



FLYPAPER

March 2023

Looking Upstream

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| March 16 | General Live Meeting at the Eagles |
| March 17-19 | Quincy Lakes Outing |
| 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' |

March 16th Live Presentation at the Eagles

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| Dry Fly Social Hour | 5:30 – 6:30 pm |
| Dinner | 6:00 |
| Club Business | 6:30 |
| Presentation | 7:00 – 9:00 |



LIVE PRESENTER – DAVE WILLIAMS

'CENTRAL BASIN SMALLMOUTH BASS WHERE TO AND HOW TO'

David Paul Williams has written for American Angler, Fly Fisherman, Northwest Fly Fishing, Southwest Fly Fishing, American Fly Fishing, Eastern Fly Fishing, Fly Fusion, Bassmaster, Fly Fishing & Tying Journal and Game & Fish magazines and wrote the book on smallmouth bass, Flyfishing for Western Smallmouth.

President's Message

Greetings!

A few reminders for March!

- The program for our March Members' meeting on Thursday, March 16th, is LIVE! Dave Williams will be here to present a program entitled **Central Basin Smallmouth** customized for our area. This should be an informative program, especially since:
 - 1) we have an abundance of smallmouth bass in our local waters, and 2) we can fly fish for these bass as an alternative when the weather becomes too hot to fish for trout.
- Please remember to wear your badges to the meeting to be eligible for the raffles. By the way, we have plenty of items to raffle.
- Please also remember that our first club outing is at Quincy Lake during March 17-19 as long as the ice is melted off. Check with host prior to driving there. Please check the **EVENTS** icon on our webpage for details. It is worth noting that some of our members are bringing extra watercraft to the outing so that new members (who may not have watercraft) can try them out.

Other notes:

- We still have a number of board position to fill:
 1. Vice President
 2. Ghillie
 3. Membership
 4. Outings
 5. AV/Tech
- Annual Dues are due April 1st and are easily paid via **PayPal** on our website.
- Registration for the Fly Fishing class offered through Wenatchee Valley College is now open!
- I will be talking to the Eagles to make sure we have a buffet-style dinner for the next members' meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Dan Hammond

Fly Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

Fly Casting Fair



CASTING CLASSES
FLY TYING DEMOS AND TYING CLASSES
SPEY CASTING CLASSES
WALK-IN CASTING CLINIC
CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Saturday April 29, 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace WA



Morning Sessions

Location: Ballinger Lake, Mountlake Terrace, Wa.

Beginners Casting Class - 9:00 a.m. Max 10 students \$35 tuition Ryan Smith, Instructor

Advanced Casting Class - 9:00 a.m. - Max. 8 students \$35 tuition Tom Camarata, Instructor

Youth Casting Class - 9:00 a.m. Tuition Free Aaron Culley, Instructor

Two Handed Spey - 9:30 - Max. 8 students / session \$50 tuition

Molly Semenik and Todd Somsel, Instructors

Afternoon Sessions

Women's Casting Class. 13:00 Max. 10 students %35 Tuition

Marion Hiller and Ruth Sims, Instructors

Advanced Casting Class 13:00 - Max. 6 students \$50 tuition Don Simonson, Instructor

