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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from John Bohrsen

Growing up, the man next door was like a father figure to me. He taught me to fish and also to appreciate and take care of the environment. One of Jake's favorite sayings was "If you want to be a fisherman, never measure your pleasure by your catch."

Last fall a fishing buddy, and fellow CSFer, came up with the brilliant idea to spend four hours traveling up to the Olympic Peninsula in search of the late season "Hawg" steelhead. We recently made that trek. We fished hard from daylight to dusk. We fished in sun

and we fished in snow. We swung flies over the Queets River for drift after drift after drift. Did I get a tug other than a rock? No. We nymphed egg patterns along countless clay banks and log jams. Did my strike indicator disappear once, other than for a twig or rock? No.

Here is what I did get. I definitely became a better fly fisherman because of the patient instruction of the guide my friend had selected. He improved my casting, line management, and ability to read water. I may not have caught a fish, but I improved my chances for next time. (continued on page 3)

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**CSF Meeting**

There is **no general membership meeting in March**. Instead, we hope to see you at the banquet on Saturday, March 18.

**Calendar of Events**

Mar 8	CSF Tiers' Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, WDFW
Mar 13	CSF Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, Camas Meadows
Mar 18	CSF Banquet, Heathman Lodge
Apr 7-9	Lake Lenice Outing
Apr 15	Merrill Lake Cleanup
April 29	Beginning Flyfishing School, Camas Meadows
Apr 30-May 1	Central WA Outing (Soap Lake)

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)

I also got two days floating a glacial river through huge moss-covered old growth fir and cedar. I got towering Olympic mountain vistas. I got to share a long gravel bar with a herd of Roosevelt Elk. There are very few places in the world you can find these pleasures. I also got two nights and three days with a friend who appreciates flyfishing for steelhead as much as I do. We solved a lot of world problems around a warm crackling fire with glasses of wine and scotch at the end of the day. You can't buy that at Cabellas.

So let me pass on to you what Jake taught me over 50 years ago. "Never measure your pleasure by your catch."

See you on the water.

## New/Returning Members

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## LAST CAST

**Richard "Putt" Puttkamer**, who had been a member of the Clark Skamania Flyfishers, passed away on November 22, 2016 after being hospitalized with heart failure. Putt was also a member of the 40et8, Voiture 99 in Vancouver, and he was instrumental in obtaining the use of the classroom facility that CSF has been using for our Beginning Fly Tying classes for the last several years. A memorial/wake was held for him on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion post in Washougal.

<b>2017 OUTINGS (for members and guests)</b>
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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

## 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 Class 2: Hurl and Biot Bodies, Wednesday, March 8 By Gary Bevers

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 Two:**

**Hurl and Biot Bodies** covers reinforcing Peacock Hurl and Ostrich Hurl bodies.

I will demonstrate:

- Alec Jackson style Pseudo Spey wire-reinforced flies
- Stripped Hurl (Catskill style flies)
- Biot bodies will be covered also.
- Stripped hurl bodies.

I will discuss stripping peacock hurl so you can make stripped hurl for your own flies. I will also discuss Biots and where they come from and how to use them. Information for the March 8 class continues on the next pages.

## TIERS' NIGHT -- MARCH 8 --HURL AND BIOT BODIES

### Griffiths Gnat



**Hook:** Size 14 2X long hook

**Thread:** Black

**Body:** Peacock Hurl

**Hackle:** Grizzly Hackle

1. Wrap black thread to back of the hook
2. Tie in three Peacock hurls by the tips
3. Tie in Grizzly Hackle

### Pseudo Spey

**Hook:** Size 4 or 6 Steelhead hook

**Thread:** Red

**Body:** Back 2/3 orange yarn, front 1/3 orange ostrich Hurl

**Rib:** Small silver wire

**Hackle:** Orange hackle

1. Wrap thread to the bend of the hook
2. Tie in silver wire
3. Wrap the wire and yarn together and wrap forward 2/3 of the hook
4. Tie in ostrich hurl and more silver wire
5. Wrap the wire and hurl together and wrap forward to behind the eye
6. Wrap the orange hackle for four turns and tie off
7. Whip finish



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## TIERS' NIGHT -- MARCH 8 (continued from page 6)

### Quill Gordon



**Hook:** Size 10 dry fly hook

**Thread:** Black or Gray

**Tail:** Wood duck flank

**Body:** Stripped peacock hurl

**Hackle:** Gray brown Hackle

**Wing:** Wood duck flank

1. Tie the wing in 1/4 of the way behind the eye of the hook
2. Wrap the thread to the bend of the hook
3. Tie in the wood duck tail about 3/4 of the way to the eye and back to the bend
4. Tie in the stripped hurl
5. Apply super glue or head cement to the body of the fly and wrap the stripped hurl forward to behind the wing 1/16 inch

6. Make 3 wraps behind and 3 in front of the wing
7. Whip finish

## FINAL BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS—MARCH 23

By Al Wood

The last class for the Beginning Fly Tying Class will be held March 23rd at the 40 et 8 Building, (normal location) to make up for the first class that was cancelled due to weather conditions. **Gary Bevers** will be demonstrating the pheasant tail nymph to the class.

