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New Year message from your new SSFF President: Gary Kellogg

Happy Holidays fellow fly fishers. I am honored to be your SSFF President and am looking forward to the New Year. We have a great board of directors in place. Chuck Pfeil is your 1st VP and membership chairman. Denny Lewis is your 2nd VP and programs chairman. These two guys will be my right and left arms this year and bring lots of experience and excitement to the board.

Randy Woodson is our Treasurer again this year. It is very reassuring we have continuity here and his expertise is appreciated by all. Dave Bryant, a new member, has stepped up to be our Secretary – thank you big time!

Other members of the board include one of our youngest members, Loren McAllister, who is our outing chairman. I hope all of our members make it a goal to attend at least one outing this year. We have a new conservation chairman, Ron Smorynski who will also be our newsletter editor for the coming year. Ron is taking on a really big task and we all need to give him our congratulations. You might also look into joining the conservation committee. This is the back bone of our club – conservation.

Speaking of back bone and conservation, we have a banquet/auction chairman – Jim McAllister. This is a big thing for our club. The banquet/auction is a great socializer and only source of revenue for our conservation projects. We already have a banquet/auction committee in place, but we can use several more members. So please say “yes” if you are asked to help this year on our banquet/auction committee.

One of our senior members, Dwight Caron, is our first at-large position and will be the education chairman. Dwight brings us insight to how things were done in the past. But, more important has some great ideas for the coming year. I am really looking forward to reactivating this committee and Dwight is the man. Our second at-large position is filled by Mike Clancy. Mike is also a member of

**The Next Meeting is
Tuesday January 15, 2008
6:15 PM – 9:00 PM
Location
American Legion Hall (Salmon Club)
3201 Boston Harbor Road NE**

**Speaker Mike Croft
Fishing Lakes**

the Tacoma fly club and very active in FFF. Mike brings us the energy of a busy person. You can not say enough about someone who is very active in other organizations who also want to give that same energy to our club – thank you Mike.

I cannot say enough about our out-going President, Randy Allen. Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough. Our club has grown steadily over the years under his leadership both as membership chairman and President. Randy has served us well over the two years he has been President and leaves me with big foot prints to follow. Randy will be our community outreach chairman and very active in following up with all the great things he started under his administration.

I, also want to thank my neighbor and good friend Joe Uhlman. Joe has been my mentor during my stints on the board. He has been especially helpful on programs and I will continue to lean on him for support. Joe has been a board member for as long as I can remember. Joe has a wealth of information and it seems an endless amount of energy to help the club whenever asked. Joe, as our outgoing Past President, thank you. Fortunately you are still my close neighbor; friend and I will be calling on you often!

Tight Lines, **Gary**

This months program.

This January's program will feature Mike Croft author of a "Fish Bum's Guide to Catching Larger Trout". The book was published in 1998 and has just been reprinted for a 2008 release under the title of "Lake Fly Fishing Manifesto". Mike will speak on still water tactics which is the theme of the book. Mike has also had articles published in many NW Fly Fishing magazines. Mike is also an artist and cartoonist and will keep us on the edge of our seats throughout his program. Mike lives in Taconia with his wife Reba and their black lab, Nikki.

Board Note!

The board of directors is considering changing the meeting place. We are looking at moving it to the North Olympia Fire Station. It is located 2.2 miles north of the American Legion Hall at 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE. Its also been called the Boston Harbor Fire Station. We will have a vote on this at our meeting by the membership.

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General Meetings

When The third Tuesday of every Month except December.
Where American Legion Hall (Salmon Club)
3201 Boston Harbor Road NE
Time 6:15 PM Doors open,
6:30 P.M. Social Time
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month Apollo's Pizza & Pasta (Phone 754-7444)
2010 Harrison Avenue NW
Olympia, WA, 6:00PM.

Our next board meeting is **Tuesday February 5**. Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to see more articles about local events, outings, trips, and fishing tips involving our South Sound fisheries, then please submit your articles for posting in the newsletter. If you have a story or a fly share it with the club. Planning a fishing trip and want some club members to come along, write an article for the newsletter. Send articles to Ron Smorynski at ronaldvs@mac.com.

