



FLYPAPER

February 2023

Looking Upstream

March 17-19	Quincy Lakes Outing
March 16	General Live Meeting at the Eagles Live Presenter – Dave Williams 'Central Basin Smallmouth Bass Where To and How To'
April 20	General Meeting at the Eagles Live Presenter – Jerry Buron 'Guide to Successful Chironomid Fishing'
April 22-23	Blue Lake Outing
May 11 – 15	Big Twin Lake Outing
May 18	General Meeting at the Eagles Zoom Presenter – Steve Aguilu 'Pink Salmon'

Feb 16th Live Meeting at the Eagles

Dinner at 6:00 - Club Business at 6:30 pm Presentation 7 - 9 pm

THREE COUNTY WDFW FISH BIOLOGIST PRESENTATION

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Three DFW District Biologists will be sharing lots of information about local fishing spots.

- The species, location and how many fish were planted.
- What areas hold the best potential for 2023 fishing.
- WDFW projects underway that could affect fishing.

Presidential Message

Greetings Club Members,

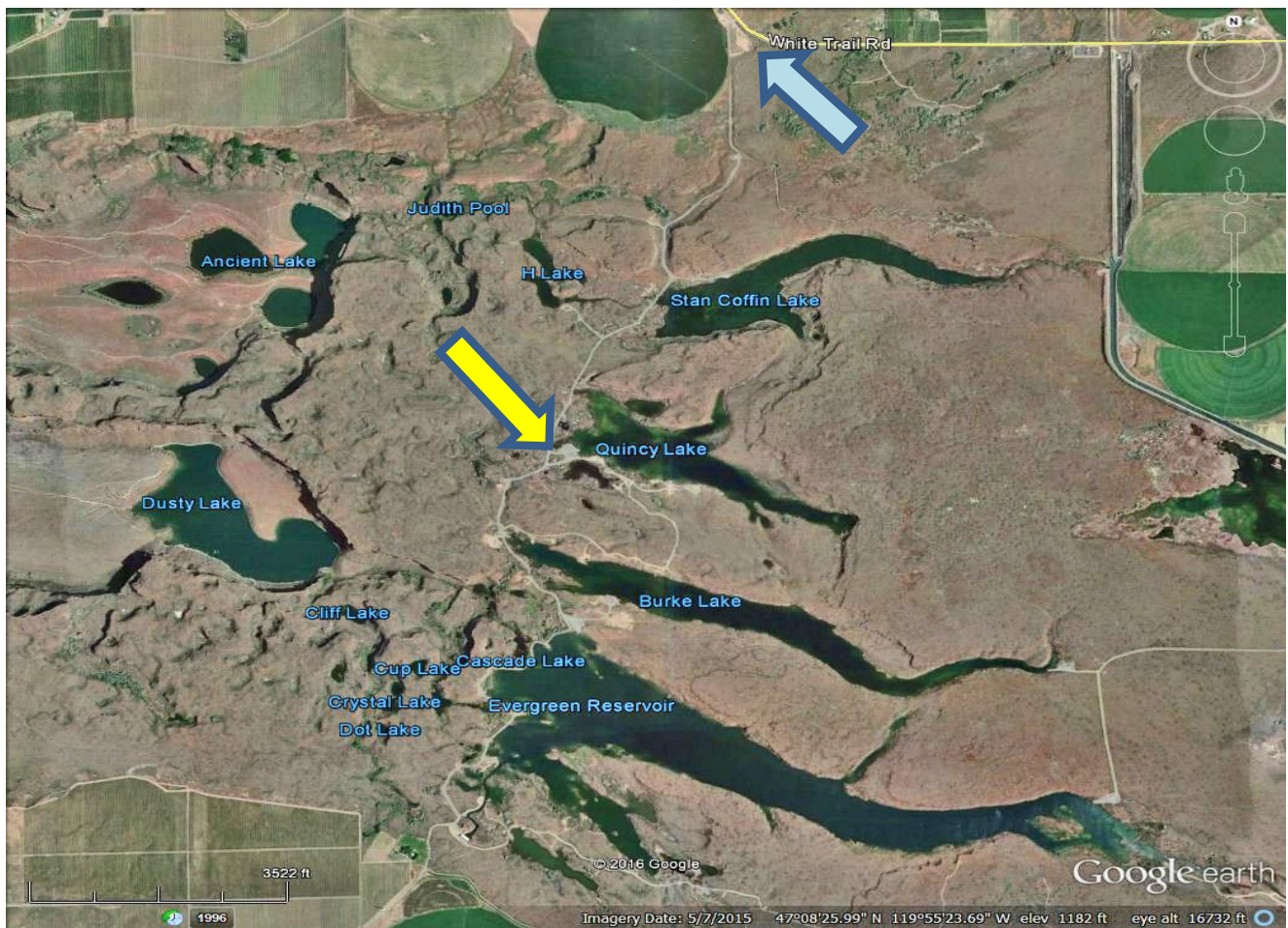
We had the good fortune to celebrate our first annual banquet since the beginning of the COVID pandemic! According to the reports I've received, it was successful and fun. Thanks again to all who helped make it a success!

