



FLY PAPER

May 2022

LOOKING UPSTREAM

- May 12-15 Big Twin Lake Outing w/Bob Bartlette
- Members can view their Outings / Details webpage for more info.
- May 19 General Meeting - Last one 'til September
- May 21 WVFF On-Line Auction at: [32Auctions.com](https://www.32Auctions.com)
- May 21 – June 4 No charge to register and bid
 - Check out the Auction Gallery on our clubs homepage
- June 14 -16 Grimes and Jamison Lakes Outing w/Al Smith
- June 11 Beehive Basics Share flyfishing basics w/beginners with hands on fly fishing
- June 26-7/3 St. Joe River, Idaho w/Bruce Philips
- June 26-7/15 Georgetown Lake, Montana w/ JoAnn Lane
- Mid June Brown Drake hatch at Blue Lk w/Bruce Merighi
- August 13 FFI Fly Casting Fair
- August 14-16 Yakima River Outing w/Tom Whiteside

50 Tips Zoom Presentation by **Brian O'Keefe** May 19th 6:30pm

"After guiding in the 1970's and 1980's, then fishing with lots of friends and fly fishing industry types, I have observed anglers of all ages and abilities. My presentation distills decades of observations. My goal is to show ways to cast, fish and rig tackle so that our time on the water is efficient and productive. In other words' less swearing and more fishing." Brian O'Keefe

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Brian O'Keefe - Worldwide Photographer & Angler

Coming Soon: The 2022 WVFF Fundraiser Web Auction

We are ready for your donations!

By Steve Aguilu

Have some good spare fishing gear? Does someone in the family have craft or cooking skills? Do you have a timeshare to share or a free week at a family cabin? Or, best of all, do you have a batch of that secret fly that *always* catches fish in one of our favorite local lakes or streams?

The auction committee is ready and waiting for your donations. Remember our club is a better one for its outings, the support of fly-fishing education for young people and adults alike, and most importantly, helping to preserve and enhance the waters that we all love.

This year we are doing our auction 100% online, launching on May 21st and closing Saturday evening June 4th.

The auction will be closed in stages over a three-hour period from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Final bids will be taken on each batch of items (they will be clearly grouped by color code) which will contain one or two items of each category. For instance, one batch, closing at 6:15 might have a rod, a fly line, a box of locally tied flies, a reel, a quilt, an evening dinner, and a guided day on the Yakima. Another batch, closing at 6:30, might have a second rod, a tying vise, another line or reel, a gift card or basket, a weekend at a family cabin or timeshare and a float tube.

We felt that doing it this way would give someone looking, say for a fly rod or a getaway, they would have a shot at another similar item if they missed being the high bidder on a previous one.

Donor instructions are located on the WVFF website at, About Us/Auction Info/Auction Donor Instructions.

Bidder Instructions: Get signed up now, use the 32 Auctions (<https://www.32auctions.com>) practice bidding site and get the hang of getting your money down on the item you want. (A mint-condition 4 wt. Sage rod for \$ 250 is a terrible thing to miss!). Info on the website as well.

I will be sending out a reminder each week and will take your name off the list if you have donated. If you have any questions, please contact one of us through the website or email.

Thank you for your support of the WVFF!

Steve Aguilu President

Dan Hammond Vice-President

Bob Bartlett Past President

FREE

Older Round Caddis Float Tubes

Greg McEwen is donating one or both to anyone needing them.

These would be good tubes for kids wanting to start fly fishing.

They might need new bladders as they haven't been used for several years.

Contact Greg at: gmacwins@gmail.com or call 509-669-4622

Our Fish Conservation Grant Winners

by Bruce Merighi

The latest distribution of the WVFF 2022 Conservation grant funding is as follows:

\$1,000 to the Methow Watershed Westslope Cutthroat Trout Population Assessment

Submitted by Larry Hill, a 10 year VP with the Methow Valley Fly Fishers. He'll receive \$1,000 when the remainder of the needed funding is secured by the applicant from other sources. If funds are not distributed, they will remain in the Fish Conservation Fund budget.

The aim of the project is to collect information related to the population dynamics of the Westslope Cutthroat population in the Methow watershed. The first phase of this project will be to outline what is the status and trend of the population, what habitats do the cutthroat use and seasonal variations in habitat use and what is the degree of hybridization with *O. mykiss* (resident and steelhead).

This first phase of three will endeavor to answer the following questions. Is the resident trout population in the Methow River healthy and sustainable? Are there measures that could be taken to improve the fishery? Are there any population priorities within the fishery that should be prioritized or that are critical to the overall health of the population? Are there geographic areas that are contributing more than others that should be protected or managed differently?

\$1,528 will be donated to the Wenatchee Trout Unlimited for Temperature Data Logging equipment. This grant application was submitted by Kodi Jo Jasper. TU will use the 20 Temperature Data Loggers (TDLs) and a TDL Reader plus software to utilize for their beaver

dam analog and relocation projects. They will not TDL any areas that WFFF/WDFW has already set up. The beaver project, along with multiple partners, are gearing up to increase our beaver dam analog (BDAs) projects in Entiat and Wenatchee watersheds. In order to better understand the benefits of BDAs and beavers on stream temperatures.

\$690 for a Surveyors Grade GPS for Cascadia Conservation District to be used on various Chelan County Fish Habitat Enhancement Projects. This grant application was submitted by Mark Ingman. The product they need (unless Bruce Philips can procure one from Link Transit) is the Bad Elf GNSS Receiver, Data logger & Barometric Sensor. It delivers within 1 meter accuracy ~90% of the time by using both GPS and GLONASS satellites. It can be fully integrated with tablets and phones to allow for the use of ArcGIS software in the field (Bluetooth capable). Rugged construction and waterproof for wet conditions of field work and a staff member has prior experience using this product.

