



# FLY PAPER

February 2024

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## Looking Upstream

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| Feb. 7                | Tying @ the Eagles Noon - 2:30p<br>Discussion Forum: Fishing Lake Lenice, Quincy Lake, Burke Lake, Dusty Lake and Dry Falls   |
| Feb. 15               | Club Meeting / WDFW Fish Biologists   |
| Feb. 17-18            | The Fly Fishing Show Bellevue WA Meydenbauer Center   |
| Feb. 28 -<br>March 27 | Tying Volunteers Needed Call Bruce 679-2274<br>Wenatchee River Institute, Leavenworth<br>Wednesday Evenings - Adult Fly Tying Class   |
| March 21              | General Meeting Wenatchee Valley College<br>Van Tassell Cafeteria Meeting Room<br>Presenter - Steve Worley of the Worley Bugger Fly Shop<br>How to Fish the Yakima R. in High Water   |
| March 16-17           | Tentative Dates Quincy Lake Outing – If no ice  |
| April 18              | General Meeting<br>Presenter Rich De Larenso - Fishing the Seychelles   |
| April 26-28           | Tentative Dates Blue Lake @ Sinlahekin, Season Opener Outing  |
| May TBD               | FFI Master Casting Instruction at Walla Walla Point Park  |
| May 9-12              | Big Twin Lake, Methow Outing  |
| May 16                | General Meeting Presenter -Mike Sherer / Wenatchee Fly Co.<br>Also, Conservation Grant recipients talk about how the gear we gave them is working on fisheries conservation projects. |
| June – Sept           | No General or Board Meetings during the summer  |

# FEB 15 THREE LOCAL FISH BIOLOGISTS PRESENTATION

The February club meeting is the highly anticipated annual event where the WDFW fish biologists from Chelan, Okanagan and Grant/Adams counties will present their annual trout stocking reports to us in person. They provide us with handouts that include:

- \* what bodies of water have been stocked
- \* how many trout were planted
- \* what species of trout were stocked

The biologists also discuss which bodies of water are being rehabilitated, which ones to stay away from (winter kill, etc.), and they will promote those that you might consider trying (less pressure, etc.).

**This is a highly informative meeting, and you will not want to miss it!**

## 2024 WVFF Board Members

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Tod Trent	President./
Derek Corder	Vice President
Treasurer	John Richmond
Secretary	Mike Wyant
Allan Warman	Membership
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Outings</i>
Bruce Merighi	Education - Conservation - Publications
Fred Kunzman	Ghillie
Past President	Danniel Hammond

# Club Presidents Message

Greetings all,

I am excited to introduce myself as your new President. I'd like to share briefly my inspiration to step into this role as a relatively new WVFF member and as someone who has (to date) never actually fly fished!

I am a proud graduate of Gary and Tom's WVC Continuing Ed class that boasted a packed house of students from all over!



In December, I learned that WVFF was in serious danger of losing its 501 c (3) designation. That designation is kind of a big deal, and I did not want to see WVFF falter when, since its inception in the mid 1980s, it has done so much for this valley, our region, and for each member who has discovered the joy of being "out there on the water."

I rather doubt most of you care too much about this 501 c (3) thing, but it provides tax exemptions for nonprofit charitable organizations that have a clear mission or purpose. The IRS relates these "charitable" activities to, among other things, "relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged...and advancement of education or science." (IRS Code)

I think we all get that second part. WVFF is consistently showing up to teach kids and community member how to tie flies; what larval, emergent, and adult forms are; and how to get started in a hobby (and a habit) that get folks outside and into themselves. And WVFF is HUGE in showing up



for conservation... on Nason Creek, Lake Lenore, Potato Creek, Chiwawa River, and the Grand Ronde. In 2023, WVFF received an Outstanding Volunteer award from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: Region 2.

All that is, by itself, reason to celebrate and continue as a 501 c (3)!

But what does that have to do with the first part of the IRS code?

My day job is working for Wenatchee Valley College. In COVID, all our employees and students quite suddenly were confined to quarters and asked to learn in front of a computer screen...all day, every day. We were not alone: every K-12 district had to do the same. And if anyone went out – to shop, get gas, or other essentials – we were masked up.

Unless, of course, you were fishing.



