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Council Federator of the Year Jerry McBride and President Carl Johnson



Malisha Small receives the Conservation Award for the Cowlitz Fly Anglers



Chuck Tye receives a check for Healing Waters



Kelli Armstrong and Pat Wagner receive a check for Casting for Recovery

Thanks for all the Help and Congratulations

I hope that many of you were able to attend our 9th Annual Fly Fishing Fair this May. I thought it was an outstanding event. Soon it will be time for your board to begin planning the 10th Annual Washington Fly Fishing Fair, the weekend before Mother's Day. Next year the Fair will be Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, 2016. I look forward to seeing you there!

I want to thank all the volunteers who help make this year's event a success. This includes all of the Casting Instructors who provided the casting demonstrations, workshops and lessons as well as the seminar presenters; fly tiers; and those who helped elsewhere, whether running the casting games, working the registration desk, helping with the auction and raffle or elsewhere. We could not do this event without you. Thank you!

On Friday night we held our Awards and Auction in the newly-refurbished Armory after a wonderful dinner by Cascade Grilling. The following awards were presented this year. Presidents Pins went to JoAnn Allison and Hobbie Iredale. The Cowlitz Fly Anglers received the Conservation Award for their work with monofilament recycling stations. The Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award was given to Larry Nicholas. The Council Federator of the Year went to Jerry McBride. I also announced the Council's nominee for the Council Award of Excellence to be given at the International Fly Fishing Fair in Bend this August. This year both Pat Peterman and Maura Johnson were nominated. Congratulations to everyone. After the awards we held our live auction which went very well.

On Saturday morning, we held our annual meeting and conducted the business of

the Council, including nominating the slate of Board candidates for positions that expire this July. This year's slate is: Carl Johnson-President, David Paul Williams-Secretary, Peter Maunsell-VP Membership, Gilbert Biles-VP Conservation East, and Jack Whitney-VP Conservation West. We have 5 Board members who are leaving the Board this year, Ben Dennis, Dan Ferguson, Dean Childs, Vicki Hoagland and Sue Morrison. I want to thank all of them for their work on the Board the past years and hope we get to see them at next year's Fair.

Now that the 2015 Fair is in the books it is time to do a little fishing. I hope to see a number of you out on the water. In addition I plan on being in Bend in August attending the International Fly Fishing Fair and hope to see you.—**Carl Johnson, Council President**



Tom Van Gelder

YOUTH FLY FISHING ACADEMY NEEDS YOUR HELP

On Saturday, June 21st 23 boys and girls will be showing up to register for the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Along with all their paperwork, sleeping gear, fishing clothes, and the rest of their teenage stuff, these kids will be bringing an eagerness to learn and an excitement we would like to share with you. Some have a little fishing and conservation experience, though most do not. But these kids will learn quickly with the help of all the wonderful the volunteers who will help them.

Jim Brosio has a great line up of instructors, and we have the schedules made up for the fishing. Our next challenge is getting volunteers to help the kids fish on (Washington's) Deschutes River and on the Nisqually Pond by I-5. If you would like to help with the guiding, please give Mike Clancy a call at 360-753-1259, or Jim Brosio at 360-943-9947, or Tom Van Gelder at 253-261-8890. Guiding consists

of helping the kids land fish or just assisting them when needed. Some might need encouragement when the kid fishing next to him or her is catching all the fish (you know how that goes). We welcome your help as this is a very rewarding event for all the volunteers. The kids will never forget your help.

We want to thank the Washington Council IFFF, Washington fly fishing clubs, Trout Unlimited chapters, private folks and corporate organizations that are generously supporting the 2015 Fly Fishing Academy. Without the support of these organizations, the Academy would not happen.

Remember: Our youth are the guardians of the future for our sport of fly fishing.

**Mike Clancy, Jim Brosio, and Tom Van Gelder—
Co-Directors**



Fly Fishing Fair

BY **DAVID PAUL WILLIAMS**

PHOTOGRAPHY BY **DANA BOTTCHE**

Such an event we just had and your Council Board is already busy planning next year's, intending to continue to give the IFFF membership and the public what they want. And if the readers here have any suggestions for classes, workshops, seminars or other programs, please email those ideas to David Paul Williams, the newsletter editor at david@thewriterealtor.com.