Spey Casting - Single Handed 13:00 Max. 8 students \$50 tuition

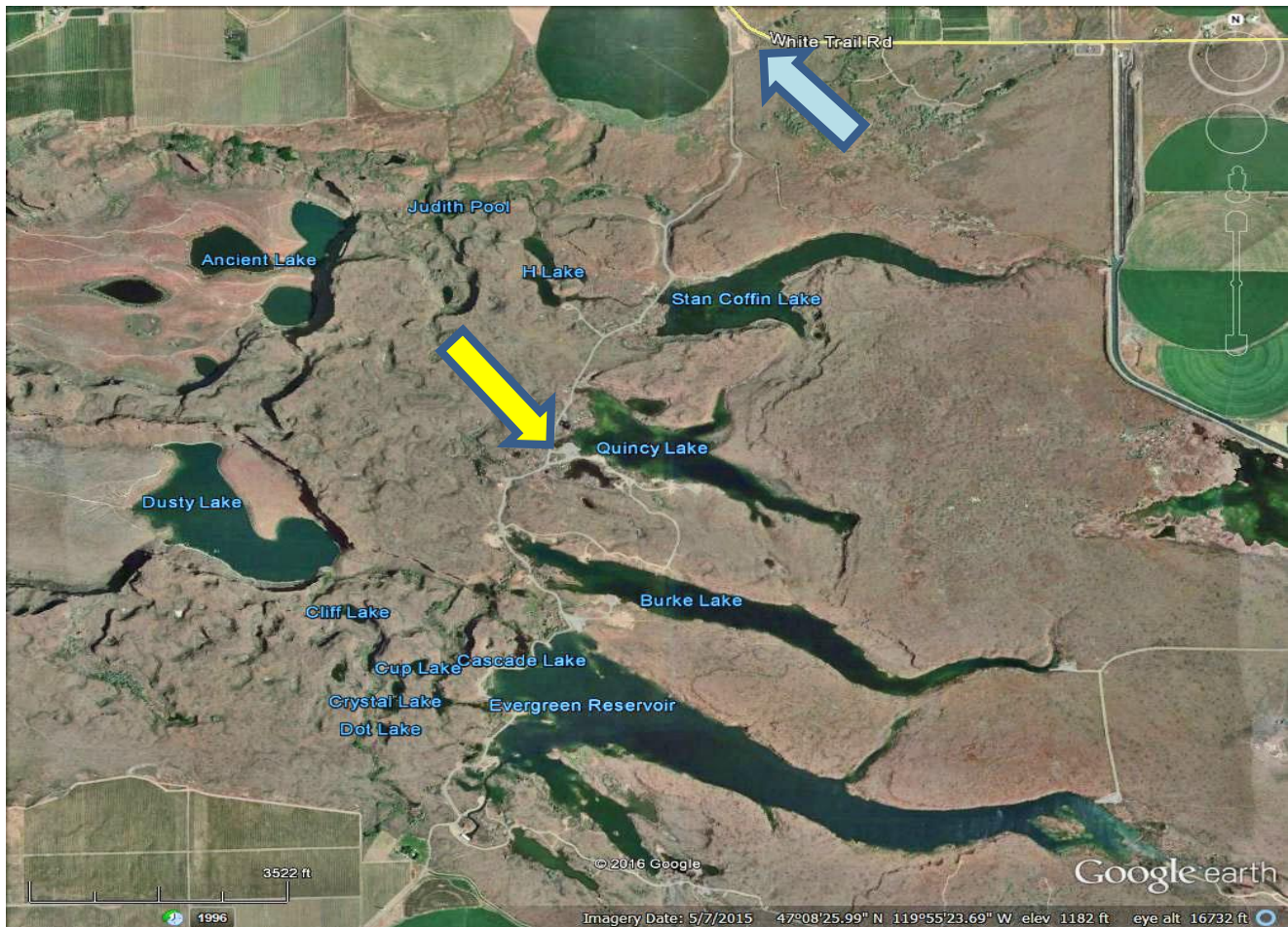
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All Day Activities

Walk-in Clinic 9:00 - 16:00 - No Charge Pat Peterman, Manager

Skills Development Course 9:00 - 16:00. No Charge Jim Black,

Manager – Certifier Overlake Fly Fishing Club - Support



March Club Outing at Quincy Lake



Let's hope the lake defrosts prior to the outing date!

- 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, the blue arrow on the map above. Go south for about a mile. Quincy Lake is the second body of water on the left.

| Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers | | | | |
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| 2023 Outings Schedule | | | | |
| Date | Site | Possible Hosts | Expected Participants 1 - FF's 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 |



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



SPOTLIGHT ON BEAVER DAM ANALOGS

Reprinted from - The Cascadia Conservation District Conservation Quarterly Winter 2023

What are BDAs? BDA is short for Beaver Dam Analogs. These wooden in-stream structures mimic natural beaver dams. These structures are hand-built into our local streams. Wood posts are pounded into the ground across the stream channel. They are then interwoven with branches. The resulting dam slows and ponds the stream water, acting much like the work of a beaver.