All the distress (see there's that word) of being holed up was especially profound to those who didn't have the means to get away and were stuck, sometimes, in small apartments, without relief.

Organizations like WVFF are holders of something really special: the knowledge, means, and desire to help others get out there on the water. I saw that enthusiasm at our Annual Banquet, and I see it in the enthusiasm of this Board to grow opportunities for *everyone* – young, old, male, female – from any background find a happy place among the reeds and ripples. My goal as President to help WVFF keep this purpose front and center while growing new members from all over.

Remember, it's not about us...it's about the fish!

I look forward to meeting all of you and thank you for the opportunity to keep a good thing flowing.

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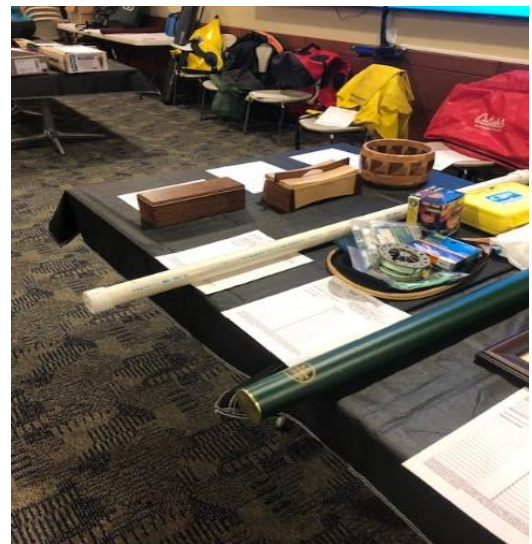
*Rivers and their inhabitants are made for the wise to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration.* [Izaak Walton]

## Banquet Round Up

This year the total cost of the banquet and food came in at \$ 4,251. Our revenue from all components was \$ 8,660 so when you do the math your club generated a net profit of \$4,399. If you're a history buff the WVFF had fewer banquet goers and brought in about \$ 300 less than last year. Not bad and don't forget that a large amount of these proceeds are funneled to support fisheries conservation and education about fly fishing. Thank You for your continued support.



Gary and Bruce P. raffled off the world.



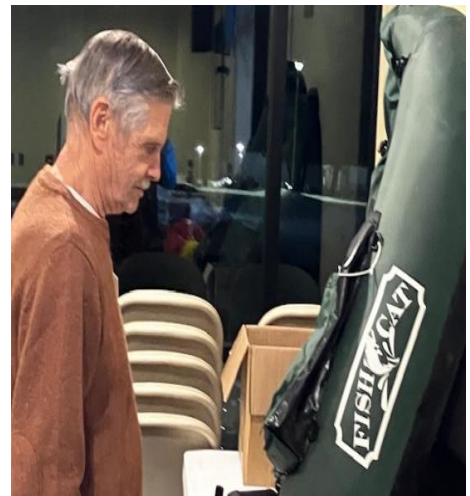
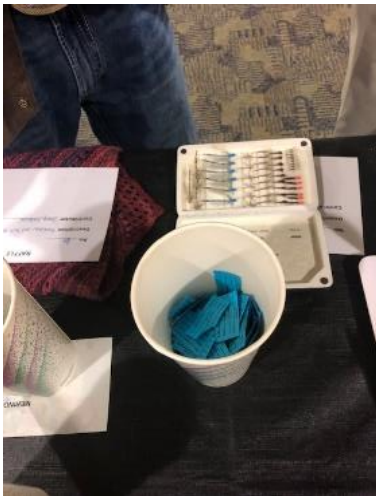
Lot's of stuff



President Danniell Hammond inspires.



So many items so few raffle tickets.



Raffling Garry Flies, Boots, Art, Fins, Rods, Float tubes (2), Waterproof Duffels + Tons More.



Auctioneer Gordy got us all to spend too much at the auction and we met Tod our new President.



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Editor's Note: The WVFF is a member of the FFI.

