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THE FLYPAPER



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JANUARY 15 MEETING

2015 Outings Program

Outings Committee Chair Mark Conner will be presenting a program previewing all the fishing outings scheduled for 2015. To download a copy of the outings schedule check out either the Welcome or the Outings page of the club's website, northwest-flyanglers.org.

There are eight, one-day outings; three are designed to offer mentoring on streams, lakes, and saltwater.

There are ten weekend outings—four in Oregon, one in Montana, and five in Washington—and all but one are river fishing destinations. The newest

PRE-MEETING

The January Pre-Meeting Program (7:00 to 7:30) is going to give you a chance to test yourself on what you know about fly tying materials. Come and give it a try! We will be set up in the alcove at the back of the meeting room. There will also be coffee and goodies available in the refreshments room.

weekend trip is to Oregon's Umpqua River for shad and bass fishing.

Mark has scheduled two extended trips. Around the summer solstice the club will spend almost a week floating the John Day or the Grande Ronde river in Oregon. And for the first week in July Mark has proposed a fly-in outing to Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in British Columbia for wilderness stream and lake fishing.

Come to the meeting and see what Mark has planned. Ask questions and even volunteer to host an outing.

JANUARY 1–MARCH 31, 2015

RENEW YOUR DUES

Membership dues will be due for renewal beginning January 1, 2015. There has been no dues increase over last year. Individual memberships are still \$30 and Family memberships still \$40. You can pay your dues by check at the monthly meeting, by mailing it to the NFA mail box (address on the back page), or preferably on the club website (see below).

Now you have a little longer to get your renewal taken care of; the *cutoff date* is March 31, 2015. After the *cutoff date*, any member who wants to renew will have to pay what is called a "Reinstatement Fee", which is \$10. If for some reason you wait until 2016, you will have to join all over again and that means a \$10 "Initiation Fee."

If you look at the proposed 2015 annual NFA Budget the steering committee will be presenting to the membership in February, you will note that expected 2015 membership dues do not come close to covering the annual expenses of the club.

Past budgets have shown that the club planned to get as much income from the raffle and silent auction at the Awards Banquet as it planned get from the dues paid by old and new members.

RENEW ON THE WEBSITE

The most convenient way to renew your membership is to go to the How to Join page on the club website, northwest-flyanglers.org. In the upper right corner, choose the right membership options and click on the Buy Now button. Wait for the form to come up and proceed accordingly.



Thanks from Outgoing President Wytold Lebing

2014 was both challenging and productive. The club changed officer's terms, budget cycle, and dues payment to a January–December fiscal year. The changes created some confusion but we got through. On the other hand, we hosted 17 great outings, and both the picnic and awards banquet were resounding successes.

Looking back on 15 months as NFA President, I'd first like to thank our officers. Maura Johnson, Vice President, was invaluable, choosing a lineup of interesting speakers for meetings and filling in when my travel schedule kept me out of the country. Ray Spencer stepped up to serve as club Secretary. Peter Maunsell and Jim Morrison, incoming and outgoing Treasurers,

managed to keep the club finances straight.

My thanks also go out to the following people who contributed as Committee Chairs, Co-chairs, or Course Organizers: Michael Olson, Tom Beaulaurier, Jim Higgins, Joe and Rebecca Souther, Helsa Petersen, Mark Conner, Jim Morrison, Dana Bottcher, Jimmy and Shirley Kamada, Susanne Staats, Steve Bosch, Kim Kreller, Paul Dieter, and Michael Gallavan.

Both Helsa Petersen and Jimmy Kamada, who organized the Awards Banquet, deserve special recognition.

It's been an honor to be NFA president. I'm looking forward to all the great things the NFA offers in 2015.



Beginning Fly Tying Class

One of the expanded enjoyments of fly fishing is tying your own flies so you can create your own variations on standard patterns and maybe come up with your own “killer fly.”

The NFA is offering a Beginning Fly Tying class, but if the student attends all the classes and practices at home between sessions, he or she will have learned enough skills to tie hundreds of fly patterns, including

such standards as the elk hair caddis, gold-ribbed hare's ear, royal Wulff, Pat's stone, and muddler minnow. There are 11 patterns taught in the six-week course which starts at 6:30, Tuesday January 6 and runs every Tuesday until February 10. The classes are held in the back room of Recycled Cycles (1109 N 35 Street), just west of Stone Way N. in Seattle's Fremont neighborhood.

All the materials for the 11 patterns are provided and students bring their own tools. A tool list is provided when one registers. The tuition for the six, two-hour classes is \$70. The class is restricted to 12 students in order to maintain a two-to-one student/instructor ratio. There are two spots left.

**REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE**

Go to the Education page at northwest-flyanglers.com to register and pay for the course.



JANUARY 24

Check Out the Skykomish

The January Skykomish outing will give members a crack at winter steelhead and, in addition, learn about this top notch river system.

We will meet at 8 a.m. at the Sportsmen Park just west of Sultan on the north side of Route 2. Coffee and donuts from the famous Sultan Bakery will be consumed as we organize our river float from High Bridge down to Sultan. Opportunity abounds for those wishing to wade fish and locations will be suggested.

The Skykomish has consistently ranked among the top ten fish producing rivers in the state for steelhead trout. The river has a good native run both winter and summer steelhead and is supplemented by hatchery plants of over 200,000 summer and another 200,000-plus winter fish.

This is an opportunity to check out the Skykomish in anticipation of the 2015 highly awaited, top notch pink salmon run.

WHAT TO BRING AND HOW TO GET THERE

FISHING GEAR

- Standard nine-foot, seven- or eight-weight outfit equipped with a "fast" sinking 10- to 12-foot sink tip line.
- Or Spey rod or switch rod set up with similar lines.
- Leaders to match size of flies (divide fly size by three or four to get tippet size; example, size six fly takes two- or one-X leader).
- Flies: Skykomish Sunrise, skunk, mud-dler minnow, and black woolly bugger in large sizes.
- Lots of backing on your reel.
- Waders and boots.
- Wading staff.
- Dark glasses.
- Fishing license and steelhead punch card.

OTHER

- Lots of warm clothes (plus gloves and cap) and spare ones in dry bag or car if you need them. Rain gear!
- Lunch and snacks.
- Hot drink in a thermos.
- Wading staff.
- Dark glasses.
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- Camera in a Ziplock bag.

DIRECTIONS

- From Seattle, take Route 522 (from the eastside, take Route 405 and then Route 522) to Monroe and exit onto Route 2 heading east.
- Sultan is 11 miles east of Monroe on Route 2.
- Exit left (north) into Sportsmen Park just before crossing the bridge just before Sultan. Look for the NFA banner.
- The Sultan Bakery is on the left of Route 2 about a third of a mile beyond the bridge.



**REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE**

Even though there is no outings fee for this outing, please register for this event on the Outings page at northwestflyanglers.com. This lets the outings coordinator know who to expect.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6

Beginning Fly Tying Class

The first of six two-hour classes meets Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 at Recycled Cycles (1109 N 35 Street, Seattle). Students need to bring their own tools. The fly tying materials are provided. There are two spots remaining. Tuition is \$70. Register on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

January 7

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

January 15

Membership Meeting

Meeting at the Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at seven with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and meeting ends before nine.

January 24

Skykomish River Outing

Spend Saturday floating or bank fishing the Skykomish River near Sultan. Meet up at Sportsmen Park in Sultan at eight. Shuttles will be run for floaters (High Bridge to the mouth of the Sultan River), and spots for bank fishing will be recommended. It is an opportunity to catch a steelhead (or two) and learn something about the Skykomish River, which has great salmon and trout fishing throughout the year. Outing coordinator is Dave Campbell. There is no outing fee. Register on the club's website.

February 3

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the February issue of *The Flypaper* are due Tuesday, February 3rd. E-mail your articles and photographs to dana.bottcher@comcast.net.



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PLUS: INFORMATION SHEETS FOR FEBRUARY'S OUTINGS

PREMEETING

Garage Sale

Instead of having the Garage Sale take up a whole meeting this year, it will be held during the pre-meeting part of the February 19th meeting. So, if you have gear that you are no longer using and want to sell, come before seven, set up a table in the rear



of the room, and display your wares. Those looking for some great deals on fly fishing equipment (and other items, as well), make sure to come to the meeting between seven and 7:30. You need to be



a member to display gear for sale, but friends and other non-members are welcome to come and shop. Be sure to get to the meeting early enough to not miss out on any of the good deals. Cash or checks only. 10% of all sales go to the club.



Luckily this grizzly was full of salmon like the one in Mike Benbow's hands (insert)

Fly Fishing with Alaskan Bears

Mike Benbow will be presenting his *Fishing in Alaska's Bear Country* at our February 19th membership meeting. If you have ever wondered about going to Alaska to fish its magnificent rivers and lakes but were concerned about sharing a river with large, brown, furry, carnivorous creatures with claws, teeth, and the ability to outrun you, then this is the program for you.

Mike started fly fishing and fly tying when he moved to Washington more than 30 years ago. A long-time member of the

DUES RENEWAL

To renew your membership go to the **How to Join** page at, northwestflyanglers.org. In the upper right corner, click the **Current Members Only Renew Your Dues Online** and proceed accordingly. Please pay by credit card or PayPal.

Evergreen Fly Fishing Club in Everett, Mike became interested in the Alaska bear country after hearing stories about early club members who used to head north and come back with bear tales. Mike retired from his day job as editor of the Business section of The Herald of Everett. He was also a co-owner of The Avid Angler fly shop in north Seattle for many years until the business was sold. Mike also occasionally writes for magazines about fly fishing and mostly just fishes whenever and wherever he can.

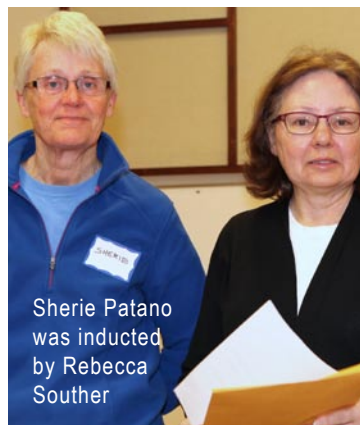
JANUARY 15TH MEMBERSHIP MEETINGJANUARY 7TH STEERING
2015 NFA BUDGET

ATTENDING were Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Peter Maunsell, Maura Johnson, Tom Beaulaurie, Wytold Lebing, Helsa Petersen, Kim Kreidler, Mark Connor.

THE MESSAGE BOARD on the club website will be replacing the Meet-up page. The Message Board will allow members to arrange impromptu fishing trips, buy and sell personal gear, and comment on club matters. Mark Conner indicated that the makeshift functioning of the Message Board reflects on the limitations of the website program currently being used by the club. It was agreed to put money in the 2015 budget to research a possible new website platform.

THE FINANCIAL REPORTS now include separate reports on who has paid his or her dues and who has signed up for outings and classes. Treasurer Peter Maunsell's reporting has made it easier for the Steering Committee to track club spending in accord with its budget.

THE 2015 BUDGET has been developed by the Budget Committee (Maura Johnson, Jim Higgins, and Peter Maunsell). Peter did a line-by-line review of the budget. The bottom line is that the proposed budget will spend down the club's approximate \$13,000 by a few thousand in 2015. This will be accomplished by allocating money to website development and creating a fund to acquire new and replace old outings equipment.



Sherie Patano
was inducted
by Rebecca
Souther

2015 Outings Highlighted

DAVID WILLIAMS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT



Mark Conner and Jim
Morrison discuss the
NFA Message Board

Maura Johnson called the meeting together at about 7:30 and welcomed any new guests. She thanked Walt Furler for bringing refreshments (Maura also brought treats).

A brief election was held and David Williams was elected vice president. Mark Conner and Jim Morrison made a brief presentation on the new Message Board. Membership co-chair Rebecca Souther inducted new member Sherie Patano. Maura said that anyone who volunteered to help instruct fly tying at the IFFF booth at the February Fly Fishing Show would get into the show free. She also mentioned a Skip Morris event (contact: master@olympus.net). Maura also mentioned an issue concerning the construction of a new footbridge at Rocky Ford Creek.

After a brief refreshments break, outings chair Mark Conner gave an informative slideshow on the outings planned for 2015.

NEW MEMBERS

Barry Hutton and Kathy Archer found out about the club through the website and attended a meeting several years ago. They took a course at the Avid Angler Fly Shop and have been fly fishing about a year. They plan to attend stream outings and learn more about fly fishing and make some new friends. Kathy loves gardening, so they indicated an interest in going on some conservation outings. Kathy likes to bake, so they will also be bringing treats to the monthly meetings. If there are no objections, they will be inducted at a future time.



Eager students line the Casting Pier at Seattle's Green Lake

Beginning Fly Casting Class Starts April 7th

The NFA is offering a six-week casting class on consecutive Tuesdays from 6:30 to dark starting on April 7th. The six classes will be held at the Casting Pier on the northwest shore of Green Lake in Seattle.

The classes are open to members and the general public and is limited to just 30 people. If you are new to fly fishing or are looking to improve your casting in preparation for a season of fishing, this class is for you.

**REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE**

Register and pay for the casting class on the Education page at northwestflyanglers.com.

There will be a main instructor and plenty of casting assistants to help provide one-on-one personal attention. Several casting outfits (rod, reel, and line) will be available, but students are encouraged to bring their own casting equipment.

The class is fine for children and for rank beginners. This is a wonderful (and painless) way to get non-fishing members of the family interested in fly fishing.

Tuition for the class is just \$60. You can get more information at northwestflyanglers.net.

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 15TH

Youth Fly Fishing Academy



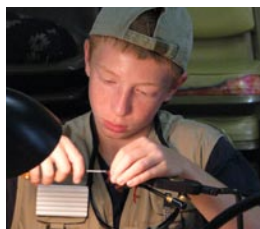
GENERAL INFORMATION

The NFA will provide two scholarships to the Youth Fly Fishing Academy in 2015. The Academy runs from June 21 to June 27 and is open to boys and girls ages 12 to 16. The live in camp is located on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. If you know of a child that may be interested, please have them submit an application to any member of the NFA Steering Committee.

CONSERVATION The curriculum of the academy emphasizes conservation activities and a full understanding of the importance of being good stewards of our natural resources. Students learn about the ecosystems of wild fish and what it takes to maintain healthy fisheries. Kids engage in on-the-water insect sampling activities led by wildlife resource professionals.

FLY FISHING classes include fly casting, fly tying, knot tying, reading the water, and other essentials of fly fishing. These classes are taught by professionals in the field as well as local fly club enthusiasts. Fishing trips are done to Nisqually Pond and the Deschutes River near Olympia.

APPLICATION More information and application at www.nwycffa.com.



FEBRUARY 14-15

FLY FISHING SHOW

It's that time of year again. The Fly Fishing Show will be back in our area for the weekend of February 14 and 15. It will be once again at the Lynnwood Convention Center at the Alderwood Mall.

There will be fly shops galore so you can shop for the newest tackle. There will lots of outfitters so you can book dream fly fishing trips. There will be lots of experts, so you can watch fly casting and tying demos. There will be seminars on different types of fishing (saltwater, nymph, etc.), fishing photography, and various other important skills. The Destination Theater features live media presentations on all sorts of fly fishing adventures; (fishing Cuba, Kamchatka, Patagonia, the Sea of Cortez, Oregon's Rogue River, etc.).

If you would like to do something as well as watch, the IFFF Learning Center has free fly tying and casting sessions. There are Classes with the Experts (\$80) (egs. Fly Tying with Gary Borger).

Don't miss The International Fly Fishing Film Festival on Saturday beginning at 6:30. \$15 or \$10 with admission to Fly Fishing Show.

Adult admission is \$15; \$2 for kids under 12.

More information at: flyfishingshow.com.

Outings Calendar

In 2015 the NFA will be doing 19 outings in three states and British Columbia.

Seven will be one-day fishing trips, nine will be weekend trips, and three will be extended trips. To get more information and to register, go to the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

TWEEDSMUIR
SOUTH
PARK

PASS
LAKE

PUGET
SOUND

GREEN LAKE

SNOQUALMIE RIVER

METHOW
RIVER

DRY FALLS
LAKE

YAKIMA RIVER

NACHES
RIVER

KKLICKITAT
RIVER

DESCHUTES
RIVER

JOHN DAY
RIVER

GRANDE RONDE
RIVER

CLARK FORK RIVER

CENTRAL OREGON

UMPQUAH RIVER



Peter Maunsell watches
Eric Olson inflate his boat
for floating the Deschutes.

Green Lake February 28

1 If you have never fished Seattle's Green Lake, then this would be a great opportunity. State hatcheries that are closing down have off-loaded their rainbow and brown trout into Green Lake. Club members will be mostly floating, but there are places for wading and fishing from piers. There is no fee for this one-day outing.

As with all outings, please register on the outings page of the club's website, northwestfly-anglers.org.

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Puget Sound TBA

The club will be fishing one of several hot spots along the shores of Puget Sound for coastal cutthroat. This one-day outing would be a great opportunity to come out and learn more about this fishery. No fee, but please register on the club's website.

3

Yakima River April 3-5

One of the most popular outings of the year takes place on Washington's premier trout river south of Ellensburg. Members will float and wade the Yakima for rainbows and cutthroat. Camping is at Big Pines. \$25 covers all the food for the weekend.

4

Dry Falls April 10-12

The club has rented the education facility at Dry Falls so we will have a kitchen, dining room, indoor sleeping facilities, and showers! Dry Falls is legendary for large browns and rainbows, Floating devices mandatory. Fee covers all weekend food. \$60 fee covers food and lodging.

5

Deschutes River April 24-26

This is the best trout river in Oregon. It boasts large *redsides* rainbow trout. The club will camp at Beavertail, right on the river. We will float down from camp or down to camp on Saturday. Wading from the 17-mile road is unlimited. \$25 fee covers all the weekend food.

6

Umpqua River May 15-17

Another first for the NFA. Fish for anadromous shad and large native smallmouth bass on an eight-mile private access stretch of the Umpqua at the Big K Ranch in Elkton, Oregon. Price for two nights lodging and food, and three days of fishing varies. Check NFA website for details.

7

Rattlesnake Lake June 6

This one-day outing will be at Rattlesnake Lake in the western foothills of the Cascades near North Bend. A floating device is recommended. This is a good chance to get some pointers on fishing lakes. Hiking for non-fishing family members. No fee, but do register on the website.

8

John Day River June 15-23

Peter Maunsell and Mark Conner will be co-hosting this multi-day float on Oregon's John Day River for bass fishing. Expect to catch dozens of fish a day. The area is one of Oregon's most spectacular. You must have a river boat or a spot in one to register. \$200 fee will cover shuttles and food.

9

Tweedsmuir early July

Seven days of lake and stream fishing in wilderness section of Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in west central British Columbia. Package includes roundtrip flight to Stuart Lake, food and lodging at Stuart Lake cabin for six nights, and seven-day canoe rental. Total package per person about \$600-700.

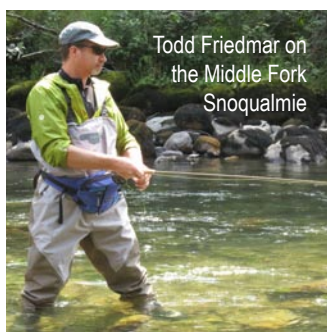


Jim and Kathy Watson at the put-in on the Methow River

Methow River July 10-11 or 17-19

10

Float and wade the Methow River for rainbows and large cutthroat. Staying at Lightning Pine Campground near town of Methow. Lots of other activities for non-fishing family members. \$25 fee covers food for weekend.



Todd Friedmar on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie

11

Clark Fork River July 23-25

Carl and Maura Johnson host this Montana weekend at their cabin in Superior. Most float the river, but there are places to bank fish. Tenting is on the Johnson's large grassy lawn. \$25 fee covers food for the weekend.

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M. FK. SNOQUALMIE AUGUST 8 ONE-TO-ONE MENTORING ONE-DAY OUTING ON MIDDLE FORK OF THE SNOQUALMIE NEAR NORTH BEND. POST FISHING POTLUCK PICNIC. NO FEE.

13**Central Oregon****August 14-16**

The outing, centered at Tim and Renne Schindele's Redmond home, is scheduled to coincide with the International Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Bend. \$25 fee covers weekend food.

14**Naches River****May 28-30**

The Naches is low enough to easily wade for rainbows and cutthroat. The club stays at a campground right on the river. \$25 fee covers food for the weekend.

15**Saltwater****September**

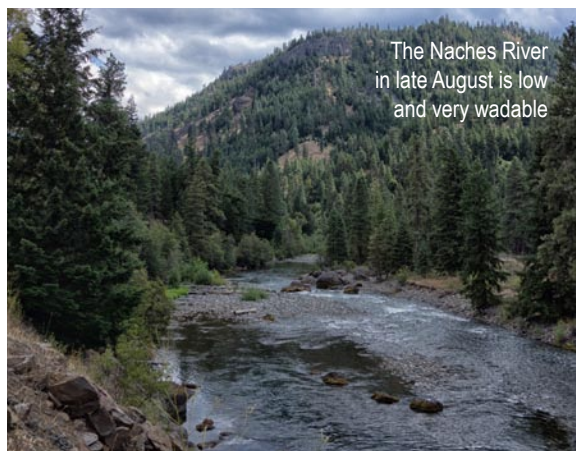
This is a year in which millions of pink salmon are arriving in Puget Sound. Many go up Seattle's Duwamish River to spawn. Floating device is a must. No fee, but do register.

16**Dewey Lake****September**

Outings coordinator Tom Beaulaurier will be leading this hike into one of his favorite alpine lakes. No fee, but do register to let Tom know you are coming.

Klickitat River **Late September****18**

The fall steelhead outing will be held again on the Klickitat River in southeastern Washington. Most people will be floating. There will be salmon as well as steelhead in the river. The club is staying at Stinson Flats Campground on the river. \$25 fee covers all meals for the weekend.



