

Creel Notes from the



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January, 2006

Presidents Riffle

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2005 Holiday Party a success! May you all have a Happy and Prosperous 2006!

The January meeting is our Awards Night. Therefore, the prescribed attire is "coat and tie".

The WFFC Board of Trustees held its first meeting of 2006 on January Third. Responsibilities, files, and advice were transferred to the new officers and trustees and the Board is off and running. A number of the members are incumbents and their continued service is appreciated.

The WFFC Board of Trustees meets the first Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the College Club (except no meeting in July). You are certainly welcome to attend. The Board is here to serve you and we look forward to your suggestions.

My suggestions for 2006 include:

- More and Varied Outings
- Expand our Website
- Finalize the Home Waters Project
- More photographs in the Creel Notes
- Support Conservation to the Hilt.
- Contact legislators and attend meetings when called upon to help preserve and protect our resources.

Dues are due. Please pay them promptly and indicate any changes to your Roster listing so we can get the Roster out accurately and on time.

The Beginning Fly-Tying class started on January 5th with 19 students.

Don Simonson has the 2006 Beginning Fly-Casting, and Advanced Fly-Casting classes scheduled. (See the WFFC website at www.wffc.com) You should have the Basic Casting Stroke mastered before applying for the Advanced Casting class.

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Bob Birkner

Legislative News *By Jim McRoberts*

On Saturday **Ray Willms** and **Jim McRoberts** attended the Environmental Legislative Workshop. About 150 people attended. There were five State Representatives present:

Hans Dunshee, D 44th Chair of House Capitol Budget Comm.

Ruth Kagi, D 32nd Natural Resources

Fred Jarrett, R 41st Capitol Budget

Skip Priest, R 30th Judiciary

Dave Uptergrove, D 33rd Natural Resources

The five big issues are on the following link: <http://www.environmentalpriorities.org>

Ray went to the session on Puget Sound Recovery, the big topic was revitalizing prior bills (HB 1458/SB5431) on improving septic systems around Puget Sound, especially Hood Canal. The leadership believes that key votes needed to pass this in the Senate this year include 4 potential Republicans, plus two Democrats who didn't support it last time. The Republican Senators are Bill Finkbeiner (45th Legislative District - Kirkland, Redmond, etc), Luke Esser (48th - Bellevue to Kirkland), Dan Swecker (20th - Lacey south), and Bob Oke (26th - Port Orchard south to Gig Harbor, etc).

The Democrats were Mary Margaret Haugen (10th - includes Whidbey and Camano Islands) and Tim Sheldon (35th - Kitsap, Mason, Thurston, and Grays Harbor counties).

The workshop leaders were basically looking for people or contacts in those districts that might encourage these Senators to support the bill.

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS HIGHLIGHT JANUARY PROGRAM

By Bill Neal, Awards Chairman

January is Awards Month at WFFC, when we take time to recognize Club members or others who have distinguished themselves through service to the Club and the community. Here is a brief description of our primary Awards:

Empty Creel Award, presented to a member for exceptional dedication and contribution to the welfare of the Club.

Tommy Brayshaw Award: presented to a member for distinctive and meritorious contribution to the general community through furtherance of the aims and purposes of the Club.

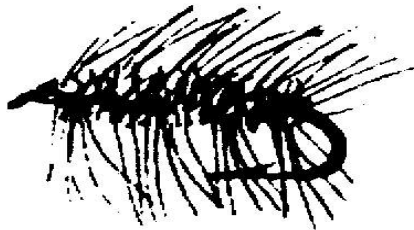
Andy Award, presented to a member who has “suffered most cruelly from the vagaries of Murphy’s Law”.

Letcher Lambuth Angling Craftsmanship Award: presented to a flyfisher within Washington, Oregon, or British Columbia for original, significant, and lasting contributions to the art of fly fishing.

Half-Assed Award: presented to a member for, well, you know.