Upcoming Programs

by Denny Lewis

- Jan. Mike Croft; Lake Flyfishing Manifesto
- Feb Chester Allen; Deschutes River Oregon
- Mar TBD
- Apr Hurd, Spiller, Woods; Flies in Your Box
- May Banquet/Auction
- Jun Michele Tuengle; Madigan Fly Tying/
Healing Waters
- Jul TBD
- Aug Annual Picnic
- Sep Joe Uhlman; Stomach contents
- Oct Steve Buckner; FF the Cowlitz
- Nov TBD
- Dec No meeting

Outings

by Loren Mc Allister

Feb 23 Steelhead clinic on the Wynoochee River
Myron Saikewicz will be the ghillie. More information will be
provided in the February newsletter.

Yakima River Fall/Winter Hatches

Midges-November thru May
Blue Wing Olives-Oct & Nov then February +
Little Brown Stone, Winter Stone-January & Feb
Spring Stone, Skwala- February thru April
March Brown- March thru May
October Caddis-October & November
Summer Fall Cahill -October & Nov
Mahogany Dun-October & November ■

Conservation

The conservation committee is planning a fund
raiser for May 2008. I also would like to know if
any members would be interested in one or two
small hands on work projects. Our last fundraiser
was for the Nisqually Pines Trail Culvert
replacement. This project is scheduled to be
completed by the first week in September. A
planting is also planned for mid October, this
would be a chance to see what was done with our
help.

Ron Smorynski

Conservation Letter

The following is a letter edited by Kevin Ryan, VP
Conservation, WSCFFF. The letter was sent to
Ellen Berggren, Study Manager for The Bureau of

Reclamation in regards to the construction of the
dam at Crab Creek. The letter was sent December,
2007. Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

Dear Ms. Berggren:

I am the Conservation Vice President for the
Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly
Fishers. The Council represents 17 affiliated clubs
throughout this state and over 750 members. The
Federation represents thousands of similar minded
outdoors people throughout the country. To the
point, the Council, at its last meeting, voted
unanimously to oppose, with every means at our
disposal, the proposed inundation of Crab Creek.
The Crab Creek valley at the Columbia is a superb
and unique environment containing several of the
best fishing lakes in the state and some of the best
habitat for birds and wildlife in the Northwest.
The Bureau and the Corps have flooded enough
land in the last century. That must be the end of
this prodigal behavior.

In the future, sensible water policies must be
adopted that emphasize water conservation and
pricing that reflects the value of water. There isn't
any "new water". What we have is it, as you well
know.

We understand that the cost of moving water to
the Odessa Subarea may be up to \$33,000 per acre.
This is an unacceptable expense to the tax and
rate payers. and an unacceptable taking and loss
to the thousands who are repeatedly enriched by
the wonders of the Lower Crab Creek area, but
whose enrichment diminishes the treasure not a
penny for those who come later.

Kevin Ryan

Conservation VP WSCFFF

WSCFFF News Release

2008 Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave

The Washington State Council FFF is sponsoring
their annual fly fishing conclave on **May 3, 2008** at
the Kittitas County Event Center (fairgrounds) in
Ellensburg, Wa. The exhibition hours are 8:30 am
to 6 pm, at which time the banquet and live
auction will begin. It will be an opportunity for all
those interested in fly tying to share with the
experts, exchange ideas, advance their knowledge,
and have some fun. The Council and volunteers
from Washington's many fly clubs and fly shops
are providing the staffing for the fly tying, casting

demonstrations, seminars, casting lessons and competitions. A silent auction will be conducted throughout the day with a variety of items.

The Conclave will continue with the fly tying demonstrations and exhibits that were very popular last year. Over 100 fly tyers will be demonstrating their special skills and flies. Classes will be available for those interested in starting or advancing their tying.

For 2008, the program has been expanded to include private and semi-private casting lessons from certified instructors with casting clinics for individual help. Some of the best casters in our state will attend and many pointers can be picked up just by their demonstration. There will be team distance and accuracy casting competitions, including the challenging Danish casting games.