The Naches River in late August is low and very wadable

19**Pass Lake** **Late October**

Last chance to catch some large browns and rainbows. Everyone will be fishing from floating devices. Hot soup is usually provided to ward off the possible cold and dampness. Pass Lake is in Deception Pass State Park, so there is stuff or non-fishing family members to do. No fee, but please register at northwestflyanglers.org.

17**Grande Ronde River****October 14-17**

This four-day outing will be the first NFA fall steelhead outing on Oregon's Grande Ronde River. Club members will be camping at the Troy Resort (hot showers are included), and doing short floats above and below Troy. Spey and switch rods with waking flies should get the Ronde steelhead to come to the surface. \$75 fee covers camping, showers, breakfasts, and lunches.

Please Register Online

You can show up at the last moment if you need to. However, it would be helpful if you would let our conservation outings coordinator know that you are planning to volunteer by using the on-line sign-up tool in the left column of the Conservation page on the NFA website, northwestflyanglers.org.

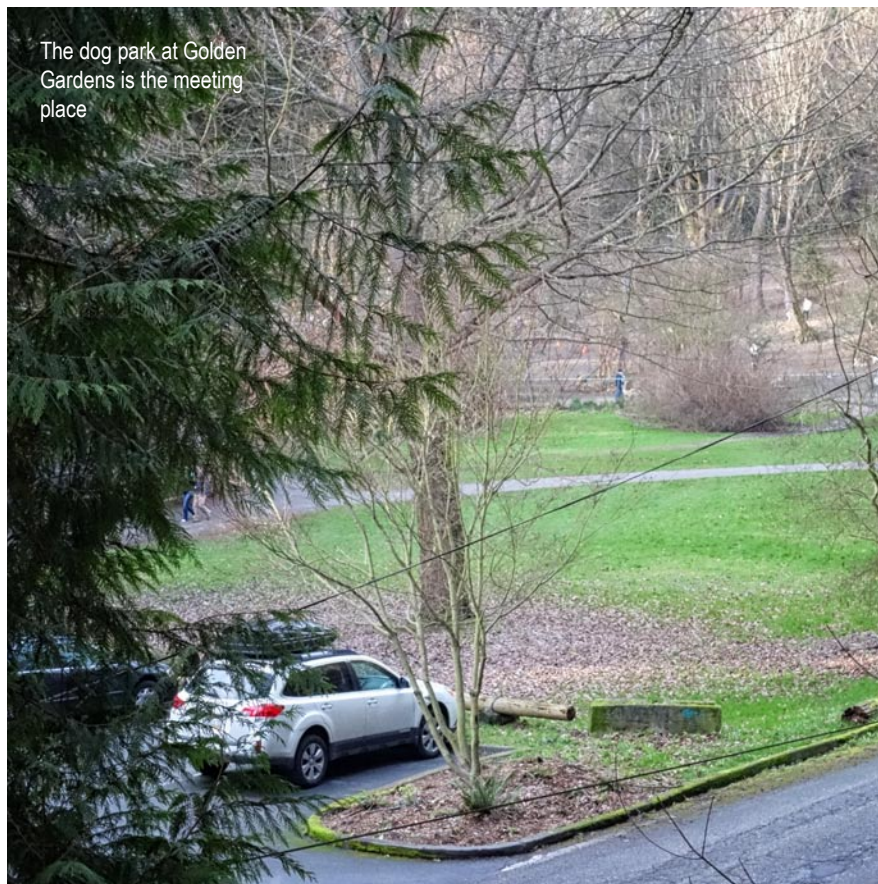
MORE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING WHERE TO MEET

The Green Seattle Partnership will provide tools, gloves, and training. Please dress in layers, sturdy pants, long sleeved shirts; have raingear available. Also, bring a filled water bottle and snacks.

DIRECTIONS

- Starting from I-5 take exit 172 (N 85th St).
- Drive west on 85th Street for 3.3 miles.
- At T-intersection, turn right onto 32nd Ave.
- Drive 0.2 miles, then veer left as road turns into Golden Gardens Drive.
- Follow this road downhill to where it curves, then turn right into parking lot for dog park.
- Walk from parking lot toward dog park and we meet at rest-room building.
- The nearest address is: 8300 Golden Gardens Dr. NW, Seattle, WA 98117.



FEBRUARY 14, 9:00 TO NOON

Golden Gardens Forest

Many know of the Golden Gardens beach front, but a quick glance uphill will show you an entire slope covered in forest. In order to maintain this beautiful landscape, the forest needs our help! The purpose of the outing is to remove invasive plant species, ensure the proliferation of native trees, shrubs and groundcover and prevent disruption to plant and forest life from visitors who use the park.

Golden Gardens Park's forest stewards, Rhonda and Alessandra, will lead our NFA volunteers on this half day (9:00am to noon) project to remove invasive weeds and plant native species. Forestry efforts at Golden Gardens are sponsored by the Green Seattle Partnership in cooperation with the Cascade Land Conservancy. Visit their website at: <http://greenseattle.org/>.



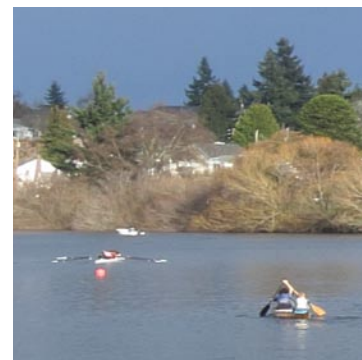
Fishing opportunities in the afternoon, so bring your saltwater gear.

Easy Way to Register

Although there is no outings fee for the Green Lake outing, Wytold Lebing, the outing coordinator, would like to know who is planning on coming on the outing. So please sign up on line at the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org. There will also be a sign up sheet at the February 19th membership meeting.



Art Alton rows his pontoon boat at last year's Green Lake outing



MORE INFO

WHAT TO BRING WHERE TO MEET

- Pram, float tube, or pontoon boat.
- Life jackets for boaters.
- Fishing gear would include a 5 or 6 wt. fly rod, 3X leader and sink tip line.
- Woolley Buggers in white and/or black, sizes 10 or 12.
- Your Washington fishing license.
- Warm clothes and raingear (even if doesn't look like rain).
- Thermos of hot liquid (coffee, tea, cocoa, etc.)
- Snacks for boat or vest.
- Potluck item to share.
- Camera in a Ziplock bag.

GATHERING SPOT

- By the "L" dock just east of the Aqua Theater.
- At 2 PM soup will be provided.
- Potluck dishes will be shared.
- Fishing tales will be swapped.

FEBRUARY 28

Seattle's Green Lake

Seattle's popular Green Lake has consistently been rated by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife as "excellent" for its rainbow trout fishing. And this year, given the closures of the bureau's hatcheries west of the Cascades this most urban of lakes has been stocked with 27,000 very catchable steelhead. Hence, we foresee our most successful winter outing.

Moreover, very few mention brown trout. The winter months provide some interesting opportunities for brown trout. Over the past several years 12,000 fingerling browns measuring three to five

inches have been planted in Green Lake during the month of November. A few "in the know" spin fishers and the occasional fly fisher have been catching browns in the 14 to 20-inch class and sometimes larger during the winter months of November, December, January, and February.

Most people will be bringing a floating device to get out on the lake. If you don't have one, there are places from which you can cast out quite a bit: piers, for instance.

Host Wytold Lebing will meet and greet NFA members at the lake around 9:00 A.M. Expect a hearty soup for lunch.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

February 14

Conservation Outing

Come help remove invasive species and plant native trees and shrubs on the hillside above Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. Meet at the off-leash parking lot halfway up the hill east of the park. The event runs from nine to noon. Register and get more information on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

February 19

Membership Meeting

Meeting at the Haller Lake Community Center. A garage sale and refreshments are featured from seven to 7:30. The evening program starts around eight and the meeting ends before nine.

February 28

Green Lake Outing

Seattle's Green Lake is the site of our February one-day fishing outing. The state has heavily stocked the lake, and members will float and cast from shore and piers to find holdover rainbows and browns. The plan is to meet at the Aqua Theater on the southeast side of the lake. James Schmidt, Dave Campbell, and Dana Bottcher will be helping outing coordinator Wytold Lebing make this a successful event. Hot soup will be provided. There is no outing fee, but please register and get more information on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

March 3

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the March issue of *The Flypaper* are due by Tuesday, March 3rd. E-mail your articles and photographs to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.



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Author and Hardy
reel collector Alan
Pilkington.

A Hardy Reel Runs Through It

NFA member Alan Pilkington will talk about his life as a fly fisherman in Australia and New Zealand and how one of the connecting tissues has been Hardy reels, of which he is both an avid user and collector. He will bring some of his collection of over 50 vintage Hardy fly reels and some old Hardy split bamboo rods and catalogs.

Alan Pilkington is an Australian native who has lived in the United States for thirty years. Born in a small country town, he learned to fly fish and hunt from his father, the town's doctor. His grandfather was also a fly fisherman, and the family mostly fished in the small mountain streams of the mountains in Australia's southeastern alps.

Alan became an avid fly tier although he says his eyes are no longer up to tying smaller dries and tiny

nymphs. He mostly fishes for trout and salmon and is fortunate enough to have fished in England, Iceland, Patagonia, New Zealand, Tasmania as well as Alaska and the Western states. For a period he fly fished for tarpon, bonefish and permit in Florida and the Bahamas.

He is also a big game and bird hunter, the latter of which he hunts with his Labrador and Brittany. Alan is a quasi manic collector—vintage Hardy reels among them, but also split bamboo fly rods, vintage Plumb axes, custom knives and early angling literature.

He retired from the advertising industry which brought him to the U.S. and now works as a consultant and author. One of Alan's books, *Rivers of My Memory*, is a collection of poems and short stories about rivers he has fished around the world.

PREMEETING

Peter Maunsell on Fishing the Yakima

If you have been an NFA member for a while, then you know that whenever there is a call for a fishing report Peter Maunsell will be standing up and sharing the latest hot spot for fishing. Whether it is in the middle of summer or when the Yakima River is rimmed with ice, Peter is there and willing to let club members know how the fishing is. So what better person to have get you prepped for fishing the Skwala hatch on the club's Yakima Outing in early April? He will be in the alcove area at the back of the room from seven to 7:30. So bring your fly box and have him point out what will work and what is just taking up space.



Peter Maunsell.

DUES RENEWAL

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NOTE: Renewal deadline is March 31st.

FEBRUARY 11TH STEERING

2015 NFA BUDGET

ATTENDING were Maura Johnson, David P. Williams, Peter Maunsell, Ray Spencer, Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Wytold Lebing, Susanne Staats, and Mark Conner.

THE 2015 BUDGET, developed by the Budget Committee (Maura Johnson, Jim Higgins, and Peter Maunsell), was discussed and finalized by the Steering Committee. It will be presented for approval at the membership meeting on February 19th.

THE NFA LIBRARY has received 28 books from Art Alton and three books and a DVD from Charlene Kaiser. The Steering Committee extend its gratitude to both members for their generosity.

THE NFA PICNIC in July may be at a new place this year. Picnic Committee chair Susanne Staats says the Parks Department has gone to a lottery system this year whereby applicants submit three choices for their date.

THE NFA BROCHURE seems to be in need of updating, and the Steering Committee would like a new one designed and printed for use in new members' packets and for distribution to fly shops.

GUESS
WHAT?

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At Brooks Falls
salmon taste better
than photographers.

FEBRUARY 19TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2015 Budget Approved

PREMEETING GARAGE SALE ATTRACTS BUYERS

The premeeting garage sale had a few sellers, but what was on sale was quite extensive, especially at the "Jim Higgins Fly Shop."

President Maura Johnson called the business meeting together at 7:30 and thanked Scott McCracken and Tai Larson for bringing refreshments. There were about 40 people in the room and three of them were new guests. Since the membership chairs were in Hawaii, no new members were inducted.

Treasurer Peter Maunsell presented the 2015 NFA Budget and the membership unanimously voted to approve it.

Maura thanked Carleigh Romeis, Peter Maunsell, Jim Higgins, and Mike Gallavan

for helping at the kids fly tying booth at the Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood over the weekend of February 14-15. She also thanked Tai Larson for his help in reviewing the club's website and making suggestions on how to improve it.

The raffle featured some great flies donated by Jimmy LeMert of Patrick's Fly Shop on Eastlake in Seattle.

After a brief refreshments break, Mike Benbow gave an informative slideshow on how to fly fish Alaska on a budget. He also talked about where to photograph grizzly bears in the wild and not get eaten. The trick is to find them where there is a lot of other food (like salmon, for instance) more to their taste than humans.



Assistant instructor David P. Williams discusses casting with NFA member Joseph Curran

Beginning Fly Casting Class April 7th – May 12th

The NFA is offering a six-week casting class on consecutive Tuesdays from 6:30 to dark starting on April 7th. The six classes will be held at the Casting Pier on the northwest shore of Green Lake in Seattle.

The classes are open to members and the general public and is limited to just 30 people. If you are new to fly fishing or are looking to improve your casting in preparation for a season of fishing, this class is for you.

**REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE**

Register and pay for the casting class on the Education page at northwestflyanglers.com.

There will be a main instructor and plenty of casting assistants to help provide one-on-one personal attention. Several casting outfits (rod, reel, and line) will be available, but students are encouraged to bring their own casting equipment.

The class is fine for children and for rank beginners. This is a wonderful (and painless) way to get non-fishing members of the family interested in fly fishing.

Tuition for the class is just \$60. You can get more information at northwestflyanglers.net.



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Application deadline is April 15.
Download at www.nwycffa.com.

**APPLICATION ON
THIS WEBSITE**



Walt Furler assists
eager youngster at
Silver Lake

Walt Needs Your Help with the Kids May 9th

The annual Kids Fish-in will be held Saturday, May 9th from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at South Everett's Silver Lake in Sullivan Park (11405 W. Silver Lake Rd.).

Kids ages four to 14 get to fish free with pre-registration in one of eight sessions. There are enough fish planted the day before the event that most kids catch fish; and all that do so get to keep their catch. The Everett Steelhead and Salm-

on Club buys extra fish in the four- to six-pound range to give some of the kids an extra thrill.

The NFA and Everett club provide expert volunteers to assist the kids in baiting their hooks and casting. This is a great opportunity for NFA members to volunteer for the entire day or part of the day.

The event is limited to the first 600 kids who register. Registration forms at: <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx/www.everettwa.org/bid-scontracts/default.aspx?ID=1336>.

I would like to see some of our many new members show up—**Walt Furler**

**CONTACT WALT
FURLER**

Walt Furler's contact information is on the Members page at northwestflyanglers.com.



NFA members pictured are Scott and Kim Martini, Scott's cousin Joella (visiting from Hawaii), Jim Watson, Russ Shropshire and Tom Beaulaurier.

Golden Garden's Hillside has fewer Blackberries

Golden Gardens Park's forest was the location for the NFA conservation outing on February 14th. On a beautiful morning next to Puget Sound, six NFA volunteers donated a short half-day (nine to noon) being part of an ongoing blackberry control project at one of Seattle's most beloved parks. As thorny as they are, there is a lot of gratification from removing these canes. And there is little danger—not none—from those thorns.

Many know of the Golden Gardens beach and Shilshole Marina with all its boats, but a quick glance uphill will show you an entire slope cov-

ered in forest. The forest must be maintained which means an aggressive program of removing invasive plants (like Himalayan blackberries and English ivy) which compete with native plants. Where the invasives have taken over, native species are planted after the foreigners have been eradicated.

Forestry efforts at Golden Gardens are sponsored by the Green Seattle Partnership. Learn more about this City of Seattle partnership with Cascade Land Conservancy by visiting their website at: <http://greenseattle.org/>.

Green Lake Outing

COLD WIND GREETES 12 NFA FISHERS By Wytold Lebing

Jim Higgins, Henry Boyar, Peter Maunsell, Peter Rubenstein, Wytold Lebing, Marty Behnke, Dave Armstrong, Jimmy Kamada, Shirley Miller, Steve Bosch, Matt Moore, and Larry Fairbanks showed up at Green Lake on a cold, windy last day of February for our annual "Best of Urban Trout Fishing Outing."

Despite the wind and the waves, most of us went out on the lake in a couple of pontoon

boats, several float tubes (not all of which made it past the dock), an inflatable kayak, a dingy, and a tippy canoe. We fished close to three hours and pretty much all over the lake; the leeward side of Duck Island was a favorite. Unfortunately no one caught anything. The combination of cold breezy and sunny weather had apparently put the fish into non-eating mode.

After returning to shore we

enjoyed chili and a variety of potluck items brought by some of those who showed up. Because most of us had not been fishing since the fall, we all agreed that it was great just to have a chance to get out on some water and cast a few flies. So, despite the lack of fish, everyone had a great time swapping stories and talking about all the great NFA trips we plan to take this year.



Jimmy Kamada rows his wife Shirley Miller out onto Green Lake for a few hours of fishing



Group (left to right): Jim Higgins, Henry Boyar (seated), Peter Maunsell, Peter Rubenstein, Wytold Lebing, Marty Behnke, and Dave Armstrong; Marty Behnke paddles out in search of trout; Steve Bosch reacts to cold water lapping over the top of his waders as his new float tube loses air.



NFA volunteers will clean up the beach at Kopachuck State Park and then break out the fly rods.



MARCH 21, 8:00 TO 5:00

Beach Cleanup and Fishing

It's time for a change of pace. Let's volunteer our time to do some litter clean-up (if there is any) and/or use the beach to fish for sea-run cutthroats and resident coho salmon. If you'll come, we'll have a few carloads of NFA members and friends who rendezvous at a to-be-determined location. At the rendezvous we'll get in vehicles with a Discover Pass on board and head to Kopachuck State Park, across the Narrows Bridge and south of Gig Harbor. Plan to meet at the to-be-designated rendezvous at 8:00am and return by 5:00pm.

Kopachuck State Park is a 109-acre marine park with 5,600 feet of saltwater shoreline on Henderson Bay. One portion of the park, Cutts Island (Deadman's Island) is a half mile from shore and reachable only by boat. The park provides scenic views of sunsets, the Olympic Mountains, and Puget Sound.

This is a day long outing so food will be provided. Tom Beaulaurier will do the shopping and use the budget to buy what we need. When you sign up, please indicate if you have a Discover Pass and an idea for what to fix on a camp stove in a picnic shelter. Don't hesitate to mention anything else Tom should know. Since there is food to buy, please sign-up by Tuesday, March 17th. Check the Conservation page on the NFA website for additional information.

MORE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

LICENSE

- Washington saltwater fishing license and a catch card.
- Discovery Card if you have one.

GEAR

- Six or seven-weight rod.
- reel with at least 50 yards of backing.
- Weight-forward floating line with nine-foot two or three-X leader.
- Extra leaders or leader material (0 to 3X sizes).
- Pink flies include: cerise comet, size 4, pink woolly bugger, size 4, pink flashabou comet, size 4.
- vest, hat and glasses (with strap).
- stripping basket (if you have one).
- camera in waterproof container.
- water bottle.
- sun screen.
- folding chair for sitting around at lunch.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register on the Conservation page at the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org. There is no outings fee, but food will be provided. Sign up by Tuesday, March 17th.

MORE INFO**WHAT TO BRING****LICENSE**

Washington fishing license.

CLOTHES

Bring clothes for warmish daytime temperatures and warmer clothes for chilly nights. Rain gear is also essential on the “dry side” of the mountains. Don’t forget your hat and dark glasses.

GEAR

Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods. Everyone uses floating lines with 3X and 4X leaders. Bring 5X leader material if you have to put on really small flies. Fly patterns range from Elk Hair Caddis to bead-headed Prince nymphs. Some folks fish a dry with a dropper nymph, others just a dry, and others fish just a nymph with a strike indicator.

CAMPING

Bring your camping gear and a folding camp chair. Remember a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with liquid. Don’t leave camp without your lunch (provided).

**PLEASE
NOTE**

Register on the Outings page at the club’s website, northwestflyanglers.org. There will also be a signup sheet at the March membership meeting. Last day to sign up is Tuesday, March 31st.

Big Pines Campground is right on the banks of the Yakima River.

**APRIL 3-5****Yakima River**

NFA Central will be at Big Pines Campground right on the river. Take Exit 110 from I-90 to get to Canyon Road, and then drive south 18-1/2 miles.

Most people will be floating from several launch sites downstream to the campground or from the campground down to the Roza impoundment. If you don’t have a boat, there is about 16 miles of fairly easy river access along the Canyon Road that runs through the Yakima Canyon south of Ellensburg. The reduced flows at this time of the year (and during the fall drawdown after Labor Day) make wading easier than during mid-summer.

The Skwala stoneflies will be uppermost on the minds of the feisty Yakima rainbows as they put on the feedbag after a winter of reduced rations. The hatch is a major event and it means lots of surface activity; a great opportunity for a dry and a dropper nymph.

A \$25 outings fee covers all food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch.

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Meeting at the Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at seven with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and meeting ends before nine.

March 21

Conservation Outing

Beach cleanup and saltwater fishing at Kopachuck State Park. The event runs from nine to five. Register and get more information on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

March 31

Newsletter Articles Due

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March 31

2015 Dues Renewal Deadline

Renewals after this date are subject to a \$10 Reinstatement Fee.

April 3-5

Yakima River Outing

Floating or wading for rainbows; skwala caddis hatch may still encourage surface feeding. Camping at Big Pines. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend. Register and get more information on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.



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PREMEETING

David Williams on Fishing the Umpqua

In preparation for the club's first-ever outing to the Oregon's Umpqua River, this month's speaker will be doing a pre-meeting program on what to expect when you fish this rich fishery one hour south of Eugene, Oregon. He will be in the alcove area at the back of the room from seven to 7:30. So bring your fly box and have him point out what will work and what is just taking up space. If you come up blank, David will steer you in the right direction as to what to put in your box to feed those hungry shad and bass.



An American Shad

DUES REINSTATEMENT

The deadline to renew your membership dues has passed, So to *reinstate* your membership go to the **How to Join** page at, northwestflyanglers.org. In the upper right corner, click the **Current Members** and proceed. Be sure to pay the \$10 Reinstatement Fee in addition to your annual dues.