In 2022 Cascadia Conservation District installed 101 BDAs on private and public lands in Chelan County. Why BDAs? With current beaver populations at roughly 5% of historical numbers, it is difficult to imagine all the ways beavers maintained our natural landscapes. Commercial trapping of beaver began in the Pacific Northwest in 1811. Beavers are often thought of as “nature’s engineers.” Without beavers maintaining the riparian ecosystems, many streams are deeply eroded, incised, and disconnected from the flood plain. To help restore our watersheds, we are stepping in and installing BDAs. These structures immediately start to reconnect floodplains and jumpstart the establishment and growth of living organisms, that continue improving the health of our streams’ aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

The benefits of BDAs include:

- Increased water storage and base flow which translates into enhanced water supply for people, plants, and animals.
- Green fuel breaks that slow or stop wildland fire spread.
- More wood in streams provides more fish habitat and thereby more fish.
- Leaf litter storage = increased food supply for macro-invertebrates.
- Improved nesting areas for waterfowl and songbirds.

Fish and BDAs! Did you know that fish grow on trees? It’s true! Many research studies have shown fish thrive in creeks and rivers that have more woody materials—logs, root wads, and even full-sized trees! Along with BDAs, Cascadia installs PostAssisted Log Structures (PALS)

that mimic natural wood accumulation in streams. Our restoration efforts also include planting native trees and shrubs along the creeks where we have installed BDAs and PALS. This increased amount of wet and woody habitat immediately benefits the fish and other wildlife! BDAs Aren't Beavers Although BDAs can mimic beaver dams and help in restoration efforts, they cannot provide all the benefits that beavers provide to stream ecosystems. Beavers actually play an important role chewing down trees so that they fall in streams, creating more habitat for other wildlife. Their ponds often flood other nearby trees to provide valuable dead snags for birds.

Editors Note: The WVFF has participated in BDA projects in the past and hopes to conduct more in the future.

Central and Eastern Washington Smallmouth Bass



Banks Lake

This is a giant reservoir stretching nearly 30 miles south from around Grand Coulee Dam in central Washington. And it has absolutely tons of smallmouth bass throughout its nearly 27,000 acres. Since they have become established here, the number of smallmouth has never been a problem. At times there aren't as many trophy-sized fish as there are in other top waters around the state. The best smallmouth fishing typically gets rolling in about April and holds up well through summer and into the early part of fall.

There are several good access points, including the large Steamboat Rock State Park on the northeastern side and Coulee Playfield in Electric City.

Billy Clapp Lake

Between Banks Lake and Moses Lake and gets far less attention, but this oasis in an otherwise arid landscape is full of smallmouth bass. It's also full of rocky structure beloved by the above-mentioned smallmouth bass. Fish the points and around the island. You probably won't catch the state record, but there's a reasonable chance you'll bring a 4-pounder to the net.

Potholes Reservoir

This is another big reservoir in central Washington, near the city of Moses Lake and south of the previously listed Banks Lake. Potholes is at the very top of many a Washington angler's list of best

bass lakes. Potholes also gets some love nationally, in large part because it has excellent numbers of big smallmouth and largemouth bass, in addition to several other thriving fisheries.

If you're targeting smallmouth here, look for hard-bottom areas and rocky habitats. Generally speaking, there is more of this good smallmouth habitat at the open southern end of the reservoir, including along the face of O'Sullivan Dam, Goose Island and various rock piles.

By comparison, largemouth tend to favor the shallower north end, which is chock full of sandy little islands and shallows.



Snake River

The biggest Columbia River tributary in Washington state, the Snake River is an incredible smallmouth bass factory well up into Idaho before it eventually transforms into an incredible trout stream. The Washington stretch is mostly contained behind a series of dams forming a chain of four reservoirs. Booooh !

The lower reach near the Columbia backs up from Lake Wallula, another fantastic smallmouth fishery. Pick your spot and go for it. Some of the tributaries also are viable smallmouth fisheries in their own right. We'd point especially to the lower Grande Ronde River if you want a remote river experience fishing for smallmouth bass (and steelhead starting in the fall). Put in at Boganz and float down to the Snake or from the Oregon border to Boganz Class 2-3 water but worth it when the chromers aren't in yet during the summer. You can do it camping on the banks, but check the camping regs first.

Lake Roosevelt

This massive, 150-mile reservoir stretching from the magnificent Grand Coulee Dam clear to British Columbia is loaded with smallmouth bass, though they don't necessarily get the same attention as the triploid rainbow trout, kokanee and walleye found in this multi-faceted fishery.

Chelan, Lake

You might think this massive and deep body of water would be hard to fish but with Smallmouth it's easier. Stick around the city. Fish the rocky jetties and riprap shoreline. Focus on the area just above the dam and around developments.

