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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from John Bohrsen

Some have described steelhead as a fish of 1,000 casts. I question that. I spent yesterday rowing two heavy-weight fellow CFSers down the Kalama. I am sure they each had several 100 casts as did I. All to no avail. I have also heard similar reports from more expert CSF fishers on the Sandy last weekend. I am way over 1,000 casts per steelhead, maybe 5,000 casts per fish, but you know what, I can hardly wait to layer up with warm clothing, wade into that 40 degree water, and give it another shot. That's winter fly fishing in the Northwest.

I hope you are as excited as I am over the 2017 outings **Don Kohler** and his fishmasters have put

together. What a great array of outings with something for every club member! For those who can only fish locally, there are trips to the Kalama, Cowlitz, and Upper North Fork. For those who can travel, there is the Skagit, Gig Harbor, and Deschutes. For those who like lakes, there are Merrill and Cold Water and trips to Central Washington to name a few. For those who are more into the social activities, don't miss this month's trip to Cannon Beach. What a great way to get to know fellow CSFers and experience some new fishing waters. So get out there. I am looking for you.

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**CSF Meeting February 15, 2017**

The speaker for the night will be **Chris Collins** and he will speak about the Steigerwald Lake project.

**Russ Flaskerud** will tie a 'Coffeepot Special' at the meeting.

**Calendar of Events**

Feb 8	CSF Tiers' Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, WDFW
Feb 13	CSF Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, Camas Meadows
Feb 15	CSF Membership Meeting, Camas Meadows
Feb 17-19	Cannon Beach Outing
Feb 25	East Fork Lewis River Outing
Mar 18	CSF Banquet, Heathman Lodge
April 29	Beginning Flyfishing School, Camas Meadows

The Clark Skamania Flyfishers meet on the third Wednesday of the month, except for March, July, and August. The public is invited and families are welcome.

**Camas Meadows Golf Course**

4105 NW Camas Meadows Drive  
Camas WA 98607  
360-750-6511

6:00 to 7:00 is Wet Fly Hour

At 7:00 PM there is a short business meeting with fishing reports, wind knot award and the educational short program. This is followed by the main meeting.

**Directions: From SE 192nd Ave, go east on NE 13th St to Camas Meadows Drive. Find more complete directions from your location on [maps.google.com](https://www.google.com/maps).**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

Finally, remember the annual banquet coming up next month. Do you have items to donate? They do not need to be large. For example, maybe a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant. Or a gift certificate to a fly shop either out of town or locally. If you tie flies, how about a dozen of your best attractors? Give **Sue Cox** a call and get involved; but above all purchase your tickets, plan on attending, and remember to bid.

Wow, there is a lot going on. See you on the water.

## New/Returning Members

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## JANUARY WIND KNOT

By Don Kohler

### No Explanation Needed



**Dean Potter** (left) and **Chris Strawn** (right)

<b>2017 OUTINGS (for members and guests)</b>
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February 17-19	<b>Cannon Beach Outing -- OR</b> Fishmaster: Diane Schmitt, 360-836-6769 Overnight Trip - Hallmark Resort, 1400 S. Hemlock St., 503-436-1566
February 25	<b>East Fork Lewis River Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Mike Hoover, 360-887-0965 Day Trip; Wade or Float; Steelhead
April 7-9	<b>Lenice Lake--WA</b> Fishmaster - Dan Green & Bob Young, 360-991-8082(DG), 360-837-8020(BY) Overnight trip - Float; Trout
April 30-May 5	<b>Soap Lake Area Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Carol Whitney, 360-607-9343 Overnight Trip; Wade or Float; Trout
May 20	<b>Kalama River Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Mike Carroll, 360-254-1673 Day Trip; Wade or Float; Steelhead
June 10-11	<b>Deschutes River Outing -- OR</b> Fishmaster: Gene Reinert, <a href="mailto:reinertgene@gmail.com">reinertgene@gmail.com</a> , 503-341-1085 Overnight Trip; Float or Wade; Trout
July 8	<b>Coldwater Lake Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Julie Berge, 360-256-2335 Day Trip; Float; Trout
July 15-16	<b>Upper Lewis Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Tim & Megan Wickersham, 360-574-3464(MW) Overnight Trip; Wade; Trout
August 25-27	<b>Puget Sound Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Forrest Koponen, 360-772-5081 Overnight Trip; Wade or Float; Sea Run Cutthroat or Coho
September 15-17	<b>Cowlitz River Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Al Wood, 360-904-7797 Overnight Trip; Wade or Float; Sea Run Cutthroat and Steelhead
September 21-24	<b>Skagit River Outing--WA</b> Fishmaster: Steve Jones, 360-606-5947 Overnight Trip: Float; Humpback/Pink Salmon
Sept 30-Oct 1	<b>Merrill Lake Outing--WA</b> Fishmaster: Julie Berge, 360-256-2335 Day Trip; Float; Trout
October 7-8	<b>Klickitat River Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Don & Sherry Starkin, 509-637-4405(DS) Day or Overnight Trip; Wade or Float; Trout or Steelhead
November 11	<b>Wind River Outing -- WA</b> Fishmaster: Sam Stanley, 360-904-1375 Day Trip; Wade; Steelhead



## 12TH ANNUAL CSF CANNON BEACH OUTING—FEB 17-19

By Diane Schmitt

**Place:** Hallmark Resort, 1400 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, OR

For reservations call 503-436-1566. Website: <http://www.hallmarkinns.com>

For RV Accommodations – Cannon Beach RV Resort, 340 Elk Creek Rd., Cannon Beach OR.

