

# Creel Notes from the



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## Happy New Year!

I first want to thank our Past President, **Bob Birkner**, for his diligence and care in leading the club over the past two years. I also want to thank our outgoing board members. As a result of their guardianship, the club is in a healthy state and off to a great start. We had another successful Christmas Party thanks to the efforts of our past Co-1st VP (and current Trustee), **Ed Sozinho**, and the army of volunteers. Thank you to all who contributed time, effort and materials for the event.

Your Board met on January 2nd and all participants are eager to get involved. Continuity is assured with several returning members. We also have a great cast of committee chairs that have stepped up for another year - I appreciate them all for their contributions past, present, and future.

Agenda items on our list for the year include increasing active membership, nailing down a new meeting location, and assessing, organizing, and determining the disposition of our varied inventory of heritage items.

The January dinner meeting is Awards Night. It is a favorite of mine because we honor those among us and celebrate their achievements. Once again, **Bill Neal**, our Awards Committee Chairman, will be in charge of the program with others at his direction. Remember to don your coat

and tie in honor of the recipients, else the Ghillie will drain your wallet.

A final reminder that January also means that your club dues payment is needed. They are due in January, and the club will assess a penalty if received after March 1st, with the added risk of being left out of the roster if payment is received late. You will find a form in the January Creel Notes as well as at our website: [www.wffc.org](http://www.wffc.org).

I look forward to seeing you at the January 16th meeting and wish you all a terrific 2007.

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## AWARD PRESENTATIONS HIGHLIGHT JANUARY PROGRAM

By Bill Neal, Awards Chairman

January is Awards Month. Please join us in this opportunity to recognize Club members or others who have distinguished themselves through service to the Club and the community. Here is a brief description of the 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.

We will also be presenting Gold Button certificates, recognizing members' angling proficiency. There will likely be other presentations to recognize additional "contributions" by Club members.

**Please remember to wear a coat and tie for this meeting.**

### **BOYD AIGNER COMPETITION FOR 2007**

By Bill Neal, Awards Chairman

The 2007 Boyd Aigner Fly Tying Competition is underway. The Competition will again be on the basis of a "best" fly selected by each participant, but this year we are including attractor patterns as well as naturals. The goal is to permit each competitor to demonstrate not only his tying skill, but also his creativity, by submitting flies that in his opinion best represent the specified patterns. Members of the Club will be the judges so everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the process.

The patterns for 2007 are the following: (1) royal coachman, size 16, (2) caddis (dry), size 12, and (3) Skykomish Sunrise, size 8. Each participant may submit only one set of flies.

Flies are due by the March Members Meeting so that they can be displayed and judged at the April Meeting, with the Award presented at the May Meeting. Competition Guidelines and display boxes will be provided. Please note that all flies submitted for the Competition must be mounted in the display boxes.

**Dick Scales** and I are the Coordinators for the Competition. Please contact us for Guidelines, display boxes, or questions.

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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.

## WFFC Fly Tier's Round Table *By Dick Brenning*

The next round table will be on the 2nd Wednesday, February 14th, 7 to 9 PM.

First of all a big thanks goes to the tier's at the December round table for tying up 6 dozen flies for the Reel Recovery Program.

At the February round table we are going to try to tie SMALL flies. Hopefully #18 or smaller. That should be a real challenge for most of us. You pick the pattern and the size. Or, if there is a pattern you wish you could tie smaller bring it along and challenge the tier's. Anyway it should be fun.

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.

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

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## BIG TWIN LAKE AERATOR *By Don Simonson*

The Methow Valley Fly Fishing Club is asking for financial help installing an aerator in Big Twin Lake in Winthrop. The reason for the aerator is to reduce winter kill in the lake. Several of our members fish this lake with nice success. In fact it has been suggested that our club schedule a fall outing there next year. There is a nice campground right on the lake.

The aerator will be owned and maintained by the WDFW. The MVFF club will install the aerator and pay the first two years electric costs. Currently the MVFF has the WDFW permit with the DNR draft available but pending formal receipt probably in December 2006.

The MVFF plans to use the grant money provided to purchase the equipment late the winter but needs an additional \$7500.00 in contributions for installation, excavation, and electrical.

I am asking the WFFC Board and the membership for a \$1000.00 contribution from the WFFC to the MVFF towards the installation of the aerator. The donation would be contingent on the MVFF receiving the final formal permit from the DNR.

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## Notice regarding Creel Notes Input

In the future, please forward all Creel Notes input directly to **Bob Young** at fishbum@seanet.com.

The dead line for submissions is the Monday of the week before the regularly scheduled meeting.

## At The Christmas Party



*Don Simonson enjoys a laugh.*



*A fine dinner was enjoyed by all.*



*Does Perry deserve another award?*



*The proper spacing!*

*Not time for  
wine yet.*



*His last meal in  
office.*



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### Meeting Announcement



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!**