## FFI Update for January

FFI is playing a role at the Fly Fishing Show in February at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue and the Washington Council wants you and your fellow club members to join us there. For the first time ever, FFI will host a reception at the show Saturday, Feb. 17 from 4:30 to 6 pm where FFI members and friends can gather to say hello and learn about a game-changing conservation strategy for Olympic Peninsula salmon and steelhead rivers. The \$30 FFI ticket buys full day entry to the show plus the reception with savory snacks and a chance to win a new Thomas & Thomas 5wt fly rod and other quality gear. FFI also will host the Learning Center at the show where we

will offer walk-in instruction on fly tying, knots and casting if space is available. Tickets are available on the WSCFFI.ORG Website.

The Fly Casting Fair is returning to Ballinger Park on May 4 with a full day of skills development for fly casters and tyers. The event, now in its third year, offers a range of classes for newcomers and experienced fishers and a chance for FFI members throughout Puget Sound to connect. Watch for details in spring.

The Washington Council supports excellence in fly tying, fly casting, education and conservation and invites you to nominate your friends and your fly clubs for our annual awards. Every club has leaders that keep the club going and growing. Nominating those men and women for the annual Washington Council Awards program is a way to say thanks. Details about awards and nomination forms are available on the WSCFFI.ORG Website, click on the About Us tab and click on Awards.

Finally, this month the Washington Council wants to welcome a new affiliated club, 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers of Bellingham. Join us in welcoming the gang at 4<sup>th</sup> Corner. Directors and members of Washington FFI appreciate your friendship and support. Tight lines to all!



**Fly Wives and Friends  
Get Together - So Cool**



# January 4, 2024 Virtual Board Meeting Minutes

**ATTENDANCE:** Present: Dan Hammond, John Richmond, Gary Anderson, Bruce Phillips, Michael Wyant, Bruce Merighi, Derek Corder, Bob Bartlett, Steve Aguilu Absent: None

**Call to order:** Time: 6:08pm

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## **December 7th Board Meeting Minutes-**

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

### **President's Report:** Dan Hammond

- Banquet Discussion: Bruce Phillips said need to get the word out. He sent in the deposit for the room. There will be 75 chairs, 14 large tables, and 9 smaller tables for auction items. We will need volunteers to help set it up. Dan Hammond offered his house for stuffing the banquet packets. Bruce Merighi wants to put together a slide show of the big-ticket items.
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- Budget Discussion: It was suggested that we increase allocations to Programs and Website Maintenance. The motion to increase the amount for the flyfishing academy to \$700 did not pass. Motion to increase the amount for the flyfishing academy and casting for recovery to \$700 each: Dan moved to approve, and John Richmond seconded. The motion carried.

### **Education Report:** Bruce Merighi

- Bruce Merighi is still looking for volunteers for WRI fly tying on February 28<sup>th</sup> and every Thursday in March 6-9pm.

### **Conservation Report:** Bruce Merighi

- Bruce Merighi is still working on the purchases for the winners of the grants.
- The club was sent data from the river dataloggers that were from a previous grant.

### **Treasurer's Report:** John Richmond

- Reinstatement as a 501c3 with state of WA but IRS is not current.
- Bank \$19,210 Total assets: \$26,795

### **Outings Report:** Bob Bartlett

- Big Twin Outing: May 9-12
- Quincy Lake: no date yet
- Blue Lake: Opening weekend in late April
- St. Joe: campgrounds are filling up

## **Membership Report:** Bruce Phillips

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- **Membership renewals/payment:** 17 people have paid their 2024 dues. We need to put in another column for 2024 dues on the website.

## **Program Chair Report:** Gary Anderson

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- District Biologists in February
- March: no program yet

## **Old Business:**

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- None

## **New Business:**

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- Flyfishing Movie Night March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Flyfishing Expo is back in Bellevue Feb 17-18
- Facebook Discussion: The club has a Facebook page but no one knows how to get into it. The Wenatchee Fisherman's Forum uses Facebook to advertise outings and items for sale. Bruce Phillips said that this format may be helpful for WVFF.
- Dan Hammond said we need a tech person to help run meetings: Dan Hammond and Tom Whiteside are interested as long as they can be trained. Steve Aguilu has equipment that can be purchased by the club.

**Adjournment Time: 8:02pm**

# CLUB DUES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

Every year Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers membership dues are due by the first of April each year. If you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet please take care of this bit of paperwork as soon as possible. You can pay your \$35 via check in the mail at: **P. O. Box 3687, Wenatchee, WA 98807-3687** or on our website on the purchase page. Thank you in advance.

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