Website: <http://www.cbrvresort.com>

**Time:** Arrive on Friday (check in time 5:00 PM); Depart on Sunday (check out 11:00 AM)

**Fish masters:** Al and Diane Wood with many helpers (Carol Kohler, Perry Muhich, Jan Holstein)

### Activities

#### **Friday:**

5:00 PM No host cocktails in the Pacific Horizon Room located next to the hotel pool. The party room will be open from 4:30 to 8:00 PM.

#### **Saturday:**

9:00 AM Pacific Horizon Room – Continental Breakfast

9:30 – Noon: Pacific Horizon Room – Fly tiers meet and share patterns/fly tying techniques

Noon – 2:00 PM: Lunch at local restaurant

2 -4:00 PM: Pacific Horizon room – ***Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament.***

Buy into tournament with 2 dozen flies.

1<sup>st</sup> place receives 50% of the flies, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 15%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 10%  
CSF retains 25% for the banquet

3–4:00 PM: Mimosa and Tea Party (Anderson's Room)

5:00 PM Pacific Horizon room – No host cocktails

6:00 PM Pacific Horizon Room – Potluck dinner

Activities for the non-poker players may include an afternoon “mimosa/tea” party, shopping throughout the day, sightseeing, beach walking or storm watching, reading, geocaching, relaxing, or whatever you choose.

**Note:** Dinner on Saturday night will be a potluck buffet. The theme this year is Mexican Fiesta. Bring your favorite Mexican dish and dress up for the party! Chips and salsa provided by the Holsteins. The club will



provide taco's and carne asada.



## SIXTH ANNUAL EAST FORK LEWIS RIVER STEELHEAD OUTING

February 25, 2017

**Fishmaster: Mike Hoover, 503-956-0743**

**When:** February 25 at 8:00 AM

**Meeting Point:** Daybreak Park, east parking area at N45.813° W122.588° (road side opposite boat launch). Hot coffee, donuts, and wade-fishing maps provided at the meeting.

**Organization:** At the meeting, I'll be looking for volunteers who already know their way to the wade-fishing locations to pair up with those who are new to the river. Sing out on Google Groups if you want to pre-coordinate on float shuttling.

**Fishery Health:** The East Fork of the Lewis is our local water and one of only fourteen wild steelhead gene banks in the state. By the date of this outing, club volunteers will have already distributed thousands of hatchery carcasses throughout the system to help improve the nutrient balance. We also have a dedicated group of conservationists who stay vigilant for activities that might harm this system. Our efforts and vigilance are for good reason. The Lower Columbia River Steelhead was listed as threatened in 1998 and remains there today. According to the latest NOAA data through 2008, the average number of winter and summer spawners on this river is only 460 and 391 respectively with no upward trend. ([https://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/trt/trt\\_documents/lcolumbia\\_steelhead.pdf](https://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/trt/trt_documents/lcolumbia_steelhead.pdf)) Similar estimates by WDFW, for the period 2001 to 2012, sets the average number of winter and summer spawners at only 480 and 630 respectively, which is near their recovery goal of 500 for both populations. I think it would please many of us if the agencies managing our home water raised these goals.

**Sport Opportunity:** In the past, December was dominated by hatchery returns; however, as part of the gene bank plan, WDFW conducted their last hatchery release in 2013. Today, the return is a smaller but mostly wild winter run, overlapping with a few lingering summer fish and hatchery strays. Persistent anglers can be rewarded in December, but this outing is also a good time to learn the river with an eye on future trips. Wild winter abundance peaks in early February and fishing opportunities continue up to and on the backside of the March 15<sup>h</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup> closure in the lower river.

**Methods:** Productive methods include dead-drifting or swinging flies and both methods benefit from supplemental weight or sink tips to achieve deep presentations. No matter your method, we should employ stout leaders and teamwork so we land and release wild catch as expeditiously as possible.

**Adaptive tactics:** When you encounter aggressive, quick-biting steelhead in December, they're most likely fresh arrivals. Heavy fishing pressure and a sudden cold snap can quickly turn them into selective biters and it's best to anticipate this. Some ideas to consider at these times are: 1) staying persistently optimistic, and 2) carefully fishing one section at a time, slowing down on the best sections if alone or repeatedly cycling back to the top if you're sharing with others. It's not uncommon for the East Fork to reward you on your third pass down the same section.

**Dress:** Dress for warmth and have a post-immersion plan; consider stashing a pack with dry clothes on the bank/your boat. It's always prudent and fashionable to wear a PFD, both wading and in a boat.

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## EAST FORK LEWIS RIVER STEELHEAD OUTING (continued from page 6)

**Gear:** Nymphing and swinging with 6- to 7-weight single-hand rigs is common. Swinging with 7- to 8-weight two-hand rods (12- to 13.5-foot) is also common.