Classes will be available for those new to the sport, to learn the basic skills of fly fishing. The introductory fly fishing classes will touch on equipment selection, fly selection, the correct way to rig a fly rod, basic casting, on the water fishing and wading skills. One class will be taught by women for women only. Fourteen fly fishing seminars will be conducted by various experts.

The evening will conclude with a western BBQ buffet banquet. A live auction presenting lots of fishing gear, an "Authors of the Northwest" fly plate and a WSCFFF "Affiliated Club" fly plate with flies tied by a member of each club, plus a fly rod built especially for the event by Fetha-Styx. The evening program will feature, Bob Jacklin, founder of Jacklin's Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, Montana. Bob is a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, he will share his insight and humor with attendees.

Additional information and registration forms for the event can be found at our website www.washingtoncouncilfff.org.

"Authors of the Northwest"

WSCFFF May 3, 2008 Flyplate
by Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

There are wonderful and talented authors living in our great Pacific Northwest. Many have produced videos, written books and articles that display flies and techniques on how to "Catch and Release" our native fish. It was a difficult task to select the candidates for our fly plate with so much talent in our area. We originally selected 15 authors, to

learn that not all authors tie flies. Some are better writers than tiers, that's okay. But, I think everyone will be pleased with our selection of the tiers that contributed their flies to our fly plate. i.e. – Bruce Ferguson, Les Johnson, Frank Amato, Darrell Martin, Doug Rose, Steve Probasco, Skip Morris, Dave Hughes, Mike Croft, Randell Kaufman, David Williams, Steve Raymond, Trey Combs, Fenton Roskelly and Mark Mandell. All of these folks have written articles or books to teach use how to learn the techniques of fly fishing. They tied flies for us that are featured in their books, articles and videos. The "Authors of the Northwest" flyplate is going to be one of a kind. It has been a real pleasure to have been involved in the collection of the flies from these talented folks, and I think they are proud to have been included in such a work of art. This fly plate is going to be crafted by Steve Jensen of Springfield, Missouri, a wonderful friend of the FFF, and a talented artist in creating fly plates for councils all over the USA. We will display the flyplate at the Bellevue Show in February and at other affiliated club events. The flyplate is part of our fund raising program so we may continue to support our affiliated clubs in their conservation and education programs. The fly plate will be auctioned at our Conclave in Ellensburg, May 3, 2008.

YOUTH FLY FISHING SUMMER ACADEMY

June 22-28, 2008

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers jointly announce that applications are being accepted from youth, ages 12 to 16, to attend the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy will be held from June 22 – 28, 2008 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youths about the importance of natural resource conservation and stewardship, and to learn the basics of the sport of fly fishing. The weeklong summer event is modeled after the award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers are the hosting organizations.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and

includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants also learn the basic fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, knot tying, reading water, water safety, streamside etiquette, and the “catch and release” ethic.

Twenty-four youths who show an interest in the outdoors and fly fishing will be selected to attend. The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon the candidate’s written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and the expectations she/he hopes to learn from the camp. Total cost, including meals and lodging, for the event is \$275. Scholarships may be offered through local Trout Unlimited chapters and FFF fly fishing clubs. Fly fishing rods, reels, and fly tying equipment will be available. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2008.

For application or additional information visit website www.nwycffa.org or contact Dick Nye at (360) 491-9227 or e-mail, 2008academy@comcast.net.

Federation of Fly Fishers Conservation Update December 2007

Announcements:

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Holiday Season and New Year! Thank you for all of your conservation efforts in 2007!!

Grant ideas for clubs and councils –The FishAmerica Foundation provides funding for hands on-projects at the local level. These projects enhance fish populations, restore fish habitat, improve water quality, and advance fisheries research in North America and Canada—thereby increasing the opportunity for sportfishing success. Learn about their specific grants on their website: <http://www.fishamerica.org/grants/>

The FFF wants to know what activities are happening in your Club or Council. You are encouraged to relay conservation related projects and images to the Conservation Coordinator.

