



# The Flypaper

Jan/Feb 2019

## Holiday Party and Auction

The 2018 NFA Holiday Party and Auction (with raffle) was held Dec. 2nd at Ivar's Salmon House. Many members arrived early to help set up the raffle/auction items under the direction of raffle chairman Wayne Balsiger and his assistant Susanne Staats. The raffle helpers organized items so everything was ready for the wave of NFA members and guests arriving at 5:00 pm to enjoy the night's festivities.

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NFA President, Michael Olson , officiates the party



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## *Outings for 2019*

This month Peter Rubenstein will be giving the presentation at the membership meeting, scheduled for January 17. The focus of the presentation will be on the 2019 outings, and we have quite a number of them going on the calendar. Registration for the outings will open shortly after Peter's presentation.

April: This year's outings will commence in early April with a day outing to Munn Lake in Thurston County followed by a weekend outing to Coffee Pot Lake near Odessa, WA

May: In early May we will have a saltwater day outing on Camano Island followed by a weekend outing to Central Oregon on the Crooked River. After that the outings will be coming at us fast and furious:

June: Two, one-day outings, one, weekend outing to Chopaka Lake, and a week-long super float on the John Day River are scheduled for June;

July: A one-day outing and a week-long fly-in outing to the West Chilcotin Area of British Columbia are scheduled for July;

August: Only one-weekend outing on the Methow River, is scheduled for August at this time. More outings will be scheduled if there is a demand and hosts volunteer;

September: In early September we have a weekend outing scheduled on the Clark Fork in Western Montana immediately followed by a mid-week outing on Western Montana Rivers to be followed later in the month by a saltwater day outing;

October: In October we have scheduled a weekend outing on the Yakima River's, lower canyon followed by two, day outings.

- Written by Peter Rubenstein



Vice jaw types

### *Fly Tying Class*

A class on basic fly tying will be held at Haller Lake Community Center beginning February 26 and continuing for six Tuesday sessions. The class is from 7-9 and has been a favorite for people over the years. Check out the website for information and registration.





## *New NFA Officers*

At the January 17, 2019 club meeting, members will be voting on officers for 2019. The following people were nominated at the November 15, 2018 meeting:

### **President-Carl Johnson**

Carl has been a member since November 2002. He served as vice president in 2018. For many years, Carl has been a co-host for the Clark Fork Montana outing as well as co-chair for registration, raffle ticket sales, and programs at our annual holiday auction/ raffle.

### **Vice President-Phil Friend**

A member since February 2017, Phil has co-hosted the Point No-Point salt water outing and was co-chair of the 2018 Summer Picnic.

### **Secretary-Bill Gibson**

Bill has been a member since February 2013. He has served as secretary since 2016. Bill has co-hosted the John Day Super Float outing and has hosted Klickitat River outings.

### **Treasurer-Peter Maunsell**

A member since February 2008, Peter has served as club treasurer since 2016. Peter was chair of our annual Holiday Auction/ Raffle for many years and has co-hosted Grand Ronde, Turner Chain of Lakes, and John Day outings.

Please plan on coming to the January meeting to cast your vote. Nominations will also be accepted from members at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Olson, NFA president, at [molson2442@aol.com](mailto:molson2442@aol.com).



Carl Johnson (right) with Seth Felker at an NFA barbeque

## *Holiday Party (continued from pg. 1)*

At 6:00 p.m. everyone got in line for the buffet dinner. The evening program started at 7:00 p.m. by recognizing those who make the NFA a successful fly fishing club. From vice president to committee chairs, outings and event hosts, their contributions were acknowledged. This was followed by the awards presentation. First, the Memorial Award was presented by Wytold Lebing to Shaun Hamilton, who represented Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC). This award recognized WRC's work to preserve various rivers and forest lands. Next the NFA Service Award was presented to Mike Gallavan for promoting the art of fly fishing. Mike has been a member since 1981 and the casting class coordinator for about 30 years. The casting class has been attended by approximately 500 people over the past 35 years.

The next award was the NFA Merit Award for contributions to our club. Eric Olson received the award for his many contributions since 2004, including help with fly casting, fly tying classes, and outings. Past NFA President, David Williams presented the award to Eric with anecdotal stories of teaming up with Eric on outings and fly tying classes.

The President's Award was presented to Michael Olson by Matt Moore with some added comments from Susanne Staats. Mike was NFA president in 2001 and has been a NFA member since 1991.

After a brief break, the 2018 Year in Review was presented by Carleigh Felker. Members and guests enjoyed a well done presentation of photos and videos featuring members, outings, trips, and scenery from 2018.

At the conclusion of the Year In Review, everyone collected their auction and raffle goods and headed home after a festive evening and good fellowship with friends.

- Article written by Michael Olson
- Photos by Wytold Lebing and Dana Bottcher



Mike Gallavan receiving Service Award from Michael Olson.





Above—Eric Olson receiving merit award presented by David Paul Williams

Right—Wayne Balsinger, Raffle Auction chair

Below—Sasha Conner enjoying the party







Above: The scene at the Holiday party. Right: Shaun Hamilton, representing Western Rivers Conservancy

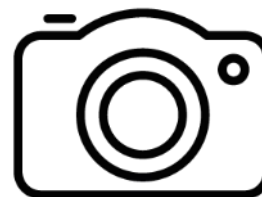
Below—Kathy Watson, Claudia Campbell, and Carol Lebing







# FISHOTS



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



Give us your great fish shots for 2019



Melanie Olson with husband, Eric, at Holiday Party

## Quote of the Month

*"There's always a hot new fly. Precious few of these patterns are genuine breakthroughs destined to last for a hundred years, but more often they're idle comments on existing traditions, explorations of half-baked theories, attempts to use new and interesting materials, to impress other tiers, or excuses to rename old patterns. The results are often pointless fads like the craze in some pretentious restaurants of plopping fried quail eggs on everything or calling sandwiches "paninis.""*

~John Gierach

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## SERVING

### OFFICERS

**Michael Olson**, President

**Carl Johnson**, Vice President

**Bill Gibson**, Secretary

**Peter Maunsell**, Treasurer

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

**Susanne Staats**, Membership

**Peter Rubenstein**, Outings

**Wytold Lebing**, Conservation

**Larry Belmont**, Librarian

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

**Maura Johnson**, Hospitality

**Brett Schormann**, Webmaster

**Michael Olson**, Awards

**Open Position**, Education

**Open Position**, Raffle Coordinator

**Wayne Balsiger**, Holiday Raffle/Auction

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