Thursday night started with a wonderful and I'm told, quite filling, dinner for all the event participants including thread benders, wand wavers, vendors and event volunteers, Catered by Cascade Grilling, a local Ellensburg events company, the dinner was held in the newly-refurbished former National Guard Armory. Directly after the dinner, auctioneer extraordinaire Will Godfrey conducted a short auction with sales proceeds going to Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery.

The final bustle of readying everything for the folks attending made for a frenetic Friday morning. Brown poster paper apparently does not exist in Ellensburg however, brown paper lunch bags served just as well to block out the bright sunshine in the windowed seminar room. Besides, those bags added a festive touch.

Speaking of seminars, we had an eclectic lineup this year with some new presenters. Abbie Schuster of Emerald Water Anglers spoke on how to properly handle and release fish. Dale Dennis of Cabela's Tulalip store, was another new presenter. Dale shared his wealth of hard-earned knowledge of Puget Sound sea-run cutthroat.

In an effort to match state agencies with the public, Bruce Bolding, Warmwater Fish Program Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife gave two seminars and provided great information about fishing opportunities in Washington. And, WDFW enforcement officers were on the scene, not to bust violators, but to chat with fair attendees and participants. Some of those guys even own and use fly rods.

Casting events, workshops and lessons are always a big hit at the Fair and this year perhaps even more so. It may have been the bright and sunny weather that called people outside, or perhaps it was the cadre of experienced and personable casting instructors. At least the wind that has plagued previous Fairs held off until late afternoon.

The Awards Banquet and Auction was a smashing success both for the quality of catered dinner—yet again by Cascade Grilling—and the auction results. Spirited bidding on a number of intriguing items kept both bidders and non-bidders entertained. Rumor has it that Auction Coordinator, Larry Gibbs even had a faint smile on his face one time for a brief moment.

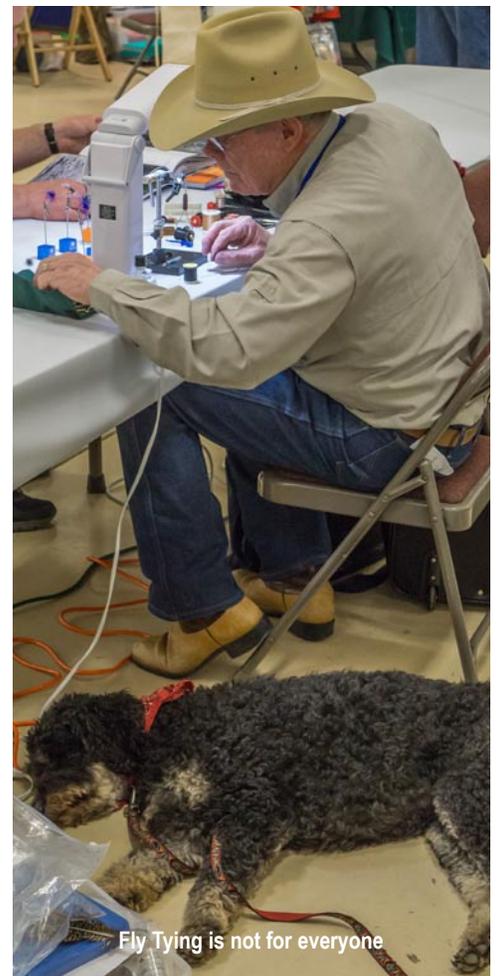
Saturday at the Fair was much of the same with one notable exception. Since we have several notable book authors who participate in the Fair, we initiated the Author Book Signing event. Darrel Martin signed his new book *The Fly-Fisher's Companion*, Will Godfrey signed *Seasons of the Steelhead*, David Paul Williams signed his book *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth* and Dave Hughes, a much-welcomed surprise author had a number of his books for sale.