Author, NFA member,
and April speaker
David P. Williams.

April 16: Bassman David P. Williams

David P. Williams joined the club twelve years ago and soon began attending outings and writing articles for the newsletter. In 2006 he became vice president and president the year after. He has won the NFA Service Award for his work with the State Council of the FFF and his promotion of fly fishing through a blog he did for the *Seattle PI*. He has written many articles for various fly fishing magazines. He was elected this year to serve another term as club vice president (the first person to hold that officer twice).

So as Vice-president and program chair, David has booked himself as speaker for our April 16th meeting and promises to entertain and educate us in the ways of bass. There are two reasons he has chosen this topic for us: one, there are lots of bass in the Umpqua River where the NFA is

holding its May 15th to 17th outing, and two, he knows a lot about bass fishing in the western US of A, having recently published *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth* (smallmouth are bass, in case you did not know that).

The Umpqua River has a run of American shad, that will be in the river during the dates of our outing. Hopefully, David will have something to say about these strong fighting fish, which some anglers refer to as "mini tarpon" (they kind of look like a tarpon).

I forgot to mention that David is an accomplished photographer, so not only will his presentation be informative and witty, it will also be a pleasure to look at.

Whether you are a bass fisher or not, don't miss what promises to be an entertaining evening.—**Dana Bottcher**

THE INTERNET (FISH), DANA BOTTCHER (WILLIAMS)



A man and his reels:
Alan Pilkington was
our March speaker.

MARCH 19TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Aussie Trout and English Reels

PREMEETING YAKIMA TIPS POPULAR WITH OUTING ATTENDEES

The premeeting was held at the back of the room and Peter Maunsell answered questions about how to fish the Yakima River, where the early April club outing is to be held.

President Maura Johnson called the business meeting together at 7:30 and thanked Kathy Watson for bringing refreshments. There were about 40 people in the room and some of them were new guests. No new members were inducted.

Conservation chair Tom Beaulaurier announced that the March conservation outing was cancelled due to no one signing up (see article on page eight). Tom also noted that the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed has closed its offices, but that

the NFA will continue to partner with other conservation organizations sponsoring weekend work parties.

The raffle featured a box of Yakima River trout flies and a box of steelhead flies donated by Jimmy LeMert of Patrick's Fly Shop on Eastlake in Seattle. NFA Member Jim Higgins also donated a box of flies. Michael Olson and Susanne Staats donate some items for the raffle.

After a brief refreshments break, new NFA member Allan Pilkington gave a slide show presentation on his fishing adventures growing up in Australia. He also spoke of how he became an avid collector of English Hardy reels and showed us part of his extensive reel collection.

MARCH 11TH STEERING

NEW WEBSITE EDITOR

ATTENDING were Maura Johnson, Peter Maunsell, Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Wytold Lebing, Joe Souther, Jim Morrison, and Dana Bottcher.

POLITICAL ACTION REQUESTS

received by the club will be evaluated by the vice president and then submitted for approval to the steering committee and the membership.

THE 2016 BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS will be held in the Refreshments Room at the Haller Lake Community Center.

THE NEW NFA WEBSITE will have a contact link that will send an e-mail to both the president and the membership committee chair.

THE NEW NFA WEBSITE EDITOR is Tai Larson and he will get together with Mark Conner and Jim Morrison and come up with a proposal for the steering committee as to how to redevelop our website.

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RIGHT
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Fly tyers inside whipping up any type of fly you can imagine.

Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair May 1st and 2nd

STATE COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS EVENT

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the Introduction To Fly Fishing, including fly tying and casting, workshop will take place. Limited to 20 youngsters between the ages of 12 and 16, each participant will receive a fly rod, fly reel and line, a full day of instruction and lunch, all for \$40.00.

INFORMATION ON LINE

More information and admission tickets: <http://wsciiff.org/>.

VENDORS

Despite having a wall-to-wall tying desk piled high with materials plus all the rods and reels I need, the Fair vendors always attract plenty of my attention. No will power when it comes to new stuff. The vendors at the Fair always have plenty of new, cool and interesting stuff, both fishing and non-fishing. Expect to see some new rods, new reels, new lines and new boats to go along with new wader and boot designs. It's all at the Fair.

DEMOS & SEMINARS

Expect to see single-hand, switch and Spey casting instruction from some of the finest casters in the world. Sit across from accomplished thread-benders and watch as they tie exquisite Atlantic salmon and wonderful steelhead flies. Or watch and tie with those who tie fish-catching trout flies. And if your tastes run to the pedestrian (or exotic depending on your mien), there are the bass and carp bug fashioners. Free seminars covering tips, tricks and places to fish abound.



Kids get to keep the stocked trout they catch and free spinning outfit.

Got Kids? Know Any?

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THE YAKIMA

17 SPENT THE FIRST MAY WEEKEND ON THE YAKIMA.
MOST FISHED WHILE FLOATING, BUT SOME FISHED AND WADED FROM ITS BANKS.
THE FISH ESCAPED PRETTY MUCH UNSCATHED.

BY TOM BEAULAUER
PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL DIETER



Group (clockwise): Jim and Kathy Watson, Maura and Carl Johnson, Todd and Max Friedmar, Larry Belmont, Matt Moore, Nancy Graham, Susan Lahti, Peter and Kelly Maunsell, and Jack. Peter Maunsell sketches out fishing strategy while Tom Beaulaurier, Todd Friedmar, and Carleigh Romeis look on. Kathy Watson, Maura Johnson, and Kelly and Peter Maunsell in the kitchen.

Opposite page:
Max Friedmar enjoys a raging fire.

On Friday Carl and Maura Johnson had a guided day that was trouty (smallest was 15 inches, mostly cutts) and outing host Peter Maunsell landed more than a dozen fish in a spot he worked for an hour. Carleigh Romeis also landed a trout on Friday.

The winds died down and we had a dinner of chilli, corn bread and salad. Miguel Goizueta, Paul Dieter, and Ray Spencer showed up for dinner. Susan Lahti, Nancy Graham, and Todd Friedmar and his son Max showed up later.

A very frozen and calm Saturday morning started with gravy over biscuits with coffee. Arriving early were Ray Spencer,

Jim and Kathy Watson, and Matt Moore with Larry Belmont.

Saturday drift boaters included Jim and Kathy, Carl and Maura took Carleigh, and Matt with Larry. Ray floated in his WaterMaster and Paul in his 9' pontoon boat. The only catching I heard about was that Susan Lahti who landed three trout near the launch ramp. Peter and Carl floated in the afternoon from camp down to Roza. When they returned Peter was planning a pasta with carbonara sauce dinner.

Having fished hard for two days with no encouragement from the trout, I left for home before dinner.



The March 21st Conservation Non-outing

This March outing to clean up the beach and to do some fishing at Kopachuck State Park was canceled because no one signed up by the deadline. I had not made other plans after canceling the outing when I heard from Jim Watson. He and Kathy were going to the Park even if the outing was no longer on. I asked if I could join them. Not only are they great company, they wanted to go fishing and were prepared to work at cleaning up the beach too.

As we walked on the beach, I was surprised at how much material, some of it too large for us, littered a short section of the Park beach. Jim and

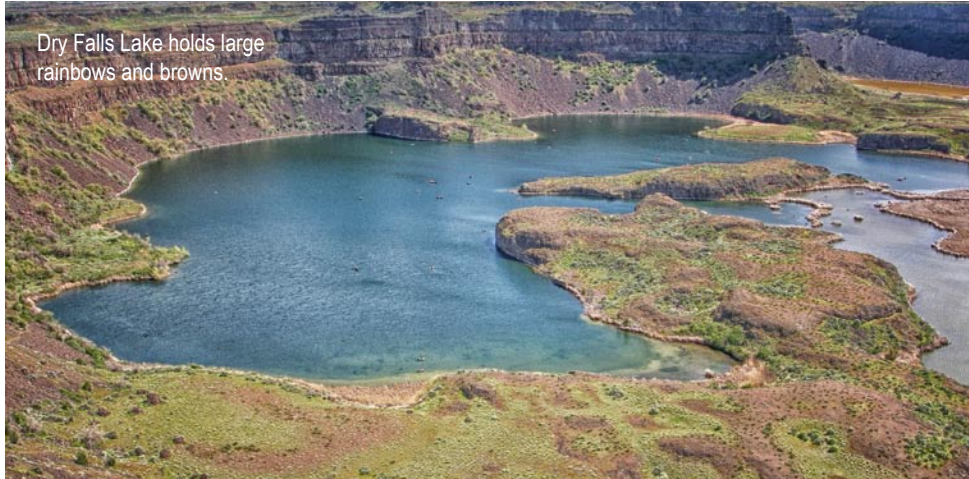
Kathy were not hesitant about cleaning everything in sight. I mean that section was so much better off after they were there!

We also made some observations on the beach about the slope, the better bottom material, and if it is fishable in a 15 mph wind from the south. We saw a lot of potential for future outings: we could use the picnic tables at the beach or the more protected tables near the parking area, a short hike up from the beach.

I'm glad I went with Jim and Kathy; we had a good time making a pretty place better and scouted a potential fishing spot.—**Tom Beaulaurier**

APRIL 10-12

Dry Falls Outing



For the Dry Falls Outing the club has rented Camp Delaney inside Sun Lakes State Park and a short drive to famous brown and rainbow trout fishing on Dry Falls Lake. There will be indoor sleeping, a restaurant style kitchen, hot showers, and a large dinning and lounge area. If you have never caught a brown trout, this is the outing to attend. To fish the lake effectively you will need a floating device. If you don't have a boat, come anyway and fish nearby Rocky Ford Creek. For non-fishers there are lots of sights to see in the area. You can bring your tent or recreational camper if you do not want to share a bunkhouse.

A \$60 outings fee covers the facility rental and all the food from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.



MORE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

GEAR

Washington fishing license. Pram, float tubes, or pontoon boat (no motors). 4-6 weight rods using floating or sink-tip lines with 3X and 4X leaders. Dry fly patterns: Callibaetis mayfly, 12s and 14s. Wet fly patterns: damselfly, 10s and 12s. Chironomid pupae, 12s to 18s. Don't forget your hat and dark glasses. Remember a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with liquid.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Bring your camping gear and a folding camp chair if you are not sleeping in the bunk houses.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

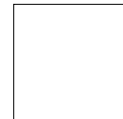
From Seattle drive east on I-90 about 151 miles. Leave the free-way at Exit 151 toward Ephrata/Soap Lakes. Follow Rte. 283 north about 15 miles and road turns into Rte. 28E. Continue north through Ephrata for 11 miles to Soap Lake and then turn left on Rte. 17 toward Coulee City. In 20 miles you enter Sun Lakes State Park on your right. Follow signs to Camp Delaney.

REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE

Be sure to register for this event at northwestflyangler.com. You can get further information on the website and pay for the \$60 outings fee.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

April 10-12

Dry Lakes Outing

Browns and rainbows plus indoor accommodations!! \$60 outings fee covers facility rental and food from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Register and get more information: northwestflyanglers.org.

April 16

Membership Meeting

Meeting at the Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at seven with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and meeting ends before nine.

April 28

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the April issue of *The Flypaper* are due by Tuesday, April 28th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.

May 1-2

Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair

Fly tying demos, vendors, casting games, classes, seminars, and raffle/auction. Register at, <http://wsciiff.org/>.

May 9

Kids Fish-In Event

7:30 am to 3:30 pm at South Everett's Silver Lake in Sullivan Park. Limited to the first 600 kids (four to 14 years of age) who register. Free admission. See page five for more information.



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PLUS: CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

NFA

Lifetime member Willie Morrison dies

In April Lifetime NFA member Willie Morrison died at the age of 79. Willie worked for Puget Power and was able to get time off to guide in Alaska for 19 years. At the 2002 Holiday Party (pictured below), Willie was given the NFA Service Award.

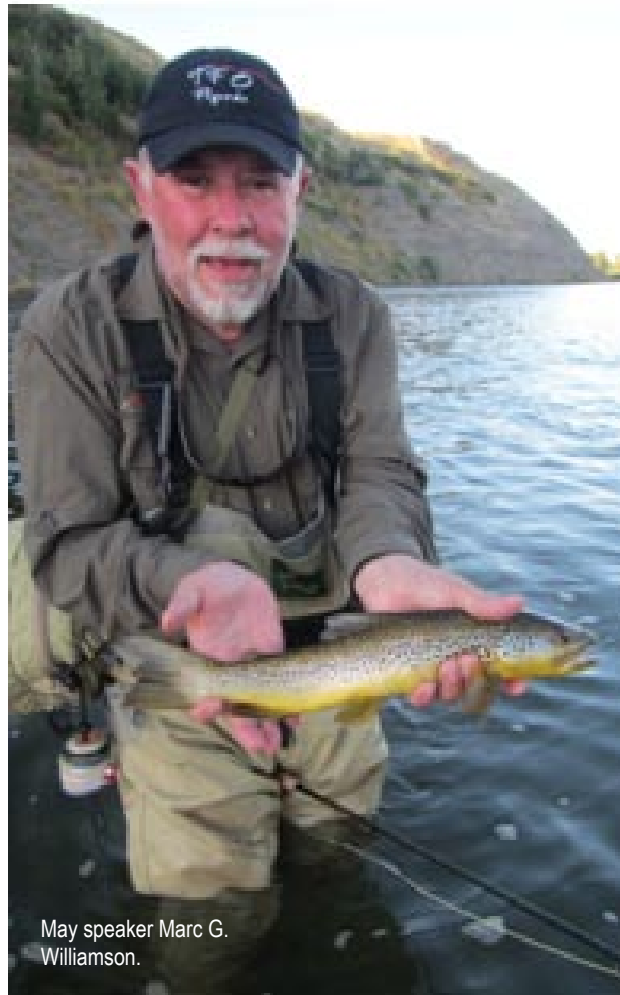
Willie loved fly tying and was a major donor to the monthly raffle and the Fly Box. One month he donate 50 dozen flies, and the club voted to buy hooks for him. He and former member John Olson were close friends.



Willie Morrison

They attended fly tying expos in Eugene, Oregon and national FFF conclaves in Calgary, BC and Montana. Willie forgot his suitcase on one of their trips to a conclave in Montana and pretty much wore the same clothes for a week. He was awarded the "Dumb-ass Award" at the Party that year.

For those who knew him, Willie will be missed and fondly remembered for his humor and generosity.



May speaker Marc G. Williamson.

PREMEETING

Peter Maunsell talks about the John Day outing in the alcove at 7

If you are signed up for or just thinking about going on the John Day Outing (June 15-23) then you might come early and step to the back of the room and hear and see what Peter Maunsell has to say about the John Day Outing. The pre-meeting starts at seven and runs for half an hour. There are refreshments.



May 21: Fly Fishing Fall River

Marc Williamson is an Oregon resident who has been an educator—first in the public schools and then at Warner Pacific College in Portland—for most of his life. In 1983 Marc began teaching fly tying and fly fishing for Stewart's Custom Tackle in Oregon. Since then he has served on the Pro Staff of Daiichi Hooks, Nor Vice, and Whiting Farms (growers of genetic fly tying hackle).

Marc gave presentations about "Fly Fishing Central Oregon's Lakes and Rivers" and "The Art and Scienc of Still Waters" and he taught how to tie trout emerger patterns at the Fly Fishing Fair in

Ellensburg earlier this month. He also gives private instruction in fly tying and fly fishing.

Ten years ago Marc co-founded and became the director of Northwest Christian Fly Fishing Inc. which has put on an annual Christian Fly Fishing Roundup at Camp Morrow on Pine Hollow Reservoir just west of the Deschutes River canyon.

If you are planning on attending the August NFA Central Oregon Outing, then the information in Marc's presentation will come in really handy. What Marc has to say may even convince some of you to sign up for the outing.



David Williams was
our April speaker.

APRIL 16TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Bassman Cometh

PREMEETING PROGRAM: DAVID ANSWERS UMPQUA QUESTIONS

In the alcove in the back of the room the evening's speaker David Williams answered questions about how to fish Oregon's Umpqua River. His advice was helpful to those who plan to attend the early May club outing on that river.

President Maura Johnson called the business meeting together at 7:30 and thanked Russ Shropshire and Charlene Kaiser who brought refreshments. There were about 40 people in the room and some of them were new guests. No new members were inducted.

Steve Bosch ran the raffle because Susanne Staats was absent. Tom Beaulaurier

discussed the request that the NFA endorse fishing rule changes for three lakes up north. Mark Conner said the outing to BC's Tweedsmuir Park is full.

Our vice president and program chair David Williams gave the evening program on how to catch shad on the Umpqua. He had lots of pictures to illustrate what type of water to look for and what techniques to use. David was exceedingly generous with good insight for people heading to the "Ump".—*Dana Bottcher with help from Maura Johnson and Tom Beaulaurier who were actually at the meeting.*

APRIL 8TH STEERING

WASHINGTON WILD

ATTENDING were Maura Johnson, Ray Spencer, Peter Maunsell, Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Joe Souther, Tom Beaulaurier, and Dana Bottcher.

POLITICAL ACTION REQUESTS

received by the club will be evaluated by the vice president and then submitted by the Conservation Committee chair to the membership.

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

total 103: 64 Individual, 32 Family, 4 Lifetime, and 3 Associate. Letters will be sent to those who have yet to renew.

WASHINGTON WILD was chosen as the first nominee for the 2015 NFA Memorial Conservation Award.

THE WEBSITE will be updated by those individuals responsible for the content, and Mark Conner will show Dana Bottcher and Jim Higgins how to do it.

THE NFA BROCHURE needs to be redesigned and the newsletter editor will e-mail a pdf copy of the current brochure to steering committee members for their input.

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ELLENSBURG FLY FISHING FAIR

17 NFA MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MAY 1-2 ELLENSBURG
FLY FISHING FAIR

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY
DANA BOTTCHER

THE NFA WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE NINTH ANNUAL FLY Fishing Fair put on by the Washington State Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCIFFF). The Fair, which occurred May 1st and 2nd, was held at the Kittatas Fair Grounds in Ellensburg. Our president Maura Johnson and her husband Carl, who is President of the WSCIFFF, had the fair running smoothly when Helen and I arrived on Saturday.

We had seen Michael Gallavan getting his Casting Instructor certification out on the fairground lawn as we made our way to the two main buildings where the fly tying and vendors were located. Inside we encountered Ray Willms and Bill and Peg Van Natter who were in and out of the IFFF booth. We talked to Paul Shinoda who was wandering around looking at the fly tyers. Peter Maunsell, our treasurer and WSCIFFF vice president in charge of membership, stopped and talked about the upcoming Deschutes outing. We saw the following NFA members who had volunteered to tie flies: David Williams (our vice president), Jim Higgins (our education chair), Mary Kovach, and Judy Gattinella; Eric Olson tied flies on Friday. We sat next to Susan Lahti at a seminar on Wading the Spokane River. And outside I talked to Russ Shropshire, who had just finished a workshop on Casting in Adverse Conditions.

David Williams gave a seminar on Umpqua River Smallmouth and Shad, a topic he shared with our club at its April meeting. Jim Higgins gave a Fly Casting 101 class "for the person who has never picked up a fly rod before."

In all we spent about four hours at the fair and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. If you missed it, plan on attending next year's fair; it happens the first Friday and Saturday in May.

Carl Johnson, performing in his role as host, walked around and talked to everyone at the fair.





Clockwise from top: Judy Gattinella, a master Atlantic salmon fly tyer, gets ready to tie something called Klinkhamer emerger flies (<http://www.flyfishersrepublic.com/patterns/klinkhamer-special/>); Paul Shinoda having fun cruising around the fair; and Mary Kovach came over from Spokane to tie some dries and nymphs.





Casting Class Students Ready to Graduate May 12th

Of the dozen students who came out the first night, there are now seven who are serious enough to have come to all the classes despite the three Tuesday nights with drizzly weather. They will all graduate on May 12th and be comfortable with a fly rod in hand.

Class instructor Mike Gallavan and his assistants Education Committee chair Jim Higgins, Bill and Peg Van Natter, David Williams, and Eric Olson are pleased with the progress their students made. They all agreed it has been fun and gratifying to see their students progress as well as they did.

NFA member Larry Belmont is in the class to brush up on his casting techniques. He was seen throwing

some pretty tight loops in the rain out on the casting pier during the evening of the fifth class.

Janet Kimball is really proud of her thirteen-year-old son Dashiell who has progressed from rank beginner to being able to false cast 40 feet of line with a nice tight-looped backcast and smooth follow through to the water in front of him. Janet has also got the hang of it as well.

The next step for these students is to replace the yarn on the end of their tippets with a real fly, get out on the water somewhere and put their casting skills to real use. What they learned in the casting class should translate into many successful fishing adventures.



Rear (L to R): Jesse Palmer, Ed Caldwell, Mike Gallavan, Joe Souther, David Williams, John Gattinella, Jim Morrison, and Scott McCracken; Front: Shirley Miller, Jimmy Kamada, Wytold Lebing, Bonnie Steels (grandson Adam Palmer), Rebecca Souther, Judy Gattinella, Julie Orr, and Jim Higgins kneeling in front.

Dry Falls Outing Report by Shirley Miller and Jimmy Kamada

Camp Delany, Environmental Learning Center at Dry Falls State Park, was the site of this outing attended by John and Judy Gattinella, Joe and Rebecca Souther, Jim Higgins, Michael Gallavan, Bill Johnston, Rich Wilkens, Ed Caldwell, Bonnie Steele, Jesse Palmer (Bonnie's son), Aden Palmer (Bonnie's Grandson), Jim Morrison, Scott McCracken, Julie Orr, Wytold Lebing, Peter Rubenstein, Miguel Goizueta and hosts Shirley Miller and Jimmy Kamada. David Paul Williams stopped by to share his fishing and flat tire adventures.