A few remarks for the oncoming season at WVFF:

1. The fly tying sessions will continue at least through the end of February. If there is enough interest, we may continue into March.
2. We have [LIVE](#) presentations for our Members' Meetings in February, March, April and May! Please check the [EVENTS](#) page on our website for more details.
3. Be sure to check the [OUTINGS](#) page for the latest updates on Club Outings.
4. Remember that 2023 Annual Dues are due no later than April 1st. If you haven't already renewed, dues can be paid via PayPal on the [PURCHASES](#) page of our website. It is easy!
5. There are several bodies of water in our area that open on March 1st. Please check the [EASTSIDE REGS](#) on our website. Spring fishing is upon us!
6. Feel free to contact any of your board members if you have any questions. We are all committed to helping you.

Best wishes for some great spring fishing!

Dan Hammond
WVFF President



March Club Outing at Quincy Lakes

- Where:** There is a wide area off the road to the right as you go into Quincy Lake. The yellow arrow above. Look for other members and their campers.
- Lunch:** Same location as above, on Saturday just sniff the wind and follow the smell of Fred burning hotdogs and burgers.
- Flies:** Stillwater Nymph, Red and Black Chironomid, Leech and a Bobby.
- Weather:** Can be unpredictable, possibly snow on the road, could get windy and cold.
- Direction:** On Rt 28, before Quincy, turn Right on White Tail Road, go south a few miles, after a few tight curves take the dirt road to the right just pass Rd T NW. Blue arrow Go south about a mile, Quincy Lake is the second body of water on the left.

Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers				
2023 Outings Schedule			Expected Participants	
			1 - FF's	
Date	Site	Possible Hosts	2 - FF's & Mate	Comments
March-early	Lenice / Nunnally		1	Camp Sites Available Popular site for other club outings
✓ March 17-19	Quincy / Burke	JoAnn & Harry Lane Fred Kunzman: CHEF	1, 2	Early season opener-CLUB Hosted/Sponsored Lunch Saturday Primitive Camp Sites available--Dry Camping! Close enough for easy day trip from Wenatchee!
✓ April 22-23	Blue Lake -Sinlahekein	Tom & Pat Whiteside JoAnn & Harry Lane	1, 2	Regular Season Opener-Club hosted/sponsored lunch Saturday Popular long time outing Dry Camping available
post April 22 opener	Chopaka		1	Scheduling/Road Access is snowpack-dependent
✓ May 11-14	Big Twin	Bob Bartlett Steve Aguilu	1,2	Big Twin Resort has reserved sites for us for early reservation. WVFF-sponsored Outing: Club will host lunch on Saturday
✓ June 13-16	Grimes / Jamison Lakes	Bob Bartlett	1	Stay at Jamison Lakes Resort at lake's North end via Mansfield Resort could provide specific group meals if pre-arranged MID-WEEK !! - reasonable prices for space and dwellings--Make reservations!!
6/26-7/15	Georgetown Lake, Montana	Lanes	2	Most popular USFS campground books quickly, but other non-reservation Sites/campgrounds available Call Lanes if you might be interested 884-1888
7/8-7/15	St. Joe River, Idaho	Bruce Phillips	1, 2	Bruce has made arrangements call @ 699-6289 or email him
July Aug	Carp Outing		1	TBD
September-October	Chopaka		1	Late September-early October-multiple WVFF members usually there
All months	Yakima River		1	after irrigation shut down - flow reduction

