



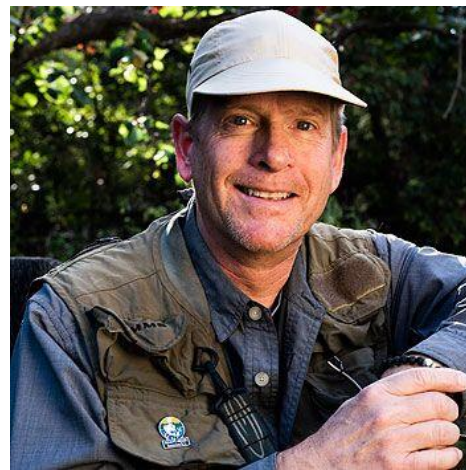
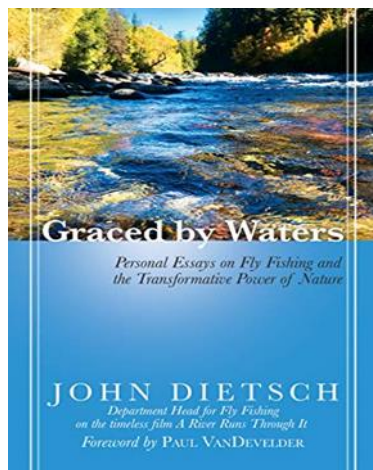
# FLY PAPER

NOVEMBER 2022

## LOOKING UPSTREAM

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| November | 17 | Hybrid Club Meeting at the Eagles Aerie at 1208 N. Wenatchee Ave<br>Login info. coming in emails |
|          |    | Fly Tying with Gary Anderson - More on age 2 5:45 pm   |
|          |    | Dry Fly Time 6:00 pm   |
|          |    | Dinner Buffet - Fishing Reports – Club Business 6:30 pm  |
|          |    | Presentation 7:30 – 9:00 pm  |
| December | 1  | Board Meeting  |
| December | 15 | Club Meeting - We're the Presenters – Share Your Fishing Adventures                              |
| January  | 5  | Board Meeting  |
| January  | 21 | WVFF Banquet - Watch your in-box for details   |

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom Presentation John Dietsch**  
Explores our connection to the outdoors through the prism of fly fishing



**Fly Fisher, Guide, Host, Producer and Fly Fishing Coordinator/Stuntman  
for the movie 'A River Runs Through It'**

John Dietsch is perhaps best known in fly fishing circles for supervising of all the fly fishing scenes in the film *A River Runs Through It*, where he also conceived and executed the famous final fishing scene doubling for actor Brad Pitt by swimming a rapid while playing a fish. Dietsch has also appeared in or consulted on fly fishing TV commercials. He has fished and worked in over thirty countries and half the states.

John sees his addiction to and passion for fishing as a parable that can help us shift from compulsive thinking to mindfulness and a closer connection to God. From creating fishing scenes, to directing fly fishing shows in New Zealand and from exploring deep canyons in California to guiding in Colorado, John shares his experiences and asks the question: what are we really fishing for? Through John's journeys across the globe, we discover that the same pursuit in fishing—of what is elusive but attainable—can be applied to our own spiritual journey. In the end, Dietsch uncovers his own truth under the rocks of a childhood river.

He's a part-time fly fishing guide in Aspen Colorado since 1984, is also known for writing, producing, hosting and directing nearly a dozen non-fiction TV series on outdoor sports and adventure travel as well as other film projects that have garnered over twenty awards. He also co-wrote *Shadowcasting* and recently completing a manuscript called *Graced by Waters*, a collection of personal essays about the transformative power of nature, rivers and other bodies of water, in the face of loss.

## Fly Tying with Gary Anderson



We are reviving a popular club component where one of our members demonstrates how to tie a particular fly for those that are interested in learning more about fly tying. Each meeting a corner will be set up with vices and materials where our tyer will share some tying techniques. On Thursday, Nov 17 Gary will be tying the classic - Gold Ribbed Hares Ear nymph.

If you are new to tying, this is a perfect night to learn more about the process. If you don't have the necessary equipment, no problem, there will be spare vices, materials and tools for you to use, but if you have the gear bring:

- Hares Mask or Gray Dubbing
- Peacock for the Tail and Wing Case
- Copper Wire
- Basic Dry Fly Hooks # 14

- Gray Thread

## President's Message November 2022

I have a question for you... What do you think about when you are fishing? One of the best things about fishing, particularly fly fishing is that, unlike it's overall-wearing cousin, soaking a worm, it requires constant attention. Attention to the water, fish and insect activity, the proper pace of casting and line management.