Cascadia Conservation District is working to restore Wenatchee Valley area streams with a focus area in Chumstick and Eagle Creeks. Their work aims to benefit endangered Steelhead and other salmonids through the installation of Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) and Post-Assisted Log Structures (PALS). Their field assessments for mapping hydrological features, native plants, and designing BDA/PALS structures in the field would significantly benefit from a handheld GPS survey grade device that can fix location to within 1 meter accuracy. This technology would benefit their ability to design and monitor BDAs and PALS and would allow them to input field data directly into GIS survey software for consequent remote analysis from the office, greatly increasing efficiency. This one handheld GPS device will also integrate seamlessly and efficiently with their mapping software.

\$1,500 to assist the Methow Valley Fly Club install an Aerator on Little Twin Lake. Pete Speer the President of the Methow Valley Fly Club told us about this project and we volunteered to assist them with the overall cost of \$7,687. The project is in the permitting stage at present, the optimistic timeline is for completion in the third quarter of this year or at least before the snow flies again.



In Memory of Four Legged Buddies - No Longer By Our Side

Johns Good Friends



17 Years with Nanny



Toby 12/2006 – 6/2021

And Garnet the 16 year old cat

Casting Clinic

On April 9th and 10th the club sponsored a series of various free casting classes for the membership and the general public. It's been three years since VP Dan Hammond and the Education Chair first talked about having such an event. Their first trial balloon never took flight, the second year the instructor got sick and this third try almost succumbed to the weather.



BUT it finally came to fruition, even though the temperature was a bit cooler than perfection and the wind could put a triple mend in your backcast. 47 people participated and everyone took the next step to improved casting. The vast majority of participants fell into the beginner

category and there was a sign-up sheet for people that were interested in a June 11th 'Basics at Beehive' club activity. More on that in the following article.

Anyway, Bruce will happily set up another casting clinic again next spring with the following changes in mind:

- Consult the 2023 Farmer's Almanac prior to setting a date in early May.
- Consider a two hour 'Intro to Fly Fishing' class in the late morning and a two hour class on 'Beginner Casting' after lunch.
- Continue to use Walla Walla Point Park. Even with the cool breeze we had about a dozen folks walk up and want to learn.
- Set up a 'Casting Course' so overly qualified casters could challenge each other for bragging rights or maybe a prize.



June 11th Basics at Beehive

Gary Anderson and Tom Whiteside have been conducting a Fly Fishing class at the college for a few decades plus, but due to Covid there hasn't been a class in the last two years. A standard portion of their curriculum was to take the students out to Beehive Reservoir on the last day of class and give the new fly fishers a chance to get their lines wet and hopefully play a fish.

It has been suggested that the club organize a similar activity for new and potentially new members. Fourteen people who attended the Casting Clinic expressed an interest in receiving more hands on fly fishing assistance.

- Meet in Wenatchee at the back parking lot of the Wenatchee High School (1100 Millerdale, Wenatchee) at 9:00am. Enter the lot off Miller St. about one block past (south) of the intersection of Miller and Millerdale St. to car pool and drive up to Beehive.

- What to bring: We'll be at 4,400 ft. so bring warm clothing, and a windbreaker. Bring some lunch/snacks. If you have fly fishing gear bring it, but we will have a very few rods for loan.
- Bring a fishing license and plan to stay for several hours. If the weather is poor then we'll play it by ear. There may be a Callibaetis mayfly hatch in the afternoon if we are lucky.
- Hopefully have enough casting competent **club members present to tutor the new folks** at the lake. If anyone is interested in helping contact Al Smith Outings Chair.
- Maybe catch a fish.

This type of activity will accomplish some important goals.

- Provide some answers to a new members myriad of questions about our sport.
- We create new fly world connections.



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 2-Anchoring Systems, Front Motor Mount, Air Pump, Oars, Stripping Apron,
 Carrying Bag, 2 Extra Carry Bags, Battery Box, Fish Finder Brackett

Bucks Bags Hi-N-Dry Float Tube \$250 with Force Fins size 10

Contact Dry Side Fly Club Member - Robert Hagerty

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Clubs Fund New Education/Conservation Sign for Lake Lenore

By Daniel Hammond



Last fall WDFW District 5 Fisheries Biologist Mike Schmuck mentioned to me that the Lake Lenore sign needed to be updated and replaced. Letters were falling off the old paper signage which was originally funded & developed by Washington Fly Fishing Club of Seattle in 1993. It was also badly faded and had been vandalized.

I contacted Mike in January to further discuss the possibility of replacing the signage and it's estimated cost. I suggested that the new signage be made of metal like that of the signage at Rocky Ford, believing that it would last longer than paper. He estimated the cost for the two metal signs to be about \$500. A proposal was then made to the Dryside Fly Fishers club in Moses Lake to split the cost of the project, to which they agreed. The two new signs were installed on the existing kiosk at the north end of the lake, on April 27th of this year.

The new metal signs are protected by Plexiglass. Like the originals, the signage displays information about Lake Lenore, it's Lahontan Trout, the history of releasing Lahontan Trout in the lake, managing the lake for quality trout, their natural feeding habits and a tribute to Enos Bradner, the charter president of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. Bruce Merighi added updated catch & release text and Darc Knobel tied and kindly donated six 'recommended flies' which were photographed and displayed on one of the signs. The WFFF and Dryside Fly Fishers logos are prominently displayed on both signs as an acknowledgement of the two clubs funding that updated this educational fishery kiosk.

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