



# The Flypaper

March/April 2018

## Fly Tying Class

NFA featured a fly tying class that began in January. Students learned how to tie some basic and advanced flies. The class was taught by veteran fly tiers, Eric Olson and David Paul Williams.

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Masthead Photo: Carol Ann Morris

## *New Officers*

In the twenty-seven years I have been associated with Northwest Fly Anglers (NFA), I have officially and unofficially performed many functions for the club; sometimes for a single meeting and sometimes for several years. By helping the club, I got to know many members of the NFA. Members shared their knowledge, experiences, and secret fishing spots with me. And I gained knowledge and experience such as dishwashing skills (outings), meal planning (soda/chips are not a meal), preparing for trips (tie it down), and recognizing quality (it was on sale).

As the proverb states—"you only get out what you put in". By contributing to NFA, my enjoyment of the club increased ten-fold. The best part is enjoying fly fishing with others. And, no, I don't have any secret fishing spots (wink, wink).

- Written by: Michael Olson



New Officers from Left: Bill Gibson (secretary), Michael Olson (president), Carl Johnson (vice president). Peter Maunsell is the treasure and is not pictured.

## *Upcoming Trips*

### **Yakima River Canyon Outing - Lower Canyon—**

March 23-25

Big Pines Campground

### **Beginning Fly Casting—April 3- May 8**

Green Lake Casting Pier

### **Local Lake (TBD)—April 28**

Day Outing



## *Fly Tying Class*

January 30, 2018 marked the first class session of the NFA introductory fly tying class team-taught by Eric Olson and David Paul Williams. After getting a sense of the experience level of the class, then covering some terminology, the students got right to work ending the night having successfully tied a Carey Special, one of the best lake flies around.

The class is a lively blend of new club members—Scott Keenholts and Ed Boehmer, several longer term members—Carol Johnson, Kathy Watson, Tim Strand and Wayne Balsiger, plus some folks that we would love to have join the club—Allison Bolgiano, Joan Elston and KD Hallman.

By the second class, when the students were faced with the challenge of tying two patterns, one big—a black Woolly Bugger and one little—a chironomid, it was clear to the instructors that this was a talented group of new fly tiers. They are already grasping the subtleties of manipulating materials to achieve the desired result. By the end of the six week course, these guys will all be rock stars.

Each class session Eric and David alternate demonstrating tying so the students gain a different perspective on how to tie with the result that they gain the perspective of two instructors.

- ♦ Written by: David Paul Williams
- ♦ Photos by: David Paul Williams



Fly tying at bench. Wooley buggers ready to go!



Tim Strand at the vice

## *First Aid Training*

The NFA would like as many club members as possible to be trained in first aid at as advanced a level as each member is willing to be trained. To encourage this NFA is willing to provide club members \$25.00/outing for up to 3 outings a year towards this type of training.

The member needs to attend an appropriate course within 12 months of the outing(s) and submit both certification and enrollment receipt(s) to the NFA treasurer within one month of course completion.

Eligible courses and organizations providing the training include:

- ◆ First Aid Training (Red Cross)
- ◆ Advanced First Aid Training (Red Cross)
- ◆ Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Red Cross)
- ◆ Mountaineering Oriented First Aid (Mountaineers Club)
- ◆ Mountaineering First Aid (Mountaineers Club, NOLS)
- ◆ Swiftwater First Responder Training
- ◆ Wilderness First Responder Training (Mountaineers Club)
- ◆ Wilderness First Aid (Mountaineers Club, NOLS)
- ◆ Wilderness Advanced First Aid (Mountaineers Club, NOLS)

Questions as to whether or not a course would qualify should be directed to the NFA treasurer or the NFA Outings Chairperson.

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## January Membership Meeting

Matt Moore welcomed members to the first NFA meeting of 2018. We had approximately 6 guests in attendance who heard about the NFA through the website or via current members. The first order of business was to elect officers for 2018. The officers are: Michael Olson-President, Carl Johnson-Vice President, Bill Gibson-Secretary, and Peter Maunsell-Treasurer.

