



# FLYPAPER

April 2023

## Looking Upstream

April 22-23	Blue Lake Outing
May 4	WVFF Board Meeting
May 9-10	Fish Passage Barrier Assessment – Online Training
May 11 – 15	Big Twin Lake Outing
May 18	General Meeting at the Eagles Zoom Presenter Steve Aguilu 'Pink Salmon'
May 31 – June 1	Fish Passage Barrier Assessment – Wet side Training
June 24	Community Salmon Release - Riverside Park, Cashmere

## April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles

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

## Live Presenter – Jerry Buron 'Guide to Successful Chironomid Fishing'

It's a fantastic presentation. It will take us from understanding the chironomid's importance as a trout food source all the way to detailed descriptions of chironomid leaders, boat setup suggestions, and even Jerry's favorite chironomid fly patterns. If you've been looking to unlock the secrets of fishing chironomids on your favorite lakes this time spent with Jerry will certainly shorten the learning curve.

He has written *The Complete Guide to Successful Chironomid Fishing* which is a 135 page - 11" x 8.5" - Full Color - Spiral Bound Gem.

# Presidents Message

Daniel Hammond

Greetings!

A few reminders for April!

- The program for our April Members' meeting on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, is LIVE! Jerry Buron will be here to present a program about Successful Chironomid Fishing. He will also bring some of his books for purchase to the event. Since chironomids are such a large part of a trout's diet, you won't want to miss this one. We will also have a number of raffles during the meeting. Don't forget to wear your badge to be eligible (*replacement badges are now available for purchase on our club website*).
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April is the day when a number of lakes open for fishing in our area, such as Beehive Reservoir, Upper Wheeler, Blue Lake (near Loomis) and the Seep lakes. This year the date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> was the date for fishing license renewals and WVFF dues.
- Our club's outing at Blue Lake is during April 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please check the **EVENTS** icon on our webpage for details.
- Fly Fishers International is offering casting classes on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ballinger Lake, Mount Lake Terrace, WA (see related article in this edition of the Flypaper for more details).

Other notes:

- We need a volunteer to run the ZOOM portion of the April meeting and to record the presentation. We still do not have an AV/Tech person for the board position. If a volunteer does not come forward, participation via Zoom will not be available. Hopefully someone will volunteer to at least record the presentation.
- Registration for the Fly Fishing class offered through Wenatchee Valley College is now open!

I look forward to seeing you there!

## QUINCY LAKES OUTING



# WVFF – WVC Fly Fishing Class

## Need Volunteers

**Mish-ee–twie Building Room 1217 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 7:00 – 9:30**

**5<sup>th</sup> St. between Wenatchee Hall and the Music and Art Center**

Unfortunately, there is very little free parking near the college on the 5<sup>th</sup> St. It's all 'Pay to Park' on campus, but if you go to the Wenatchee Hall Office you can get a Senior Parking Pass for \$5 that's good for the quarter.

The instructors need your assistance on these Tuesdays.

- April 18 Knot Tying Bring your nippers.
- May 16 Fly Tying Bring your vice and tools.
- May 23 Casting Please bring two 5 wt. rods set-ups.

**Contact Gary Anderson at: [garyander57@gmail.com](mailto:garyander57@gmail.com)**

**Contact Tom Whiteside at: [w8fwd@chartrr.net](mailto:w8fwd@chartrr.net)**

# Georgetown Lake Ramblings

By Dick Nicklas

Last July, Pam and I spent a week or so at the Piney Campground on Georgetown Lake. One morning we launched our tubes and started kicking in opposite directions, me to the South, and Pam to the north. When I headed back north, I noticed several prams near her tube. Turned out that, as often happens, Pam was having a great start, six fish in the 16" class in less than an hour. The prams near her were some of the lake's "regulars" asking what she was using and how she was fishing. Of course, she willingly shared and in doing so made a group of new admirers.

That evening, one of the regulars came by to BS, enjoy the fire, and share a vintage box of Franzia Merlot. Our new friend, Tim Sullivan, was retired but had spent a lot of his working life doing stream restoration work in Colorado, Oregon, and Montana. He has also fly-fished all over the

western states, currently lives in the Bitterroot Valley, and had lots of great experiences to share. In the course of the conversation, Tim mentioned that he had written a Kindle Book of his fishing experiences under the pen name "Rio Grande King".

When we returned home, we ordered Tim's book, and it turned out to be a great read - and for five bucks an all time bargain in fishing literature. We highly recommend it!

### **"Backcasts" by Rio Grande King - Kindle Book from Amazon**

## **Volunteers Needed for Community Salmon Release** **Riverside Park on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer Herdmann      Cascade Fisheries Enhancement Group

Cashmere Public Library is once again raising salmon provided by the Yakama Nation Fisheries coho reintroduction program and we have partnered for another 'salmon release event' that builds on the Founder's Day celebration. Our club has been asked to help this year. Last year, Cascade Fisheries, NCW Libraries, Cascadia Conservation District, and US Fish and Wildlife service teamed up to offer activities teaching folks about and/or building appreciation and connections to our local salmon and native fish. Activities included over 50 families releasing salmon into the river, salmon crafts, bilingual fishy storytelling, fishing games.