Positions & Letters:

An important part of conservation work within the FFF is providing a voice for fisheries and anglers across the nation. By communicating with legislators, agency leaders and other conservation organizations, we create a working relationship

that helps protect fisheries. Below are letters we sent to define our position and protect the fisheries and habitats.

Joined with conservation organizations in a holiday advertisement placed in major national newspapers; the following is an excerpt of the message – Give your child a gift that will last a lifetime: Pass on your love of the outdoors. When you take a child fishing, hunting or camping, you open up a world of wonder. Get out there together.

Staff Activities and Program Updates:

- Gila Trout Restoration in Arizona – This fall the FFF received an important grant for the next steps to restoring federally listed Gila Trout to the West Fork of Oak Creek of Arizona. This project has been over 6 years in development with important collaborations from the Arizona Game and Fish, US Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Northern Arizona Fly Casters. The current work on the project involves hurdles of an Environmental Assessment of the proposed work that will ultimately result in re-stocking genetically pure Gila trout into the creek. Critical planning meetings were held in



December. This image shows the unique habitat of West Fork of Oak Creek this December.

- Native Fish Refuges event is in the preparation stages with a plan for a small working group of fisheries professionals from state, federal and non-profit expertise come together in early spring to develop refuge criteria and pertinent legislation.
- Whitlock Vibert box order: over 125 boxes were sold in the month of December.
- Participated in numerous conference calls as part of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation

Partnership Fish, Wildlife and Energy working group for Energy Issues and the Endangered Species Coalition regarding legislative issues and threatened and endangered species.

- Collaborated with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to develop messaging for their 2008 Fishing regulations to educate anglers on aquatic invasive species and cleaning their gear and boats.
- Collaborated with Dan Bailey's Fly Shop to develop content for their catalog to educate anglers on aquatic invasive species and cleaning gear.

•Equilibrium – The Last Frontier Film
The FFF believes that the fisheries of Bristol Bay, Alaska must be protected from the proposed Pebble gold mine. We have joined with Castaway Films to help spread the message that the fisheries of Bristol Bay need our help. Trout, salmon and Alaska wildlife are threatened by the largest proposed copper and gold mine in the world. Your voice can help protect this magnificent area. Bristol Bay is home to the largest salmon run on planet earth and the fishing is legendary. Castaway Films and the FFF invite you on a cinematic journey, two years in the making.

•Join Gary Borger, Gary Loomis and others on an unforgettable expedition through Alaska in search of monster rainbows and some of the world's most



prized game fish. Get up close and personal with the grizzlies, view extraordinary underwater footage, and experience some of the most explosive freshwater takes ever recorded in high definition. Come see what makes Bristol Bay the most prolific fishery

on earth and why this timeless ecosystem is in danger of being lost forever.

Learn more about the film and how you can help. Go to the FFF website and to www.castaway.com

to see a film trailer and purchase the film. The film is an Official Selection in the 2008 Fly Fishing Film Tour by AEG Media.

Visit the FFF website conservation pages to learn more about programs, and current issues.

More information on any subject can be obtained by contacting
Leah Elwell Conservation Coordinator
406-222-9369 ext 102 or conserve@fedflyfishers.org
Please inform Leah of any errors in this report.

Fly Fishing Events for 2008

- January 23–27 Washington Sportsman Show at fairgrounds Puyallup WA
- February 1–3 The Fly Fishing Show at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue WA
www.flyfishingshowwest.com
- February 6–10 Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show at Portland Expo Center, Portland OR
- February 21–24 Evergreen Sportsman's Show at Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe WA
- March 22 Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Expo at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend WA
www.cataraft.com/FFExpo08
- April 5 Puget Sound Fly Fishers Auction at Tacoma Elks, Tacoma WA
www.psff.org
- April 17 Northwest Fly Anglers Garage Sale At Haller Lake Community Center, Seattle WA
www.northwestflyanglers.org
- May 3 Washington State Council FFF Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave at Kittitas Valley Events Center, Ellensburg WA
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org
- July 22–26 FFF 43rd International Show and Conclave, Whitefish MT
www.fedflyfishers.org