Abbie Schuster



Even youngsters volunteered



Fly Tying is not for everyone

David Paul Williams



A Fly for All Seasons: Summer is Hopper Time

Hopping mad. Hoppin’ John. Pool hopping. Island hopping. Or hopper/dropper. Tis the season for trout and other fish to whack grasshoppers for they are delectably crunchy morsels of irresistible fish food. Overlapping armor-like plates made of chitin provide the crunch, the kicking and flailing legs are what provide the action that drives fish wild. Hoppers live most everywhere in the world—not surprising given that there are some 11,000 species—of which about 70 are common in the western states. Undoubtedly those who absolutely must have the exact matching fly pattern for every bug likely to be encountered afield issued an audible sigh of relief on reading they only need carry 70 such patterns, each in appropriate sizes.

Hoppers are found along rivers, lakes and streams bordered by meadow grasses and sedges. They live at sea level and at alpine elevations over 10,000 feet. They come in myriad colors ranging from bright green to dark brown. The common color scheme across the board consists of a light-colored underbody and dark back and legs.

Hopper fishing can demand accurate casting on rivers like the Yakima. The trout hang out under the flooded grassy banks, perhaps to escape being hassled by the bikini hatch. When casting, pretend you are Goldilocks. If the fly lands too far out, nothing happens. Too far in and you reach into the fly box for yet another fly. If the fly plops down with a satisfying sound mere inches from the grass, then it gets bit.

Some fishers assert there is but one correct way to fish hopper patterns and that requires the angler to make the fly kick, struggle and otherwise make commotion on top of the water. “T’aint so, my friends. A dead-drifted sunken Blitzen Hopper does quite nicely. Likely would be challenging to animate the hopper in the hopper/dropper combo. Drifting that combo seems to suit any number of fish.

Every year I resolve to target trout, smallmouth and carp with grasshopper patterns. Every year that doesn’t happen and likely won’t happen this year because August means pink salmon from the beach. Of course, there’s no law that says I can’t tie a pink “grasshopper” for the saltwater.

—David Paul Williams, Council Secretary/Newsletter Editor

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Hoebie Iredale - 1997-2015

The flyfishing community lost a jewel in the passing of Hoebie Iredale at the young age of 17. Hoebie displayed an incredible talent to craft amazing flies and had the ability to teach the art of fly tying. Because of Hoebie's maturity and his ease of communicating with others, he was appointed by Carl Johnson, President

WSCIFFF, to the office of VP-Education.

Hoebie attended the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy in 2013 as a student. In 2014, he came back as a Ghillie and was planning to return this year. He will be greatly missed by his friends and classmates at Sequim High School as well as his fellow

members of The Olympic Peninsula Flyfishers of Port Angeles, Gray Wolf Fly Fishing Club of Gardiner, and the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild of Issaquah. Hoebie is survived by his mother, Ruth Iredale, sister Marley Iredale and grandparents Louis and Ruth Bruno. May he Rest In Peace.

PRESIDENT

Carl Johnson, Monroe, WA

Carl, our current president, has accepted the nomination to run for reelection as Council President. He is past president of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club in Everett and a member of the Northwest Fly Anglers in Seattle. He has been fly fishing for over 40 years, currently divides his fishing time between Washington and Western Montana and thinks bamboo rods are really cool. Carl is a life member of the IFFF. He has been a member of IFFF for over twenty years and wants to continue to give something back to the organization. Carl has served as Council Treasurer and several terms as Council President. His efforts have been recognized as he has received the WSC Federator of the Year for 2010, the 2010 FFF Don Harger Memorial Award, the Northwest Fly Anglers Dawn Holbrook Award and the 2011 FFF Federator of the Year Award.

SECRETARY

David Paul Williams, Bellevue, WA

David Paul Williams tied his first fly at age seven, took his first fly-caught trout at ten and has been sliding the slippery slope to other species since. He now fishes saltwater beaches, alpine cirques, lowland rivers, urban waters and desert lakes, but jump-across creeks still have the power to bring out the inner boy. Williams is the author of Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth, and a freelance writer and photographer whose articles have been featured in Backpacker, American Angler, Northwest Fly Fishing, Bassmaster, Fly Fisherman, Flyfishing & Tying Journal, Fly Fusion, Game & Fish, Salmon-Trout-Steelheader, Salmon Steelhead Journal, Bass Angler, Seattle Magazine, Northwest Travel, Northwest Palate. His PowerPoint programs highlight the thrill of fly fishing, be it trout, saltwater species, Mississippi Steelhead (carp) or smallmouth bass. Williams how-to classes are popular at fly fishing expos throughout the Northwest where he also demonstrates the simplicity and pleasure of tying effective flies.