Also, this year, for the first time in many years, we will be presenting Gold Button certificates, recognizing members’ angling proficiency (and perhaps a bit of luck). There will likely be other presentations to recognize additional “contributions” by Club members—some laudatory, other less so.

It will be a memorable evening. Please join us and remember to wear a coat and tie for this meeting.



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They are assuming that the house will pass it again, and other senators who favored it last time will continue to do so.

Environmental Lobby Day is in Olympia on January 26th. Contact **Jim McRoberts** at jim4fish@comcast.net if you are thinking about attending.

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Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others — particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.



Financial News from our 1st Veep, Ed Sozinho

As of the January meeting you may use a credit card at the meetings. For now only dinners and WFFC apparel will be eligible for purchasing with credit cards, the machine will be located at the Ghillie's desk.

Change of Address, Phone Number, email, or spouse?

Please let our roster chairman, **John Schuitemaker** know at (206) 322-0655 or johnschuitemaker@covad.net

Not So Gentle Reminder from Curt Jacobs!

I was thinking that it wouldn't hurt to remind everyone that our January meeting is a Jacket & Tie affair!! We are giving out awards!

Fly Tier's Round Table *By Dick Brening*

There will be a January Round Table on the 4th Wednesday of the month January 25th. You can come to tie anything you like, share a new pattern or just observe and chat.

As in the past, the Covenant Church serves a simple but delicious meal (for a small charge) beginning at 5:30 PM to which we are invited. So make it a night out and give the wife a break.

Place: Mercer Island Covenant Church, 3200 78th S.E. (S.E. corner of 78th S.E. and SE 32nd).

Just south of the Mercer Island business district. Off street parking is available off 78th S.E.

Important Notice:

At the WFFC dinner meeting on January 17th I will be handing out a short survey to solicit ideas on how we can make the Fly Tier's Round Table a more useful club function and hopefully encourage more participation. If you won't be attending the January dinner meeting and would like a copy of the survey please give me a call or e-mail me and I'll send you one. We want your input.

If you have any questions on directions contact Pete Baird or me at the club meeting or give me a call.

The 2006 Fly Fishing Show at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

February Fly Fishing Show Feb. 10,11, and 12. The WFFC will be one of five local clubs occupying a lobby table during the show to promote our club and telling what we do. If you are interested in helping please contact **Jim McRoberts**, 425-643-2743 or e-mail jim4fish@comcast.net

Don Simonson
Education Chair

Western Rivers Workshop *By Rick Hefe*

Rick Hefe and John Smeraglio will again be offering a special workshop on the Deschutes River, March 18 & 19, 2006.

Title: Fly Fishing the Deschutes

and other Western Rivers
Where: Maupin, Oregon
Dates & Time: Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 5pm to 9pm;
Sunday, March 19, 2006 from 9am to 4pm

Class includes dinner Saturday night followed by slide show and discussion on the keys to fishing western rivers. Sunday begins with a detailed presentation about western hatches and trout foods (how to recognize them, and how to select the flies that match them). After lunch you will spend the afternoon on the Deschutes River and learn first hand how to select the right flies and how to present them. Rick and John are two of the most respected and experienced fly-fishing instructors in the West, and this is a great chance to pick their brains!

Cost: \$130/person (includes dinner Saturday and lunch Sunday)
Registration: Contact Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop (toll free: 1-866-647-4721) or at john@flyfishingdeschutes.com
Class size limited. Pre-registration required by February 25th, 2006.

Future Creel Notes Deadlines

Feb.	13th
March	13th
April	10th
May	8th
June	12th
July	10th
August	7th
Sept.	11th
Oct.	9th
Nov.	13th
Dec.	11th



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Meeting Announcement
January 17th



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at The College Club, 505 Madison St.

The Wet Fly hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner is served at 6:45 PM

THIS MONTH IS SPECIAL. WE WILL BE HONORING PEOPLE IN OUR SPORT WITH SOME PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS.

BE THERE FOR THIS OUTSTANDING OCCASION!