Why are so few willing to keep our club functioning?

Editorial

If you attended the banquet last month you witnessed a vote for vacant board positions without anyone running for the positions. There were no volunteers willing to step up and volunteer for the soon to be vacated positions. Understandably a dozen or so people present didn't volunteer because they have already done their fair share, but the majority was ominously silent. That awkward moment grew in length as position after position remained vacant. There were no volunteers to help with that 40% of the workload needed to run our club. The Ghillie, Vice President, Outings and Membership positions are all now officially vacant. Fortunately, due to the unselfish generosity of Bob Bartlett and Bruce Phillips, the Outings and Membership positions will be covered (for a little while) until a member comes forward to assist.

It's possible the entire membership, save six board members, don't understand the need for a functioning board, maybe they thought someone else would step up and carry the weight, maybe they don't think that a new member could possibly help run a small club or maybe they don't understand the positions duties. Whatever the reason, the club needs leadership, needs people with good ideas, people who want to see the club succeed.

Here is an explanation the function and responsibilities of those positions do:

Ghillie Position

- This person attends meetings at the Eagles and rolls out the book cabinet that contains the books members can check out and enjoy.
- Sells a few raffle tickets for that night's goodies.
- Helps put stuff away.

Vice President Position

- Possess the powers and discharge the duties of the President, in the latter's absence.
- Helps set-up an annual auction and helps set-up an annual banquet/special meeting. *But these responsibilities are under review.*
- Finds people to run for board positions. Apparently now an impossible feat
- Encouraged, but not needed to, to succeed to the office of President.

Membership Position

- Collects dues from members which now occurs mostly on our website.
- Maintains a list of members in good standing.

Outings Position

- Coordinates outings during fishing season. Which means:
 - Finds members who are interested in fishing a spot, getting them together.
 - We usually go to the same places each year, so it's not a job that requires vast knowledge of local fishing holes.
 - This person does not have to be at every outing. Just help make it happen from for example a March opener at Quincy Lakes to a float on the Yakima river in the fall. Or anything else that trips your trigger.

I used to be a volunteer Fire Chief and I noticed that every time there was a big fire or major event there were volunteers coming forward saying they wanted to help and become firefighters. That was great, but over those 21 years on the department the numbers thinned as families grew, work took on extra burdens and time just became harder to give for to a good cause. My departments response numbers were always adequate to handle the emergencies, but there were times when only a handful of firefighters or EMTs responded for a call. Those times made me anxious. Anxious about the department's future and the community's future. Fortunately, we survived and flourished but will WVFF be so lucky? Right now, I don't know. The balls in your court.

\$7,736,241 in Grants Awarded

The Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) approved the Upper Columbia Region's 2022 project proposals in late-September with a collective project value of \$2,942,241 (\$2,239,901 went to Chelan County and \$702,376 to Okanogan County). Funding was awarded to Cascade Fisheries, Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation, Yakama Nation, Cascadia Conservation District and Chelan County Natural Resources Department



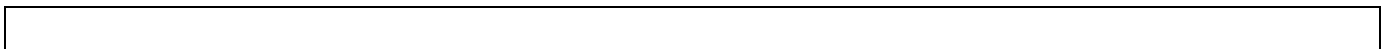
Methow Salmon Recovery Found., Sugar Reach Channel Reconnections Implementation (P22-1808)
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Sugar Reach near Twisp

On December 7th, 2022, the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation (MSRF) was awarded \$4,794,000 from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) for large scale restoration actions on a 5-mile stretch of the Methow River between Twisp and Winthrop. The SRFB's Large Cap funding opportunity allows MSRF to join four separate planned restoration proposals into a single restoration project that will be constructed during the summers of 2024 and 2025. The Sugar Reach Channel Reconnections project will expand peripheral and transitional habitat, increase instream structural complexity, and improve natural function within the reaches to help ESA-listed Spring Chinook and Steelhead.

