



Covering The Drift

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President's Message

In this issue of your newsletter, you will find a ballot to elect Directors and Officers to the Washington State Council FFF Board of Directors. There are some new names there, and there are new people in important jobs. Please, show them the courtesy they deserve for volunteering by marking your ballot and sending it back to us. The members of the Board and the Officers of the Council go largely unrecognized or appreciated for their dedication and hard work. Voting for them at this time is one way you can thank them for their efforts. Also, if you or someone you know is interested in running for a position, please write in the name at the space indicated on the ballot.

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Enclosed you will also find information on the upcoming Northwest Fly Casting Expo to be held September 20, 2003 at Trophy Lakes Golf and Casting Course in Port Orchard, Washington. Mel Krieger is the featured guest and will be present all day to visit with the attendees and to give advice on how to improve your casting. There is a wonderful trip to Weighwest Resort in Tofino, B.C. which will go to the best fund raiser, and cash or merchandise prizes going to the winners of the various competitive events. Weighwest Resort is known for emphasizing fly fishing for silver salmon and bottom fish, and for their outstanding restaurant. The top fund raiser and a guest will fish for three days in a Weighwest fully equipped boat, have all of their meals and accommodations provided, and will be able to enjoy great fly fishing for silver salmon for free. I have been to Weighwest several times as have many people I know, and we all say this is truly a tremendous prize and it will be awarded to the best fund raiser.

There will be team and individual competitions, several casting "fun games" for everyone, fishing for huge trout in the water hazards of the golf course, and a banquet that evening. It isn't necessary to be one of the competitors to enjoy the event though. Anybody can do the "fun games" which will try your casting skills and reward you for trying. There will be raffles throughout the day, and casting lessons by FFF certified Master Casting Instructors all day long. The setting is magnificent and the weather that time of year is usually very enjoyable. Trophy Lakes is a perfectly beautiful

venue for this event, and we appreciate their help in making our Expo such a success.

This is the big event for the Washington State Council, it is our only fund raising event of the year, and is also our chance to show all of you a good time. Please, register early and plan on spending a very enjoyable day of competition, fun, and excitement with us. Bring your fly rod and bring the whole family too. There will be something happening all of the time, and it will be an excellent chance to expand on and enjoy the casting dimension of fly fishing.

Candidates

Following are short biographies of the folks who are running for WSCFFF offices. They give you some background on our Officers and Directors.

President: Bob Shirley, Tacoma, WA

Bob has served WSCFFF in several capacities, our Conservation Director for three years, Vice president West, and he represented us as a National Director in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Livingston, Montana. Bob has been nominated to continue as WSCFFF President. He is President of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers, a member of Alpine, Yakima River and South Sound Fly Fishers, and board member of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. He was very active working against the 1999 Legislative Session bills that would have adversely affected steelhead fishing.

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Secretary: Len Zickler, Federal Way, WA

Len Zickler is Secretary and has agreed to stay on as Secretary until a replacement can be found. He has been nominated to the position of Vice President Education. He is an active member of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers as the chairman of the conservation and program committees. As conservation chair, Len spearheaded a cooperative effort with the Pierce County Conservation District on a variety of streamside restoration projects. As a professional land use planner, Len has been active in developing policies that promote fish habitat friendly development. Len was born and raised in Spokane and considers the lakes and rivers of Eastern Washington his home waters. Len is a life member of the FFF and Trout Unlimited.

Treasurer: Larry Gibbs, Sumner, WA

Presently Treasurer and was nominated to continue as Treasurer. He has been a member of the Puget Sound Flyfishers Club (PSF) for 3-1/2 years and a member of FFF for 3 years. He is also a charter member of the Yakima River Fly Fishers Club (YRFF). Within PSF he is a Board member, Education Committee Chairman, and the present Auction Committee Chairman, having taken over that job from Jim Maus 2 years ago. He was the Fishing Hole Coordinator for the 2001 and 2002 Northwest Fly Casting Expo at Trophy Lake and will be doing that job again in 2003. He likes to fly fish in Washington, Montana and British Columbia.