## NO CLUB MEETING IN MARCH--BANQUET MEETING INSTEAD

There are always a few members who show up for the club meeting on the third Wednesday in March. There is **no general membership meeting in March**. Instead there will be a final banquet committee meeting on March 15 at 6:00 at Camas Meadows. Anyone who wants to help with the banquet is welcome to come.

## LAKE LENICE OUTING—APRIL 7-9

By Bob Young

**Fishmasters:** Dan Green, [dgreen066@gmail.com](mailto:dgreen066@gmail.com); Assistant. Bob Young, [byoung@d-bpower.com](mailto:byoung@d-bpower.com)

### Why Go?

The lake has hard-fighting, 12” to 20”, mermaid –plump, triploid rainbows. At times you catch one and wait and wait for a repeat performance; other times it’s red-hot action with one after another after another hitting your fly. These trout are the big attraction at Lenice. Excellent camaraderie around the campfire along with stark, wild landscapes during the day and breathtaking skies at night all add to the enjoyment. Don’t miss it!

**When:** April 7, 8, and 9

**Meeting Point:** We will be camping at the Lake Lenice (primitive) campground. The campground is accessed from Beverly which is situated on HWY 243 (about 15 minutes south of Vantage on I-90). Then head east on Lower Crab Creek Road (gravel road heading east off the main road that may also show up on GPS/mapping programs as Road 17 SW). CFS signs will guide you to the “campground” from the highway.

**Motels:** Rooms are available 20 minutes away in Desert Aire at the Desert Aire Motel and restaurant, 509-932-4300, or in Vantage WA at the Vantage Riverstone Resort and Motel, 509-856-2800, with restaurant and camp ground. The accommodations at the Vantage Motel don’t seem to have been updated recently. We will try to get further details on our recon trip.

**Communal Meal:** We are planning on cooking and serving hamburgers etc. for the Saturday evening get-together and meal. We will confirm this in the April Barb. We will also be asking for some appetizers or side dishes that we will confirm in the April Barb.

**Fishery:** There are 3 lakes at this location and we tend to fish the Lenice Lake. It is a medium size lake and has provided good fishing for us in the past. The lake has a good population of trout and there are tiger trout there. There are plenty of different types of lake areas with reeds, shoals, shallows, and some deep spots which gives opportunity for all of us to try many fishing methods. We have recently heard from a few of our members and we have seen several articles that talk about early fishing in March (and beginning of April) being very good at Lenice. Chironomid patterns are the main flies that we hear about being successful. We hear that other nymphs and Woolley Buggers also bring in fish.

**Methods:** You will not find many wading-only opportunities at Lake Lenice. Some sort of water craft is recommended – float tubes, kayaks, and pontoon boats are good options. One important note: the lake is a little less than half a mile (over 2000 feet) from the campground area and requires you to carry/ handwheel/ hand-trailer or get help to carry your floating fishing platform to the lake access point from where you can unload your craft from your vehicle. We do leave our boats at the lake overnight and they seem pretty safe there.

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## LAKE LENICE OUTING—APRIL 7-9 (continued from page 8)

**Equipment:** A mid-weight fishing rod with full-sinking, intermediate and floating lines are needed as conditions dictate. We recommend a 6-wt rod with at least 9 feet length. Leaders and tippets for sinking and for floating lines should be packed. We have had 4x and 5x tippet break off with larger fish so be ready to change leaders and tippets and have some spares.

It can be advantageous to rig and carry two rods when fishing lakes such as Lenice. One rod, say a 6-wt, with a full-sinking line and a short leader (3 to 4 foot) tapering to 4x or 5x (or heavier [3x] if the fish break the tippet) is useful when there is no surface activity. The other rod, say a 4 or 5-wt, rigged with a floating line and a long, say 10- 12 foot, leader ending with 5x or 6x tippet is useful when there is surface activity.