Although it was at a historically low water level, there were plenty of boats on Dry Falls Lake. The weather was changeable, with warm sun, cool winds, bright skies, gray clouds and light rains taking turns. It was the wind, though, that interfered with good fishing. When asked about his fishing, Peter Rubenstein replied, "What fishing?"

Wytold, Scott and Jim Morrison took a hike from the Environmental Learning Center to Dry Falls Lake. The first leg of the hike that looped to the northwest by Perch Lake was relatively flat and easy. Coming back, they decided to hike the rest of the loop that went up a 300 or 400 foot palisade to the southeast of Dry Falls Lake. They managed to survive all the loose rocks and cliffs and returned to camp with no injuries or snake bites.

Jim Higgins offered Joe and Rebecca the use of his two-person boat. Rebecca gamely went out on the lake for 4 hours in spite of 40 degree temperatures, 20 knot winds, rain and even hail! She tangled her line a couple

of times trying to cast into the uncooperative winds, yet both Joe and Rebecca stated they enjoyed their time on the water, regardless that they caught no fish. Joe said he had a great day on the water - "a bit chilly and windy" - but he enjoyed fishing with his wife and smoking a good cigar.

John and Judy Gattinella decided not to fight the wind, so they headed up to Grand Coulee Dam and had their lunch on the laser light show benches. Then they headed south to check out all the lakes, assessing wind levels. (Lake Lenore looked best, they said). They hiked the Lake Lenore Cave trail and then ended up playing miniature golf at Sun Lakes Resort. Judy said, "Lots to do in the area!"

Bonnie, along with her son Jesse and grandson Aden, enjoyed their time at Dry Falls. Undaunted by the wind, Jesse and Bonnie fished, taking turns with the pontoon boat. They experienced some promising takes and almost landed some, but none made it to the net. Saturday night, Aden had "s'mores" at their roaring bonfire. Sunday's plans included a trip to Grand Coulee and the Dry Falls Museum.

The Environmental Learning Center provided shelter, warmth and a place to tie flies and share fishing stories. Despite the challenging fishing, there was plenty of food to eat, camaraderie among friends and an opportunity to view unique landscapes. Plentiful, too, were alternative activities. Some NFA members mentioned that they particularly enjoyed seeing attractions that would have gone unsampled if the weather had been fair.

**REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE**

Be sure to register and pay the \$25 outings fee for this outing at northwestflyangler.com. The latest you can register for the outing is Tuesday, May 5th.



MAY 8-10

Deschutes Outing

All indications are that this is the year of the Mother's Day salmonfly hatch on the Deschutes. Fly shops are predicting that the river banks will be full of these large bugs (see photo above) in early May instead of late May. Lots of bugs means lots of feeding by the large reddsides rainbow trout the Deschutes is famous for.

We will be camping, as usual, at the Beavertail Campground 10 miles below Sherar's Falls. The campground is halfway between Lone Pine Put-in and Mack's Canyon

Canpground. On Saturday, folks can float from Lone Pine down to Beavertail or from Beavertail down to Mack's. And vice versa on Sunday. There are tons of places to bank-fish along the road.

The \$25 outings fee covers all food from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch, and needs to be paid by Tuesday, 5th. You can purchase online an Oregon fishing license and a Deschutes River Floaters Pass (if you are going to float the river); there will be a campground fee as well.

MORE INFO

WHAT TO BRING

- Drift boat, raft, or pontoon boat.
- Life jackets for boaters.
- Fishing gear: 5 or 6 wt. fly rod, 1-3X leader and strike indicators for nymphers.
- Flies: Kaufmann Stones (nymphs) in orange, sizes 6 or 10s.
- Stimulators (dries), same size and colors.
- Oregon fishing license.
- Deschutes River Pass for floaters.
- Warm clothes and raingear (even if doesn't look like rain).
- Camping gear; remember flashlight!
- Wading staff, hat, glasses.
- Camera in a Ziplock bag.

CAMPGROUND

- Beavertail Campground.
- Turn north on Deschutes River road 1/2 mile east of Sherar's Bridge. 6-hour drive from Seattle.



DANA BOTTCHER

MAY 15-17

Umpqua Outing



Those who have caught them call them Poor Man's Tarpon. Anadromous shad fishing on Southwest Oregon's famed Umpqua River! Early season smallmouth bass fishing too! A first for the NFA, this May the NFA ventures south to the Big K Ranch in pursuit of the legendary American shad, running upstream from the Pacific to spawn. Pacific Northwest shad often weigh two or three pounds, with larger specimens regularly going to about five pounds and the jumbo shad can reach eight pounds. Like steelhead, *Alosa Sapidisma* often return for more than one spawning run, growing to the larger size in the process. One of the bonuses of fishing for shad in the Umpqua, compared to the heavier waters of the Columbia below its dams or the Willamette below its falls, is that you can employ lighter gear to take full advantage of this little tarpon-like battler.

NFA members stay in guest cabins at a reduced rate or hook up RVs or tent camp on the premises of the Big K. We take our meals at the ranch restaurant. Guests at the ranch have access for wade fishing the river on the resort property. Those who wish to float the seven miles of the river above the resort down to the first takeout in their own watercraft pay a shuttle and takeout fee of \$50, arranged at the resort. Please reserve your cabin or rv/camp space and/or guide early as numbers are limited.

REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE

Be sure to register and pay for your reservations at northwestflyangler.com. There is more information as to what you can reserve and how much it costs at the website.

MORE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

GEAR

- Oregon fishing license.
- Driftboat, raft, or pontoon boat if you are going to float it on your own.
- Don't forget life jackets.
- 4-6 weight rods using floating or sink-tip lines with 3X and 4X leaders. Fly patterns: shad dart flies. Go on the internet to research them. They maybe available at the Ranch. See their website: <http://www.big-k.com>.
- Don't forget your hat and dark glasses.
- Remember a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do).
- Water bottle with liquid.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Again, check the Big K Ranch website: <http://www.big-k.com>.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Seattle drive south on I-5 about 315 miles. Leave the freeway at Oregon Exit 162 towards Reedsport on Rte. 38. Follow Rte. 38 southwest about 28 miles and turn south on Rte. 138. Cross the Umpqua River and look for signs to the Big K Guest Ranch and Outfitters.

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May 9

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7:30 am to 3:30 pm at South Everett's Silver Lake in Sullivan Park. Limited to kids four to 14 years of age. Free admission. Register at: <https://everettwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1917>.

May 8-10

Deschutes Outing

Predicted salmonfly (giant stoneflies) hatch should bring large reddsides (rainbows) to the surface!! \$25 outings fee covers food from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch. Register at: northwestflyanglers.org.

May 13

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

May 15-17

Umpqua Outing

Shad fishing with a fly rod!! Register at: northwestflyanglers.org. Check out Big K Ranch website for details.

May 20

Membership Meeting

Meeting at the Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at seven with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and meeting ends before nine.

June 2

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the June issue of *The Flypaper* are due by Tuesday, June 2nd. E-mail your articles and photographs to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.



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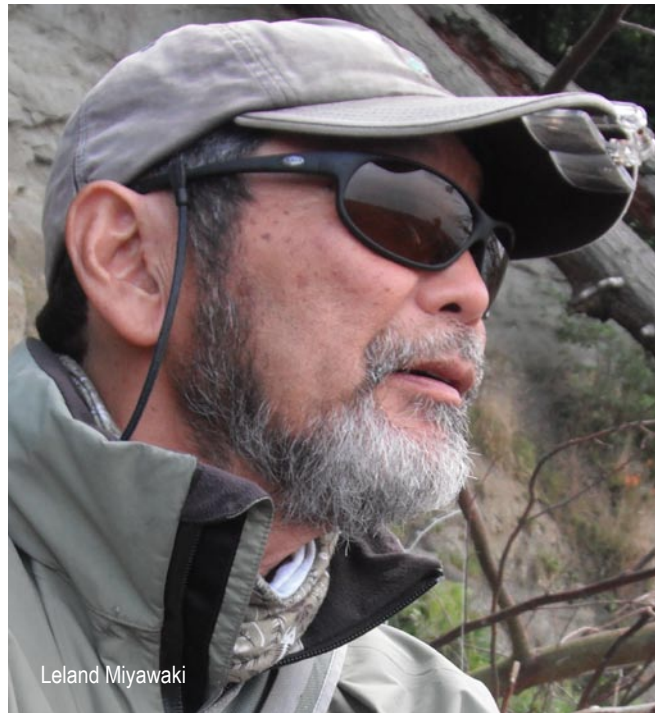
PLUS: CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18: Leland Miyawaki on Fishing Puget Sound

Leland Miyawaki brings a new flavor to the NFA with his program seductively titled *The Most Fun You Can Have on the Beach with your Clothes On*. Presumably the program will involve, at least tangentially, chasing saltwater fish.

Leland, designer of the outstanding small-mouth bass fly, Miyawaki Beach Popper, graduated from the Chouinard Art Institute, an education that lead to an exciting career in advertising in California and Washington. He currently is the resident steelhead and saltwater guru at Orvis Bellevue where his duties include conducting float plane trips to search out the wily coastal cutthroat in remote Puget Sound locations.

In addition to knowing more about Puget Sound fishing than most anyone, Leland is also a tremendous power napper. I've been there and have the pictures to prove it.



Leland Miyawaki

PREMEETING

Jim Higgins Ties Flies for Pink Salmon in the alcove at 7

This is the year that millions of pink salmon return to Puget Sound rivers. Of special note are those gazillion that are finding their way up the Duwamish River that empties into Elliott Bay under the West Seattle bridge. There is an NFA saltwater outing planned for September and chances are it will be to intercept the salmon run in Seattle's bay. In order to be ready fly-wise, Education chair Jim Higgins will be tying fly patterns for pinks at the 7 to 7:30 pre-meeting in the alcove at the back of the room.



Jim Higgins.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Three New Members

Three people have applied for membership in the NFA and they will be inducted at a meeting unless anyone has some kind of objection:

Nicholas and Kathryn Sherman have applied for a family membership. They are friends of lifetime NFA member Dave Campbell. Nicholas has been fly fishing for 20 years and learned how to cast a fly from his brother-in-law in Wyoming. He is, in addition to being an accomplished fly fisher, an avid tennis player—a passion he shares with Dave Campbell. He loves pursuing trout, bass, bluegill, and “the rare chance to bonefish in the Bahamas.” They are joining the NFA to meet people and learn new places to fly fish in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. They are interested in going on conservation outings and learning to tie flies.

Brett Schormann is applying for an individual membership. His son-in-law introduced him to fly fishing three years ago and he would like to join in order to increase his fishing skills, meet new friends, and to

just have fun. For fun he also camps, gardens, and sails. He likes fishing rivers and lakes, but not saltwater. Brett is a retired Boeing software engineer who then taught computer science and web design at Ingraham High School for 11 years. He wrote on his membership application that he is willing to volunteer for “overall web site design and editing monthly updating of information shown on the web site.” BINGO! Brett, you have come to the right place.

WEAR YOUR NAMETAG OR ELSE!

The steering committee voted to begin enforcing (again) the 25-cent penalty for not wearing one's nametag at the monthly meetings. Those without a nametag will be given a paper one to wear. If you have lost your nametag, you can order a replacement at the membership table.



MAY 13TH STEERING**NAMETAG PENALTY
TO BE ENFORCED**

ATTENDING were Maura Johnson, Ray Spencer, Peter Maunsell, Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Joe Souther, Tom Beaulaurier, Susanne Staats, and Dana Bottcher.

A NAMETAG PENALTY was voted on and passed. A 25-cent penalty will be collected from each member not wearing his/her nametag at the monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP totals are 112 (70 Individual, 35 Family, 4 Lifetime, and 3 Associate) with 143 voting members. Membership dues have taken in \$900 more than were predicted in the 2015 NFA Budget.

THE WILD FISH CONSERVANCY was chosen as the second nominee for the 2015 NFA Memorial Conservation Award.

THE WEBSITE is still in need of an editor. We are hoping to find someone skilled in the use of WordPress.

OUTINGS CANCELLED due to low river levels include the John Day and Grand Ronde scheduled for June.. Reservation refunds will be made in the same form as they were taken.

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TOM BEAULAUER

MAY 21ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING**Club to Buy First Aid Kit****MARC WILLIAMSON PRESENTS FALL RIVER PROGRAM**

President Maura Johnson called the business meeting to order at 7:30. She thanked Peter Maunsell for his pre-meeting program on fishing the John Day and then announced that the NFA John Day outing is cancelled due to predicted low water. She acknowledged Larry Belmont and Matt Moore for bringing refreshments.

She had the three or four guests (among the 40 or so people in the room) introduce themselves.

Other announcements included: a 25-cent penalty for not wearing one's nametag at the monthly meetings will be enforced starting at the June meeting,

there is a need for people to serve on a brochure design committee, Susanne Staats (who is heading up the 2015 NFA Picnic) needs to have a few volunteers to help out, and Maura thanked all those who volunteered for the Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg.

A motion was made and passed to add \$200 to the annual budget for the purchase of a first aid kit.

The raffle included an assortment of Rattlesnake Lake flies donated by Patrick's Fly Shop.

Oregonian Marc G. Williamson gave an informative and interesting program on fly fishing the Fall River in south central Oregon.



May speaker Marc G. Williamson with David P. Williams (right).

A photograph of two men standing behind a blue kayak in a desert environment. The man on the left has white hair and glasses, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. The man on the right has a grey beard, glasses, and a baseball cap with sunglasses on top, wearing a plaid shirt. They are both smiling at the camera. The background shows dry vegetation and a hillside under a bright sky. The kayak's handle and a blue strap are visible in the foreground.

Deschutes River Outing

BY **DANA BOTTCHER**

Helen and I arrived at Beavertail Campground late afternoon on Friday, May 8th. Peter and Kelly Maunsell, Ron Romeis, and Tom Beaulaurier were already set up in one section of the campground. Ron said he had fished and caught a few smaller fish. Everyone helped us set up the kitchen near the river. Before dark Jim and Kathy Watson showed up trailering their wooden dirtboat. Peter Rubenstein arrived and Tom returned from fishing with tales of success. Beavertail was filling up, so a campsite was reserved for Carleigh Romeis and her friend Tim Lennox, who arrived close to midnight.

We got an early start Saturday morning with a quick breakfast of coffee, juice, fruit and cold cereal. Tom ran a shuttle for those floating from camp down to the Mack's Canyon take-out. Peter and Kelly floated in their 10-foot raft. Jim and Kathy drifted in their wooden boat. Tom also ran a shuttle for Helen and me. We floated in our raft from Buck Hollow to Lone Pine, a short float and one not travelled much due to the class III Wreck Rapid just above Lone Pine. Tom, Peter, Carleigh, her dad, and Tim accessed the river from the road and waded fished.

The fishing Saturday was slow thanks to the large number of people on the river. Helen and I had our three-mile stretch of the Deschutes to ourselves; hence we caught a dozen or so fish, none as large as we have found in the past. Our favorite spot in that part of the river has become known as Schindele's Hole because we discovered it a few years back when we had Renee and Tim Schindele with us and took turns catching some nice rainbows from the spot. The Schindeles had a family gathering this weekend and couldn't make it. Their namesake spot produced the best of any water we fished.

Saturday's dinner was homemade chili that I had made at home a couple of days earlier. Helen had made cornbread. We whipped together a quick coleslaw, and for dessert had Peter Rubenstein's famous homemade brownies and a few pieces of a cake baked by Carleigh's mom.

Sunday breakfast featured sauted potatoes and veggies along with coffee, sliced oranges, and leftover dessert. Sandwiches were made for lunch, and good old Tom ran a shuttle for Peter Rubenstein, who floated in his pontoon boat down to Mack's Canyon. Peter planned to stay around until Monday. Tom waded and caught fish. The rest of us took off for home refreshed from a couple of nights of sleeping under the stars, sunny days of fishing the Deschutes, and the time we spent enjoying each other's company.

Previous page: Peter Maunsell and Ron Romeis stand by Peter's 10-foot raft. This page: Tom Beaulaurier watches Helen Bottcher and Peter Maunsell wash dishes while Jim Watson dries. Group (left to right, front row): Tim Lennox, Carleigh Romeis, Kelly Maunsell, Peter Maunsell, Kathy Watson, and Helen Bottcher; (back row, left to right) Dana Bottcher, Ron Romeis, Peter Rubenstein, Jim Watson, and Tom Beaulaurier.



A man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a tan cowboy hat, dark sunglasses, and a grey fishing jacket, is smiling and holding a large American shad fish. The background is a lush green forest with yellow wildflowers and a body of water.

WEEKEND ON OREGON'S UMPQUA RIVER

BY WYTOLD LEBING

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER MAUNSELL

Carl Johnson with an American shad

Eight NFA members: Bill Gibson, Maura and Carl Johnson, Wytold and Carol Lebing, Peter Maunsell, Matt Moore, and Harvey Richmond along with Matt and Bill's wives attended the May 15 to 17th Umpqua outing. The Big K Guest Ranch, which sits on the river among the beautiful rolling countryside around Elkton, Oregon, was our headquarters for the trip. Club members fished on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They caught lots of smallmouth and shad.



The Umpqua was very low for this time of year (2,100 CFS). As a result of the drought affecting the West Coast, rocks and ledges that are normally covered were exposed and completely out of water. Fortunately the Umpqua has a healthy population of smallmouth bass that were more than willing to take a variety of fly rod offerings. The low clear water was ideal for sight casting and watching fat smallmouth explode out of the rocky bottom to devour one's fly. Everyone who was fishing for bass caught

30 to 40 fish each day with almost all the fish being over ten inches.

The shad fishing was a little slower since the bulk of the shad run had already moved up river. However, Carl and Peter had a pretty good day with their guide on Sunday and caught about 20 shad in the morning.

Good fishing, great accommodations, and excellent food at the restaurant made for a fun weekend for all of us who took the drive down to Oregon.

REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE

Even though there is no outings fee for this outing, be sure to let the outing coordinator know you are coming by registering at northwestflyangler.com.



Kent Westbrook, Marlee
Spencer, and Tai Larson.

JUNE 6

Rattlesnake Lake Outing

Rattlesnake Lake is one of King County's premier fly fishing lakes. The lake holds an abundance of rainbow and triploid trout. The regs state selective gear only and no gas powered motors (electric trolling motors only). Thus the lake is just right for fishing from a float tube or small pontoon. However, if last year is any indication, beware of the possibility of winds!

The 111-acre Rattlesnake Lake is at the center of a larger Recreation Area

that includes picnic areas, the popular and scenic Rattlesnake Ledge Trail and parking access for the famous John Wayne Trail (hiking and biking) that crosses the Cascades and run across eastern Washington.

Be sure to bring and display your Discover Pass. This is a great one-day outing for the whole family since there is so much other stuff to do besides fishing. Bring a picnic and enjoy a day out in the fresh air.

MORE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

- Washington fishing license.
- Dress according to the weather and bring rain gear just in case.
- Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods with floating lines and 3X and 4X leaders.
- Patterns would include olive woolly buggers and elk hair caddis (if it is not windy).
- Pontoon boat, float tubes, canoe or pram.
- Bring a camera and your lunch in a heavy-duty Ziplock bag.
- Water bottle.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- Take Exit 32 from I-90 and turn right.
- Follow that street (436 Ave. SE and Cedar Falls Rd. SE) for 6 miles to parking lot at Rattlesnake Lake.
- Look for the NFA banner.



Club Secretary Ray
Spencer and his buddy
row against the wind.

HELSA PETERSEN

MORE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

- Come dressed to get dirty.
- If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear.
- The sponsors supply all the tools.
- They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them; they will fit better and you will be less likely to get blisters.
- The sponsors may provide water, but bring a full water bottle.
- Bring something to take pictures with, and please take pictures!

GETTING THERE

- From Seattle drive east on I-90 about 34 miles.
- Leave the freeway at Exit 34 to 468th Ave. SE.
- Turn left on 468th and go under the interstate.
- Take your first left (SE North Bend Way) after the westbound on-ramp.
- Drive 2-1/2 miles and turn right on SE Mt. Si Rd.
- Go 200 yards and turn right on the access road to the park.
- The parking lot is about 1/4 of a mile. Look for event signs.

JUNE 13

Tanner Landing Outing



Join your NFA friends on June 13, 2015 for a day in North Bend along the Middle Fork. We'll work from 9:00 am to noon at Tanner Landing Park. The park is located along the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River and provides boat access for kayaks and rafts as well as a picnic area and fields for passive recreation. A trail along the river offers opportunities for viewing wildlife. NFA volunteers will help remove invasive Scotch (Scot's) Broom along the river trail thus improving this important riparian habitat.

If this is too strenuous for you please come to lend support and enjoy the friendship making that always happens. We have never had too many volunteers! The event is organized by the Mountains To Sound Greenway and King County Parks.

Anyone who enjoys casting small dry flies to lurking rainbow and cut-throat trout should plan to stay around for the afternoon and see how many they can land; the Middle Fork has very tasty-looking water just upstream of Tanner Landing Park.

All are welcome to go into North Bend—just a couple of miles to the west—and grab a bite of lunch at noon. Those wanting to fish can return to the river afterwards.

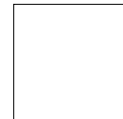
Indicate if you are interested in carpooling when you signup, and the outing coordinator will let the other volunteers know.

**REGISTER ON
THE WEBSITE**

Please let the outing host know you are coming by registering for the event at northwestflyangler.com. There may be more information on the Conservation page of the website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6

Rattlesnake Lake Outing

This one-day outing to the 110-acre lake near North Bend is a great one for the whole family. The fishers can float for rainbows and triploids. Non-fishers can hike and bike. Register at: northwestflyanglers.org.

June 10

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

June 13

Snoqualmie Landing Outing

Conservation outing on the banks of the Middle Fork in North Bend. Scotch broom eradication and lunch afterwards. Some are going to fish the river. Register at: northwestflyanglers.org.