1st Vice President Westside: Mike Clancy, Tacoma, WA

He has been sports fishing all his life, however, he took up fly fishing in 2000, the year he retired. Throughout the years he could see the decline in various fisheries, so in order to continue to fish he decided to give fly fishing a try. What an incredible surprise he was in for. It is his desire to share what he has experienced in these 3 years and to continue in future years. He joined the Puget Sound Fly Fishing Club in Tacoma, became involved as club librarian and a board member, and has been a Director At Large with WSCFFF for one year. He says: "I don't have the experience that some of the other board members have, but I do have the desire to promote and preserve fly fishing."

1st Vice President Eastside and Co-vice President of Conservation: Jerry McBride, Loon Lake, WA

Jerry has accepted the nomination for 1st Vice President Eastside. He was WSCFFF President for three years, Membership Chair for a year or more and previously Vice President Eastside for a couple of years. He has been FFF representative for the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club (IEFFC) in Spokane for about eight years. He is an active supporter of FFF and IEFFC conservation projects, and also he has agreed to be Co-VP of Conservation with John Calhoun.

Co-vice President Conservation: John Calhoun, Redmond, WA

John has agreed to be a Co-vice President of Conservation with Jerry McBride. He assisted Donn Mills and Jim Maus in organizing three WSCFFF Jamboree events. He was on the Board of Directors for nine years, served as Treasurer & Secretary for one year and

Treasurer for an additional year. He also served as a National Director from the WSCFFF for one year.

Vice President Communication: Bob Bates, Spokane, WA

Bob is the current Director of Communication, and has agreed to stay on in that position. Duties of this position include editing *Covering the Drift*; serving on the National FFF Communicators panel; working with the FFF website sub-committee; working on the *Flyfisher* contract committee; maintaining the WSCFFF club-contacts e-mail list and maintaining the WSCFFF web pages. Also he writes the 'Fly of the Month' column for the FFF Website. He has been a National Director for two years. For nearly 40 years, he has been writing and editing; it is almost as long as he has been fly tying and fly fishing. He is a member of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, an active participant in club projects and an active supporter of FFF conservation projects.

Vice President Education: Len Zickler, Federal Way, WA

Len has been nominated to fill the position of Vice President Education. He is our current Secretary and has agreed to stay on as Secretary until a replacement can be found. He is an active member of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers as the chairman of the conservation and program committees. As conservation chair, Len spearheaded a cooperative effort with the Pierce County Conservation District on a variety of streamside restoration projects. As a professional land use planner, Len has been active in developing policies that promote fish

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habitat friendly development. Len was born and raised in Spokane and considers the lakes and rivers of Eastern Washington his home waters. Len is a life member of the FFF and Trout Unlimited.

Vice President Membership: Irv Conner, Wenatchee, WA

Irv is a Certified Public Accountant in Wenatchee. He is active on several boards and is past president of the Wenatchee Valley Flyfishers. For several years he has handled the duties of Membership Director for the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers and has accepted the nomination for Vice President Membership. He is very interested in fly fishing for Steelhead.

Director at Large: Jim Maus, Tacoma, WA

Jim was Secretary of the WSCFFF in 1997 - 1998 and served as Treasurer of the from 1998 - 2002. He served two terms as a WSCFFF National Director. He helped organize the highly successful 1998 and 2000 WSCFFF Auctions. He served as chairman of the Fly Tying Committee at the 1997, 1998, & 2000 WSCFFF Jamborees. He is a past President of Puget Sound Flyfishers in Tacoma, and a long time member of the South Sound Fly Fishers in Olympia. Jim is seeking to stay on the board as a Director at Large.

Director at Large: Donn Mills, Snohomish, WA

Donn is an active participant as a WSCFFF officer and has agreed to continue as a Director at Large. He was President for two years (1996 and

1997) and Vice President Westside for two years. The first Jamboree was organized and completed successfully during his tenure as President. He drove the overall organization of the '97 and '98 WSCFFF Jamborees and lead the acquisition of auction items. He also was chairman of Jamboree 2000. Donn served as a WSCFFF National Director for three years. He is a member of Northwest Fly Fisherman and Seattle Police Department Fly Fishing Club.