VP-MEMBERSHIP

Peter Maunsell, Seattle, WA

Peter has accepted the nomination for the WSCFFF Membership position. He is presently a member of the Northwest Fly Anglers (NFA) and Alpine Fly Fishers. Peter was taught to fly fish on the Yellowstone River by Mary Keefover Kelly. He became passionate about fly fishing and the activities associated with the sport. Peter retired from a career as an air traffic controller. With a son now working as a field biologist and a daughter in college, he now has time to become more active with his passions. Peter loves to raft, camp, fish and explore. He also loves

soccer and is active in the soccer referee community. He grows orchids and has recently completed his second hobby greenhouse. Peter is active on the boards of the NFA, the Northwest Orchid Society and the Seattle Soccer Referee Association.

VP-CONSERVATION EAST

Gilbert Biles, Wenatchee, WA

I am one of the founding members of The Home Land Security. I am a retired member of 22 years of the Coast Guard Aux. I am now a member of The Wenatchee Valley Fly fishers 19 years. I am also a member of The Regional Fisheries Enhancement Program 5 years. I retired at age 58, as a general contractor. In my younger years I was a Tool and Die Maker Machinist. Born and raised in Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay. I moved to Washington in 1954. I have fished all my life. I started fly fishing in my early teens. I learned to tie flies then, when we only had fur and feathers. I love to fly fish and tie flies. I have taught kids fly tying, rod building, boat building, and fly fishing.

VP-CONSERVATION WEST

Jack Whitney, Hockinson, WA

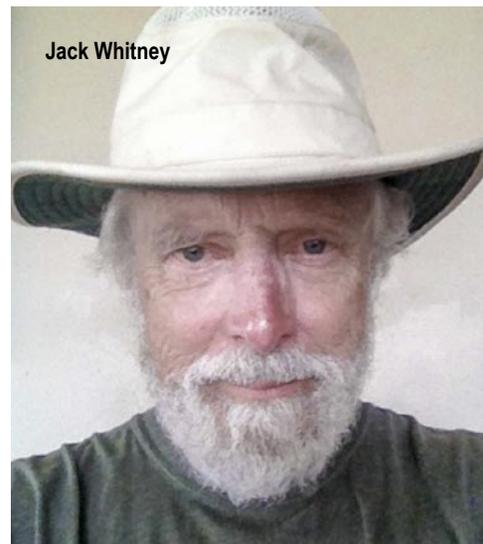
When I was a young kid, I was given my Grandmother's old bamboo fly rod. Another member of the family gave me a bait casting reel loaded with a silk fly line to go on the rod. Somewhere I bought a package of mosquito imitation dry flies probably tied in Asia. Later I was on a family camping trip on the Oregon coast which had a small stream going through the campground. That stream was loaded with hungry 4" trout that I couldn't keep off my fly. It was a wild morning with constantly hooking and releasing. I had never had so much fun and the big fish hooked that morning was me.

The second A-ha moment occurred when I had moved to the Yakima Valley in 1971 and saw a notice in the Yakima Herald announcing a meeting of the local fly fishing club. I went to that meeting and that started my fly fishing education. Shortly after joining that club, I joined the FFF for the first time. I was active in both the Yakima and Tri-Cities fly fishing clubs. My membership in the Clark-Skamania Fly Fishers goes back to 1984.

I have fly fished in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Baja and Honduras. I retired in 2001 from a career of sales, small business, engineering and manufacturing. My wife, Carol, and I live on Bust Your Acres in Hockinson (Brush Prairie) which includes 2.5 acres of garden, trees, and Zoom, our feral barn cat.



Carl Johnson (standing), Peter Maunsell (left), and David P. Williams



Jack Whitney

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