June 18

Membership Meeting

Meets at the Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at seven with educational program and refreshments. The evening program features Leland Miyawaki talking about *The Most Fun You Can Have on the Beach with your Clothes On*. If you are interested in fishing Puget Sound then this is one not to be missed. The program starts around eight and the meeting ends before nine.

June 30

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the July issue of *The Flypaper* are due by Tuesday, July 1st. E-mail your articles and photographs to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.



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(Seated front to rear) Michael Olsson, Rich Wilkens, Paul Dieter, and James Schmidt; (standing) Peg Van Natter and Bill Johnston).

NFA Picnic

The Annual NFA Picnic will be a week from tomorrow on Thursday July 16 at the Good Shepherd Center/Meridian Playfield Park in Seattle.

The NFA returns to the spacious and almost-private pavilion area on the southwest side of Seattle's Good Shepherd Center just off of N 50th Street (between Sunnyside and Meridian Avenues N). Parking is on the east side of the property or along Meridian.

The club provides burgers and hot dogs, members bring a potluck

item. If your last name begins with:

- A-H, bring appetizers;
- I-Q, bring side dishes; or
- R-Z, bring desserts.

There will be ice water, so bring a non-alcoholic drink if so desired.

Food and fun begin at 6. There will be casting and lots of opportunity to socialize. BYOC (chairs). The picnic replaces the regular monthly membership meeting. Bring the whole family; friends are also welcome.

OBITUARY

Charter member Andy Hall Passed Away

Founding NFA member Andy Hall died on May 23 at the age of 90. Although Andy had not been active in the club for the last ten years due to ill health, his contributions were significant. As a founding member he helped write our constitution and by-laws, set up the various standing committees, and serve as club president.

Andy was an engineer by profession but a fly fisher by passion. He designed several effective fly patterns and for many years he hosted and taught bamboo fly rod building classes at his home in north Seattle. These classes were free to club members with the cost of materials the only expense. Andy taught fly casting and was a competitor caster winning many national titles.

An outwardly modest person who was always extending a helping hand, Andy will be missed by all who knew him.—**DAVE CAMPBELL**



Andy Hall

DANA BOTTCHE (PICNIC GATHERING)

JUNE 10TH STEERING**MOUNTAINS TO SOUND**

ATTENDING were Maura Johnson, Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Joe Souther, and Dana Bottcher.

A MOTION WAS PASSED to make the Mountains to Sound organization the third nominee for the NFA Conservation memorial Award for 2015.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS will be asked to bring the names of two members who may want to step forward and help on committees.

THE NFA PICNIC in July still needs volunteers to help out. Picnic Committee chair Susanne Staats will make an appeal for help at the next meeting and through e-mails.

NFA BUSINESS CARDS are to undergo a slight remake and a 100 are to be ordered by the Club Editor.

NEW MEMBERS

Charles Rogers has been fly fishing for 25 years—he was taught by his dad—and came to us through our website. He is a biker and a hiker in addition to being a fly fisher. His fly fishing experience has been stream trout fishing, but he is joining the NFA in hopes of meeting up with some saltwater fly fishers who can help him catch salmon.

If no one has any objections, Charles will be inducted at a future meeting.

**JUNE 18TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING****Memories of Andy Hall Shared****JIM HIGGINS TIED PINK SALMON FLIES DURING THE PREMEETING**

President Maura Johnson, just back from Montana, called the business meeting to order at 7:30. She acknowledged her husband Carl, Helsa Petersen, and Kim Kreidler for bringing refreshments.

She also thanked education chair Jim Higgins for tying pink salmon fly patterns during the premeeting in the alcove.

Maura announced the passing of NFA founder and past president Andy Hall (see article on page two), and James Schmidt and Bill Van Natter shared their memories of Andy.

Susanne Staats (who is heading up the 2015 NFA Picnic) needs to have a few more volun-

teers to help out. She mentioned the system by which people can know what type of potluck item to bring to the picnic (see article on page two).

Conservation chair Tom Beaulaurier thanked all those who turned out for the June Tanner Landing conservation outing; there were some new members who attended the outing.

The raffle included a gear bag and fly lines donated by Patrick's Fly Shop. Other raffle items included a soft gear bag and flies donated by a couple of members.

Leland Miyawaki gave an informative and interesting program on fly fishing Puget Sound for searun cutthroat.

Tanner Landing

MASTERING THE ART OF THE WEED WRENCH

By Tom Beaulaurier

Our outing to Tanner Landing Park took us to a beautiful setting along the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River in North Bend. The park is managed by King County Parks, the Mountains to Sound Greenway (MTSG) organization works with Parks to maintain the grounds as the coordinator of the projects and the volunteers.

The project was primarily pulling Scotch Broom using a tool called the Weed Wrench. The picture on the next page shows

Alan Pilkington and Matt Baerwalde with a wrench and a trophy Scotch Broom that was taller than both of them. So the work was completed with little effort and the result was immediately gratifying. MTSG did a very good job of making us feel welcome and said they would like to see us again. Many volunteers came out for the first time in a long time and that added to the enjoyment of a great morning.

Several of us visited while

having a lunch near our cars and stayed to wet a line. Reports are we had fun with some small wild trout and whitefish.

If you ever wonder what the NFA does so that you can meet people with similar interests, stop wondering, sign up, and join the fun meeting people. The next Conservation outing will be on July 18 at Cavanaugh Ponds on the Cedar River.





Group (left to right): Carleigh Romeis, Jim Morrison, Matt Baerwalde, Tom Beaulaurier, Rebecca and Joe Souther, Russ Shropshire, and Alan Pilkington; Alan and Matt show off trophy Scotch Broom and famous weed wrench; and Ron Takemura poses with a wrench in search of a weed.



Rattlesnake Lake
produced for almost
everyone on the outing.



JUNE 6TH

Fun at Rattlesnake Lake Outing

PLANTED STEELHEAD MAKE FOR HUNGRY EAGER TROUT FOR 15 WHO ATTENDED OUTING

The June 6th outing to Rattlesnake Lake produced a better than expected turn out. 11 people signed up on the website before the outing and four others just showed up without signing up.

When I arrived at 8:30AM, several members were already out on the lake fishing. The weather was warm and sunny with little or no wind.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) had over-stocked the lake with their excess hatchery steelhead. Consequently, the fish had out-stripped their food supply and

were thin and stressed. So WDFW is encouraging everyone who fishes the lake to keep their catch in order to reduce the lake's population.

Fly patterns did not seem to matter and just about everyone caught fish. After receiving some sage advice (from yours truly), one member caught five or six fish at the boat launch in about 20 minutes while waiting for his fishing partner.

The one big negative was that the hiking groups filled up the parking lots and both sides of the road from the park entrance for about half a mile.—**Walt Furler**

INTERNET.

MORE INFO

WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHING: Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking in the woods and mud. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear. Wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt because you will be in the woods and there may be brambles.

TOOLS: The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them; they will fit better and you will be less likely to get blisters.

FOOD: The sponsors provide water and snack food (fruit and energy bars). At noon there will be a lunch provided free to all volunteers. Be sure to bring a full water bottle.

OTHER STUFF: Bring something that takes pictures, like a camera or a smart phone. Your best shots could end up in the club's newsletter and/or on the website. Bring something to pay for a early afternoon lunch if you plan on going out to a restaurant after the event with fellow NFA volunteers.

GETTING THERE: Drive I-5 south and then east on I-405 toward Renton. Exit I-405 onto Rte. 169 (Maple Valley Hwy.) toward Maple Valley. Drive 4.3 miles and look for the reader board event signs indicating where to turn off the highway. Park where they tell you to.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register for the July 18th Cast and Dig Event on the Conservation page at the club's website, northwestfly-anglers.org.



Helen Bottcher helps a youngster at a Cast and Dig Event on the Cedar River.

JULY 18

Cast and Dig on the Cedar

Grab your friends and family and come out for the 6th Annual Cast and Dig on Saturday, July 18th from 9:00 am to 2:00 PM with King County Parks and Forterra at the Cavanaugh Ponds Natural Area! We will spend the morning maintaining this riparian habitat. When the morning work is completed, NFA volunteers will provide casting demonstrations on the river and be treated to a special lunch which is provided by the sponsors.

In addition to helping mother nature on this property, we have been invited to demonstrate our unique skill of fly casting! Be assured that most of the people we are demonstrating to have never seen a fly rod before. To qualify as a demonstrator you should enjoy being yourself, meeting new people and have caught a trout on a fly that you cast. In other words, if you are reading this you are qualified! Do you have an old rod and reel (any size) that you could bring?

If you have waited to make a conservation outing, this is the one you shouldn't miss! Come out to meet other NFA members and find out what they are interested in. Also, there are no more conservation outings anticipated before October.



JULY 24-26

Johnson's on the Clark Fork

Is 900 miles a long way to go for a weekend of fishing? It depends on where you are going and whom you are going to be with when you get there. Many people come from all over the world to fish in Montana. We only have to cross eastern Washington and the panhandle of Idaho to get there. Once we get to Superior (a 6-1/2 hour drive), we will be fishing with fellow NFA members and will be the guests of Carl and Maura Johnson, who have invited the club to their place for the July 24-26 Montana Outing.

Carl has two driftboats. He and Maura have played guides for five lucky NFA members on Saturday and Sunday. Carl also has a big outdoor gas grill and knows how to use it. And Maura is a great cook. They have a few extra beds inside their cabin. Their lawn has the softest green grass in the neighborhood. There is a big porch with chairs, lots of shade trees, the list of amenities goes on and on.

The \$25 outings fee covers food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday Lunch, but if you show up for dinner Friday night you are invited. The cutoff date for registering is July 21st. Use the NFA website to register.

Checklist

- ▶ Montana fishing license. ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders, and strike indicators (for nymph fishing). ▶ Camping gear: tents, sleeping bags and pads, and flashlights. ▶ Folding camp chair. ▶ Suitable floating devices include: pontoon boat, raft, or drift boat.
- ▶ Wet flies: Pat's stonefly nymphs, size 8s and 10s.
- ▶ Dry flies: yellow stimulator, size 8s and 10s; brown elk hair caddis, 14s. ▶ Water bottle. Camera (in Ziplock bag).

Getting There

- ▶ Drive east on I-90 420 miles to Exit 47 (Superior).
- ▶ Turn left at bottom of ramp. ▶ Drive north through Superior and turn left on Mullan Rd. ▶ Drive about two miles and look for Johnson's cabin on left.

PLEASE NOTE

Register on the Outings page at the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org. You are strongly advised to also pay when you register on line. Sign up by Tuesday, July 21st.

What to Bring

- ▶ Washington fishing license.
- ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders.
- ▶ Wading staff.
- ▶ Water bottle.
- ▶ Hat and dark glasses.
- ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag).
- ▶ Flies include: Prince and hare's ear nymphs (12-14s), and elk hair caddis in yellow and gray (12-16s).

Getting There

- ▶ Meet at 9 AM on Saturday, August 9th.
- ▶ We will meet at EJ Roberts Park on 6 St. NE in North Bend.
- ▶ Get off I-90 at Exit 31 and go 3/4 around the round about and exit so you go under I-90.
- ▶ Turn right at the light after crossing the railroad tracks.
- ▶ Take your third left onto Bal-larat Ave. N.
- ▶ Turn right on 6th St. NE.
- ▶ Drive five or six blocks to Roberts Park.
- ▶ Rendezvous at the parking area halfway down the park on 6th Street.

**PLEASE
NOTE**

Register on the Outings page at the club's website, north-westflyanglers.org. There is no outings fee, but register so the outings coordinator will know you are coming.



Art Alton casts on Snoqualmie's Middle Fork during last year's mentoring outing.

AUGUST 9

MIDDLE FK. SNOQUALMIE MENTORING OUTING

If you would like to improve your stream fly fishing skills or would like to share your skills and knowledge about fishing streams, then this outing is for you.

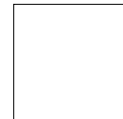
The idea is to put together a core of NFA mentors who love to fish moving water with some eager "students" in a one-on-one day of teaching and fishing on the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River, about 35 miles east of Seattle.

We will all meet at EJ Roberts Park in North Bend and, as a group, go over some fundamentals then pair up and head for the river. Each pair will have several hours of mentoring and fishing on their own stretch of the river. We will all meet back at the park at 3 PM for a potluck picnic. There is no outing fee so people bring a picnic food item to share.

If you would like to be a mentor or a student, you need to let the outings coordinator know ASAP so he can make sure there are enough mentors.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16

NFA Annual Picnic

At Seattle's Good Shepherd Center/Meridian Playfield Park. Potluck. Begins at 6:00. See article on page two for details.

July 18

Cedar River Conservation Outing

9 to 2 at Cavanaugh Ponds Natural Area on the Cedar River. Work in the morning, give casting lessons after free lunch.

July 24-26

Montana Outing

Fish the Clark Fork and surrounding creeks from Johnson's cabin in Superior, Montana. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend. Register by July 21 on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

August 4

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the August issue of *The Flypaper* are due by Tuesday, August 4th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.

August 8

Middle Fork Mentoring Outing

We will pair up (one teacher and one student) and spend the morning and early afternoon fishing Snoqualmie's Middle Fork. Easy wading due to low water year. There is no outings fee, and we will get together at 3 for a potluck picnic at North Bend's Roberts Park. Register and get more information on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.



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PLUS: AUGUST CALENDAR

August speaker Aaron Dufault from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.



AUGUST 20TH

August Speaker

August speaker Aaron Dufault's job title at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is Pink, Chum, and Sockeye Salmon Specialist. He deals mostly on the harvest management side of things, which typically means he spends most of his time on stock assessment, forecasting, and in-season management.

Aaron's program for our August 20th membership meeting will focus mainly on Puget Sound pink salmon population trends, and he also will give us an update on this year's pink salmon return.

Aaron is not a fly fisher, so he will not be giving out information

on tackle and techniques. But any other questions you may bring to the meeting he will be glad to try and answer.

Since saltwater fishing is about the only real fly game going this hot, hot year, you may want to come and get jazzed up for pursuing the millions of returning salmon with a fly rod.

PREMEETING

Several members have requested a mini knot tying session, so Jim Higgins will be in the alcove to help anyone needing help. Grab some refreshments and go see him.

Meet New Member Applicant Steve Williams

Steve Williams is a friend of NFA member Ron Romeis (Carleigh's dad) and attended the Montana Outing at the Johnson's cabin on the Clark Fork (see article on pages 6 and 7). Steve says he "met a wonderful group of NFA members" on the outing and decided to become a member himself.

Besides fly fishing, Steve enjoys horse and bike riding, camping, and hiking. He learned to fly fish on the tailwaters in northern Arkansas 10 years ago. He targets trout and their big cousins, steelhead.

As a scientist and a fly fisher, it is not surprising that Steve is an active member of Trout Unlimited, the Deschutes River Alliance, and the Central Oregon Fly Fishers.

Although Steve lives 315 miles south of our Haller Lake monthly meeting place, he indicated on his membership application that he would like to help with the annual picnic and serve in some capacity on the Hospitality committee!

If no one has any objections, Steve will be inducted at an upcoming meeting (come on up Steve), or we can mail him his membership packet.



JIM HIGGINS (STEVE WILLIAMS)



Picnic Committee chair
Susanne Staats.



Peg Van Natter gives Sasha
Conner a few casting tips.

JUNE 18TH MEMORABLE EVENT

July's Wonderful NFA Picnic

54 members and guests showed up for a memorable annual NFA picnic. Susanne Staats had the whole event well planned and it came off seamlessly. Burgers and dogs were cooked to perfection on the large rented grill. The club's two tables were laden with potluck appetizers, side dishes, salads, and desserts. There was more than enough food for all. Peg and Bill Van Natter gave casting tips and several others tried their hands at casting through the vertical hoop. Most people sat around and socialized. Susanne was ably assisted by Charlene Kaiser, Carl and Maura Johnson, David Arms, David Williams, and Dana Bottcher.



Nick and Kathy Sherman.



Matt and Leslie Moore.

BC OUTING REPORT

12 NFA MEMBERS ATTEND FIRST EVER NFA OUTING IN BC'S TWEEDSMUIR PARK

Imagine an isolated chain of lakes strung along a hanging mountain valley that can only be reached by a floatplane or a more than 10 mile hike through rough heavily wooded mountain terrain. Imagine that those same lakes were stocked with coastal cutthroat trout more than 60 years ago. Imagine also that you could spend a week at those lakes catching those cutthroat and admiring the beauty of the lakes and mountains.

An adventurous group of NFA members thought that it was too good an opportunity to ignore. So they drove the nearly 600 miles up to Nimpo Lake, BC to find out if it were true and got to spend the week camping and fishing the lakes and streams of the Turner Lakes Chain in Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in BC.

The Turner Lakes Chain consists of seven lakes. Hunlen Falls (Canada's third highest falls at 1316 feet) effectively isolates the chain from the rest of the Atnarko watershed, a branch of the headwaters of the Bella Coola River. Because of that waterfall the lakes were originally "fishless". History has it that coastal cutthroat native to the valley below were stocked by homesteader and pioneer, Ralph Edwards, "the Robinson Crusoe of Lonesome Lake," in the 1950s. Ralph somehow carried a breeding stock of the coastal cutthroat in a knapsack up from the Lonesome Lake over seventy years ago. Because of the isolation of the lake chain the cutts have thrived throughout the system, undisturbed, and provide great fishing for those who get to the lakes. The coastal cutthroat are the only fish in the valley above Hunlen Falls.

Stewart's Lodge and Camps on Nimpo Lake served as the jumping off point for the adventure. The night before flying to the lakes we stayed in cabins at Stewarts, had a great dinner and even caught a few fish. The next morning after breakfast we took three trips in a Beaver floatplane operated by Tweedsmuir Air Service to get over to Turner Lake. Stewarts man-

ages a campsite on the lake, with two rustic cabins, room for a few tents and lots of canoes. The campsite sports sandy beaches, and the lodgepole pine forest floor there is carpeted with bunchberry blossoms and white-flowered rhododendron.

The 12 NFA members who went had a phenomenal trip. In keeping with the NFA's "family fishing club" motto, three of our 12 were 17, 13 and 11 years old.

The fishing was very good. Despite the fact that BC is suffering from the same heat wave and drought that we are experiencing, there was plenty of action in the mornings and evenings. Everyone lost count of how many cutthroat they caught. In addition to the fishing, the scenery was spectacular with mountain views in every direction. And in true NFA style we ate like kings. The job of cooking was split up and assigned in such a way that everyone had two days of kitchen duty and four days free.

Turner Lake, Cutthroat Lake, and the stream connecting them provided ample area to explore for the week. As the week progressed people took the opportunity to switch fishing partners and fish with new "best buddies". Just to be adventurous, Eric Olson and Ron Takamura hiked up to Junker Lake, where they camped two nights and fished the lake and the stream connecting Junker to Vista lake. 9,964-foot tall Talchako Mountain and its brother Horribilis and their manifold glaciers are visible from Junker. They commented that the fishing was even better in Junker, and they had lots of fish stories when they got back to the camp.

Over the course of the week, everyone made it down Turner Lake to see Hunlen Falls, the tallest freefall waterfall in North America. The view of the falls was amazing with water cascading more than 1300 feet to the Atnarko River below. The sunlight refracting through the waterfall mists created an awesome display of dazzling variegated rainbows.

The week seemed to whiz by. And, even though we fished everyday, we felt as though we had just begun to explore Turner, Cutthroat, Vista and Junker Lakes and their connecting streams. And we think everyone was a little disappointed when the Beaver floatplane touched down on the lake to start taking us back to Stewarts.

If one can gauge how good a fishing trip is by simply asking if they would go back to fish again, then this was definitely a very good trip. With all those hungry cutthroat still up there, three more lakes and connecting rivers to fish, we know we'll go back.

BY WYTOLD LEBING AND MARK CONNER



Group (left to right): Peter and Aaron Rubenstein, Ron Takamura, David Arms, Eric Olson, Wytold Lebing, Mark Conner, Harvey Richmond (in rear), Bill Gibson, Mark's grandson Dexter Prescott, Peter Maunsell, and Mark's daughter Sasha; kids cooling off with a green canoe; and Peter Rubenstein releases a cutthroat.





Back row (left to right): Jim Higgins, Joe Souther, Steve Williams, Jennifer Higgins, Ralph Higgins, Peter Maunsell, Ray Willms, Carleigh Romeis, Carl Johnson, and Steve Temple.
Front Row (left to right): Rebecca Souther, Susanne Higgins, Maura Johnson, Kelly Maunsell, Ed Caldwell, Randy Ishihara, Marianne Mitchell, Paul Shinoda, and Peggy Temple.

MONTANA REPORT

19 NFA members and one guest braved the heat and the warm weather fishing restrictions in Montana to attend our 11th outing to the Johnson's cabin in Montana.

After weeks of heat in the 90's and 100's, the temperatures rose only into the high 80's during the day, and mercifully the evenings were cool for wonderful sleeping. And one morning we actually got a few drops of rain.

On both Friday and Saturday we were out

on the water by about 7:30, a real record for any of the NFA group on this outing. What got everyone going so early were the so-called *hoot owl restrictions*, which closed the Clark Fork to fishing on after 2 P.M. Some ambitious fishers headed to restriction-free Fish Creek to try their luck in the afternoon while the majority retreated to the big trees at the Johnsons and had their afternoon libations.

Most folks caught fish and they did so early in the morning before the day got warmer.