Director at Large: Dick Raisler, LaConner, WA

Dick Raisler is Past-President of the Fidalgo Fly Fishers. He has been a member of FFF and Fidalgo Fly Fishers for nine years, and is a Certified Fly Casting Instructor. His club activities include teaching fly casting and chairperson of the "Fly of The Month." He was very active in organizing the fly casting games for the 2001 and 2002 Northwest Fly Casting Expositions. He currently is involved in the relicensing process of the Baker River Hydro-electric Project. Dick has accepted the nomination for the Director at Large position. He is an avid steelhead fisherman.

Director at Large: Ben Dennis, Winthrop, WA

Ben is a Director at Large and is willing to continue in that position. He is founder and president of Methow Valley Fly Fishers. He is a long-time member of Overlake Fly Fishers, and former board member of Washington Rivers Council. Ben is involved in conservation activities in the Methow Valley, working with NMFS and WDFW. He was able to reverse closure of the Methow river system for

the 2000 season, and helped secure six new catch & release lakes in Okanogan county, restore a spawning creek that is a great success, with steelhead using it for their "bedroom." He was instrumental in restoring a steelhead season in 2003, after a 5-year absence. He is a Board member of Twin Lakes Aquifer Coalition, the activist group working to restore Twin Lakes to the recreational and environmental stature it once held. Ben has 35 years experience as a graphics artist and owner of an advertising/marketing agency in Seattle. In the Methow Valley, he created an advertising and marketing service for small to medium sized businesses. Ben designed the FFF catch and release logo for its 25th anniversary. He guides on Methow valley lakes and rivers and is a regionally recognized watercolor artist, his subject—fish and water.

Director at Large: Aaron Culley, Redmond, WA

Aaron Culley accepted a nomination to be Director at Large. He is a current member of the Overlake Fly Fishing Club (Bellevue), FFF, Trout Unlimited and the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild. He grew up in the Seattle area. Past president of the Overlake Club in 1995 and 1996; he has been an active member since 1992. Aaron currently coordinates Overlake's monthly fly tier's roundtable and assists with fly tying classes. Fishing the Yakima River keeps Aaron in search of cutthroat and rainbow trout, while the Puget Sound rivers find him chasing steelhead and cutthroat. Working to protect the resources we still enjoy is high on his agenda not to mention the time spent lashing feathers and fur to hooks.

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NORTHWEST FLY CASTING EXPOSITION



Saturday, September 20, 2003
9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Trophy Lake Golf & Casting Course

Sponsored by the Washington State Council
Federation of Fly Fishers

Join us for the fun!



Whether you are a pro, a skilled caster or just want to know more about casting and fly-fishing, this event is for you!

- Watch nationally-recognized casters demonstrate their talents
- Participate in non-competitive events
- Be eligible to win valuable prizes
- Receive casting instruction from FFF certified instructors (additional fee may be required)
- Test the latest in rods, reels, lines, and other equipment
- General public fee is \$10 (meal not included)

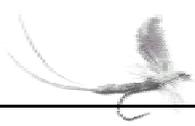
Casting Demonstrations

Internationally renowned fly casting guru Mel Krieger will be giving casting demonstrations and sharing helpful hints on technique.



Mel has taught fly casting and fly fishing for over 35 years. His widely acclaimed book and videotapes entitled, "The Essence of Fly Casting" have been used as curriculum for

casting schools all over the world. He has been involved in the creation of many innovative programs such as the "Flycasting Instructor Certification Program" endorsed by the Federation of Fly Fishermen.





Be a Sponsor

Clubs, fly shops, and businesses are encouraged to sponsor teams or individuals and to participate in the games. Teams with the highest score of the four combined events will have their name permanently displayed on a plaque at the Trophy Lake Golf & Casting Club.

Register Now!

Registration closes September 3. The fee is \$75.00. Due to time and space restrictions, the competitive events are limited to the first 91 participants. Individuals who register in advance will receive lunch and dinner, plus the opportunity to win valuable prizes in cash, trips, rods, fly-tying tools and materials, equipment and much more.

Lodging

For registered participants, the Days Inn (formerly Guest House Inn) offers a special rate of \$65.00 + tax. Call (360) 895-7818 or visit www.daysinn.com to find out more. For other lodging in the Port Orchard area visit www.visitdatsap.com.

Where?