One would think that it is a terrible way to relax and to be honest, some of my fishing adventures have been more like an angry flood than a quiet moment on a spring creek. There are so many moving parts and potential misfires and real and technical snarls.

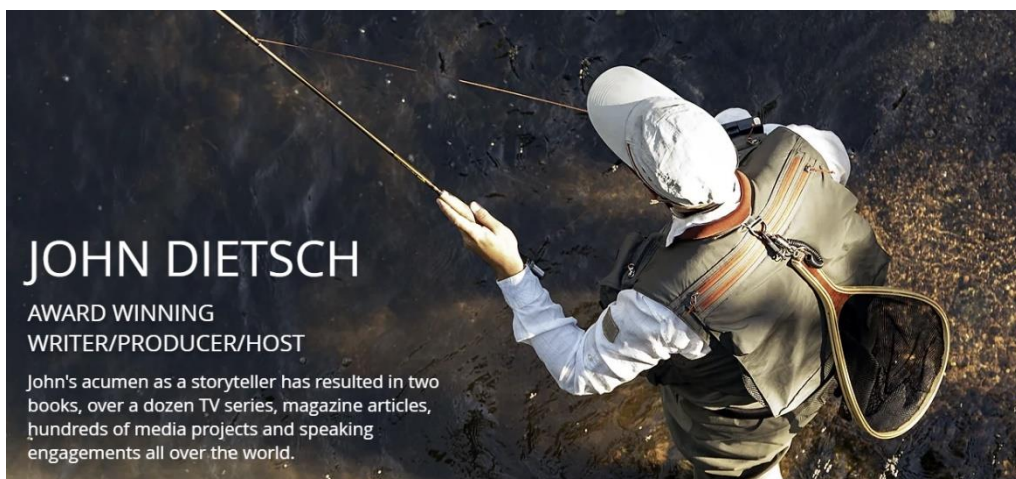
Yet, somehow, regardless of the number or size of fish caught (zero being the sum too often), I return home, almost every time, with a sense of peace and willingness to forge ahead with the challenges of life. How does that happen? My theory is that deep in our nervous system, probably in the substance of our ancestral "lizard brain" lurks a predator, complete with survival instinct to obtain nutrition and the primordial spatial maps that carried our predecessors from one good stream or hunting ground to another.

Consequently, we spend the day out on the river or lake, firing the ancient parts of our brain (with a little help from the frontal lobe containing specific entomological information) and resting the parts that have forced us into the strange intellectual pretzels by which we fit into civilization. I can take care of another week of hurting, fearful patients, talk my son through a frightening medical experience or lean on the other to get his homework done. I can hold my wife as she mourns the loss of her mother.

So, what do I think when I am fishing? When I was a kid, I used to sing this mind-emptying mantra "Come on fishy hit my line" to the tune of Jose Feliciano's version of "Light My Fire". And magically only a couple of stanzas and I would have a fish on. Now as an adult, and wanna-be writer, I have story lines, dialogue and character profiles running through my head one day and politically charged diatribes about the ridiculous state of our democracy the next... don't get me started. But the angels and demons vanish in a puff of smoke when the indicator goes down

or the line suddenly comes tight or a beak picks my fly from the surface film.

So, this is why I am looking forward to our **special guest for the November 17<sup>th</sup> members meeting**. I just spent an hour in the



lobby of the Inn at Moses Lake reading some of **John Dietsch's** "*Graced by Waters*".

If you want to know what he thinks about when he fishes... it's all in there, at least 25 moments out of decades of fishing experience and its resonance with pivotal moments in his life. It is a lovely adventure and one that produces the same sense of escape from the SOB (standard operating brain, not the other) that lives in our skulls (well, not quite like the time I hooked a 20 lb steelhead, but close!).

The book is consistent with my chat with him as we made plans for the presentation. I heard bits of philosophy, fishing moments and most exciting to me, his stories of working with the cast of *A River Runs Through It*, for which he was the primary fly-fishing instructor, and engineer. He was even the stuntman who laid out the famous scene in which Paul MacClean (Brad Pitt) caroms down the rocky Big Blackfoot (Little Blackfoot) to land the biggest fish of his life.