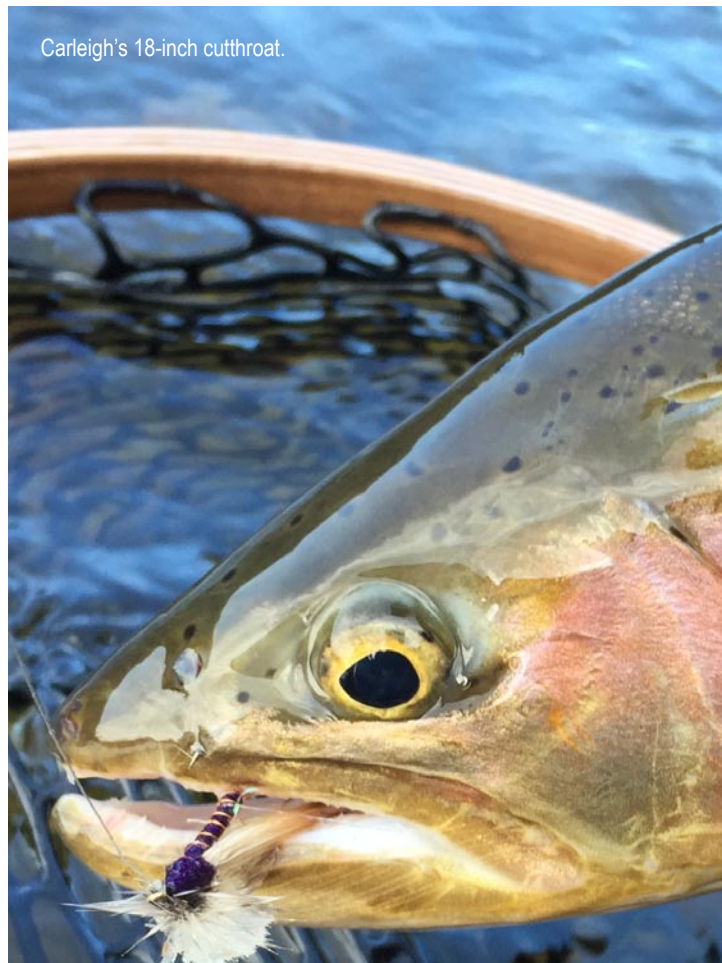
A couple of the slickest things I saw over the weekend were thanks to Paul Shinoda. Paul and Anna Ricketts showed up with the "cutest" little Airstream trailer I have ever seen. And then when we were getting ready to launch our boats on the Clark Fork, Paul has his aluminum canoe set up with a pair of outriggers. Very cool.

After the weekend outing, several folks ventured on to fish the Montana's famous Rock Creek southeast of Missoula. —**Maura Johnson**

Host Carl Johnson guides Carleigh Romeis and Joe Souther.



Carleigh's 18-inch cutthroat.



Dedicated fishers finding their ways home after dark.



Paul Shinoda paddles while Ed Caldwell rows Paul's canoe with outriggers.



Max Friedmar lugs a bucket of mulch in the hot sun. Insert (left to right): Max and Todd, Tom and Dana.



FOUR NFA MEMBERS ATTEND JULY 18TH EVENT

Cast and Dig in the Blazing Sun

Todd and Max Friedmar, Dana Bottcher and Tom Beaulaurier came out on a perfect sunny day for the 6th Annual Cast & Dig on Saturday, July 18th with King County Parks and Forterra at the Cavanaugh Ponds Natural Area. The work was your choice, pull morning glory in the shady groves, cut blackberries in the shady groves or move mulch in the morning sunshine. There were no expectations for the volunteers since even the organizers had been working in the unusual local heat wave for the past month and are realistic about what to expect from volunteers.

In addition to helping mother nature on this property, we were treated to a presentation by Nora, a naturalist from the Salmon Journey program. I have heard her a few times before and

each time she shares new nugget for my mind. Did you know that the Black River and Renton High School share some common ground? Can you find the Black River? The history of the rivers in the area is still evolving and the NFA volunteers are part of their modern history. For me, it's more interesting to hear the story being told along the bank of the Cedar River.

NFA volunteers were also on the program to demonstrate our unique skill of fly casting! We showed five of the other volunteers some basic form that might encourage them to try using fly casting sometime.

Thanks to Todd and Max Friedmar, Dana Bottcher and Tom Beaulaurier for coming out on a nice summer Saturday!—**Tom Beaulaurier**



Host Tim Schindele talks to guests about fishing Oregon's Crooked River.

AUGUST 14-16

CENTRAL OREGON OUTING

Tim and Renee Schindele and Ron Romeis, all NFA members residing in Redmond, Oregon, are hosting the Central Oregon Outing the weekend of August 14-16, 2015.

The outing coincides with the International Federation of Fly Fishers 50th Anniversary Fair being held in Bend, Oregon from August 13-15, 2015. One will be able to take in the fair events, including classes, competitions and vendor displays, while also being able to fish some of the renowned waters in Central Oregon. The Crooked River is a walk and wade tail-water fishery. Surveys indicate more than 5,000 trout per mile.

NFA Central will be the Chimney Rock campground on the Crooked River, some 35 miles from Bend or Redmond. This BLM campground is along the prime water below the Prineville Reservoir/Bowman Dam. It is well maintained, has potable water, new outhouses, but no RV hookups. The big selling point is that it is on the river on the road side, and one can easily access miles of good water right from the campground. It also means you can get up early and fish before breakfast, or step down to the river and fish after dinner, until one hour after sunset (sunset is at 8:10 PM on Aug. 15) per Oregon regulations.

From the campground, you can drive into Bend for the IFFF Fair, or to get your growler filled at one of the many microbreweries in the area. We will also be within about 60 miles of some excellent lake fishing at Hosmer Lake or East Lake. Other waters to sample in the area are the upper and middle portions of the Deschutes River, the Fall River, and the Metolius River.

Let Tim and Renee or Ron know if you would like to come early to take in the IFFF Fair or stay past Sunday, and would like to bunk with them for a day or two.

What to Bring

- ▶ Oregon fishing license.
- ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 4-X and 6-X leaders.
- ▶ Pontoon boat or float tube to fish lakes.
- ▶ Water bottle.
- ▶ Hat and dark glasses. ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag).
- ▶ Flies include: Mayfly and caddis nymphs (14-18s); midge pupae (16-20s); scuds (14s to 18s); and blue-winged olives, emergers and adults, (14s-18s).

Camping Fees

- ▶ Daily fee is \$8 per site.
- ▶ Possible to split \$16 group site fee.

Getting There

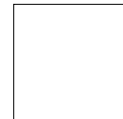
- ▶ Drive I-5 160 miles south and take I-205 exit (marked Salem).
- ▶ Drive 25 miles on I-205 (cross the Columbia River) and take Exit 19 onto Rte. 26W (SE Powell Blvd.).
- ▶ Drive 144 miles to Prineville and turn right on Rte. 27 (Main St.).
- ▶ Drive 16 miles to Chimney Rock Campground.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register and pay the \$25 outings fee on the Outings page at the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

August 14-16

Central Oregon Outing

Fish the Crooked River and surrounding lakes from Chimney Rocks Campground east of Prineville. The International Federation of Fly Fishers is having its annual conclave in Bend (35 miles from the campground), so one could attend classes and other conclave events. \$25 Outings fee covers food for the weekend. Register by August 11th on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

August 20

Membership Meeting

Meets at the Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at seven with an educational program and refreshments. The educational program will be . The evening program features WDFW biologist Aaron Dufault this is one not to be missed. The program speaking on . The meeting ends before nine.

September 1

Newsletter Articles Due

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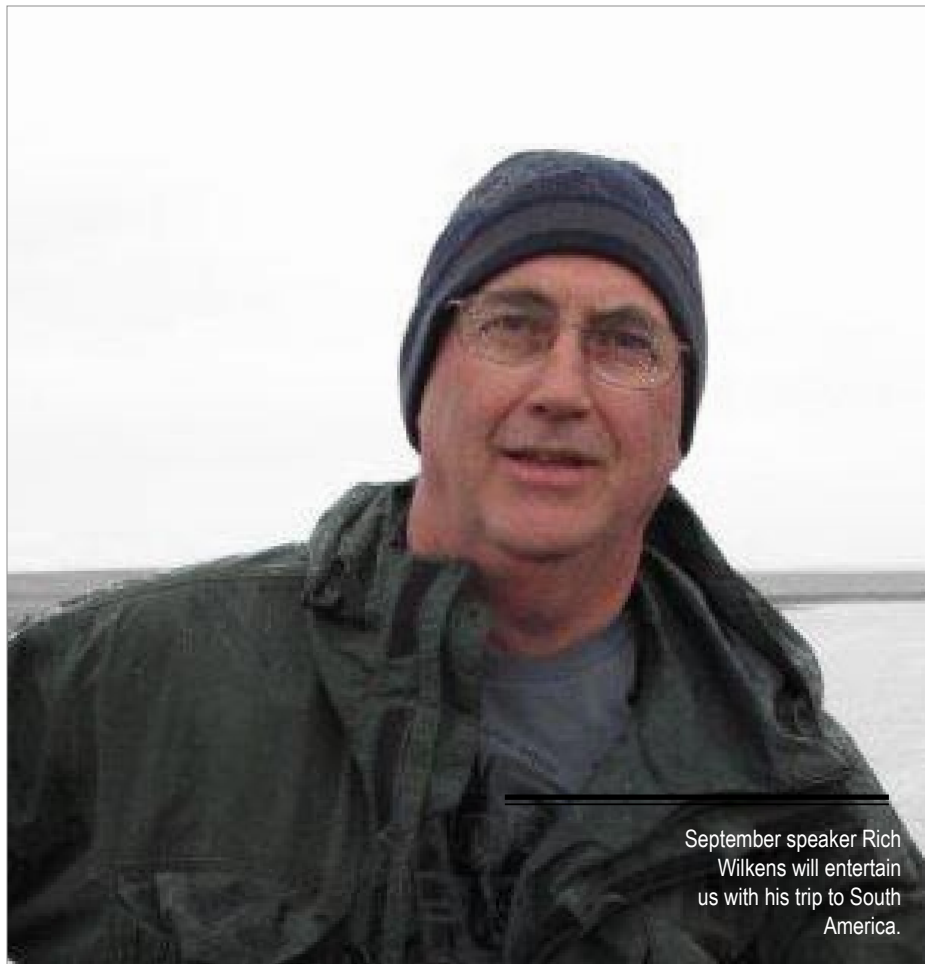
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September speaker Rich Wilkens will entertain us with his trip to South America.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: SEPTEMBER 17TH

Jurassic Lake: Home of 12 Kilo Rainbows

NFA member Rich Wilkens went to Patagonia at the southern tip of South America in 2010 to catch up with his son who was mountain climbing. Rich spent a week at a lodge chasing searun browns while his son finished climbing. Then they had some crazy, adventure-some father-and-son time travelling together. It was during this period that Rich heard about Jurassic Lake and its incredible rainbows. He made a promise to himself that he would return

and fish for these pre-historic-sized fish. Well, he has recently checked Jurassic Lake off his bucket list and plans to share with us his trip. Be assured that Rich will treat us to great fishing tales, funny stories of misadventures, wonderful photographs of big fish, beautiful landscapes, and, of course, birds you have never seen before. Yeh, he's a birder as well as a fly fisher.

For a wild ride to a place most of us will never visit, don't miss this evening!

PREMEETING

Come early to the meeting and check out the educational program scheduled to start at 7:00 in the alcove area at the back of the meeting room. There will also be coffee and other munchies available in the refreshment room. So grab a cuppa and a cookie and wander to the back of the room and see what Education Committee chair Jim Higgins has in store for us this month.

For those not interested in the premeeting program for the evening, you are welcome to come early and socialize, help put out chairs, talk to someone at the outings table about upcoming fishing outings, buy some tickets (\$1 apiece) for the evening's raffle, maybe buy some flies at the fly box table, or peruse the club's library.

So, come early and mess around before the business meeting starts at 7:30 or so.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Deborah L. Adams has applied for an individual membership. She came to join the NFA through our website.

Steve Nawrot also came to our club through our website. He picked up fly fishing 15 years ago in Colorado. He would like to meet new people, learn new places to stream fish, and take part in our conservation outings.

When inducted they will be our eighth and ninth new members this year. If there are no objections, Deborah and Steve will be inducted at a future meeting.

COMING SOON

NEW NFA WEBSITE IN THE MAKING

As you probable know if you have visited many of the websites of fly fishing clubs around our state, our website is one of the best ones out there, both visually and functionally. However, about a year ago the NFA Steering Committee began to discuss the idea of the club's website having the ability to allow members to easily communicate with each other in order to set up impromptu fishing trips and to buy and sell stuff.

The website program we currently use does not have that capability, so the steering committee asked around and the website software Word Press was recommended.

Enter Brett Schormann, an ex-Boeing software engineer and high school teacher of computer engineering and web design, who joined the NFA in May of this year. On his application he volunteered for "overall web design and editing monthly updating of information shown on the web site." President Maura Johnson contacted Brett and took him up on his offer.

Brett went to work upgrading our website using Word Press, and by early August e-mails were flying back and forth among steering members and Brett. He gave members a peek at what he was doing and asked for their feedback. The responses were very positive.

Brett took an extended Oregon vacation and has recently returned. Work on the website has resumed. Stay tuned for further developments and a possible launch date.

AUGUST 20ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING**The Pinks are Coming****PRE-MEETING KNOT TYING MINI-WORKSHOP A HIT**

President Maura Johnson was in Oregon attending the IFFF Annual Fair in Bend, so vice-president David P. Williams, called the business meeting to order at 7:30.

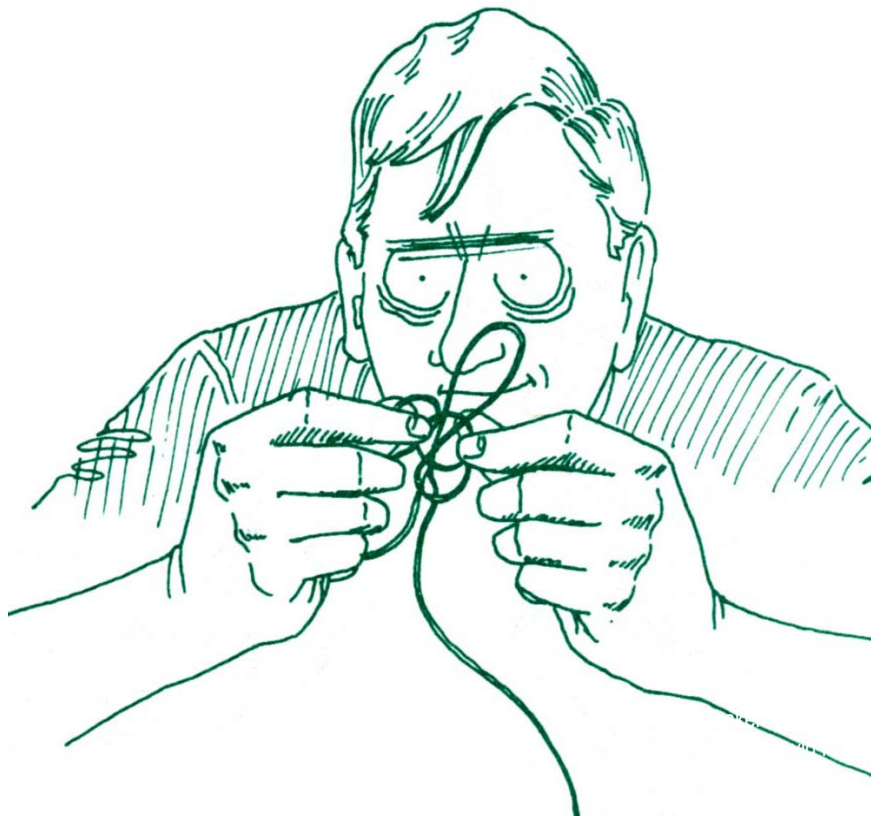
David thanked Jim Higgins for his pre-meeting knot tying program that drew a fairly large crowd in the back of the room from 7:00 to 7:30.

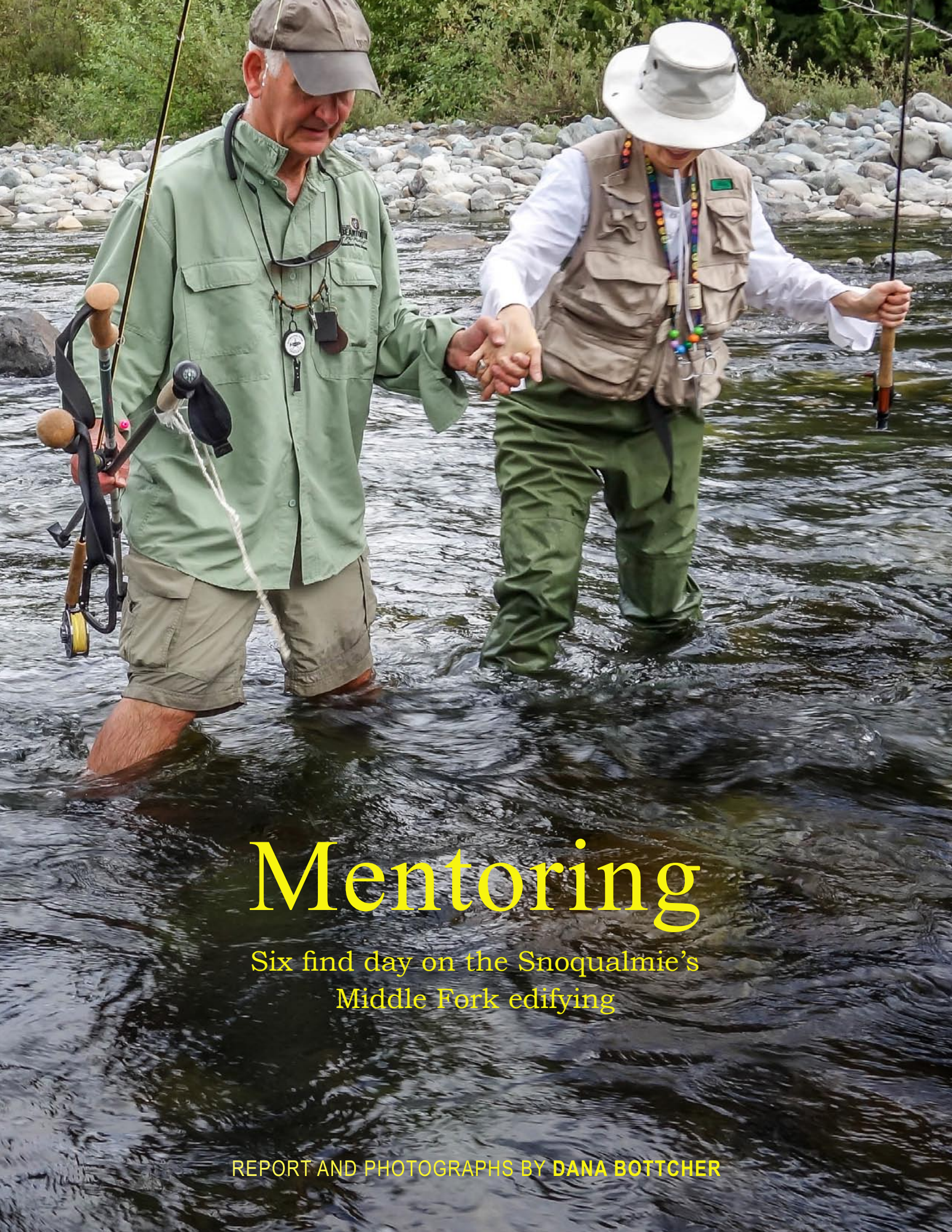
David had several guests (among the 40 or so people in the room) introduce themselves and mention how they came to attend the meeting; most were brought by mem-

bers. Of special not, were past NFA members Mary and Steve Bohnemeyer, who were up from Chico, California; Steve is fishing for pinks at various Puget Sound beaches.

The raffle included an assortment of trout flies for river fishing donated by Patrick's Fly Shop.

Aaron Dufault, a pink salmon expert from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, gave a program about his research and the state of the salmon fisheries (especially that of the pink salmon) in Washington.





Mentoring

Six find day on the Snoqualmie's
Middle Fork edifying

REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY DANA BOTTCHER

It

was billed as a mentoring outing with one instructor for each student. I was the only one who was willing to mentor (which means giving advice and not fishing) and five students showed up. Whoops. However, we made do and had a great time in the process. We all stuck together, I talked a lot, we explained why we had what we had in our fishing vest, I did some on-the-stream demonstrations, and the better waders lent a hand to those who needed a human wading staff. It all worked out: no one fell in (although the water was refreshingly inviting), no one got hooked, no one lost any flies in trees or on the bottom, and no one caught a fish. But, we had a wonderful pot luck picnic towards the end of the afternoon and I got several e-mails afterwards saying it had been a very nice day and educational as well.

We met at EJ Roberts Park in downtown North Bend and quickly moved to Tanner Landing Park on the edge of town because a huge parade was planned for main street. Tanner is a great place for this outing because it has shade, picnic tables, and superb water for beginners to practice casting, mending, and wading.

Once the six of us were at Tanner, we gathered all our equipment and stood around a picnic table and had show and tell with our individual fishing stuff. Even though we all had brought waders everyone decided to wade wet. We gathered up our gear and walked a short distance to a shady spot that looked out on a beautiful riffle that cascaded into a fishy pool. While we rigged up, two mothers, four young children, and two large dogs settled in on our gravel bar. The kids swam, the dogs jumped in the water after sticks, and the moms sun bathed. It took us a half hour to all get rigged, I talked some more, and then we descended on the crowd on our gravel bar. Once we started casting flies, the moms gathered their kids and animals and moved downstream. And so we practiced casting and mending for an hour or so.

Some of us walked upstream to practice our crossing-the-river wading techniques. Getting up the bank proved to be more of a challenge. Back at the picnic table, we opened coolers and sat around eating and talking fishing. Out came the camera for the classic group photo (below). We all left for home around four.



Group (left to right): Dana Bottcher, Jim Morrisn, Rebecca and Joe Souther, Helene Russ, and David Arms at Tanner Landing Park in North Bend.



Maura Johnson (foreground) and two other NFA members are pictured fishing the Deschutes's Foley Water on Sunday.