The event will be held at the scenic Trophy Lake Golf & Casting Course located at 3900 S.W. Lake Flora Road, Port Orchard, Washington 98367. To get there, take Highway 16 westbound off of I-5. Follow Highway 16 for approximately 23 miles to the Sedwick Exit. Turn left and continue for four miles until you reach the facility which will be on your left.

When?

September 20 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.
The public is invited from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Win the Grand Prize!

All people are eligible to win the Grand Prize of three nights and two days fishing at the world class Weigh West fly fishing resort in Tofino, B.C. The Grand Prize will be awarded to the person who raises the most funds for the WSCFFE.

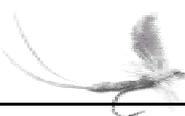
More Information

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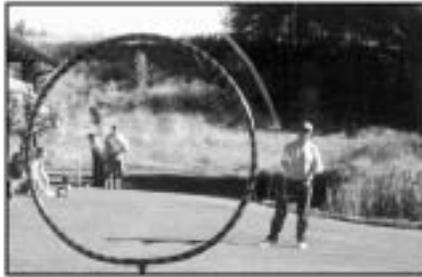


Our Mission

The Washington State Council of The Federation of Fly Fishers is made up of 22 affiliated fly fishing clubs and individual members. We are conserving, restoring, and educating through fly fishing.



Northwest Fly Casting Exposition 2003!



Competitive Categories

(Pre-registration is required for Competitive Categories)

Advanced Casters

One who has cast a six-weight fly line 95 feet in competition, current or past FFF Certified Casting Instructors, or skilled casters who want to compete with the best.

Skilled Casters

Individuals who love fly-fishing, have some casting skills, and want to compete.

Women Casters

Youth Casters

Fly casters between 12 and 16 years old.



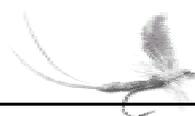
Individual and Team Competition

- 1. Distance Casting**
Each individual will have three casts to achieve the longest distance.
- 2. Trout Fly Accuracy**
Each individual will cast to five, 30-inch targets placed at 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 feet.
- 3. Fly Fishing**
Event will be scored by total weight of fish caught and released in the prescribed time.
- 4. Charitable Casting**
Benefit conservation, restoration, and education through fly-fishing. Individuals, clubs, or businesses can pledge a specific amount per foot based on individual distance cast in the best of three casts. (Example: 60 feet cast, pledged at .50 per foot = \$30).



Non-Competitive Events

Improve your casting skills and have a great time without the stress of competition. No need to register.



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Director at Large: Gordon McKay, Bothell, WA

Gordon has supported the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club (EFFC) as their FFF Representative for two years. He also worked on the club auction committee for the last two years, served on the club conservation committee, worked at the Fishing for Kids program at Silver Lake and represented the EFFC to the Stillaguamish Implementation Review committee. He attended the Shared Strategy for Salmon Recovery in Puget Sound conference in Tacoma this year and attended the Wild Steelhead Summit in May. Although he is new to fly fishing, only his third year, he is very dedicated to the activities of his club and the FFF. He has accepted the nomination for the Director at Large position and if elected will represent the WSCFFF at the National Conclave in Idaho Falls this year. He loves to fish for steelhead and for trout in lakes and streams.

Director at Large: Jerry Schroeder, Toledo, WA

Jerry is one of the founding members, past board member and President of the Lower Columbia Flyfishers. He is a member of the Okanogan Co. Flyfishers, Friends of the Cowlitz and the Wild Steelhead Coalition. His father started him flyfishing when he was about 5 years old, and it has been a passion ever since. He presently lives on the Cowlitz River where he can launch his boat or fish from his front yard. His favorite fish on the fly is the Searun cutthroat. He has accepted the nomination of Director at Large.

Director at Large: Donna Lease, Ellensburg, WA

Donna is a member and officer in one of the newest FFF clubs in Washington, the Yakima River Fly Fishers. All of their members are also members of FFF, and as such they are eligible to have a member on the WSCFFF Board. Donna volunteered to be that member at the January board meeting and was unanimously confirmed as a Director at Large. She is an avid fly angler, and can be a contributor to our efforts.