It should be a fun evening. Don't miss it. **We will have signed copies of his books to buy at the meeting. Click on this for a taste of his program:**  
<https://vimeo.com/107088993>

Other items of note:

- **We have purchased a vastly upgraded laptop** for use for our club meetings and other activities. I suspect that it will even be capable of processing our presentation videos when passed on to the next "techie" for our club.
- **We are still searching for an interim and hopefully 2023 outings** chair as well as nominations for the membership, ghillie and vice president (who will be the 2024 president). Please consider a position. The rest of the board is more than willing to walk you through the duties as the year goes on.
- We will also be **adding a "Tech Manager"** either as part of one of the board roles or as a member at large whose task will be to marshal and trouble-shoot the audio, video, computer and website components of our club meetings and communication.
- This month, we are **re-starting club raffles at the member meetings**. People who wear their name tags and those new members who have not gotten their name tags will be eligible to win some very nice (and would-be-expensive) fly tying materials and tools. We will number them, and the winning ticketholders will get them in order.
- Start putting together your collections of **photos and videos** for the **"bragging night" program in December**. Get them on a PowerPoint or just a file that you can flip through from a thumb drive. I would like them in advance to check them for doctoring size of fish with Photoshop. **JUST KIDDING!** Creativity (AKA fishing lies) is a good thing. Just have them ready for the third week in December or speak up during the social hour, so I can list you in the program.

Please let us know if you are coming to the meeting so we can get a head count for the meals.

So what are you thinking about now? About ways to ditch the other Thursday night meeting that you have? About how to get down to Wenatchee to grab one of his books? Or, most importantly, are you thinking about the next opportunity to get out on the water? If the lizard

brain is calling, you better answer. It will save the other parts of your brain, or, most importantly, your soul.

See you soon! Steve Aguilu

There are open positions for the board  
Outings and Membership Chair

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14' Wooden Pram \$ 500

This would make a great Christmas present

Built by Clark Boat Company Oars Included - Cart Not Included

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# WVFF BOARD MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 6th

**Special thanks to our new Secretary Derek Corder for stepping up and taking these great minutes ! Yeah Derek**

Attended:

Live: Steve Aguilu, Bruce Phillips, Bob Bartlett, John Richmond, Gary Anderson, Derek Corder

Virtual: Bruce Merighi, Wayne Steele, Dan Hammond

Absent: None

Call to order: President Steve Aguilu called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

September Board Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer John Richmond noted that an amendment was needed to reflect the increase in rent was from \$39 to \$47 and not \$52 dollars as previously noted in the minutes.
- Gary Anderson moved to approve the amended minutes and Bruce Phillips seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

President's Report:

- Due to technical issues with the laptop at the September Meeting, the laptop was not ready until 10:45pm.
- Steve introduced the new secretary, Derek Corder, to the board.
- Nate Brumley kindly agreed to come back for the October Meeting and waived the second speaker fee.
- Steve brought the issue of buying a streaming camera up for discussion. It was agreed that the issue be left open so that more research into options, better supply chain opportunities, and the possibility of testing one of the camera options that the Grace Lutheran Church uses. Steve said that the club doesn't need the camera until almost the new budget cycle so it may be better to wait so that the cost can be added to the budget.
- Steve wanted the priority to be purchasing a new laptop. Wayne mentioned that we must include the cost of Microsoft Office. Bob Bartlett also brought up the benefits of Office 365 which may mean a yearly subscription. Dan Hammond reminded the board that since this purchase is over \$1000 that it needs to go to the membership for discussion before any decision is made. Steven amended his motion to present to the membership. Gary made a comment on the amendment stating the importance of having a decision on the new laptop before the November meeting as this is an important investment. Dan asked to amend the motion again. Steve offered the option of having the membership vote
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through email. Bob warned that may be overcomplicating the matter and agrees that it should be discussed at the

October General Meeting. Dan made a motion to present the laptop purchase at the October meeting. Bob seconds and the motion carries.

#### Executive Actions:

- None

#### Election of Officers for 2023:

- The Nominating Committee needs to be chosen. Steve said he will call on members to join. John said he will stay on as Treasurer. Bruce Phillips said he will stay on as an interim Membership Chair but we need to find a permanent Chair. Gary said he will stay on as Programs Chair. Derek said he will stay on as Secretary. Bruce Merighi said he will stay on but it was noted that having a cohost to train would be wise.
- A new position for a Tech/IT person to handle the increasingly technical nature of presentations. Bruce Merighi cautioned that the bylaws need to be checked in case they need to be amended to allow for an additional position. Steve said he will check bylaws. Webmaster duties may also be good to add to the Technician role.