**Highlights from the Regulations:** Mandatory Hatchery Steelhead Retention, Columbia River Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement and barbless hooks required. **TROUT:** Catch-and-release except daily limit 3 hatchery steelhead. **SALMON:** Min. size 12", daily limit 6, up to 2 may be adults, only hatchery chinook and hatchery coho may be retained. It is unlawful to totally remove salmon or steelhead from the water unless you are lawfully retaining them. You may not use drugs, explosives, or poison that may kill or injure fish nor may you use a crossbow to harvest fish, BUT you may use bait if you desperately want the wind knot award. (Did anyone actually read to the very last line of the 'regulations' paragraph? :-)  
Emergency Rules: Any changes will be briefed at 8:00 AM meeting.

## 2017 CSF DUES

Dues for 2017 are now being collected. If you are planning on attending the February 15 membership meeting, you could bring either a check or cash. The amount for the year is \$45. Checks can be made payable to CSF. If you are not at the meeting, you can mail the dues to CSF, PO Box 644, Vancouver, WA 98666. There is an application form on the last page of each edition of the Barb.

## WHAT TO DO WITH EXTRA SPACE --SHOW PICTURES OF FISH

By Sue Cox



## **BACKCAST FROM THE PAST**

### **By Warren Bieker**

Are you old enough to remember the radio show, *The Rest of the Story*, narrated by **Paul Harvey**? If you were of an age old enough to listen to the radio from 1976 to 2009, I'll bet you do! In this popular show, often heard twice a day, morning and afternoon, Paul would tell a story and withhold a key element until the very conclusion of the broadcast – hence offering a surprise ending. Personally, I can even remember hearing it play in the dentist's office once when I was there for an appointment.

Well, this time I'm hoping that someone can tell us "The Rest of the Story."

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, CSF will hold its annual Bill Wiggins Memorial Introduction to Flyfishing Course. The course is being led presently (very ably in my opinion) by **Don Starkin** who took over the leadership of the school from its previous leader, **Denny Way**, after Denny passed away in 2012. Since then Don has been the "Everything Man" regarding the course.

**Bill Wiggins** led the course before **Denny Way** took over, and the course has been named for Bill as a tribute. Bill led the class for five years, from 1999 until his death in February of 2004. Bill did many things for CSF in addition to leading the flyfishing course. He was one of the main people, along with **Don Starkin**, responsible for revising CSF's bylaws, which eventually led to achieving incorporation and an official tax free status with the Internal Revenue Service – no small feat. He also served on the Board of Directors for three years, did fly tying demonstrations, and led the fly tying school for a while. He mentored me in the art of flyfishing and tolerated me as a fishing partner for several years. All of these things add up to the well-deserved honor bestowed upon him – naming the school after him.

However, Bill was not the originator of the Flyfishing School as it was called when it began in May of 1997. The originator of the course was **nominated** for Flyfisher of the Year in December of 1997. The nomination for this award urged recognition "For organizing and creating the first CSF all day Beginner Flyfishing School. He put together a curriculum of casting, equipment, basic entomology, flies, knot tying and leader construction, fishing techniques and strategy, and conservation. He found CSF members to help with each segment of instruction and casting."

However, the originator of the Flyfishing School did not win Flyfisher of the Year that year. He did win the dubious honor of Wind Knot of the Year, but I cannot find out why. **Fritz Gerds**, CSF's resident artist and artisan won Flyfisher of the Year in 1997.

Now, fast forward to Flyfisher of the Year Awards in the following year. The originator of the Flyfishing School, **Tom Black**, did win Flyfisher of the Year in 1998, but he shared it in a three-way tie with **Ed Smith** and **Linda Faust**.

If Paul Harvey were still alive, maybe he could tell us if Tom received some recognition, albeit late, for his contribution! The archived BROKEN BARBS are missing an issue that may have held the answer to my question – Has **Tom Black** received the recognition he deserves for founding the CSF Beginning Flyfishing Course?



**CENTRAL WASHINGTON OUTING (FORMERLY SOAP LAKE)\*\*****By Carol Whitney***\*\*The name change is evolving*

The Soap Lake outing accommodations have changed due to the sale of Notaras Lodge in Soap Lake and the resulting high price of the rooms.

Members who wish to go to the Central Washington outing (formerly Soap Lake) can make motel reservations at Best Western Rama Inn in Ephrata now. I will not be assigning rooms, you do your own. I booked 20 rooms for April 30 – May 4 for our group rate.

Below is the information:

[Group#: B00L16](#)

Arrival: April 30, 2017

Departure: May 4, 2017

Room Types: 14 Double Queen Non-smoking and 6 King Non-smoking

Rate: \$99.99 + tax

<http://bestwesternwashington.com/hotels/best-western-rama-inn>

Phone: 844-558-7603

For those who would prefer to camp with full accommodations, 2 miles from Best Western is the Oasis Resort <http://oasisrvandgolfcourse.com/>.