Thoughts from Hole 6 at Trophy Lake

By Larry Gibbs, Treasurer

As the sun is getting low in the west, I only wish I was at Hole 6 right now, casting out in anticipation of a "big one" taking the fly.

That could be you this September at the 2003 NW Fly Casting Expo, casting out upon the waters just waiting for that hit.

It would be really nice if you had an Official standing near by waiting to weigh your fish while it is in the net, that is why we need volunteers as officials.

There will be seven fishing zones and the scoring booth. In all, we need at least 13 people to work at Hole 6. These people would work Hole 6 all day. However, 13 people allows relief times so everyone can leave Hole 6 and participate in the games.

I know I can get some people from the Puget Sound Flyfishers club to help, but I am looking for some other clubs or FFF members who would be willing to lend a hand in this competition.

Contact me, Larry Gibbs (contact data located on page 2, under Treasurer).

Camping In British Columbia

By Jerry McBride,
Conservation Cochairman

I received this from Bob Griffin of the Central Oregon Flyfishers Club in Bend, Oregon.

The BC Ministry of Forests has announced that they no longer consider recreation sites (campgrounds) a part of their core business and that they will have exited sites, road maintenance and map availability by March 31, 2004.

They state that they hope that other parties or partnerships might develop to take over management. In some locations with high usage enhanced campgrounds have been partnered or have been privatized with an outside party and should remain open. The remaining vast majority of "sites" are widely dispersed and would not support "on site" management. These sites, many developed with major help from volunteers, would be left for use by the public, without maintenance or management. They have yet to be adopted. If the Ministry of Forests later decides that the public is at risk, these sites would be removed and roads deactivated. I understand that deactivation has started.

Central Oregon Flyfishers, of Bend, annually spends approximately 500 tourist days in BC. We use these sites to access the great fishery that BC has developed with site specific management and a wild fish culture program that is world famous. I fear that as "sites" are deactivated, fishermen will become concentrated. Local BC anglers may resent visitors and we aliens will no longer make a trip to a congested fishery. An under utilized declining fishery would not be funded. This fishery is currently a world class opportunity just across the border and would be lost to us all.

Please discuss this with your clubs that are traveling to BC. Correspondence may be directed to:

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Hon. Michael de Jong (Minister of Forests)
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THANK YOU I appreciate your help.
Bob Griffin
bgriffin@bendcable.com 3/24/03

To enjoy the wonderful stillwater fishing in BC these sites must be kept open. Write to the people Bob Griffin mentions and let them know these

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sites are important to you. A reasonable fee to help keep these sites open is certainly a possibility. If you agree, mention the willingness to pay a reasonable fee to use these sites.

Fly Cards

By Larry Gibbs, Treasurer

Fly Cards are intended to do a couple of things. They promote catch and release by replacing a fly cut off to protect a deeply hooked fish, and they promote membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers.

WSCFFF Officers and Directors received the fly cards at the April Board meeting.

I recently passed out a number of them at my assigned club. Just to make the presentation even more effective, I attached the 2003 NW Fly Casting

Expo flyers Jimmy LeMert had printed and some spare copies of the March issue of *Covering the Drift*.

All of the Directors were assigned FFF member clubs to visit and pass out fly cards. Now that people are really starting to get out and fish, it is a good time to remind them to cut the leader if the fly is hooked too deeply.

If you haven't seen the fly cards contact one of your WSCFFF Officers or Directors listed on pages 2 and 3.

Dugualla Pond Access

By Zeke Sardeskas

The effort continues to reopen access to Dugualla Pond on Whidbey Island. This spring positive endorsements have been obtained from WA State Representatives Barbara Bailey and Barry Sehlin and from the cognizant

Island County Commissioner, Bill Byrd. On April 26, 2003 an article was printed in the local paper written by its Editor Jim Larsen on the issue. The article is titled "Opening day, still no access" and can be seen at:

www.whidbeynewstimes.com
(Enter Dugualla Pond in Search box)

Request you all give this the widest possible dissemination. Feel free to direct any suggestions, comments and/or criticism my way, but lets act in a coordinated fashion.

Pressing on-
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Reminder

Saturday, July 12, 2003 the WSCFFF Board Meeting will be at the Inn At Goose Creek in Ellensburg, WA 10:00 AM



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