#### Vice President's Report:

- Bruce Merighi is handling the country club for the location of the banquet and auction. Nobody has stepped up to be in the Decorations Committee. There are two volunteers but no coordinator for the Set Up/Take Down Committee. Gary volunteered to handle the auction and Steve said he will assist with the technical aspects. Gary asked if the auctioneer should be a professional this year and if the board should look into the additional cost. Wayne praised last year's auctioneer and that we maybe only need a few additional spotters to help. Bruce Phillips volunteered to be a co-auctioneer. Steve offered to be an additional spotter.
- Bob mentioned that several of the member's wives have helped in the past with decorations (Joanne, Pat, etc.). Dan asked for any additional suggestions.
- Dan asked about soliciting new donations and if anyone knew of potential groups or organizations to ask. Steve said that it would be best to have more than one person asking for donations. Derek, Bob, Steve, Bruce P, John, Bruce M, and Wayne have agreed to help contact past sponsors.
- Bob said that Scott Smith is still a member of country club and is happy to run the signup through him for discounted fee.
- Dan brought up the possibility of having early reservations for the banquet again this year and to bring it up to the members about who was planning on attending. It is important to get as accurate a number as possible to let the country club know. Bruce mentioned that January 3<sup>rd</sup> was the deadline last year and that 10 raffle tickets were offered for early signups. Purchasing raffle tickets and tickets to the banquet should be an option on the website. A price increase may be necessary to cover increased costs per plate. Bob said that the Board needs to have the banquet cost estimate for the November board meeting so we can approve and publish it for the members.

### Education Report:

- WRI - Bruce Merighi asked if we want to conduct a fly tying meeting again at Wenatchee River Institute in February or March. Tom Whiteside, Fred Kunzman and Rob Winters as instructors. Steve asked if the club donates the materials and Bruce responded that we will be compensated for materials.
- Fly Fishing Academy - Steve asked about possibly sending two students to the flyfishing camp next spring and Bruce said it was possible. He also mentions that updating the website with options sign up and pay online will make it easier. The camp will be at the Panhandle Lake 4-H camp near Shelton where the lake will be stocked with trout and Mason County may be able to provide transportation. The cost for the academy will be about \$1000 but the cost to attend will be \$400 to \$500 per applicant. Steve asked if we should make a proposal, to sponsor two students, to the members. Bruce responded that this won't be ready for proposal until later this year or early next year. Steve moved to table this until February. He also asked when a child can be selected. Bruce said this will be done shortly after the holidays.

### Conservation Report:

- Bruce Merighi reported that there is still about \$2,500 remaining for fish conservation mini grants. There were no new applicants other than Larry Hill will put out an update of the Methow Cutthroat project in the near future.

### Website

- Addressed in other reports

### Treasurer's Report:

- John reported that we have about \$10,400 and about \$6600 in the community foundation. The club has a total of \$17301.41 in funds.

### Outings Chair:

- The Club still needs an Outings Chair.
- Bruce Phillips said he will post outing for St. Joe again. There are still cabins available.
- Bob mentioned that it may be a good idea to have a statement on the website about members suggesting outings to others. Bruce Merighi agreed and will work on that statement tonight.
- Bob mentioned that the Skamania flyfishing club has been using Google groups to organize outings. Steve said that this could be an internet privacy concern, but Bob assured that this has been around for a while and that he can help with outings.

### Membership Report:

- Bruce Phillips reported that membership has been quiet. There has been one new member in the past two months. There are currently 74 active members and including spouses the number is probably closer to 100. There have been questions from new members as to why they cannot access the members portion of the website right away. Bruce Merighi reminded the board that the new members must be voted in as this is a nonprofit organization. This hasn't been strictly followed in the past couple of years, due to Covid, but it is still a requirement. Steve mentioned that we may need to update the



- website to better inform potential members the steps that need to be taken before they are considered full members.
- Bruce Phillips brought the issue of name tags to attention and that the logo on the tags may need to be updated as some of the tags shows a spinning rod instead of a fly rod. Steve mentioned the past tradition of “penalizing” members who forget their name tags and that it should be reinstated. Due to inflation the fine will be \$1. This penalty won’t be applied to new members, however.
- Steve said he will contact members from farther away to see who can make the meetings in person and who would prefer to use Zoom to attend.

Program Chair:

- Gary reported Nate Brumley will present in October. He also booked a program from John Dietsch for November. Dietsch lives in LA and recently wrote Grace by Waters. He also coordinated the fly fishing scenes from the film, A River Runs Through It, which has a 30-year anniversary release celebration this year.
- Gary Anderson brought up the concern of expense of getting people in person. Travel in the winter months can also be challenging. Having speakers/presenters over Zoom may be preferable.

Old Business:

- None discussed

New Business

- None discussed

Member Concerns:

- None discussed

Adjournment Time: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



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