Several people plan to stay at Coffeepot Lake which is primitive, no fee, no reservations camping. There are several campsites with a table and a tree. There is one vault toilet. No water. There is a sign letting people know rattlesnakes live there. Many have been sighted each year.

If you have questions, contact me [aviatrix@iinet.com](mailto:aviatrix@iinet.com), 360-253-3863.

**WANTED: FLY TIERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BANQUET**

**Donna Newcomb** is coordinating the donation of flies to be used in the raffles at the March 18 banquet. She has many fly boxes with foam inserts for you to fill with your favorite flies. The boxes of flies tied by our members are always popular at the banquet.

The boxes should be filled with a dozen regular flies or six steelhead or salmon flies. Each box should be labeled with the name of the tier and the type of flies included.

If you would like to have some of the fly boxes or would like more information, contact Donna at, 360-210-7531, [dnewcomb54@gmail.com](mailto:dnewcomb54@gmail.com)

## NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY 2017 For your child or grandchild?

There is no better opportunity for our girls and boys, 12-16, to learn the sport of flyfishing and the merits of conservation. The Academy will be held June 18-24, 2017 and will again be at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The applicant must write an essay explaining why **they** would like to attend the Academy and a letter of recommendation is requested from their science teacher, school counselor or responsible person. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2017. Financial Aid is available.

**Jim Brosio** is lining up the Academy instructors and we are very pleased to learn that most of the instructors from our 2016 event will be returning. We are very fortunate to have the most amazing, talented instructors in conservation, fly tying and casting from our Pacific NW fly fishing clubs and organizations.

Applications may be downloaded from our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) or you may contact Jim Brosio @ [brosioj@q.com](mailto:brosioj@q.com), Mike Clancy @ [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net) or Tom VanGelder @ [TVG@comcast.net](mailto:TVG@comcast.net) Our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com). We also have a Facebook page displaying pictures from past events.

## THREE “MATERIAL HANDLING” CLASSES By Gary Bevers and Kuni Masuda

For three winter tying sessions, **Kuni Masuda** and I have created three classes for tiers who have some experience, but are having trouble handling various materials. The three classes are divided into Thread and Floss, Hurl and Biot Bodies, and Hair Heads and Bodies.

This is not meant to replace the beginning fly tying classes. The classes are for troubleshooting tying problems after you have a little experience.

### **Class One: Thread and Floss February 8**

This class will cover the different types of thread and which thread to use for different flies. Included will be some strategies for smooth bodies with floss and dubbing.

I will demonstrate:

- Thread size explanation (The flat twisted versus spun threads.)
- Thread materials (silk, rayon, nylon, poly)
- Hook size versus thread size.
- Splitting thread for dubbing
- Dubbing loops
- Why you would want to use either dubbing style for nymphs
- Methods of making smooth bodies.
- My final demo will be weaving bodies. (continued on page 11)

## JANUARY FLY TYING NIGHT ---FEB 8--(continued from page 10)

### McPhail Woven Pupa

**Hook:** Size 10 Scud type hook  
**Thread:** Olive or Black  
**Weight:** Small Flat Lead Wire  
**Eyes:** Plastic Dumbbell Eyes (I will teach the class to make them)  
**Body:** Olive Yarn  
**Back:** Olive or Black Scud Back  
**Legs:** Partridge  
**Thorax:** Dark Olive Squirrel  
**Antennae:** Bronze Mallard or Moose Mane



1. Wrap flat lead on hook from 1/8 inch from the bend to even with the hook tip
2. Wrap a second level of lead from 1 ½ turns of lead to the front of the lead
3. Wrap a third level to build up the body if necessary
4. Wrap forward and tie in the eyes
5. Wrap back ¼ inch and tie in yarn and scud back and wrap to the bend of the hook making certain the scud back is on top of the hook
6. Wrap one turn of yarn behind the scud back and one in front of the scud back
7. Pull scud back over the second wrap of yarn and the wrap yarn over the scud back again
8. Wrap the yarn again and repeat to ¼ inch from the eye of the hook
9. Pull the scud back back out of the way of the thorax and tie in the legs laying back along side of the fly
10. Dub the thorax in and pull the scud back forward and tie one wrap behind the eyes and tie off forward
11. Tie the antennae in long enough to go past the tail
12. Cut excess scud back being careful not to cut the antennae
13. Whip finish and apply head cement

### Red and Black Buzzer

**Hook:** Size 10 Scud type hook  
**Thread:** Black  
**Tail:** White Antron  
**Body:** Black Floss or thread  
**Rib:** Small Red Wire  
**Thorax:** Black Floss or thread  
**Thorax cover:** Pearl Mylar  
**Gills:** Orange Litebright  
**Antennae:** White Antron



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## JANUARY FLY TYING NIGHT ---FEB 8 (continued from page 11)

### Red and Black Buzzer (continued)

1. Wrap thread to half way down the bend of the hook
2. Tie in white antron long enough to go all the way past the front
3. Tie in the red rib wire
4. Wrap the thread to about three eye lengths from the eye. Go back and forth until you have a smooth body completely covering the shank
5. Wrap the red thread forward and tie off
6. Tie in the orange light bright on the bottom of the hook.
7. Build up the thorax with thread
8. Bring the light bright forward and to the top and tie off
9. Bring the mylar over the top and tie off
10. Trim the white antron short on the back and front
11. Whip finish