Moses Lake

There are a number of boat ramps but if your on foot the Lewis, Parker and Pelican arms of the lake hold great cover and shallower depths for targeting bass from the shore. It can be tricky getting a boat into some of these areas due to water levels and hidden obstacles.

The northern end of the lake is almost always productive, holding large bass and walleye. Try Connelly Park and the shoreline near there, along with the North Lake Launch area.



Smallmouth Bass have been in the Lower Yakima River since the 1950's, when WDFW fisheries biologists thought it would be ok to plant these non-native fish. Oops ! Since then, their populations have exploded and you can find Smallmouth in the Columbia River. The Lower Yakima from the Prosser Dam to the confluence with the Columbia River at the town of West Richland is ripe with Smallmouth Bass. The populations are thriving and averaging two ish pounds each. Catch one and save a few hundred salmon smolt.

They are in this floatable 25 mile stretch of the Yak and are very common with even larger sized, adult age class fish to be present. This is especially true during the spring months of the year when they will migrate from the Columbia River into the Yakima for forage and spawning purposes.

Minutes February 2, 2023 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Steve Aguilu, Dan Hammond, Derek Corder, Bob Bartlett, Bruce Merighi, Gary Anderson, John Richmond

Absent:

Call to order: Time: 6:01pm

Motion to Approve:
Vote: unanimous

Steve Aguilu

Second: Bruce Merighi

President's Report: Dan Hammond

Board Meetings will resume their start time at 6:30pm instead of 6pm.

Club Laptop Status

- Laptop has been transferred to Dan Hammond.

WVFF Club Meetings 2023

- Board Meetings will be held via Zoom.
- Members' Meetings will be held mostly live, at least for this spring. Feb thru April meetings have live presenters. May meeting will be held virtually.
- Dan Hammond emphasized that we want the members to feel excited to attend the general meetings because they are fun and informative.

Banquet

- Dan Hammond deferred to Treasurer's report later.
- Need for discussion for improving/streamlining (new business)

Graced By Waters (John Dietsch) book- Steve Aguily is working on getting the last of the books to people who bought them. If he must mail them personally, he will.

Incomplete Slate of Board Directors- reactivate Nominations committee (discussion in Old Business)

Returning of Storage Unit keys

- Outgoing board members need to return their keys.

Zoom Pro

- Steve Aguilu suggested that we should use his account until the subscription ends. He will try to roll this over to Dan Hammond's account. He will reach out to Zoom to see if this is possible.

Vice President's Report:

- We don't have a Vice President

Education Report: Bruce Merighi

- Fly Casting Clinic
 - Last year's clinic was very successful and brought in new members.
 - If expenses allow, it may be a good idea to bring in a pro to teach casting techniques.

- Bruce Merighi brought up that the weather was bit on the cold side last year. Pushing the date to sometime in May might be better weather wise. Bruce Merighi will work with Gary Anderson to make sure nothing conflicts with the Flyfishing Class at Wenatchee Valley College.

Conservation Report: Bruce Merighi

- Ideas for 2023 Conservation Projects
 - Chelan County conservation said they may be interested but nothing solid yet.

Treasurer's Report: John Richmond

- Club Financial Status
 - We have \$15,508 in bank including foundation fund, there is \$6,700 in foundation fund.
 - Foundation fund is coming back up slowly.
- 2023 Banquet costs and income:
 - Expenses: \$3,758
 - Dinner: \$2,255
 - Prepaid Raffle: \$2,135
 - Drinks raffle: \$1,221
 - Silent Auction: \$905
 - Live Auction: \$1,960
 - Net Income: \$4,718
- Budget 2023: Review
 - How much do Chairpersons need?
 - Income from dues increased slightly.
 - There was no line item for the Wenatchee Valley College class. Program money was allocated to the class.
 - ❖ College class, if filled, will bring in \$1,100 to \$1,200 income.
 - ❖ There was a question as to cost of fly tying materials. Steve asked if some of the fly tying material in the storage unit can be used. Gary said there wouldn't be expenses needed for tying materials but agreed to having \$75 in the budget just in case.
 - Income from the members' general meeting raffles were set at \$270 but that might be conservative.
 - Increased Casting for Recovery budget and FF Academy Donation
 - ❖ 500 a student cost 2000 to send a student to camp last year
 - ❖ Bruce Merighi said the amount can be reduced from \$600 to \$500.
 - Switching to FFI Insurance saved the club a lot of money. The yearly cost is now \$450.
 - Survey Monkey is going to be discontinued so it was removed from the budget. It was a reduction of \$200.
 - Website maintenance