- Start 10am – partners can set up their info booth/activity at any point during the kid's fair (10am – 3pm) and for however long you'd like.
- Bilingual fish story time with library staff around noonish (partners can have their booth activities still running during this time or you can take a break and send people to story time)
- Salmon celebration "parade" and community release at the river 1:15-2pm – we're basically just walking everyone from the pump track/playground area down to the boat ramp, so like a 5 min or less stroll. (activities and booths can still be running during this time)
- 2-3pm all activities/booths reopen

We will all table around each other, but if you want to do an activity that requires more space, we can place you wherever you'd like. There is going to be plenty of options. US Fish and Wildlife Service will have a kid's casting game available in addition to a bunch of other games, but if you wanted to do a fly casting activity or lesson we can have that be the main focus. The activity you do is totally up to you all, but I'd be happy to chat through anything if you want to share ideas

The bulk of the people arrived around lunch time and it was super slow for that last hour. The big difference this year is that the Founder's Day folks are also trying to expand their kids activities so it may actually be busy the whole time.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Bruce Merighi WVFF Education Chair at 679-2274 or [bruce401@nwi.net](mailto:bruce401@nwi.net) know and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Once I know who all is interested, we'll talk about the details and figure out logistics! Thanks for taking the time to read this novel if you made it all the way here.



Trout Unlimited and the Methow Valley Citizens Council  
*invite you to a virtual presentation:*



## **Methow Westslope Cutthroat Trout Population Assessment Baseline Investigation**

By John Crandall, Charlie Snow, and Ben Goodman

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7p-8p PDT**

Zoom link: <https://troutunlimited.zoom.us/my/humanresources>

Meeting will be recorded

Please join us for this virtual event featuring three of the Methow's local fisheries ecologists: John Crandall, Charlie Snow, and Ben Goodman. They will present their findings from a recent baseline investigation of westslope cutthroat trout (WCT) in the Methow River watershed in partnership with the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (see attached report). The presentation will be followed by Q&A and group discussion.



What do we know about distribution of WCT in the Methow? How does hybridization affect WCT in the Methow? What are some next steps we can take to better understand the status of westslope cutthroat trout in the Methow? Why should we care? Join us to explore these and other questions about one of the Methow's most intriguing and prized resident native fish species.

The following excerpt from the report provides a succinct summary of the purpose of this effort: "It is hoped that summarizing and disseminating this information will assist WCT conservation and population management in the Methow, including appropriate fishery management actions (e.g., recreational angling regulation modifications), habitat restoration, and public outreach efforts to ensure a healthy, self-sustaining, population accessible to future generations of recreational anglers and fish enthusiasts."

Thank you for your interest, and we hope to see you on the evening of April 20<sup>th</sup>!

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	<b>Early season opener-CLUB Hosted/Sponsored Lunch Saturday</b> 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	<b>Regular Season Opener-Club hosted/sponsored lunch Saturday</b> 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: <b>Club will host lunch on Saturday</b>
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

## March 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### March 2, 2023 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

**ATTENDANCE:** Present: Dan Hammond, Bob Bartlett, John Richmond, Steve Aguilu, Gary Anderson, Derek Corder

**ABSENT:** Bruce Phillips

**Call to order:** Time: 6:38

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### February 2 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Steve Aguilu

Second: Gary Anderson

Vote: unanimous

Amendments/corrections to minutes:

- a. Old Business: 501 (c) (3) status- amend John Hammond
  - b. Website meeting- amend- Bruce Merighi not Bruce Philips
  - c. Meeting Presenters- May is a virtual presentation with Steve Aguilu and not an in person presentation.
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### **President's Report:**

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- Annual Banquet Committee report (improving & streamlining)- defer to Old Business
  - Purchased Zoom Pro- \$162.00
  - Steve wants to try using the OsBot again
  - Website due to expire in 2 weeks
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### **Vice President's Report:**

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- **No Vice President**

### **Education Report:**

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- **WVC Fly Fishing class update**
  - John Richmond says that the course description is very inviting and has a marketing flair to it
  - Gary Anderson is happy with the description and had nothing to add or change

### **Conservation Report:**

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- **Ideas for 2023 Conservation Projects**
  1. New signage at Grimes w/ partnership- need to contact Travis
  2. 2/27/23- Mike says he has all the DO sensors he needs.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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- John Richmond needs confirmation on formal action by the board on officer positions for the 501c3 credentials
  - Dan Hammond make a motion to approve the incoming officers: Dan Hammond as President, Derek Corder as Secretary, Gary Anderson as Programs Chair, Bruce Merighi as Education Chair, Steve Aguilu as Past President, Bob Bartlett as interim Outings Chair, Bruce Phillips as interim Membership chair, Club still needs AV tech, Gillie, Outings Chair, Membership Chair, and Vice President
- Gary Anderson made a motion to change registered agent to John Richmond, Steve Aguilu seconded and the motioned carried
- **Club Financial Status?** – below
  - \$23,346 total combined funds
  - Expenses this month will be almost 1500 this month: Zoom, Insurance, and payment for Patrick's work on the website.