If you don't have two rods to rig up, don't worry. But be sure, if you can, to bring both a full-sinking line and a floating line.

**Weather and Clothing:** We have experienced some great weather on past outings. It has not gotten too cold for too long, but it can get windy in the afternoon. Clothing layers are essential. Evenings and nights can be cold, so make sure your camp clothing and bedding will keep you warm.

We will be providing more specific information in the April Barb, as we are taking a recon trip in early March up to the area to make sure of all our facts are up to date. It has been 2 years since we had an outing there. If anyone wishes to see a file of the Lenice Lake pdf version of the presentation by **John Geyer**, please email **Dan Green** ([dgreen066@gmail.com](mailto:dgreen066@gmail.com)) or **Bob Young** ([byoung@d-bpower.com](mailto:byoung@d-bpower.com)) and we will be glad to send it to you.

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend this outing and catch some of these great fish, please send Dan or Bob an email letting us know so we can get a fairly accurate headcount for the Saturday meal.

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## FEBRUARY WIND KNOT By Don Kohler

Some long time members of CSF are starting to wonder: how can this group go two months without a Wind Knot? Telling on oneself or throwing a buddy under the bus used to happen at every meeting. Now it seems we have corrected our foolish actions or are showing more restraint in telling on our fellow members. At any rate, the only thing to come out at the last meeting was a rumor about a broken rod on the Sandy River outing; no names were given to protect the innocent. Well, am I safe to say "Better luck next month."

## **TWELFTH ANNUAL MERRILL LAKE CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017**

**By Warren Bieker**

This year on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have the twelfth annual cleanup at Merrill Lake. The work should be similar to, but maybe not as difficult as, previous years because five members of CSF and I joined eight men from the DNR in November to do a fall cleanup project at the lake, which is something that's only been done a few times during the last eleven years. When I say "the work," it usually consists of raking leaves, spreading crushed gravel, clearing trails and paths, picking up a bit of litter if any can be found, cleaning out fire pits, clearing small culverts, a little light carpentry, and perhaps a little painting if it's necessary. We work rain or shine, and everyone knows what spring weather can be like in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

The morning begins when we drive to the Cougar Bar and Grill in beautiful downtown Cougar where we'll have breakfast at 8 AM. At a few minutes to 9, we drive up to the lake and work until about noon. The work is usually completed by then or maybe even earlier. Then we come home to nurse our blisters and to dry our clothes,.

I don't want to sugarcoat the effort. It has rained, snowed, and has been windy and cold at times, too. But often it's quite pleasant in terms of weather. There are usually about 25 to 30 CSF members and the adage that "many hands make light work" has never been more apparent than at a morning work party at Merrill Lake.

There's plenty of time to plan, but if you'd like to participate, please let me know by April 1<sup>st</sup> because I have to have an accurate head count for the restaurant folks who will be opening two hours early especially for us.

Now, for a few additional details: The Cougar Bar and Grill is under new ownership. They have been great to work with, and I hope that you'll enjoy the experience if you come to the breakfast and patronize them when you're in the area. When we are finished with the cleanup, the gate will remain open for the season, which is until November 15<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to stay and fish the lake when we are through with the work party, and you won't have to worry about being stuck behind a locked gate at the end of the day. This will begin the second year in CSF's more formal agreement with DNR in the Adopt-a-Site Program. All the hours we donate, including our travel time, are used to leverage grant monies for DNR's use at Merrill Lake and other projects. Be sure to sign the registration sheet when you are at the lake. During the regular season, a DISCOVER PASS is required, but as cleanup volunteers we get a free ride the day of the cleanup.

We have no monthly CSF meeting in March so if you were not able to sign the sign up sheet at the February meeting, please contact me at 360-687-5475, or by email at [ljbieker@comcast.net](mailto:ljbieker@comcast.net). I do need an accurate count of those participating.

## 2017 CSF ANNUAL DUES--DUE DATE IS MARCH 31

Dues for 2017 are now being collected. The amount for the year is \$45. Checks can be made payable to CSF. 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.

## CSF LIBRARY NEWS

By Dan Green

In addition to its 300-volume book library, the club owns a sizable collection of fishing- related magazines. We have not yet undertaken the project of inventorying the magazine collection. These include:

- *Fly Tyer*
- *Salmon, Trout and Steelheader*
- *Fly Fisherman*
- *Rod and Reel*
- *American Angler*
- *Fly Fishing the West*

Before launching on any effort to catalog, I would like to get some feedback from club members as to what uses they may have for these magazines. Please send me, **Dan Green**, an email at [dgreen066@gmail.com](mailto:dgreen066@gmail.com) and copy **Marty Fogel** at [ohcaptmarty@gmail.com](mailto:ohcaptmarty@gmail.com) and let us know your thoughts.

