests. (The report does not indicate whether sizable amounts of alcohol were involved, but perhaps that was merely understood by all readers.) Using his stout salmon rod, the good colonel made the cast on his first try. Before you ask who cares, read on for this fine chap developed the General Practitioner. The GP, as it is commonly referred to, started out

as an alternative to chucking real shrimp for Atlantic salmon on the River Test. River keepers banned the use of bait (a trick we could learn from on waters where ESA listed salmon and steelhead swim) so this fly was created to imitate the Northern Shrimp. Initially tied on a size 2 hook, it has proved effective in several smaller sizes depending on water conditions. The fly left southern England and landed on the wrong coast of America only to realized its mistake and head west were it settled in and found a home in most all steelhead rivers from California to British Columbia. It is said that Colonel Drury experimented with the materials until he discovered the successful fly had to mimic the eyes of the real shrimp. His solution was the Golden Pheasant tip-pet feather sporting a broad band of black at the tip. That solution of course, ignores the success of the GP tied in purple, black or in color combi-

nations sporting a black body and orange carapace. A quick bit of internet research reveals there are as many tying, material and color variations as there are fly tyers. Being a traditionalist myself, my guess is the original color version would drive smallmouth bass wild wherever crayfish abound.

In cold water, steelheaders swing the fly through pools, while raising and lowering the rod. In low water conditions, smaller sizes, fished on a floating line, attract plenty of attention.

