



FLY PAPER

April 2024

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Looking Upstream

April 1	CLUB DUES ARE DUE
April 16	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help with Knots
April 18	General Meeting Presenter Rich De Larenso - Fishing the Seychelles
April 26-28	Blue Lake @ Sinlahekin, Season Opener Outing
May 9-12	Big Twin Lake, Methow Outing
May 14	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help with Fly Tying
May 21	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help with Casting
May 16	General Meeting Presenter -Mike Sherer / Wenatchee Fly Co.
June 1	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help at Beehive Lk.
June – Sept	No General or Board Meetings during the summer



WDFW Fish Passage Trainings

Editor's Note: Fish Passage Barriers are being documented around the country and Washington is totally involved in this important process. A Fish Passage Barrier is anything that impedes a fishes movement up or down stream. Blocking these waterways removes all upstream water from becoming available to a variety of fish species. Identifying these locations allows those with the desire, funding, and strong backs to get into the fight and open up miles of water that will only make our fish populations thrive.

Hello All,

I am pleased to announce that we have a handful of training courses coming up in the next few months. These courses will cover our Inventory and Assessment protocols, as well as a single training on our Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods (two separate courses, on two separate days) which are outlined in the 2019 Fish Passage Inventory, Assessment, and Prioritization Manual (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02061>).

In-person trainings will be offered in Olympia, WA at the Natural Resources Building (1111 Washington St. SE Olympia, WA 98502), with the field components done in the nearby Capitol State Forest and West Bay Park.

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

May 20th and 21st – Courses One and Two offered In-Person

Course One – *Inventory and Assessment* – May 20th, 9am through 5pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-inventory-assessment-course-1-tickets-872625124237>

Course Two – *Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods* – May 21st, 9am through 5pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-habitat-survey-prioritization-course-2-tickets-872638574467>

July 2nd- Course One only (In-Person)

Course One – *Inventory and Assessment* – July 2nd, 9 am through 5 pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-inventory-assessment-course-1-tickets-872652094907>

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 20 people**, as we will be walking our local training stream, and want to be conscious of our impact while out in the field.

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!

Thank you,

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Fly Tying Zoom w/ Beatty

Austin-Beatty - East Meets West – Wednesday, 3 April 2024 @ 3 PM MDT, Feather Slip Wings

Austin & Beatty are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Austin-Beatty - East Meets West – Wednesday, 27Mar24 @ 3 PM MDT, Feather Slip Wings

Time: **Apr 3, 2024** 02:30 PM Mountain Time

Eric Austin and the Beattys will be discussing similarities and differences of Eastern and Western feather slip wing patterns. This Wednesday, 3 April at 3 PM (MDT) they will demonstrate a couple of feather-slip-wing patterns when Eric ties a traditional wet fly and Al ties a pattern with both feather slips and hair as part of its construction. The programs will be available live on Zoom and Facebook while the recording will be loaded to Austin's and Beatty's YouTube Channels. Be sure to join the fun on Wednesday at 3 PM (MDT).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83987564896?pwd=VANbXcnuyYabjaFTDxsAKotNLqHwfh.1>

Meeting ID: 839 8756 4896

Passcode: 701825

Austin-Beatty - East Meets West – Wednesday, 10 April 2024 @ 3 PM MDT, A Pair of Wulffs

Austin & Beatty are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

April 10, 2024 at 3 PM MDT

Eric Austin and the Beattys will be discussing similarities and differences between Eastern and Western Wulff-style patterns. This Wednesday, 10 April at 3 PM (MDT) Eric ties an Ausable Wulff and Al ties one of his patterns, the 141. The programs will be available live on Zoom and Facebook while the recording will be loaded to Austin's and Beatty's YouTube Channels. Be sure to join the fun on Wednesday at 3 PM (MDT).