### Cinnamon and Gold Wet Fly

**Hook:** Size 10 Wet Fly hook Standard length

**Thread:** Brown

**Tail:** Golden Pheasant Tippets

**Body:** Gold Mylar or Metal Tinsel

**Rib:** Small Gold Wire

**Throat:** Brown Hen Hackle

**Wing:** Brown Duck or Goose wing



1. Wrap the brown thread to the bend of the hook
2. Tie in the tippet tail all the way to slightly behind the eye
3. Tie in the gold wire at the back and mylar at the front
4. Wrap the mylar to the back and back to the front
5. Wrap the gold wire forward and tie off
6. Tie the hen throat for three wraps and tie off
7. Mount the wing toward the back
8. Whip finish

## **JANUARY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

**By Peter Anderson, Secretary**

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

The club added three new members during the past month. Based on projections for renewals by current members, it is anticipated that club membership will total 286. When you include Honorary Members, we have 293 members.

### **CONSERVATION REPORTS**

#### **Report on Outcome of *Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission* meeting**

Several Board members and one non-board member attended this meeting, and **John Bohrensen** spoke before the Commission on behalf of the club. John was pleased to announce to the Board that the Commission had voted to implement significant modifications to salmon fishing policies for the Columbia River, including a ban on gill nets in the Lower Columbia River during the spring and summer. The Board encourages club members to write to Commission members to express their thanks.

### **OUTINGS COMMITTEE REPORT**

A full schedule of outings has been organized for 2017 and fishmasters have been identified for all.

### **BANQUET REPORT**

To date, 42 people have signed up for the banquet.

**Sue Cox** presented an accounting of grant expenditures by CSF in relation to banquet income, for the past 14 years. She reminded Board members that it is important to be able to tell prospective donors that all revenue from the banquet auction is used to support the club's outreach and conservation projects and that none is used to support club operations.

### **GRANTS**

The Board agreed to award \$5,000 to the Deschutes River Alliance for research into water quality and insect populations in the lower Deschutes River as part of a plan to identify solutions to the basin-wide threats to the health of the river, its tributaries and its fisheries.

The Board also agreed to provide the Cascade Forest Conservancy (formerly the Gifford Pinchot Task Force) with a grant of \$1,000 to help facilitate legislative action to regulate motorized suction mining in state rivers.

**CAUSES OF SALMON POISONING DISEASE**  
**From Petwave.com on July 16, 2015**  
**(reprinted here with permission from Petwave)**  
[petwave.com/Dogs/Health/Salmon-Poisoning/Causes](http://petwave.com/Dogs/Health/Salmon-Poisoning/Causes)

Neorickettsia helminthoeca are the bacteria that ultimately are responsible for causing salmon poisoning disease in dogs. How dogs actually become infected with these parasites is complicated, but the process is fascinating. Tiny N. helminthoeca bacteria live naturally inside of larger organisms known as Nanophyteus salmincola. These are parasitic worms, or trematodes, more commonly called “flukes.” Flukes are thick, fleshy, flat, leaf-like creatures that take in their nourishment through one or more suckers that they attach to the inside of their host animals. Nanophyteus salmincola flukes are the carriers, or vectors, of the bacterial parasites that cause salmon poisoning disease in our domestic dogs.

How dogs get salmon poisoning is even a bit more complicated. The flukes that carry the infective bacteria have their own intermediate host, which is a snail called Oxytrema silicula. “Intermediate hosts” are animals that other organisms, usually parasites, live inside of and go through some transitional stage of development while they are living inside of their host. For example, the parasite may hatch from an egg into larvae in its intermediate host. The intermediate host may or may not also act as the vector that transmits the parasite to its ultimate victim. In their capacity as intermediate hosts for Nanophyteus salmincola flukes, Oxytrema silicula snails simply carry the flukes passively while they mature. The actual bacterial infection is spread directly from infected flukes to fish to dogs. However, the snail intermediates are an essential part of the life cycle of the flukes that transmit the parasites causing salmon poisoning to domestic dogs.

The natural habitat for these particular snails is the northern Pacific rim of the United States and coastal western Canada. That is why salmon poisoning is almost always only diagnosed in dogs in British Columbia, Oregon, Washington and Northern California, and occasionally in other areas where fish infected by flukes that carry the bacteria migrate or are transported. The infected flukes leave their snail intermediate hosts and live for a short time in water in their larval stage, where they eventually come into contact with salmon or other aquatic creatures. They get inside of those creatures by burrowing through their skin, tending to lodge in their kidneys.

