



FLY PAPER

November 2023

Looking Upstream

November	2	Board Meeting
November	16	Club Meeting / Leland Miyawaki / SeaRun Cuts - Hope the Pass is Open
December	7	Board Meeting
December	21	Club Meeting / Membership Presentations / Show Us Your 2023
January	4	Board Meeting
January	20	WVFF Banquet & Elections Wenatchee Valley College
February	1	Board Meeting
February	15	Club Meeting / Presenter TBA
February 28 - March 27		Wenatchee River Institute, Leav. Wed. Eve Adult Fly Tying



SeaRun

Cutthroats

Presentation By Leland Miyawaki

Over 30 years ago his famous Miyawaki Beach Popper became a staple fly for fishing Puget Sound beaches for sea-run cutthroat and coho salmon. The fly is a slider style foam head with trailing hook. Made from sheep hair, grizzle hackle, and peacock herl which gives the fly a very fishy look as it skitters across the path of a feeding SeaRun which are always on the move, searching out prey along the beaches. Sometimes they're here and sometimes they're there. If you're looking to count numbers caught, go poach a hatchery but if you're looking to spend a few hours on pristine, clear waters, with spectacular scenery, and catch and release (mandatory) a few beautifully marked wild trout, then this fishery is for you.

Leland suggests a 9-foot, 6-weight fast-action rod, floating line, anodized saltwater-ready reel, and 9-foot 0X leaders and at the action end of your rig try his poppers since they love surface feeding or a Chartreuse Clouser, Olive and White Lefty's Deceivers or a Gold Rolled Muddler.

Be sure to attend your club's November meeting with notebook in hand, you will learn life cycles, food, timing and tides, techniques, and methods.

WVFF Daytime Fly Tying Sessions

All levels of fly tyers are welcome. Join us and pick up a few tying tips or teach us something.

Wenatchee Eagles

1st & 3rd Wednesdays November - February

- ✓ Noon - 2:30 ish
- ✓ Lunch off the Eagles menu if hungry.
- ✓ Friends are welcome as well.
- ✓ Tom Whiteside is going to lead the 2nd session on Nov. 15 tying an Extended Body Green Drake.
- ✓ Dick Nicklas will lead the 3rd session on Dec. 6 tying a Stonefly Nymph.

Bugs & Brews Evening Fly Tying Sessions

**Ground Zero (downtown Wenatchee)
Thursday, Nov. 9th from 7 - 9 PM**

- ✓ Offered by Mike Scherer of the Wenatchee Fly Co. & Guide Service.
- ✓ Hopefully this will be a continuing event through the winter months.



Fly Tying Class at Wenatchee High School

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings WVFF Club Members,

As we are headed toward the Holiday season with festive occasions for get-togethers, we can add one more festive occasion to our calendar: our annual club banquet in January at Wenatchee Valley College. Hopefully someone will step forward for the President's position and this banquet will not be our last one as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. A reminder that we have a very competent Nominating Committee calling our members to volunteer for any board positions, except Past President, and they'll make a report to the membership during the November club meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16th.

Speaking of our upcoming club meeting, we will feature a great presentation about sea-run cutthroat trout. This will be a live presentation (no Zoom available) We will also have a short auction and raffle session prior to the presentation and business meeting.

Please note that we would love to also have Zoom presentations available to members who cannot physically attend the meeting. However, we need a volunteer with tech skills to run the Zoom portion of the presentation. Please contact any of our board members if you have an interest in volunteering for this position.

Please also note that we have started our fly-tying sessions at the Eagles. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at noon. These sessions will run November through February. Bring your equipment or just come and watch. Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you soon! Happy November!

Daniel Hammond WVFF President

October 5, 2023 Virtual Board Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Dan Hammond, Bruce Merighi, Derek Corder, John Richmond, Bruce Philips and Gary Anderson

Absent: Bob Bartlett and Steve Aguilu

Call to order: Time: 6:01pm

Aug 24th Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: John Richmond Second: Bruce Merighi Vote: Unanimous

President's Report:

- WVFF Bylaw 4; Section 3.04 (b): October: The president shall appoint a nominating committee of 3-5 members.
 - Section 3.04 (c): The committee will report their findings to the membership in November.
 - Presidents Message: A lot of highs this year: new members, volunteer recognition but if we don't have people willing to be on the board, we may be facing dissolution.
 - Bruce Merighi said that members could vote to amend the board makeup.
 - Dan Hammond said that if we dissolved, the club assets would have to go to another nonprofit group.
 - Banquet: Bruce Philips is willing to help coordinate with the college and John Richmond also said he would help.
 - Derek said he would be willing to step up to the vice president spot.
 - Bruce Merighi said he will keep going if no one wants the Education and Conservation position.
 - Dan Hammond said he is interested in helping with the newsletter.
 - Bruce Merighi said everyone should put together a short description of what they do and send it to him for the November newsletter.
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Education Report: Bruce Merighi

- **Fly Casting Clinic-** The Boy Scouts did not show up. There were 10 people at the beginning and 8 at the afternoon session. Bruce Merighi said that people came all the way from Tri Cities. There was good weather this time.
- **Wenatchee River Institute** is interested in doing an adult fly tying in Feb-March and Bruce Merighi said he will coordinate with them.

Conservation Report: Bruce Merighi

- Upper meadow restoration
- Chain saw for Trout Unlimited, Wenatchee Branch
- Temperature Dataloggers for Chelan County Conservation
- More info. in November for the Board to vote on.
- **Potato Creek (Phase 3) report**
 - Gordy and Dan represented the club. There has been a big change in foliage and people saw fingerling rainbows. This was a low-tech project, but it has had a large positive effect on the Entiat river.

Treasurer's Report: John Richmond

- Total funds are currently \$22,165.
- Auction proceeds from last membership meeting were \$641.00.
- John Richmond said that the company that provides the portapotty at Grimes Lake called to say that they will not be available for that service next year. No explanation was given for the change. The club will need to find an alternate company for that service.

Outings Report:

- No outings for the rest of the year

Membership Report: Bruce Phillips

- **Membership renewals/payment:**
 - Pretty slow
- **New members:** added WVC fly fishing class members to roster.

Program Chair Report:

- Aug 24: Rich de Lorenzo- program on Atlantic salmon
- November program was cancelled but Bruce Merighi is working with Mike Sherer from the Wenatchee Fly Company to replace him.

Old Business:

- Website: there are still pages that do not have page counters

Report from Bob Bartlett (June 2023) Website Work:

'We know Patrik Herzog has enable member join year on registration so we can keep track of who's current on dues, but we're still waiting for Patrik's creation of a password-protected registration link, and enhancement of the visitor log counter so it counts unique visits to all pages, not just visits to the total website. We've also asked him for suggestions for integrating an email list to the website.

Thanks,
Bob'

New Business:

- Kodi Jo Jasper (formerly of TU Wenatchee) has expressed interest in having WVFF members teach her Wenatchee High School students how to cast fly lines and tie flies.

Adjournment Time: 7:27pm



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