



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Longview Country Club Card Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 PM at Longview Country Club

PROGRAM: WDFW Enforcement update

WDFW Enforcement Officer Tyler Bahrenberg returns to address LCFF membership on current status of WDFW enforcement activities. Officer Bahrenberg has had a busy year with involvement in several major cases that have hit the news this past year. The large poaching ring that was caught in the local area was one of the cases he was working, also a fraud case involving a WDFW IT employee.

Come on down and hear what's new on the local enforcement front, and perhaps how you can contribute.

We are meeting again in the Longview Country Club Card Room. Be advised to arrive early and expect the parking lot to be full as Tuesday is also the annual Country Club Members meeting. Might also be a good idea to order early if you plan to eat there.

Address for Longview Country Club is a short road just off Pacific Way at 41 Country Club Drive. If you haven't been there before, the entrance is first street to the right after you cross 30th avenue interchange when coming from downtown or Kelso on Pacific Way. Keep going up to the end of the short drive (there are several houses on either side as you approach the Country Club). A large parking lot has both upper and lower levels - from the upper level you will see the entry to clubhouse on your left, a set of large wooden double-entry doors.

Once inside the main door, turn and keep to the left. You'll wind past the restrooms until you see the bar. Turn hard left as you get to the bar, the Card Room is down a very short entry ahead.

Very good input was received from the poll on our trial visit at the Country Club and more questions answered. There will be no room fee and no Country Club member must be present in order to hold meetings there. You can expect the room to be rearranged with the podium in the middle corner. Round tables will remain and the doors to main lounge area will remain closed. To speed service food options will be limited to a menu of Chef Salad, Patty Melt, Fish 'n Chips, Burger and Fries, and Top Sirloin as a trial.

Reminder to everyone - please bring one of your favorite flies to each meeting, one you tied if you possess that skill. The club provides a fly box and the assortment is raffled at each meeting.

2018/2019 LCFF Officer and Board Election will also be held at the May general meeting

A nominating committee has recommended the current slate of officers and board be presented to serve for the coming 2018/2019 LCFF club year. We remain with a vacant vice president chair and will welcome nominations from the floor during the meeting before a call for vote. Per by-laws election will be by voice vote at the May general meeting. Nominees are; President - Terry Frost, Vice President - vacant, Treasurer - Glenn Gee, Board - Jim Williams, Hal Mahnke, Doug Stafford, John Kenagy, Brian Davern, Vance Luff, Bob Buchman, Dave Johnson.

Please keep Norm, Ruthie, and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with difficult medical issues. **Norm has asked the club help find a new owner for his hand-crafted wooden skiff.** Truly a work of art, this is Norm's vision of the ultimate fly-fishing craft which he hand-built from premium woods. Over the past year Norm refurbished the boat to include a new fiberglass reinforcing layer. Anyone who has been out with Norm over the past several years has seen this gem in action, it reeks with fish stank.



LCFF received and approved 2 candidates for the **Youth Fly Fishing and Conservation Academy** this summer. We will be sponsoring **Aiden Moon** from Kalama and **Ivan Degner**, recently relocated to Vancouver from Longview. It turns out Aiden and Ivan happen to be best buds and both had sterling essays, academic records, and letters of recommendation. We'll have copies available at the May meeting. LCFF board voted to continue our annual \$1000 donation to support this fine cause.

June Program is going to be the **annual LCFF club picnic**. Location to be announced but rumor has it Randy Sweet may have offered his cabin on the Kalama River as an option.

Spey Casting Clinic will be available to the public at **Oxbow Park on the Sandy River May 18-20**. Anyone interested in learning or advancing their Spey casting skills is welcome with experienced casters and instructors available along with vendor booths. Brian Daven suggests Saturday might be the best day to stop by if you are a rookie interested in learning with Sunday an option knowing vendors will be leaving early.

2018 LCFF outings

With the annual S Fork Toutle LCFF outing opener behinds us, we wanted to get the remaining LCFF sponsored outings communicated. No sponsor has yet been identified for these outings, the board welcomes anyone willing to take the lead (which typically only amounts to making the communal meal arrangements).

Bluegill outing and fish fry - Saturday, June 2
Leech Lake - Saturday, July 28
Coldwater Lake - Saturday, August 25
Cowlitz Sea-Run Cutthroat - Saturday, October 6

Lake Sacajawea Kids fishing frolic is being held this Saturday, April 28 from 8 AM - 3 PM at the Martin's Dock. We hope to have another good representation there volunteering the little buggers snaring perhaps their first fish ever.

May 4-5 is annual Washington Fly Fishing Fair sponsored by WSCFFI. The Fly Fishing Fair will feature fly fishing workshops, seminars and programs; fly casting workshops, demonstrations, classes and games; fly tying demonstrations and lessons; a fly fishing youth academy; vendor exhibits and displays; raffles; silent auctions and an awards banquet and live auction. Location is in Ellensburg at the Kittitas County Event Center and Fairgrounds and open 8 AM-5 PM both days. Link to the website to learn more is <http://wscffi.org/fly-fishing-fair-2018/>

It must have been sleep in my eyes early in the day after sending out last month's newsletter. Misreading the received time between Buchman and Brian Davern on who first identified Coldwater Lake as last month's mystery water had me congratulating Bob on yet another winner. Looks like both Brian and Bob must have been staying up late that Thursday night hoping to gain advantage on getting the first response in. Turns out Brian came in a couple hours earlier than Buchman - sorry Bob.

Coldwater has been a reliable fishery for us, rarely exceptional but rarely too stingy either. Rainbows are the game and typical lake flies the offering. Most of the action is sub-surface but once in a while top water action can be good, though typically terrestrial patterns such as ant and termite patterns predominate. If you get the right year and right day, some great days can be had when tent caterpillars bust out of their nest.

So where are we this month? Hint; we're staying local enough to make this a day trip



Greased lines

.....Thanks to all of you that have submitted articles.....I really appreciate them and...If you have not seen your submitted articleI will be using them in future issues.....Thanks again and keep them coming.

.....If any of the rest of you have an article, editorial or fishing story for the newsletter, submit it to the Editor at least 10 days before the first of each month:

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