SEVEN NFA MEMBERS ATTEND AUGUST 14-16TH EVENT

Central Oregon Outing

Central Oregon was a happening place the week of August 9-15. The IFFF Fair, the Bend Brewfest, Bend Elks baseball championship semifinals, the Mt. Bachelor Quilters Guild show, bicycle races, a marathon and, oh yeah, the NFA outing all were going on. NFA members Carl and Maura Johnson, Peter Maunsell, Jim Higgins, David Williams, and Mary Kovach—who lives in Spokane—were in Bend for the fair. David and Mary were unable to join us for the outing.

On Friday, Tim and Renee Schindele went over to the Crooked River and set up camp at the Post Pile campground. Peter joined them late in the evening. On Saturday morning, Jim Higgins joined us, as did Ron Romeis, who lives down here at Eagle Crest. We all waded up and down from the campground and caught rainbows and whitefish. Carl and Maura arrived later in the morning after attending to fair business. In the afternoon, some drove upstream to fish different sections of the river.

We gathered for dinner at the campground and got the inside scoop about the IFFF fair from Carl. The Schindeles' camper has a freezer com-

partment in it so there was ice cream to go with Renee's homemade peach crisp dessert.

With the decision to fish the Foley Water on the middle Deschutes on Sunday, and with four members not planning to stay overnight at the campground, the Schindeles went home to Redmond, where it made more sense for people to gather on Sunday morning for breakfast.

On Sunday, Ron brought wife Jan and newest NFA member from Central Oregon, Stephen Williams, to have breakfast with the rest of us. Ron and Stephen didn't fish on Sunday as they had other engagements. Six of us who fished the Foley Water caught rainbows and brown trout. Later in the afternoon, we went back to the Schindeles and had Chinese takeout. After dinner, Carl and Maura and Jim went back to their trailers in Bend and were leaving for home the next morning. Peter, who doesn't miss a chance to fish new water, got directions from us on how to get to Mecca Flat on the Deschutes below Warm Springs. He headed there and should have been able to make a few casts before dark. —**Tim Schindele**



Dewey Lake with Mt. Rainier
in the distance.

SEPTEMBER 12

DEWEY LAKE OUTING

Join us for the Northwest Fly Anglers' first ever hosted alpine lakes day hike for trout fishing on Saturday, September 12th. NFA fishers will rendezvous with the outing coordinator Tom Beau-laurier at the Newport Hills Park and Ride (5115 113th Place SE, Bellevue), which is adjacent to I-405. We'll meet there at 8:00 am to arrange transportation for everyone. Then we'll drive the 75 miles to the summit of Chinook Pass at Lake Tipsoo where we'll setup for the 2.8 mile walk down to Dewey Lakes.

These are impressive alpine lakes sitting at over 5000 feet in elevation. With lots of open shoreline, (think roll casts or short, high back casts), anglers will find many spots to try for the plentiful pan-sized, naturally reproducing, eastern brook trout. Some rainbow trout were stocked several years ago.

After fishing to our heart's content, we'll get on the trail to hike up to the road and pack the cars for the drive home, getting to the P&R around 7:30pm.

Pack your own sack lunch and snacks. Waders and flotation devices are not necessary, so use your own judgment. Fishing is primarily close to the bank or from fallen logs.

What to Bring

- ▶ Washington fishing license.
- ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 4-X and 6-X leaders.
- ▶ Sack lunch and water bottle.
- ▶ Insect repellent.
- ▶ Hat and dark glasses.
- ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag).
- ▶ Flies include: Griffiths Gnats (14-18s); Parachute Adams (12-16s); Royal Coachman (12-16s); olive Woolly Bugger (10s), Pheasant Tail Nymph (12-16s), and Midge Pupae (14-16s).

Getting to the Park & Ride

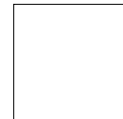
- ▶ Cross Lake Washington (and Mercer Island) on I-90.
- ▶ Take Exit 10A to I-405 S towards Renton.
- ▶ Take Exit 9 (Lake Washington Blvd.) off of I-405 S and turn left at the top of the ramp.
- ▶ Cross over the freeway and go straight ahead at the intersection.
- ▶ Turn left onto 113 Pl. SE and that will take you into the P&R.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register by Wednesday, September 9th. Use the Outings page at the club's website, northwestfly-anglers.org. This will help the outing coordinator know you are coming.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

September 12

Dewey Lake Outing

Be part of the first NFA high mountain lake one-day outing. A 2.8-mile walk to Dewey Lake in the Chinook Pass area is beautiful and fairly easy. The lake has brook trout and rainbows. The shoreline is fairly open, which means easier casting from shore; hence no need to pack in a belly boat. There is no outing fee. Register by September 9th on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

September 17

Membership Meeting

Meets at the Haller Lake Community Center. A social half hour begins at seven with refreshments and an educational program held in the alcove at the back of the hall. The evening program features NFA member Rich Wilkens back from a recent trip to Argentina. His program is entitled *Jurassic Lake's 12 Kilo Rainbows*. Seeing is believing, so don't miss this one!

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WDFW JAMES LOSEE: OCTOBER 15TH

Fly Fishing in the Marine Environment

Nominations of the 2016 NFA Officers will be held at the October membership meeting as well as a vote on which organization will receive the 2015 NFA Memorial Award for Conservation.

The evening speaker will be James Losee. James grew up in Yakima and received a B.S. in Marine Biology from Western Washington U. He went on and earned an M.S. in Fisheries Science from OSU. He worked for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries researching salmon in the marine environment prior to coming to the Washington

Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2012. Since then he has worked as the area fish biologist for South Puget Sound. James is really excited about anadromous fish when they are in the marine environment and underutilized fisheries such as coastal cutthroat trout, fly fishing for warmwater species, and starry flounder.

PREMEETING AT 7

Come early to the meeting and check out the educational program scheduled to start at 7:00 in the alcove area at the back of the meeting room.

CONSERVATION VOTE

ONE OF FOUR TO BE CHOSEN

1. **Washington Wild:** "Founded in 1989 we are a non-profit working to bring people together in the vigorous defense of our remaining forests, waters and wildlife...Our approach was originally developed through our successful efforts to raise the public support necessary to pass the 1984 Washington Wilderness Act, which protected over a million acres of wilderness."

2. **Wild Fish Conservancy:** Headquartered in Duvall Washington, WFC is dedicated to the recovery and conservation of the region's wild-fish ecosystems through science, education, and advocacy. The organization was founded in 1989 under the name Washington Trout.

3. **The Mountains to Sound Greenway** connects great recreation, mountain scenery, local history and vibrant communities in a 100-mile landscape along Interstate 90. These lands are set aside to sustain clean air and water and are a part of plans for urban development that keep green and open spaces accessible to all.

4. **Western Rivers Conservancy** protects outstanding rivers in the eleven contiguous western states. Our conservation acquisitions include everything from big-river projects on the Snake, the Salmon and the Madison, to purchases on smaller but equally important streams like Deer Creek, Nason Creek and the Little Cimmarron. We still firmly believe that sometimes to save a river, you have to buy it

STEERING MEETING-SEPT. 9

PUSH TO GET THREE CANDIDATES

In attendance at the September 9th Steering Committee meeting were: Maura Johnson, Ray Spencer, Wytold Lebing, Tom Beaulaurier, Peter Maunsell, Susanne Staats, Mark Conner, Jimmy Kamada, Jim Higgins, Kim Kreidler, Helsa Petersen, and Brett Schormann.

There was a detailed discussion with Brett Schormann about the goals and desires for the website.

Mark Conner proposed an outings calendar for 2016 and got feedback from the committee.

A list of potential officers for 2016 was generated and committee members were assigned people to call and ask to volunteer.

The Western Rivers Conservancy was chosen as the fourth nominee for the 2015 NFA Conservation Award.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Deborah L. Adams has applied for an individual membership. She came to join the NFA through our website.

Steve Nawrot also came to our club through our website. He picked up fly fishing 15 years ago in Colorado. He would like to meet new people, learn new places to stream fish, and take part in our conservation outings.

When inducted they will be our eighth and ninth new members this year. If there are no objections, Deborah and Steve will be inducted at a future meeting.

SEPTEMBER 17TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Appeal for Members to Step Up

RICH WILKEN'S PROGRAM WAS ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE

President Maura Johnson called the business meeting to order at 7:30.

She thanked Peter Maunsell for his pre-meeting program that drew a fairly large crowd in the back of the room from 7:00 to 7:30.

Maura also thanked Sherrie Patano and Kathy Archer for bringing treats. Several guests (among the 35 or so people in the room) introduced themselves and mentioned how they came to attend the meeting; most were brought by members.

The raffle was run by Steve Bosc and included an assortment of alpine lake trout flies and some pink salmon fly kits and tying materials donated by Patrick's Fly Shop.

NFA member Rich Wilkens did a presentation on his latest trip to Brazil and Argentina. The first part of his show was a DVD set to music with a whole array of pictures followed by his narrative presentation that was interesting, funny and informative.





Dewey Lake

Three members hike to high mountain lake
for scenery and brook trout.

REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOM BEAULAURIER



On

Saturday, September 12th, three NFA members met to take a leisurely drive and hike into the Dewey Lakes. The morning weather was ideal for our plans. Jim Morrison, Wytold

Lebing and I were looking forward to starting on the trail.

We arrived at the 5400' summit of Chinook Pass (SR 410) to find that this popular alpine mountain area was where many other hikers were going to spend their day too. They are attracted by access to the Pacific Crest Trail, Lake Tipsoo, the Yakima Peak Loop and Naches Peak Loop Trails.

We parked at our trailhead and started out. For references, we were at the eastern border of Mt Rainier National Park, the western border of the William O. Douglas Wilderness Area and the headwaters of the American River (it becomes the Naches River). The first mile was an uphill walk over a low ridge. Along this section of the route we were treated to an occasional alpine pond set in colorful fields of reds, yellows and evergreens. The colors were accentuated by both the fall season and dry ground conditions. As we walked past the top of the ridge, there were vantage points to see the Dewey Lakes below, a quick view of the Cayuse Pass highway almost directly below us, as well as Mt Rainier several miles to our west and Mt Adams more miles south.

At the end of the first trail mile we intersected the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and followed it to the lakes. We shared the PCT with just a few other hikers and two ladies on horses. At about 11:30, we arrived at the large Dewey Lake and saw a couple of camps so we headed to the little Dewey. No one was camped there. The beauty of this small mountain lake after the hike in was a great reward. Jim told me he was really excited to go on this hike and he was glad he did.

As we got our rods setup, there was a steady flow of hikers off the trail. So the peace and quiet had to be shared with them for a while. By the way, there were no bothersome bugs at all! By 1:00 we were casting to curious brookies that had me confounded all day. I don't recall ever missing so many strikes. Jim and Wytold had similar experiences. By 2:00 the day hikers were heading up the trail and we had the lake to ourselves until we left about 4:00.

The fishing was fun, though we landed only some of the many chances we had. There is plenty of room for making full casts or sometimes just roll casts. Jim brought hip waders and probably won't next time. Wytold and I carried in wading boots and socks for wet wading, and we did not use them.

The hike out and up started through forest, crossing dry creek beds, and working uphill on the swtchbacking PCT. As we neared the top of the ridge, the views returned. This was tiresome hiking but not too strenuous for us. Wytold said he was glad that he had the chance to see this part of the Cascade Mountains. He was impressed, like Jim and I.

Our pictures are nice, but we all felt something that does not show in photos. You had to be there. The sounds are different. Rediscovering what quiet is can surprise you. It was a memorable outing for us.



OCTOBER 14-18TH EVENT IN NE OREGON

Grande Ronde Outing

Autumn steelhead on the famed steelhead river the Grande Ronde. The NFA has rented campsites at Troy Resort in Troy, Oregon for the four-day weekend beginning October 14. This is a very popular steelhead fishing river, and it was necessary to make our reservations in October of last year. The steelhead that migrate here have braved both the Columbia and

SNAKE RIVERS so expect monster fish with spectacular fight! The Troy Resort has a restaurant open for lunch and dinner and offers free showers in a very clean and commodious shower house with lounge. Our campsites are right on the Wenaha just a score of yards away from the Grande Ronde.

For the extremely low fee of \$60 the NFA hosts will be pro-

viding four cooked breakfasts and four pack lunches. Camping and shower fees are paid. Dinners are a la carte at the restaurant. We will self-shuttle rafts, drift boats and pontoon boats for those who do not wish to wade fish. There is excellent bank access both above and below the resort. Limited space for RVs.



Troy from across the Grande Ronde



Grande Ronde steelhead buck.

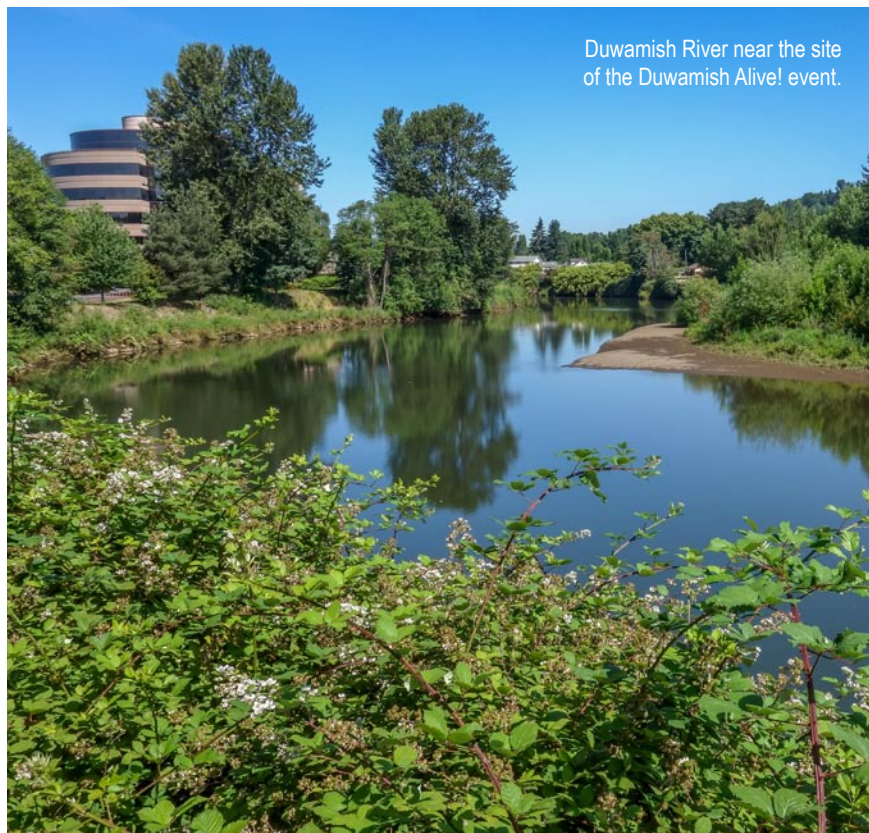
What to Bring

- ▶ Oregon fishing license.
- ▶ Fishing equipment: six and seven weight rods, floating lines, 1-X to 3-X leaders.
- ▶ River-worthy boats if floating.
- ▶ Wading staff.
- ▶ Hat and dark glasses.
- ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag).
- ▶ Flies include: skaters like moose turds, muddlers and bombers; wets like green-butt skunks, purple perils, heavy-hook muddlers, purple egg-sucking leech, small purple or black spey-style. All in sizes 4 to 6.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register and pay your \$60 outing fee by Friday, October 9th. Use the Conservation page at the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org. This will help the outing host know you are coming.

TOP PHOTO BY DANA BOTTCHE; BOTTOM PHOTO FROM THE INTERNET



Duwamish River near the site of the Duwamish Alive! event.

FORTERRA'S 10TH ANNUAL EVENT OCTOBER 17TH

DUWANISH ALIVE!

Come out to volunteer your time and energy for the Duwamish Alive project helping restore the Duwamish River's shoreline habitat. We'll help Forterra kick off this year's planting season with the fall edition of Duwamish Alive! in Tukwila. Every fall, they host a special planting party and celebration of the Duwamish River. This year will be the 10th annual event and they plan to make it the best one yet! Join your NFA friends, meet new ones, and lend a hand in the great outdoor environment we all enjoy. We'll meet at 9:00 for a morning drink and pastry at a nearby Starbucks, 13038 Interurban Ave S.

The project site is along the River Trail in Tukwila, and the work is to plant native trees and shrubs, spread mulch, and restore habitat to a more natural condition. By volunteering together, we get better acquainted with other NFA members who are interesting and involved people. Our volunteered time will also help rejuvenate this site, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and enhance a lasting community legacy for years to come.

This volunteer event on October 17, starts at 10:00 and ends about 1:00. This is possibly the last NFA conservation outing for the year.

MORE INFO

WHAT TO BRING

- ▶ Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking up and down the river bank. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear. Wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt; there may be brambles.
- ▶ The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them.
- ▶ The sponsors provide water and snack food. Be sure to bring a full water bottle.
- ▶ Bring a camera or a smart phone. Your best shots could end up in the club's newsletter and/or on the website.

GETTING TO STARBUCKS:

- ▶ Drive I-5 south, and south of Boeing Field take exit 156 marked Tukwila/Interurban Ave.
- ▶ Turn right at the light at the bottom of the ramp onto Interurban Ave. S.
- ▶ Drive 100 yards and enter the parking lot on the right.
- ▶ Look for the really tall Starbucks sign and head in that direction.
- ▶ See you at 9.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register by Tuesday, October 13th. Use the Conservation page at the club's website, northwestfly-anglers.org. This will help the outing coordinator know you are coming.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

October 14-18

Grande Ronde Outing

Be part of the first NFA fall Grande Ronde steelhead outing. Camping and fishing (boating or wading) for large steelhead out of Troy, Oregon. \$60 outings fee covers camping (showers included), breakfasts, and lunches for the four-day outing. Dinners available at restaurant on the property. Register and pay outings fee by October 9th on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

October 15

Membership Meeting

Meets at the Haller Lake Community Center. A social half-hour begins at seven followed by a short business meeting. Next is a raffle and then an evening program. Members are on their way home by nine.

October 17

Duwamish Conservation Outing

Spend three hours helping Forterra plant native species on the banks of the river that flows into Elliott Bay. Register by October 13th.

November 3

Newsletter Articles Due

E-mail your articles and photograph for the November issue of *The Flypaper* to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.



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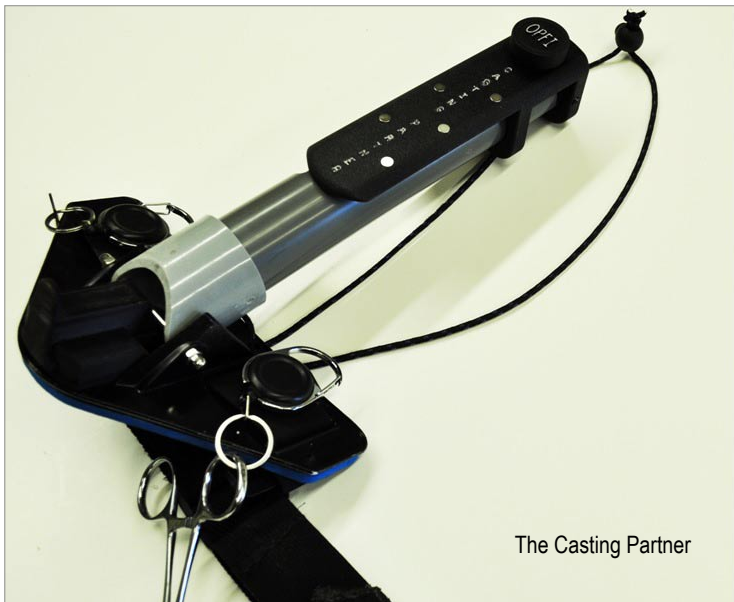
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PLUS: PASS LAKE OUTING INFORMATION



JESSE SCOTT & DEAN CHILDS TO SPEAK ON NOVEMBER 19TH

Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations

Election of the 2016 NFA Officers will be held at the November membership meeting (see article to the right).

The evening speakers will be Dean Childs and Jesse Scott, representing Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations (OPFI). They will be talking about the products OPFI produces for fly fishers that have only one operating hand/arm. The Evergreen Hand is a

fly tying device that has been available for several years and the Casting Partner is brand new. Both products are given free to anyone who needs them.

PREMEETING AT 7

At 7:00 in the alcove area at the back of the meeting room, the Evergreen Hand will be demonstrated by the evening speakers.

2016 NFA OFFICER SLATE

VOTE AT NOVEMBER MEETING



President, Alan Pilkington Alan joined the NFA a year ago and gave a wonderful presentation on fishing Australia (where he was born) and Hardy reels at the March meeting. He is a published author and retired from the advertising industry.



Vice-president, Jim Morrison Jim is a long-time member of the NFA having attended many outings, picnics, banquets, etc. He was our Treasurer for several years and most recently headed up the website committee. He is a familiar face at Steering meetings.



Treasurer, Peter Maunsell Peter took over as Treasurer at the beginning of this year. He has hosted many outings. He ran the Awards Banquet raffle/silent auction for a couple of years. Everything Peter has done for the NFA has been to the highest possible standards.



Secretary, David Arms When asked David happily stepped up and agreed to run for club secretary. He joined the NFA almost two years ago and has been on several outings and done some volunteer conservation work for the club.

STEERING MEETING-OCT. 7

MOTION PASSED TO
SUPPORT OPFI

In attendance at the October 8th Steering Committee meeting were: David P. Williams, Peter Maunsell, Jim Morrison, Alan Pilkington, Wytold Lebing, Tom Beaulaurier, Jim Higgins, and David Arms.

Preparations for the Awards Banquet were discussed. The price to attend was set at \$40. Maura Johnson will extend an invitation to Jimmy LeMert.

A motion was passed that excess monies in the budget go towards upgrading outings equipment. Mark Conner will make suggestions.

A motion was passed that the membership will be asked to donate to the Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations and the NFA will match all donations up to a total of \$500.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Debbie Finel has applied for an individual membership. She lives in Tacoma and found the NFA through the Internet. She is a new fly fisher and wants to meet people and learn about fishing moving water. She is also very eager to help out with refreshments, the raffle table, conservation projects, outings, and taking photos for the newsletter and website. Welcome Debbie!