- ❖ As members overwhelmingly paid online for the auction improving the website is a worthwhile expense.
- ❖ Budget was increased to \$2000.
- Expense for name tags increased to \$150 due to increased costs to customize and purchase.
- Post Office Box rental was increased from \$200 to \$250.
- Grimes Porta Potty was increased from \$240 to \$250.
 - ❖ The porta potty is on private property and there is no camping allowed and users must take care of the easement. Years ago, the club agreed to pay for the installation and maintenance
 - ❖ New signage at Grimes Lake may be needed in the next few years so adding the porta potty to the sign might be an option.
- Expenses for Outings was increased from \$300 to \$500.
- Storage unit cost increased from \$468 to \$560.
- Total expense last year: 15,908
- Total expense this year: 20743
- Estimated net: \$14,111.
- Steve Aguilu moved to approve the 2023 Budget, Gary Anderson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Outings Report: Bob Bartlett

- Outline for 2023
 - Quincy Opener has confirmed dates for March 17-19.
 - ❖ Quincy has scheduled their fishing derby for the next weekend so there will be no conflict
 - ❖ In order to engage new members, have a couple row boats or other equipment there ahead of time for use.
 - ❖ Have a Ghillie for each outing might be a good idea to help members with questions about equipment.
 - Blue Lake opener is the fourth weekend in April.
 - Big Twin is set in May.
 - Jamison is set, make reservations.
 - Dan Hammond moved to approve Outing Schedule, Steve Aguilu seconded, motion approved.
 - Aug 25th-29 for pink salmon on West side, Steve Aguily will try to host.
 - Need an article for the fly paper on the outings.

Membership Report:

- Bruce Phillips not here

Program Chair Report: Gary Anderson

- February: WDFW report
 - Will bring hard copies of their reports.
 - All three organizations will be there.
- March: Central Basin Smallmouth
 - Dave Williams will present more localized info on bass fishing.
- April: Chironimids
 - Jerry Buron will present and he will bring his book for members to purchase if they wish.
- May: Pink Salmon
 - Steve Aguilu will present via Zoom.
- Sept: ?
- Oct: ?
- Nov: Heather Hodson
- Steve Aguilu said he has a number for guy that he met up at Beehive Reservoir so he said will try to find is name and more info.

Old Business:

- 2023 Budget Finalization-approved
- 501(c)(3) status:
 - It was done for 2022 and John Hammond will take care of 2023.
- Reactivate Nominations Committee
 - Steve Aguilu is hoping the new members will feel more comfortable to step forward.
 - Informally approaching some people to talk to them about available positions may be better than putting someone on the spot to volunteer.
- AV Tech
 - Steve Aguilu has not purchased a new camera yet. He recommended recording live presentations for viewing later.
 - Past virtual meetings had 30-32 members.
 - Steve Aguilu said he will try to find someone to support the tech aspects at member meetings.
- Does website show who has and has not paid?
 - This is not available currently.
 - Bob Bartlett, Bruce Merighi, and Patrick will have a meeting to discuss capability and new features that members might want.
 - ❖ Add replacement badges on Purchases page on the website.

- Graced by Waters book.
 - Steve Aguilu said he will bring them to February members' meeting.
- Eric West turned down AV tech position.
 - Steve Aguilu said he will write up description to put in the newsletter.
- Flyfishing class update
 - Gary Anderson talked to the lead person at Continuing Education at Wenatchee Valley College and she will send a copy of old class description so he can look it over.

New Business:

- Banquet Discussion: Improve & Streamline
 - There are flyfishers in the valley that don't want to be in the club because of the responsibility especially the banquet.
 - Online auction made over \$5,000 last year.
 - In person auction was a lot more work but brought in \$4,700.
 - Have a small committee discuss the future of the banquet (Dan Hammond, Gary Anderson, Bruce Merighi, and Bob Bartlett)
 - ❖ Do we want to announce this at next meeting?
- Website Discussion: Improvement
 - Discussion with Bruce Merighi and Bob Bartlett may take care of this as a first step.
 - Generate a Wishlist before the website meeting may be helpful.
- Zoom Pro Discussion
 - Use Steve Aguilu's account and he will try to have it roll over to Dan Hammond.
- Post annual Dues on website?
 - Already done.

Adjournment Time: 8:13pm

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