And don't forget to cruise through our book inventory and pick a book or two. Go to the CSF website, then to the "education" tab, then "reference library". Select a book or books and then send me and Marty an email; we will bring the books to the next meeting or make arrangements for you to pick them up.

Thanks, and here's to some great fishing and reading.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

By Mark Heirigs, Conservation Chair

Again, this month's conservation topic is related to our conservation-minded Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commissioners. The attached link is a concerning report of possible negative changes to our current WDFW Commission body. I would like to suggest we request Governor Inslee to re-appoint those conservation-minded commission members whose term has just ended.

Also, I would like to recommend all members of ClarkSkamania Flyfishers to sign and send the letter of support at the end of the linked "Commissioners Tangled in Gillnet Controversy" report.

<https://tidalexchange.com/2017/01/27/gillnet-empire-strikes-back-commissioners-getting-picked-off/>

Conservation is everyone's responsibility!

## 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: 509-754-7111

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.

## FEBRUARY FISHING REPORTS

By Don Kohler

With high rivers and snow covering river banks, CSF members didn't venture out to test the water very much in the last month. The only reports came from the trio of new President **John Bohrnson**, **Chris Strawn** and **Dean Potter**. John and Chris enlisted the expertise of guide **Jason Osborn** and floated the Wynoochie River located west of Olympia, WA. Both fishermen were rewarded with nice fish weighing in the mid to upper teens with John telling us his fish was a little bit bigger. Sound familiar?

The next day Dean joined the two and they did a trip on the same river. Things weren't as pleasurable for Dean. The rain was quite heavy and Dean found out (the hard way) that he needed a new rain jacket. Mix the cold temps and wet conditions and John said Dean was shaking so bad he couldn't light John's cigar. Despite the conditions, Dean did catch a steelhead; he informed the "BOYS" he did it without the help of a guide.

## CANNON BEACH OUTING REPORT IN PICTURES



Left: Over 40 people attended and met for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and a great potluck Mexican dinner on Saturday night.



### ACTIVITIES:

Top Left: Poker winners were first place **Doug Anderson**, second **Dean Potter**, and third **Sue Cox**

Top Right: **Jan Holstein** gave tiers a set of 10 elements that they needed to make a fly. The attendees then voted on the best fly and **Dean Potter** was the winner.

Bottom Left: **Jan Holstein** and **Doris Anderson** again hosted an afternoon “tea” party which was enjoyed by all who attended. (continued on page 14)

## CANNON BEACH OUTING REPORT (continued from page 13)



Above and Right:  
Fourteen women met for  
lunch at the Driftwood  
Restaurant after a morning  
of shopping and browsing  
in Cannon Beach.

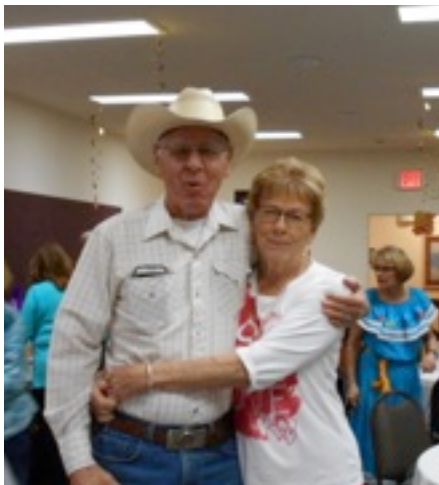
Thanks to **Jan Holstein**  
for making the  
arrangements.



Left: One of the highlights of the weekend was the fabulous Mexican dinner on Saturday night. **Diane Schmitt** did a fantastic job of organizing the weekend and planning the meal. The decorations were great and the food was plentiful and delicious.

**Jim and Bennie Swatosh** were in the fiesta spirit and had a great time.

Special thanks go to **Carol Kohler** who helped Diane with the planning and implementation. Also we really appreciate the help of **Kay** from the Hallmark who worked with us on the planning and reservations. Others, too numerous to mention, also helped out during the successful weekend. Thanks!



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **BACKCAST FROM THE PAST**

### **By Warren Bieker**

This month I'd like to issue an invitation and a challenge to all interested fly tiers and fly fishermen – particularly those that are on the less experienced side. Hopefully, some of the more experienced will profit from this as well.