Robert Holbrook also applied for an individual membership and came to our club through our website. He has recently graduated from college and has been fly fishing for seven years. He would like to meet new people, take part in our conservation projects, help with outings, the picnic, and monthly meetings.

If there are no objections, Debbie and Robert will be inducted at a future meeting.

OCTOBER 15TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2016 Officers Nominated

2015 MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AWARD WINNER CHOSEN

Vice-president Peter Maunsell called the business meeting to order at 7:30.

He thanked Jim Higgins for tying streamer flies as a pre-meeting program. Jim also mentioned that the six-week Beginning Fly Tying Course will start January 6th and be held in the Refreshment Room at Haller Lake Community Center; tuition is \$70.

Peter also thanked Ron Takemura and David Arms for bringing treats. One guest (among the 25 or so people in the room) introduced himself.

The membership voted for the winner of this year's

NFA Memorial Award for Conservation, and the winner is Western Rivers Conservancy.

Peter also ran the nomination process for next year's officers. The following were nominated: President, Alan Pilkington; Vice-president, Jim Morrison; Treasurer, Peter Maunsell; and Secretary, David Arms.

Jesse Scott of the WSDFW gave an amazingly enthusiastic and informative presentation on scientific studies he has been involved with on sea-run cutthroat in south Puget Sound.



Jesse Scott



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR DECEMBER 6TH EVENT

2015 Awards Banquet Coming Up

The 2015 Awards Banquet is going to be at Hotel Deca on NE 45th Street in the Seattle's University District. The festivities begin at 5:00, Sunday, December 6th. This year you can make your reservations and buy raffle tickets on line at the club's website.

If you park in the hotel parking lot be sure to get a free parking ticket at the lobby desk. Get your name tag, dinner card, raffle ticket, and bidder card at the check-in table. Pick out a table and a seat and place your dinner card next to your plate so the servers will know what dinner to serve you.

There will be a no-host bar (that means you pay for your own drinks).

Proceed to the raffle tables and put your tickets in the raffle boxes. Also check out the items in the silent auction area. Don't forget the bake sale table. Silent auction and bake sale bids are made by writing your bidder number and bid amount down on the sheet with

each item. Note the rules concerning minimum starting bids and each additional bid.

At 5:50, the President will welcome everyone to the Banquet while the servers are bringing out the food. If you finish before others and still have some unused raffle tickets (or want to buy more), you could quietly go to the raffle area. The raffle closes at 7:00.

The Awards Ceremony begins at 7:00 with the President's Opening Remarks. Then the Service, Merit, and Memorial, awards are presented. The ceremony ends just before eight, leaving enough time for a last minute bid at the Silent Auction tables (the tables close at eight).

The Year-In-Review presentation goes from about eight to 8:30, and then the raffle/silent auction/bake sale winners are announced. Be sure to pay for your silent auction and bake sale winnings before you leave.



Left to right: Dana Bottcher, Connie Schormann, Helen Bottcher, Brett Schormann, Wytold Lebing, Ron Takemura, and Tom Beaulaurier.

EIGHT MEMBERS TURN OUT FOR OCTOBER 24TH EVENT

Volunteers Plant 600 Trees on the Cedar

Thanks to the eight NFA members who came out to volunteer both time and energy for the October planting outing, helping to restore the Cedar River's shoreline habitat. Helen and Dana Bottcher, Brett and Connie Schormann, charter member Jerry Bronson, Ron Takemura, Wytold Lebing and me Tom Beaulaurier, helped Forterra kick off this year's planting season on October 24. We were joined by a group of 15 Girl Scouts with several moms plus other individual volunteers. Together we planted over 600 new trees!

The Cedar River usually provides a good outdoor experience, despite being next to the busy Maple Valley Highway and near the city of Renton. On this day we spotted a few spawning salmon on their redds, at least one bald eagle and a large buck deer. There was one moment when the wind blew for the first time through the trees causing a lot of leaves to fall together in a dramatic shower that got everyone's attention,

and then it ended just as suddenly.

Our volunteered time certainly helped rejuvenate this site. If you joined the club to meet new fishing people and learn about river access along the Cedar, this was a great way to do that.

Once again, we had the choice to hear Nora, my favorite naturalist from the Salmon Journey program, give a great orientation about the river and it's salmon and how they have been pushed around by unwitting large developments over several decades. There used to be large runs of pink and chum salmon here. Now there are sockeye, a few coho and king salmon. How did that happen? Where is the Black River?—**Tom Beaulaurier**

To see spawning salmon on the Cedar, check out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqpkuPK6EJI>

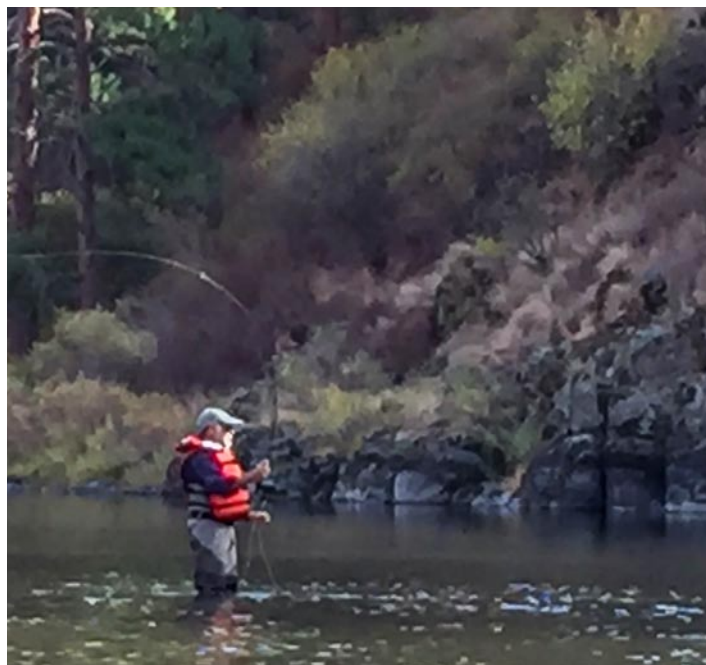
For the Black River story, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_River_\(Duwamish_River\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_River_(Duwamish_River))

A person wearing a cap and a life vest is kayaking down a river. The river is surrounded by steep, rocky canyon walls. The water is dark and rippled. The person is holding a fishing rod and a paddle. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the river.

FISHING THE GRANDE RONDE

TWO MEMBERS FISH HARD, WHILE A THIRD FISHES SMART, IN
THE CANYON COUNTRY OF SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON

REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY RUSS SHROPSHIRE



Only a week prior to its scheduled start, the October Grande Ronde outing appeared destined for the same fate as many of the club's anticipated 2015 outings: cancelled, in this case due to lack of interest. However, three members pulled together at the last minute to fish and explore the stunningly beautiful canyon country tucked away in the southeast corner of our state.

Jim Watson, Scott McCracken, and I each left separately on the morning of Wednesday, October 14th to make the seven-hour drive out to Troy, Oregon. Scott decided to take advantage of the overlapping fishing and hunting seasons by bringing along his trusty sidekick Riley for a cast and blast outing. When we all rendezvoused at the campground in Troy that night after dinner, Jim and I learned that Scott had bagged a chukar and several quail earlier that day. I had fished for a short while that afternoon, but with no luck.

The next three days were all very similar. This trip was a bit of a departure from my standard NFA outing experiences, as there was no large production meal preparation. Due to the last minute planning, and up-in-the-air roster, we went with the motto of "every man for himself." Breakfast and lunch prep was pretty quick and was typically completed under the cover of darkness. Then Scott and Riley would be the first group out of camp in order to maximize time on the water before the sun got too high. Scott's strategy was to access the river for wading from pullouts along the road, while Jim and I opted for floating access using single man pontoons.

Our general thinking throughout the trip was that it was early in the run, so we'd be better off fishing the lower sections of the river. This meant starting each

day with a fairly long drive back down to the Washington section of the river, and Jim and I also had to deal with the added driving necessary to shuttle cars for our floats. Once on the river, Jim and I fished hard and were typically pulling our boats out of the water at last light. We did catch some fish, but unfortunately, our hard fishing never paid off with any steelhead landed. After re-shuttling cars and making the long drive back to Troy in the dark each day, where we'd meet Scott who would tell us about his multi-steelhead morning, followed by a beer with lunch, and then a nap in his camper somewhere along the side of the road. That guy knows how to live!

As expected, on Saturday the weekend crowd arrived. Still eager for the promise of steelhead on a dry fly, we all hit the river again in the morning. However, Scott needed to get home to his new puppy, so he headed back west after a few hours on the river. Jim and I floated another short section of river, and then gave up due to the heavy angler traffic. After lunch back at the campground, we traded wading boots for hiking boots and headed up along the Wenaha River to try our luck there. The area around the Wenaha had recently burned in the Grizzly Bear Complex fire and our hike was somewhat reminiscent of a lunar landscape. Another evening of fishing to almost dark netted us nothing in the way of fish, but it was fun just to explore the area and get away from the zoo of the Grande Ronde on an October weekend.

On Sunday morning, Jim and I each fished different sections of the Grande Ronde on foot and then pointed west for the long drive back home. It was my first trip to the area, but I certainly don't think it will be my last.

Previous page: Jim Watson heads down the Grande Ronde in his pontoon boat. Above left (left to right): author Russ Shropshire, Scott McCracken (and Riley), and Jim Watson. Top right: Jim Watson casting to steelhead holding water on the Grande Ronde River below the Oregon/Washington border.

NOVEMBER 21ST EVENT IN NORTH BEND

Tanner Landing Outing

The final NFA conservation outing in 2015 will be on the outskirts of North Bend right on the banks of the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River. Tina Miller from King County Parks is organizing a planting event at Tanner Landing Park on November 21 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

We pulled Scotch Broom at this park in the spring and really enjoyed the setting on the river. There was also a great NFA member turnout. (See picture below.)

Let's do it again! Bring your fly rod and your work gloves. Come volunteer to help improve

the Middle Fork's streamside habitat and North Bend's urban forest. Spend some time planting native trees and shrubs along our river. Native trees and shrubs improve the area for wildlife and improve water quality. Everything we'll use will be supplied, except lunch.

What to Bring

- ▶ Wear work clothes and sturdy shoes.
- ▶ All tools are provided as are work gloves; if you prefer, bring your own gloves.
- ▶ Snacks and a water bottle.
- ▶ Rain gear just in case.

Directions

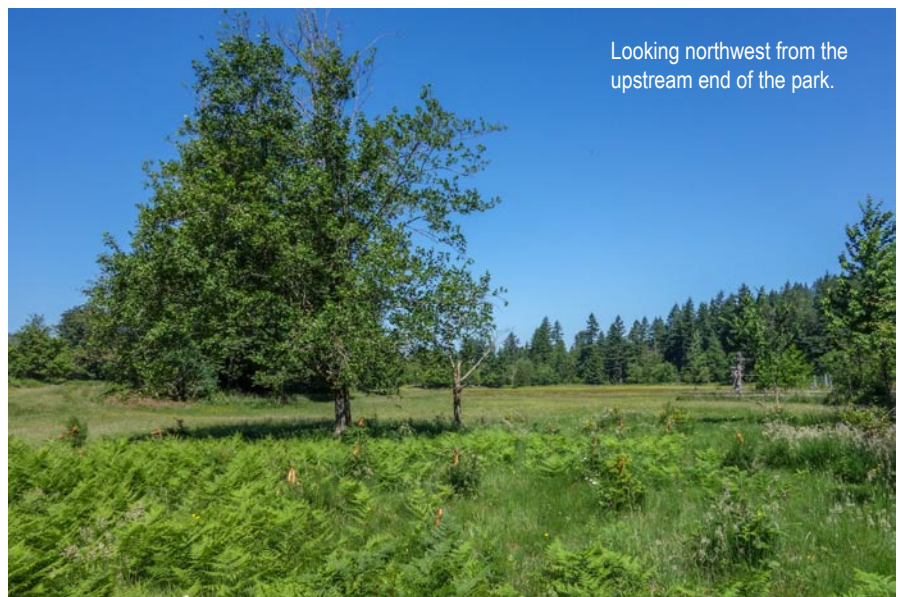
- ▶ Take I-90 past North Bend and take Exit 32.
- ▶ Turn left on 436 Ave SE.
- ▶ Turn left at SE North Bend Way.
- ▶ Turn right on SE Mt Si Rd.
- ▶ Turn right on dirt road and drive to parking lot.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register on the Conservation page at the club's website, northwest-flyanglers.org. This will help the outing host know you are coming. There is no outings fee.



NFA members at June Scotch Broom pulling outing at Tanner Landing



Looking northwest from the upstream end of the park.

TOP PHOTO BY TOM BEAULAUER; BOTTOM PHOTO BY DANA BOTTCHER



LAST FISHING OUTING OF THE YEAR: NOVEMBER 17TH

PASS LAKE OUTING

The outing is a great chance to land large brown trout as well as feisty rainbows. Everyone is bringing a floating device (float tube, pontoon boat, canoe, pram, etc.) since casting from shore is really not much of an option. It is well known that the lake's browns are susceptible to large streamers and that a sink-tip line may be the difference between catching one or not.

There is no Outings Fee, but the outing coordinator would like to know who is coming. So please use the NFA website to register.

WHAT TO BRING

- Washington fishing license and Discover Pass.
- Fishing equipment: five- or six-weight rods, sinking lines, and 2-X and 3-X 6-foot leaders. Boat net sure would be handy. Don't forget your fins if you have a pontoon boat or float tube.
- Warm clothes and rain gear. More warm clothes for the car.
- Don't forget the gloves.
- Thick waders and wool pants.
- Suitable floating devices include: pontoon boat, float tubes, and canoe or pram.
- Streamers that mimic minnows, such as a bullet head minnow or even a small Clouser. A few flies in olive, black, tan. See picture above
- Camera in waterproof container (like a Ziplock bag).
- Folding camp chair to sit around in while warming up on shore.
- Your lunch and a thermos of hot liquid (coffee, tea, cocoa, or something stronger).

HOW TO GET THERE

- Take I-5 north.
- Pass Mt. Vernon and cross the Skagit River.
- Take Exit 230 (about 60 miles north of Seattle) and go west (left) on Rte. 20.
- Drive 11.7 miles and then turn left on Rte. 20 south.
- Rte. 20 passes Lake Campbell and then runs along the shore Pass Lake.
- You will see the parking lot at the western end of the lake.

PLEASE
NOTE

Register by Tuesday, November 17th. Use the Outings page at the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org. This will help the outing coordinator know you are coming.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11

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November 19

Membership Meeting

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November 21

Tanner Landing Conservation Outing

Spend four hours planting native trees at Tanner Landing Park outside North Bend and on the banks of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River.

November 21

Pass Lake Outing

Last outing of the year and chance to catch large browns and rainbows in a beautiful venue on Whidby Island. There is no outing fee, but please register by November 17th on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org so the outing's coordinator knows you are coming

December 6

NFA Awards Banquet

\$40 gets you in the door for a great evening of socializing, eating, winning raffle/auction items, and celebrating another successful year for the NFA. Register for the banquet and buy raffle tickets at northwestflyanglers.org.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING: NOVEMBER 19TH

Members & NFA each Donate \$500 to OPFI

Jesse Scott of Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations (OPFI) demonstrated the company's one-handed fly tying vice during the pre-meeting program.

President Maura Johnson called the meeting to order and thanked Peter Rubenstein and Alan Pilkington for bring treats. New member Robert Holbrook was inducted. The annual NFA election of officers was held: Alan Pilkington (President), Jim Morrison (Vice-president), Peter Maunsell (Treasurer), and David Arms (Secretary) were elect-

ed.

A petition was circulated endorsing the WDFW issuing steelhead license plates. The 30-35 members attending pledged \$500 to the OPFI, and the NFA will match the donation.

Dean Childs, Jesse Scott, and Hunter Bachand gave an informative and interesting program on the fly fishing related products they manufacture for disabled vets. Corporate subsidies and private donations (like the one made by the NFA) allow OPFI to offer their products free of charge.

STEERING MEETING-NOV. 11

NEW WEBSITE PREVIEWED

In attendance at the November 11th Steering Committee meeting were: Maura Johnson, Peter Maunsell, Jim Morrison, Jim Higgins, Jimmy Kamada, Mark Conner, Brett Schormann, Paul Dieter, Susanne Staats, Alan Pilkington, David Arms, and Dana Bottcher.

Preparations for the Awards Banquet were discussed.

Brett Schormann made a presentation on the new NFA website.

Steering Committee members were asked to have their budget requests ready for the January meeting.

A motion was passed for the club to make reservations for outings at the Olympic Natural Resource center and the Rock Island Fishing Camps in BC.

Paul Dieter is stepping down as club Historian and he suggested that the new Historian should prepare the year-in-review program and the annual photo album.

DUES ARE DUE

Your 2016 membership dues are now being collected up until March 31, 2016. If you haven't paid your dues by April 1st, your membership will lapse and to re-join before the end of 2016 you will have to pay a \$10 Reinstatement Fee in addition to your annual dues.

The quickest method of renewing is to respond to the e-mails you have received or the reminder e-mails you will receive in the future .



Outgoing President Maura Johnson (upper left); incoming President Alan Pilkington and Martha Silva (lower left); new member Rob Holbrook and Teddi McHall (center); Awards chairman Michael Olson (upper right); and Banquet chair Helsa Petersen (lower right).



FIRST OF SIX CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 5th

Another Wonderful Awards Banquet

About 75 people showed up for the annual NFA Awards Banquet at the Deca Hotel on Sunday, December 6th. When attendees picked up their name tags and seat assignments they were also given a number to use for bidding on auction items.

The banquet room, scattered with 10 round banquet tables, was flanked on three sides with long tables filled with raffle items, silent auction offerings, and bake sale temptations procured and solicited by Jimmy Kamada.

Outgoing President Maura Johnson welcomed everyone and thanked Raffle chair Jimmy Kamada and Banquet Committee chair Helsa Petersen for their hard work in making the evening a success. After a wonderful meal, Awards chair Michael Olson

gave out the awards for the evening. The Memorial Award for Conservation (and a \$500 check) went to Western Rivers Conservancy (and was accepted by Jim Cox), the Award of Merit (for contributions to the NFA) went to Outings Committee chair Mark Conner, the Service Award (for service to the wider community) went to Education chair Jim Higgins, and the Past President Pin went to Maura Johnson.

After the meal the year-in-review (produced by Dana Bottcher) was shown. This year's number-instead-of-name system worked well; winning numbers were posted on raffle and auction items for quick pick up (auction winners paid at the Treasurer's table in front). People were on their way home by 9:30.



From left: Tom Beaulaurier, Peter Maunsell, Dana Bottcher, Scott McCracken, Russ Shropshire, Ron Takemura, Wytold Lebing, and Jim Watson.



EIGHT NFA MEMBERS PLANT 300 TREES AT NOVEMBER 21st EVENT

Three Rivers Outing Report

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the final NFA conservation outing in 2015. We had a nice turnout of eight members, pictured above: from the right to left are Jim Watson, Wytold Lebing, Ron Takemura, Russ Shropshire, Scott McCracken, Dana Bottcher, Peter Maunsell and me, Tom Beaulaurier. Tina Miller from King County Parks organized this planting event at Three Forks Natural Area and really needed to get some native plants in the ground. The start of flood season made the need urgent, otherwise the plants that are positioned where they will be planted are susceptible to a variety of problems. The recent flood caused some plants to be knocked over and moved by water. Together our eight volunteers

combined with two students and three county staff helpers to plant over three hundred plants. We helped Tina Miller accomplish a big goal, important to her objective of using plants that were donated by Carter Subaru before another flood or hard freeze. We learned that this area is frequently used by resident elk and we saw bear paw prints in the mud. The weather was clear and comfortable for this day of planting. Oh yeah, and we scouted some new access to the north fork and middle fork of the Snoqualmie Rivers.—**Tom Beaulaurie**

Last year's Beginning Fly Tying Course was held in the back room of Fremont's Recycle Cycle.



FIRST OF SIX CLASSES BEGINS JANUARY 5th

Beginning Fly Tying Course

Start off the new year by acquiring a fly fishing related skill or honing one you already have: become a fly tier. The six-class, NFA Beginning Fly Tying Course starts on Tuesday, January 5th and runs for six weeks (6:30 to 8:30 pm) in the Refreshment Room at the Haller Lake Community Center (where our monthly membership meetings are held).

Currently seven of the possible 12 spots available for the class have been filled. Don't wait for New Years to activate your 2016 resolution to learn fly tying, the course may be filled by then. The \$70 course tuition covers all the materials needed, but you will need to bring your own tools. A list of the necessary tools will be sent all who register.

The class is designed to teach students how to tie 11 of the Northwest's best flies. The skills and techniques one learns from mastering these 11 flies will allow the tier to churn out hundreds of other patterns (and even invent some of your own imagining). There will be enough instructors for students to get individual attention. The course is designed so that easy flies and basic skills are taught first. Extra material is given out allowing students to tie flies as homework. The class is offered only once a year and there are only five slots available.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1

Membership Dues Are Due

You can pay your 2016 dues between January 1 and March 31 on our website: northwestflyanglers.org.

January 5

Newsletter Articles Due

Submissions for the January issue of *The Flypaper* are due by Tuesday, January 5th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Newsletter Editor Dana Bottcher.

January 5, 12, 19, & 28

NFA Fly Tying Course

6-week course starts Tuesday January 5th at 6:30 at Haller Lake Community Center. Register on the club's website, northwestflyanglers.org.

January 13

Steering Committee Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at seven at Haller Lake Community Center.

January 21

Membership Meeting

Meets at the Haller Lake Community Center. A social half-hour begins at seven with refreshments and an educational program in the alcove area at the back of the room. After a short business meeting, there will be a refreshments break and a raffle. The program for the evening will be a slide-show presentation about the NFA outings for 2016; there will be a questions and answer period and handouts. Members are on their way home by nine.