Dogs become infected when they eat raw freshwater or ocean salmon, trout, steelhead, giant Pacific salamanders or other fish that contain the larval stage of infected Nanophyteus salmincola flukes. Once the flukes get into a dog’s gastrointestinal tract, they mature and invade its small intestine and lymph nodes. There, they latch on and feed, causing a significant inflammatory reaction. The fluke infection itself usually doesn’t cause any measurable disease. However, during this process, the flukes release the infective Neorickettsia helminthoeca bacteria into the dog’s intestinal tissues and bloodstream, where they start to replicate. It only takes about one to two weeks for the dog to become sick. The disease usually becomes systemic, or body-wide, in short order. If not treated, salmon poisoning disease is almost always fatal in domestic dogs. (continued on page 15)



## CAUSES OF SALMON POISONING DISEASE (continued from page 14)

The life cycle of the organisms that cause salmon poisoning disease is maintained when the eggs of infected flukes are passed in the feces of infected dogs. The intermediate snail hosts become infected from those hatching eggs free in the environment. The infected fluke larvae eventually leave the snail and penetrate the skin of the salmon, trout or salamander. Dogs eat these fish. Then, the cycle begins again.

### Preventing Salmon Poisoning Disease

Dogs living in or visiting the Pacific northwestern United States or western coastal Canada should not be permitted to eat raw fish - especially live, dead or dying salmon, steelhead, trout or similar freshwater fish from rivers, streams or lakes. If they do, their owners should take them to the closest veterinary clinic for treatment as quickly as possible. Salmon poisoning can be fatal in a very short time. Fish that are cooked thoroughly or frozen for more than 24 hours are usually not infective, because the flukes and infective bacteria can be killed by temperature extremes.

### Special Notes

Salmon poisoning disease is an important illness in dogs living in or traveling to the Pacific coast of Canada or to the northwestern United States. Infected fish are found from the San Francisco area to the southern coast of Alaska, in the Pacific Ocean. They are most common from northern California to Washington's Puget Sound, and in rivers coming from those areas that support fish migration and spawning. Infected dogs need to be treated quickly and aggressively to prevent them from dying from this disease.

## WICKERSHAM NAMED DEPT. OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CAPTAIN

By The Columbian--Published: January 4, 2017, 6:03 AM

STEVENSON — **Jeff Wickersham** of Stevenson has been promoted to the rank of captain in the state Department of Fish and Wildlife Police and will supervise wildlife law enforcement efforts in six Southwest Washington counties.

Wickersham grew up in Clark County. He is a graduate of Skyview High School. He has a degree in Natural Resource Science with a minor in Criminal Justice from Washington State University in Pullman.

Wickersham started with the agency in 2003. He has been a wildlife police officer in South Bend and Westport.

Before his promotion to captain, Wickersham was a sergeant, based in Stevenson and supervised seven officers in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat counties. As captain, he will supervise 17 officers in Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Lewis counties.



Right: Wickersham twins --  
Tim (left) and Jeff (right)

## FRED MEYER'S DONATION PROGRAM

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.7 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Many thanks to those of you who have linked your Fred Meyer card to CSF and are earning money for our club. We have received their donation for the fourth quarter of 2016 and now have 26 households registered. **Previously, we had 48 households; Fred Meyer would like you to re-register your card if you haven't done that yet.** We received \$172 for this quarter which makes a total of \$700 for 2016! Since we started the program in January 2014, we have earned \$1975. This is with only 26 households currently; imagine what we could do if everyone would register.

Every time you use your reward card at Fred Meyer, you will continue to get your own personal reward. However, **in addition**, CSF will be credited with a reward from your purchase. You lose nothing of your individual rewards. This money will be added to our banquet proceeds and be given in grants to support our conservation, education, and outreach projects. Please sign up today if you haven't done so and many thanks to those of you who have signed up. Also, encourage your friends and relatives to sign up.

It is easy to link your card to CSF by going to [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You first must register your rewards card and then link it to our club. Click the 'Re-enroll or link your Rewards Card now' in the 'Are You A Fred Meyer Customer?' section. The non-profits are not listed in alphabetical order so I suggest you search on "Skamania" or use our number **82256**. If you are not sure how to link, I am happy to help. Email me at [susan.cox@gmail.com](mailto:susan.cox@gmail.com) or phone at 360-260-8767. It only takes a few minutes.

## AMAZON SMILE DONATION PROGRAM

Amazon has introduced a donation program for non-profit organizations. If you register your Amazon account with Clark Skamania Flyfishers, Amazon will give 0.5% of what is spent to our organization. It costs you nothing! The funds generated will be added to that raised at the banquet and will be earmarked for our grants towards conservation, education, and community outreach.

Amazon has now made it easier for you to register to have CSF receive a donation from them.

The unique link for CSF is [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1602426](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1602426)

Click on this link and you will be directed to have CSF receive a donation for each of the purchases you make.

When you shop Amazon, be sure to start from the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) site . It would be a good idea to bookmark this site.

Encourage your friends and family to also join and support CSF.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### By Mark Heirigs, Conservation Chair

This month's conservation topic is short and to the point. Clark Skamania Flyfishers is 280 members strong. We are conservation-minded recreational anglers. We need to thank our Washington state Fish and Wildlife Commission and Directors for their actions taken in the removal of gillnets from the Columbia River.

Unfortunately, their counterparts in Oregon saw fit to continue the use of gillnets and increase their non-tribal commercial fishery quota from limits set by the 2012 Bi-state Columbia River Basin Salmon Program.