Since all of CSF's BROKEN BARB newsletters are available in the archives that we can access by computer, I've been doing all sorts of research. Recently I became interested in the history of a feature usually referred to as "Fly of the Month" or "Fly Pattern of the Month" that has appeared in the BARB off and on since the first one in the September issue of 1979. There is a treasury of fly fishing information to be found in and around those features.

In the early days, different members sent in recommendations for inclusion in the newsletter of flies that they had developed themselves or that they valued. There would usually be a hand drawn sketch of the fly, a materials list, and a recipe for tying it. This is pretty standard stuff for a fly tier, but in many cases there would also be a sort of tutorial on how to fish the fly as well as where and when to fish the fly. These submissions were written by members of CSF, some of whom are still active, some who've moved on, and some who are now fishing in heavenly streams. The point is that these accounts are from people who were very knowledgeable about their subject. We can learn a lot from these accounts in terms of methods, destinations, and seasons. Usually the flies featured were appropriate to the season with steelhead flies in winter and trout flies in spring through autumn.

The feature proved to be a bit elusive at times because it seems to have come and gone as submissions were or weren't sent in, and with different editors who may or not have had the interest or the space to put them in. I did what is often called "post-holing," and I dug into the archived issues at intervals. From 1979 through 1982 there was a fly featured in nearly every issue. I didn't have time to go through each issue after that, and I began to search at intervals to see what I could find. The years from 1983 through 2011 are largely unexplored by me.

In April of 2012 **Denny Way** with **Sue Cox** as editor of the BARB kicked off a more modern approach to having a fly of the month feature – COLORED PHOTOGRAPHY. Denny began with the Hale Bopp Leech, and he was followed with Rusty's Black Krystal Willy by **Russ Flaskerud**, Scott's Damsel by **Steve Wright** (with a link to a Youtube video), and the FK Nymph by **Forrest Koponen**. Since mid-2012 there has been a fly or two presented by the expert tiers from our club in nearly every issue.

We have a featured tier at the monthly meeting, we have the Fly Tiers' Night monthly, but please don't overlook the archived issues of the BARB for which we can thank **Roger Cox**.

## 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.

## JOIN CSF ANGLERS ON GOOGLE GROUPS

One of the club's lesser known benefits is our site on Google Groups, which is called CSF Anglers. CSF Anglers can only be accessed by CSF members, and as a member in good standing, you are invited to use the group for discussions about outings, places to fish, equipment ... anything related to fishing. In fact, use it to address any subject that interests you. Often, information about outings and other upcoming events are posted there.

At present, there are more than 90 members enrolled on the group and joining is quite easy. Simply send an email to **Mark Masciarotte**, the CSF Webmaster, and request an invitation. An invitation will then be sent to you via the Google Group server. When you receive it, follow the instructions, and as soon as Mark receives the confirmation that you've requested to join, he will approve your membership to the group. So as not to have to wait too long, send Mark an email and ask him to check the group site to confirm your request. His email address is [mtm@dsgassociates.com](mailto:mtm@dsgassociates.com). So, join your fellow club members and have some fun online. Join CSF Anglers.

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## A FACEBOOK HOW TO

By Steve Jones

Clark Skamania Flyfishers has two Facebook pages. The first, Clark-Skamania Flyfishers is a controlled access page where the club posts reports of outings and other activities. There are about 124 regular users of this page. The other page, CSF Flyfishers is a page where members can post news of their own fishing adventures and invite others to join trips and so on. There are 45 members of this page.

To access either page you first need a Facebook account. If you aren't already a member, simply type [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) into your Web browser. That will take you to the Facebook home page. At the right of the page is a form to set up an account. Besides name and email address, you must also enter a date of birth and whether you are a man or woman. Many members have told me that concerns about online privacy prevent them from using Facebook. Some consider disclosing their date of birth and gender is a violation of privacy. If that's the case for you, then Facebook won't be accessible.

After completing the form, hit the button to "sign up" and it will take you to your own personal Facebook page where you can enter more personal information if you choose to do so. I don't. I don't tell people where I live, went to school or anything else. For me, Facebook is a page to connect with fishing friends and nothing more. To reach the CSF page simply go to the search bar in blue at the top of the Facebook page and type in "Clark-Skamania Flyfishers," or "CSF Flyfishers." To become a member of the CSF Flyfishers page, simply open the page and go to the "add new members" bar in the middle of the page. Enter your email address and if you are on the CSF mailing list you will be added as a member of the page.



**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  
Vancouver, WA 98666

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) \_\_\_\_\_