MSRF has partnered with multiple organizations including the Bureau of Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration, Tributary Committees and the WA Department of Ecology to fund project design and match. The total project cost estimate is \$7,438,511.

The Fall Large Cap grant round was a unique funding opportunity made possible when the WA state legislature approved \$75 million in new funding for the SRFB's use during 2022. The legislature established that the \$75 million would be separated into two separate funding pools - \$25 million for statewide distribution for projects valued at less than \$5 million, and \$50 million for projects more than \$5 million. The Upper Columbia region's share of the \$50 million was \$4,794,000 which allowed the region to hold a fall grant round aimed at funding a project larger in scale than those typically funded by SRFB. We at UCSRB congratulate the MSRF team and look forward to seeing the impacts of this project in future years.





Dear Bristol Bay supporters,

With great joy, I share today that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized Clean Water Act 404(c) safeguards for the headwaters of Bristol Bay. After nearly two decades of advocating for the people, fish and fish-based industries of the region, a layer of protection has been granted to this place and the people who have stewarded it for generations. Today, we celebrate this monumental milestone. Tomorrow, we get back to work to keep adding protections for Bristol Bay. While Clean Water Act safeguards are a big piece of the puzzle to ensure Pebble can never return to the region, we need additional conservation measures to assure that mining proposals won't come back to haunt Bristol Bay in the future.

P.S. Last month there was another big conservation win for Bristol Bay. 44,000 acres of critical fish and wildlife habitat was set aside to be protected from industrial development, by the Pedro Bay Corporation.



**Your WVFF 2023 DUES
are due by April Fool's Day**

January 5, 2023

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Present: Steve Aguilu, Dan Hammond, Gary Anderson, Derek, Bob Bartlet, Bruce Merighi, Bruce Phillips, Wayne Steele, John Richmond Absent: None

Call to order: Time: 6:33pm

December 1 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Bruce Merighi Second: Gary Anderson Vote:
Unanimous

President's Report:

Auction Donors and Ralph Jordan Items

- Rod and Reel can be auction item
- There's a large collection of fly boxes, Dan suggested that the boxes can be grouped according to type so there would be multiple lots instead of raffling all 16 boxes in one lot. Gary said we don't want to have all sixteen boxes in the raffle/auction. It may be better to hold on to them as raffle prizes at general meetings.
- The last general meeting raffle was over \$80.

WVFF dues collection:

- 2022 Carryover for new and late joining members approved.
- Discussion about changing dues cycle to June or July
- Dan said it makes sense to let members who pay dues in the fourth quarter to have it carry over to the next year
- Bruce P wanted to know how to reflect the payment of dues on the website and if he needs to do anything after the April deadline
- Bob hasn't found anything to show who has paid dues on the website yet
- Steve asked if there was a motion to change the website to reflect who has paid and not paid dues. Bruce made the motion. Dan seconded the motion. Dan moved that we make a policy that members that join in the fourth quarter have it carry over. Steve said that the bylaws doesn't prevent us from making that policy. Bruce Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- There were some issues with the website with purchasing banquet tickets and raffle tickets.
- Dan said that we need to add prices for replacement badges on the purchases page.

Election of Officers for 2023:

- Steve said he needs to work with Dan to hand off the laptop and meeting workflow
- Steve hasn't heard from the election committee yet, but he will check in with them next week.
- Dan asked if we may need to take nominations from the floor if committee cannot find anyone.