We have until late February to voice our concerns to our commission and director prior to the next Columbia River Compact Meeting.

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Gillnets kill fish! Gillnets must be removed from the Columbia River

## JANUARY FISHING REPORT

By Don Kohler



Last month was a very slow month in regards to fishing reports. Let us all hope with longer days and some warmer weather we do better.

“In conditions like this, I think the hot coffee would keep us warmer being poured inside our waders.”

## ARTICLES ON OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES

### Suggested By Ed Wickersham

**Al Thomas** is the outdoor writer for the Columbian and has a large following in our region. Ed says he is one of the best outdoor writers and has been very good about accurate reporting of the local fisheries' issues as well as many other outdoor activities. This is the link to his website and blog [columbian.com/news/sports/outdoors](http://columbian.com/news/sports/outdoors). Please take the time to support a local resource.

## CSF BEGINNING FLYFISHING SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

### By Don Starkin

The 21st Bill Wiggins Memorial Beginner Flyfishing School is now open for registrations. The class will be held at Camas Meadows and on Saturday, April 29. This is a great opportunity for the novice flyfisher to learn the basics and have the necessary knowledge when heading out to the stream.



The school is popular and open to anyone. We usually have a full house. If you're new to flyfishing, it's a wonderful way to be introduced to the sport. You'll find a registration form with additional information on the next page. If you have any questions about the school please contact me, [dstarkin@msn.com](mailto:dstarkin@msn.com), Don 509-637-4405 or Sherri 360-608-5916.

**CLARK SKAMANIA FLYFISHERS BILL WIGGINS MEMORIAL  
 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BEGINNING FLYFISHING SCHOOL  
 Saturday, April 29th, 2017**

**Where:** Camas Meadows Golf Club, 4105 NW Camas Meadows Dr., Camas, Washington

**Time:** Check-in / coffee and donuts: 8:45 AM

**Class begins:** 9:10 AM and ends at 4:30 PM

**Class includes:** Why choose flyfishing; Equipment: rods, reels, lines, leaders; Assembling a fly rod; Basic flycasting; Flyfishing knots; Flyfishing essentials; Entomology: What fish eat and flies to match; Places to fish; Tactics, Strategies & Techniques; Waterside safety, Etiquette: Catch & release of wild fish; Handling of fish; Why join a flyfishing organization and/or a fish conservation group.

**Cost: \$50.00** which pays for coffee and donuts, lunch, drinks, beginning flyfishing manual, handouts, knot-tying materials, leaders, etc. *Make checks payable to Clark-Skamania Flyfishers (or just CSF.)*

**Casting instruction:** Provided by an International Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor. If you own a fly rod and reel, bring them for the casting instruction and evaluation. Help will be available to assemble your rod and reel if needed. If you do not have equipment, it will be provided.

**For further information:** Contact Don 509-637-4405 or Sherri 360-608-5916. [dstarkin@msn.com](mailto:dstarkin@msn.com)

**To register:** Fill out the form below and follow the mailing instructions. A confirmation letter will follow. Registration is first come, first served, so register now. Hope to see you there! (Note: CSF does not share email addresses)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**CLARK SKAMANIA FLYFISHERS BEGINNING FLYFISHING SCHOOL**

Please fill out the following information. Include a check for \$50 made out to **CSF** and mail to:

**Don Starkin, PO Box 236, Lyle, WA 98635**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a rod? \_\_\_\_\_



## CSF OWNS RODERICK HAIG-BROWN COLLECTION

By Dan Green, Librarian

About two years ago, our club received from **Keith Downing** of Bridgeport, Washington, a most generous gift of a complete, 44 volume collection of **Roderick Haig-Brown** books. Keith's father was **William Downing**, an early member of our club, and it was he who built this excellent collection. Several volumes were deemed highly valuable to collectors, too valuable in fact to circulate, so the club sold those and used the funds to further club goals. Volumes sold were all valuable first editions that were replaced with later editions of lesser value, so the club still had a full collection.

Born in Sussex, England, before World War I, young Roderick grew up on the banks of the River Frome. Sadly, his father was killed in action in France in 1918. A family friend, **Major Greenhill**, took over the boy's outdoor education: he taught him how to cast a fly, work a lure for salmon, and hunt birds. The young Roderick excelled at all.

At age nineteen Roderick emigrated to British Columbia and worked as a logger, fishing on his days off. He applied the classical fly fishing training of his boyhood to the brawling, uncharted waters of the Pacific Northwest and expressed the knowledge he gained in a series of fly fishing books unparalleled in their insightfulness, beauty of language, and calm mastery of subject matter.

In 1934 Haig-Brown married **Ann Elmore** from Seattle, and they settled on a farm along the banks of Vancouver Island's Campbell River. Here he would spend the next forty years raising a family, farming, fly fishing, and writing. *The Western Angler*; *A River Never Sleeps*, *Return to the River*; *A Fisherman's Spring*, *A Fisherman's Fall*; these and more established him as one of the greatest fly fishing writers of all time.