The 2018 the NFA budget was presented by Matt Moore and was approved by the membership. David Preston and Freda Everett were inducted into the club as new members. David and Freda want to meet other people to fish with and learn about fly fishing. An announcement was made about the beginning fly tying class taught by Eric Olson and David Williams. The first class will be January 30th and 10 students have signed up. Mike Gallavan announced the fly casting classes, which will be held April 3, 2018 at the Greenlake casting pier. The casting class will run for six weeks and costs \$60.00 per person.

Wayne Balsiger thanked the membership for their support of our successful 2017 auction held at Ivar's Salmon House. The meeting adjourned for a short break. Thank you to Scott and Teresa Keenholtz and Walt Furler for bringing refreshments.

After the break, Peter Rubenstein gave a presentation on 2018 fishing outings. He passed out handouts and projected on screen the various events, including locations, dates, hosts, and general information. Members are encouraged to go to the NFA website to register and see all the details about each outing.

There are more day outings than in previous years. Some of the locations for day outings are TBD depending on fishing conditions. A location will be chosen two weeks prior to the outing.

Participation on the outings will be limited to 16 people, with some exceptions. Check the website for more details.

The 2018 outing schedule features a variety of fishing opportunities for all types of fishing at many different locations. Be sure to sign up and join the fun.

- ♦ Written by: Susanne Staats
- ♦ Photos by: Susanne Staats



Former President, Matt Moore, and current President, Michael Olson



## February Membership Meeting

At our February meeting, the club welcomed five new members. They are: Mike Richards, Ron Wright, Ed Boehner, Julia Cruz , and Solanda Cruz.

Our special speaker for the February meeting was Carol Ann Morris. Over the past two decades Carol Ann Morris's photographs have not only appeared in most of her husband Skip Morris's 18 fly-fishing and -tying books but on the covers and interior pages of such magazines as Grey's Sporting Journal, Yale Angler's Journal, and Fly Fishing & Tying Journal.

She has performed her PowerPoint show "Fly Fishing Photography 101: How to Capture What You See" all over the West--in Washington, Oregon, British Columbia--and in the East--Michigan, Ohio--at fly-fishing clubs and sportsmen's shows and fly fishing expositions. We had the treat of Carol walking us through some tips to take better photographs.

Carol taught us how to take photos that are crisp and vivid, balanced and expressive. She explained the Rule of Thirds, effective use of light, the Magic Hour, UFOs (Unidentified Foreign Objects), how to photograph fish, and several other straightforward concepts.

- Written by: Carl Johnson and Brian Boone



New members from left to right: Mike Richards, Ron Wright, Ed Boehner, Julia Cruz , Solanda Cruz .

Carol Ann Morris

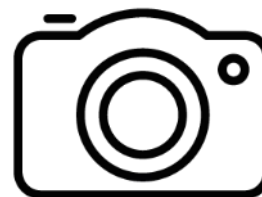


- Photos by: Brian Boone (left), Carol Morris (right)





# FISHOTS



Submit your fishots to Brian at  
stauroo@gmail.com. Include your name,  
fish caught, and location.



Larry Belmont, Cutthroat Trout, Lake Sammamish, February 2018



Jim Hopper, 20" Rainbow, Yakima River,  
February 2018

## *Your Articles & Photos Matter*

Thank you for helping to make this newsletter a written history for our club. When you write articles or provide pictures, you are helping to tell our story! Whether it is a conservation trip, a class, or an organized float, we love hearing about it!

Brian Boone  
Flypaper Editor



## *SERVING*

### **OFFICERS**

**Michael Olson**, President

**Carl Johnson**, Vice President

**Bill Gibson**, Secretary

**Peter Maunsell**, Treasurer

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Matt Moore, Alan Pilkington, Wytold Lebing**  
Nominations

**Susanne Staats**, Membership

**Peter Rubenstein**, Outings

**Wytold Lebing**, Conservation

**Larry Belmont**, Librarian

**Kim Kreidler & Helsa Petersen**, Fly Box

**Maura Johnson**, Hospitality

**Brett Schormann**, Webmaster

**Michael Olson**, Awards

**Open Position**, Education

**Open Position**, Raffle Coordinator

### *Quote of the Month*

*"As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler."*

Izaak Walton

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