



FLY PAPER

October 2025

October Flypaper President's Message

Welcome back everyone!

I was happy to see so many of you at our first meeting back from the summer break on September 18th. We had a great speaker, Josh Williams, who presented on the many kinds of fish located in the Wenatchee Basin. Josh is also the President of the Washington-British Columbia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society as well as a Fisheries Biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Josh is also a fellow member of the Wenatchee Valley Flyfishers, and we are happy to have such a knowledgeable and active member.

An important update that I want to inform all of you of is the fact that the next two monthly meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month instead of the third Thursday. That means the next meeting will be on October 13th and the November meeting will be on the 17th. I appreciate the continued flexibility and support of the club as we navigate these challenges. Without these changes, I would not be able to hold the meeting in October due to an out-of-town work conference, and my presenter would not be able to attend the meeting in November due to similar obligations.

Speaking of presentations, we have a couple of great ones coming up. In October, our very own Tom Whiteside will be showing us some knots

and leaders. Tom is a long-time member of the WVFF and is an excellent fly fisher and teacher. As many of you know, he and Gary Anderson taught the flyfishing college class for many years. He holds a wealth of information, and I am so grateful that he accepted my invitation to share that knowledge with you. For November, Jason Lundgren of Cascade Fisheries will be joining us to tell everyone about the progress they are making on their conservation efforts. WVFF donated to their efforts in the Lower Peshastin Creek back in December and they are putting it to good use.

Another important point I want to bring to your attention is the fact that there are open board and coordinator positions that need to be filled. Next year I will pass to the Past President position, and a new President will need to be voted in. In this new pared down board, the President does have more responsibilities. Organizing the banquet, speakers for the members' meetings, outings, website, Flypaper, and member coordination are included in those responsibilities. Current Treasurer, John Richmond, would like to step away from the position. He has spent many years ensuring the funds of the club are properly managed and accounted for. Mike Wyant, the current secretary, would also like to step back from the position. He has also spent the past few years ensuring that the board meetings are documented for transparency and accountability. WVFF is very grateful for John and Mike's hard work. There are many coordinator positions available. Those members in these positions will not be board members and not be required to attend board meetings. These positions are here to help the board with the vital functions of the club. Coordinators for Outings, Membership, the Flypaper, etc are being considered and are open to volunteers. Participation in these positions is a great way to get involved with the WVFF and ensure its legacy. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about the positions are encouraged to contact me at this email address: wenvalleyflyfishers@gmail.com.

I also want to bring to your attention a very generous donation made by Dr. Paul Ford. Dan Hammond, on Dr. Ford's behalf, brought a portion of Dr. Ford's library to the September Members' Meeting for members to look

through and choose anything they might want. The books that were left over were then donated to the Flyfishing Academy. This is a very generous gift of knowledge to the next generation of fly fishers.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events!

Looking Upstream

- WVFF's last meeting was held at Pinnacle Beerworks (18N Mission Street). There was a large turnout including many current flyfishing class members!

WVFF Members Meeting Sept 2025

- Welcome!
- President's Message 5:30-6
- Presentation 6-7:30

4th Order basin
3,437-km²; 1,327-mj²

Snow Water Equivalent:
Wenatchee ~9"
Lake Wenatchee ~38"
Crest ~150"

Elevation: 770 – 9,000'

Land ownership:
17% private
83% public

Life-history diversity

	Life-span	Migration	Reproduction
Salmon species	3-6 yrs	to AK, sometimes Asia	redds; die after spawning
3-spined stickleback	2 yrs	sometimes to ocean	caves; males guard nest
Sucker species	10+ yrs	freshwater only	broadcast spawn
Sturgeon	100+ yrs!	sometimes to ocean	very slow to mature; get huge

WVFF Members Meeting Sept 2025

- Presentation: Josh Williams "Fish of the Wenatchee Basin"

Looking Downstream

Next Club Meeting

Monday October 13. Pinnacle Beerworks, 5:30-8:30 pm. (NOTE DATE VARIANCE!)

Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers Minutes Virtual Board Meeting September 11, 2025

Attendance:Present: Derek Corder, John Richmond, Tod Treat, Mike Wyant

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

**2025 Board Meeting Minutes Motion to approve: Wyant, Second Corder
Motion approved**

Current Finances: \$8,400 in bank, \$9,500+ in community fund, \$17,950 total

John reported: That the club is in good financial condition. That there has been no membership activity recently, meaning no new members have joined. There are 43 active members for 2025.

New Business:

Club member and WDFW biologist will make a presentation on fish of the Wenatchee River Basin at the September meeting.

The club is needing to get its belongings out of the Eagles building. A plan was developed to address this.

The board and membership need to start considering who will be officers and board members for 2026.

Banquet preparations need to begin in the next couple of months. Wenatchee Valley College does not presently have a food service program. Tod recommends that the club consider Columbia Café as a

caterer for the banquet. The club may look at other venues for the banquet.

Adjournment Time:

Motion to adjourn

Adjourned at: 7:37 p.m.

A Note from Editor



No words needed! (Photo by Tod Treat)

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