He demolished long-standing myths about what one could or, more pointedly, could not catch with a fly. He wrote that when he first moved to the Northwest "accounts of catching steelhead on a fly were considered no better than wild tales." The only thing that would work, so he was solemnly instructed, was fresh salmon roe liberally draped onto a large hook and bounced along the stream bottom. Ignoring this advice, he caught summer steelhead on lures, then wet flies, and then on dry flies.

Roderick and Ann were both dedicated conservationists. They witnessed the degradation of their beautiful land by poor logging practices, invasive mining, and ill-planned, ill-placed hydroelectric dams. In print and in action, they fought on behalf of the land, the rivers, and the fish. Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park near Kamloops is named in recognition of his conservation work. Mt. Haig-Brown on Vancouver Island was named in honor of both Roderick and Ann.

Why not try one of his books during this long and chilly winter? Request a book by sending me an e mail at [dgreen066@gmail.com](mailto:dgreen066@gmail.com) and cc Marty Fogel at [ohcaptmarty@gmail.com](mailto:ohcaptmarty@gmail.com).





**Clark Skamania Flyfishers**  
**40th Annual Banquet and Auction**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2017**



**Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA**

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to enjoy fun, food and camaraderie! All funds raised at the banquet will go to support our conservation, education, and community outreach endeavors. Through your participation and generous support, the club will continue to increase awareness of conservation concerns and work towards preserving and restoring wild fish and their habitats in the Northwest.

4:00 Wet Fly Hour: Silent Auction, Cup, Board and Basket Raffles open

5:20 Silent Auction begins to close

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Cup Raffle closes

6:45 Super Silent/ Oral Auction

7:30 Club program, Board and Basket drawings, Door prizes

**SPACE IS LIMITED SO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

**Advance ticket price: \$60 per person. Tickets will be \$65 at the door if available.**

**(The ticket price includes complimentary wine both before and with dinner, appetizers, full dinner with dessert, and use of AV equipment.)**

**If you have questions, contact Sue Cox at [susan.cox@gmail.com](mailto:susan.cox@gmail.com) (360-260-8767)**

As the past two years, the Heathman Lodge is offering a special menu for non-profit groups. We will again have a plated dinner. The food will be as delicious as ever but will be served to you at the table rather than in a buffet line. Your registration includes your entree selection. There are more details on the next page.

**Clark Skamania Flyfishers Banquet and Auction  
 Saturday, March 18, 2017  
 Registration Form**

**Each person will have an individual salad and dessert. Coffee, tea, and rolls will be available for each table.**

**Each person will have a choice of one of the following entrees and sides.**

- 1. SALMON PASTA: Rotelli pasta with Hudson’s smoked salmon with scallions and capers in a lemon cream sauce**
- 2. PORK: Oven roasted Niman Ranch pork loin with sherry creamed potatoes, braising greens, and port wine sauce**
- 3. RAVIOLI: Four cheese ravioli with a cream sauce (vegetarian)**

**Mail this registration form (with a check payable to CSF) to:  
 Susan Cox, 17212 SE 38th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98683.**

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$60 each for a total price of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guest 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon Pork Ravioli (circle one)**

**Name of Guest 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon Pork Ravioli (circle one)**

**Name of Guest 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon Pork Ravioli (circle one)**

**Name of Guest 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon Pork Ravioli (circle one)**

**Name of Guest 5:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon Pork Ravioli (circle one)**

**Name of Guest 6:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon Pork Ravioli (circle one)**

## DONATION FORM FOR CSF BANQUET

### DONOR:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What is being donated (be as specific as possible)	Approximate Value

If you would like to make a **CASH DONATION**, we will purchase items such as rods, reels, or other items to be auctioned off at the banquet. We receive donations of discounts from many companies and so we would be able to purchase these items using the discounts. Your cash contribution is fully deductible.

Make checks payable to **CSF** and mail to Susan Cox, 17212 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Circle, Vancouver, WA 98683

If you are donating an item, you could either bring it to my house or I could come and pick it up.

Call or email for directions ---- Sue Cox, 17212 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Circle, Vancouver 98683

360-260-8767 or [susan.cox@gmail.com](mailto:susan.cox@gmail.com)

Thank you! Your help will make this a successful and enjoyable event.

Clark Skamania Flyfishers  
P.O. Box 644  
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The **Clark Skamania Flyfishers** (CSF) is a federally registered 501 ( c ) (3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Washington. Founded in 1975, CSF is dedicated to the preservation of wild fish stocks and the natural resources that sustain them. CSF is further committed to the promotion of fly fishing as a method of angling and, through it, an understanding and appreciation for the diversity of nature.

**The Broken Barb** is a publication of the Clark Skamania Flyfishers, published monthly and free to its members.

CSF is a member club of The Federation of Fly Fishers. Annual membership is \$45.00. For further information visit our website <http://www.clark-skamania-flyfishers.org>

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## CLARK SKAMANIA FLYFISHERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**Annual dues are \$45.00 payable to CSF, PO Box 644, Vancouver, WA 98666**

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an FFF member? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second member name (e.g. spouse) if wanted (note: no additional charge) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Second phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Second email address for spouse to get "The Barb" \_\_\_\_\_

Name you would like on the nametag (if new member) \_\_\_\_\_