## **Outings Report:**

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- **March Outing in Quincy**

- ❖ The start date for the outing conflicts with the March Member's Meeting. Dan Hammond recommended that the starting date be changed from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Quincy is still frozen at this point, send reminder to membership that weather might prevent the Outing.
- ❖ Need to ask membership to reach out to Bob Bartlett if they would like to borrow a boat or lend a boat.

## **Membership Report:**

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- Membership renewals/payment: Bruce Phillips emailed list of members to Dan Hammond
- John Richmond said that there are almost daily renewals.
- Dues are due April 1st

## **Program Chair Report:**

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- March: Central Basin Smallmouth
  - ❖ Dave is set to come out and is going to bring some of his books, he will not stay the night
- April: Chironomids
  - ❖ Jerry is set to come out, need to book a room for him
- May: Pink Salmon
  - ❖ Zoom from Portland, if the salmon forecast is dismal maybe have the flycasting clinic that month instead.
- Sept
  - ❖ Haven't decided yet but maybe have the flycasting clinic instead of a program.
- Oct:
  - ❖ No program yet
- Nov
  - ❖ Heather Hodson- Do it yourself Flyfishing: The West

## **Old Business:**

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- Open Board positions
  - No one has informally approached the membership about open board positions.
- Banquet Discussion: Improve & Streamline
  - The event at the college was good and we should try that again.
  - It would be good to have more raffle auction items available for women like theme baskets and crafts.



- Website Discussion: Improvement
  - Committee Discussion update
  - Who has & who has not paid status
    - Has not been implemented.
  - Board meeting w/ Patrick update
    - Has not been implemented.
  - Replacement Badges on Purchases page update
    - Has not been implemented.
  - Page counter widgets update
    - Has not been implemented.
- Graced By Waters (John Dietsch) book-
  - Steve hasn't sent them out, but he only has a couple more copies.
- Facebook update- Derek
  - Private vs public options
  - Instagram platform
  - Youtube link to the website that can also be used as a presenting platform.
  - Dan Hammond suggested having a private forum on the website.
  - Dan Hammond suggested forming a Social Media committee to workshop these options for social media. Derek will chair the committee. Steve, and maybe Bruce Merighi will be members.
- AV/Tech- Steve Aguilu did not find a person to support the tech aspects at member meetings and he said it is going to be a challenge
  1. Last meeting had only 4 virtual members
  2. The last meeting was also not fully recorded due to technical issues
  - 3.

### **New Business:**

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- Saturday forums- discussion: organize small panels of experienced members to provide info to new members, especially members that have to work during the week. For ex: line maintenance, specific bodies of water and how to fish for them, etc.
- Casting for Recovery donation has not happened yet.

**Adjournment Time: 8:04pm**

# Fish Passage Assessment Training

By Samuel Harris Fish Passage Bio - Training Coordinator  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Online Class** May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**In Person** May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>

These courses will cover how to access a culvert or other barrier that might impede the movement of fish up and down stream. Our Inventory and Assessment protocols, as well as our Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods (two separate courses, on two separate days). The virtual courses will not have a field component. In-person training will be offered in Olympia, WA at the Natural Resources Building, with the field component done in the nearby Capitol State Forest. Additionally, we are surveying folks to understand where there is a need for in-person trainings throughout Washington- please follow the link to complete that survey!

To register for the courses, please use the links below:

**Virtual classes May 9-10, 2023** Course One – *Inventory and Assessment* – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am through 1 pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-inventory-and-assessment-course-1-tickets-602828394957>

Course Two – *Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods* – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am through 1pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-habitat-survey-and-prioritization-course-2-tickets-602856719677>

**In-Person classes in Olympia May 31-June 1, 2023**

Course One – *Inventory and Assessment* – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am through 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-inventory-and-assessment-course-1-tickets-602859387657>

Course Two – *Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods* – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am through 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-habitat-survey-and-prioritization-course-2-tickets-602879226997>

Each course offered is independent of each other (registration for both Course 1 and 2 is not required)- but it is highly recommended that the Course One (*Inventory and Assessment*) training has been completed prior to the Course Two (Habitat/Prioritization) training, as many of the topics discussed during the *Inventory and Assessment* training will be referenced during the *Habitat Survey and Prioritization* training. The In-Person, *Habitat Survey and Prioritization* training will be limited to no more than 15 people, as we will be walking our local training stream, and want to be conscious of our impact while out in the field.

## Training Needs Questionnaire

In addition to the sets of trainings that are being offered, I have set up a questionnaire that will help me better understand the need of in-person trainings/field days across the State of Washington. The answers provided on the questionnaire will help us better plan for general trainings in areas of the state that there is a demand. Please take the time (should only take 2-3 minutes) to fill out the questionnaire if you are interested in joining a training that may be closer to home for you. The questionnaire can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/g/BaVW6T3Sth>

Please let me know if you have trouble registering, or if you would like to be removed from this mailing list. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out at any time!

Samuel Harris Cell: 360-280-4129 M-Th 0700-1730 Email: [samuel.harris@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:samuel.harris@dfw.wa.gov)

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**



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