- Steve asked if we should have a tech person at large. The current members who help with technical issues are not doing this full time. Would they have to be in person at all board meetings and general meetings? Steve said it wouldn't be necessary so much at board meetings but definitely at general meetings.
- Bruce P suggested that we come up with a job description for a tech person and put it in the newsletter. They would need to be familiar with Zoom, audio/video equipment.
- Bruce P made a motion for Dan to approach Eric from Link Transit about an at large tech position, Dan seconded the motion, and the motion passes.
- Steve said he will run the equipment at the banquet.

Survey Monkey

- Auto-renewed by mistake, Steve said he would accept this charge since he didn't catch it in time but he did try to stop payment.
- Steve said its time to renew Zoom but it under his name and email and Dan should have access to that as incoming president. The basic plan is \$149 at the moment and that allows for >40min meetings.

Graced By Waters (John Dietsch) book orders in. Getting them sorted out and will deliver them to members at the January meeting or personally drop them off.

Banquet Question:

- We don't have the streaming infrastructure up. Should we try to put up a parallel online auction (during the auction with someone watching it online and calling out new bids? Or later with items that did not hit minimums or sell).
- Steve asked if the board wanted to have an online option. Dan said that it would complicate things if both were going on. Steve offered having any items that didn't make the minimum bids onto an online auction after the banquet.

Vice President's Report:

- Dan said there will be a live auction, silent auction, and raffle.
- Dan asked John if he will be taking money at the door and he said he would be willing.
- Derek said he can help John with packets, tickets, and handling money taken at the door.
- Dan asked where the extra raffle tickets are. Bruce Merighi said they are at the Eagles. We may need to purchase more.
- Bruce Phillips said there is free parking on the weekends off of fifth street, there are spots next to Van Tassel but these should be preserved for those with limited mobility. The college asks that we enter from the east. We are going to need more tables.
- Steve said there was a map in the past for the country club and a new one should be made up for the college.
- Gary said we need at least four tables for the silent auction. Bruce, Dan, and Gary will take a look at the room to determine how many tables we need.
- Bruce P said the venue is set up for 72 people and we have over 60 prepaid tickets so far.
- Dan said the caterers want to know how many meals to make by the 11th.

- Dan said that we need to set up a phone tree to see who is planning on being at the banquet.

Conservation Report:

- Another Contribution from Roy Bennion \$5000 Steve said it would be great to introduce him at the banquet. A picture of him can be added to a PowerPoint.

Education Report:

- Casting Class with morning and afternoon sections.
- Gary said that the WVC class is going to happen this year. It looks like we will have the same contract as before 60/40. Cost for class is looking like it will be \$99. Bruce Merighi said that we might be able to provide scholarships. Gary said he will look at the course description again to see if anything needs to be updated.

Treasurer's Report:

- Club Financial Status \$6,900, over \$21,000 funds available
- Budget: Need to finalize budget and approve it by February Meeting

Outings Report:

- Bob will send out an outline for the year. Bob said he can host Big Twin and James Lake
- Big Twin and other early reservations (Georgetown, St. Joe).
- Steve:
 - Contacted by Big Twin Lake Resort for first choice of outing dates I requested Loop B with hookups etc. for the weekend of the 13th-16th as that corresponds to the same dates as our last year's outing (and the fishing was terrific) It is also before the arrival of two other fly fishing groups the following two weekends.
 - Let's guess at a number of attendees and I will lock them in with a reservation payment.
 - Cancellation is free with 100% return until two weeks before the outing, but I will try to let them know accurate numbers well before that.
 - Should we try to reserve the whole B circle?

Membership Report:

- Membership renewals/payment:
 - Board has agreed and voted to allow new members and late-joining members to roll their 2022 dues over to 2023.

Program Chair Report:

- February WDFW 2023 Season Report
- March and April are open.
- Steve said he wanted to put on a program for the Puget Sound Pink Salmon in May.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Steve thanked the board for their support and hard work through these past couple of years.

Adjournment Time: 9:08pm



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