Topic: Austin-Beatty - East Meets West – Wednesday, 10 April 2024 @ 3 PM MDT, A Pair of Wulffs

Time: Apr 10, 2024 03:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82971891491?pwd=dxljV9WBT4f1qr8psPb2ZzR1uUoabC.1Meeting> ID: 829 7189 1491

Passcode: 434608

Virtual March 14, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Present: Gary Anderson, Derek Corder, Bruce Merighi, John Richmond, Tod Treat, Allan Warman, Mike Wyant Absent: Daniel Hammond, Fred Kunzman

Call to order: 7:06 p.m.

February 1, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (recorded by Mike Wyant)

Motion to Approve: John Richmond Second: Allan Warman Vote: Unanimous

President's Report:

Tod will complement the regional biologists' presentations in his newsletter article this month.

Education Report:

Bruce commented on the fly-tying class at Wenatchee River Institute, noting that there has been a very good turnout of club volunteers to assist, in addition to the club members who are demonstration tying at each class. All of the participants (12) are from the Leavenworth area, including two who are middle school age. One of the young participants has applied to and been accepted for the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing academy.

Discussion was held about extending a year's free membership to the participants of the tying class. Mike made a motion to do so. Allan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous. Tod plans to attend the last session to invite participants to join the club.

Conservation Report:

Bruce continues to acquire equipment for the conservation grants that were awarded last year.

Bruce is starting to collect applications for this year's funding.

The recipients of last year's grants will be invited to make short presentations on their projects at the club meeting in September. Bruce and Gary will coordinate. Tod suggested that the recipients take photos and/or videos as they make use of the material they were provided. Photos and video could be added to the club web site to demonstrate the club's support for conservation efforts.

Treasurer's Report:

Budget for 2024: John presented the proposed 2014 budget. He noted that it is a deficit budget but also noted that the club's overall financial position remains very strong. After some discussion about specific line items there was a motion to adopt the 2024 budget that John proposed. Bruce moved to adopt. Allan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Outings Report:

Derek provided an update on upcoming outings. A handful of members plan to attend to Quincy Lake outing. An outing to Lake Lenore is being planned for April.

Membership Report:

Allan reported that he attended the fly-fishing film festival on March 7 and handed out 20 or so applications for club membership. He commented that the films were good but the whole evening's show was heavy on advertising. He incidentally mentioned that someone he had contact with said the Plain Adventure Women group is interested in fly-fishing. He will follow up with a call to explore options.

Program Chair Report:

Gary reviewed the upcoming programs for club meetings:

March: Steve Worley to present on high water fishing on the Yakima River

April: Rich Delorenzo on fishing in the Indian Ocean

May: Mike Scherer on fishing on the Methow River and at Evergreen Reservoir.

September: Conservation grant recipients

Gary commented that programs are difficult to arrange in the months of November and December due to potential weather difficulties. Gary also commented that it is time to think about a succession plan for the program chair position as he has been doing it for many years and would like to turn it over to someone else at some point. John commented that as the ability for presenters to do so remotely is becoming more and more necessary, it is essential that the club invest the technology to assure that high quality remote presentations are possible.

Allan said he has a friend who may have a good presentation if he can do it remotely.

Old business: None

New business:

Gary reported that the Introduction to Fly-Fishing class at Wenatchee Valley College filled up in the first week of registration. It starts on April 9. Gary provided three dates when additional help from club volunteers will be needed.

- April 16 for tying knots
- May 14 for fly-tying
- May 21 for casting
- June 1 outing to Beehive Reservoir

Bruce informed the board that this would be his last year as a board member.

Misc. Brief discussion was held regarding the gift that was given to outgoing president Daniel Hammond.

Bruce made a motion to give Daniel a full day guided walk and wade trip on the Methow River valued at \$500. Gary seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment Time:

Motion to adjourn: At 8:12 Allan made a motion to adjourn. Bruce seconded the motion.

Approval was unanimous.

CLUB DUES WERE DUE APRIL 1ST

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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