



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: The Carriage, back room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 PM - to be announced, pending closure of Masthead

PROGRAM: Ron Twibell on Abernathy Fish Research Center

With a population rivalling Los Alamos for percent employees having advanced degrees, meaning folks that have more letters after their given name than in it, Abernathy Fish Research Center is the fisheries equivalent of the Skunkwerks. The veritable the Area 51 of the piscatorial world.

And it's right here in our back yard! You've seen the headlines in True, Argosy, Stag, and Adventure magazines, now come hear the REAL inside story as told by Ron Twibell, PhD, who has managed to infiltrate the facility and discover all its secrets. Come hear the SHOCKING TRUTH about fish!

Special Auction at October general meeting

Lou Metzler will be auctioning off an original Ray Green drawing of rising Rainbows during October general meeting. One of Ray's most prized works and professionally framed this is a premium work of art. Lou will be donating the money raised to a special cause. There is a notable minimum bid on this piece, reflective of it's value, that must be met prior to sale.



2017 Cowlitz Cutthroat outing, Saturday Sept. 30

Boy howdy does time fly! This Saturday brings the final official club outing of the calendar year, Cutthroat on the Cowlitz. Mission Bar just east of Toledo is the place to be about 1:30-2 PM when outing sponsor Jim Williams, yes none other than our outgoing President, will be serving up pulled pork and other appropriate foodstuffs following your day's fishing experience. A Blue Creek to Mission Bar float will land you at the groceries. Mission to I5, Toledo boat launch if you had a late start, is another great float with lots of prime cutthroat water to cover. Prior to the recent rains catching has been spotty, my bet is the rain pulled in some fish and re-seeded the river.

Contact any member for directions to Mission (also referred to as "Massey") bar, or better yet team up with someone who's been there.

LCFF Board News

October kicks off the new 2017/2018 LCFF club year with welcome to the new officers and board. This year we remain with a vacant VP position as Terry Frost returns from a couple year hiatus to serve as President, Glenn Gee returns as Treasurer. Jim Williams remains on the board as past president and welcome to new board members Brian Davern and Dave Johnson who join a returning past board member, Vance Luff, as this year's additions. Remaining board members are Hal Mahnke, John Kenagy, Doug Stafford, and Bob Buchman

The board debated and passed a motion to bring the issue of re-joining the IFF (evolution from the old Federation of Fly Fishers) to the club for discussion at October meeting. The Board voted unanimously to re-join IFF as an associate club. For a small annual fee there are many advantages to membership in this national organization.

Jeff Sowders announced he is preparing to get the 2018 LCFF club calendar in publication. 2018 will basically be a re-issuance of the 2007 calendar updated with 2018 current events.

Incoming board member Brian Davern has a project of restoring the path circumventing Kress Lake. Feelers out for a suitable mower for this brush duty have born fruit but need a small trailer to haul it. Search for said trailer is in the works.

Reminder October is the deadline to submit names for consideration for club awards. Submit a written statement to the board citing who your nominee is and what evidence you have for their consideration. A committee consisting of current and past presidents will take nominees under review and make the decision.

Hal continues to report dismal fish returns to area hatcheries. The affliction is affecting all species, often with single digit returns of any given species each week. Perhaps we can get some insight into this dilemma and a prognosis for the future from our October speaker.

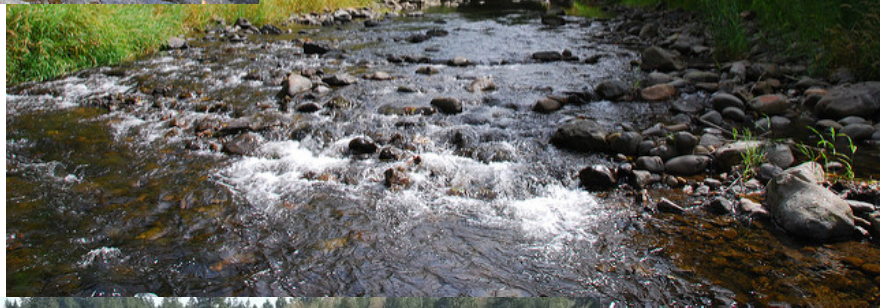
LCFF continues to have to club logo hats for sale, see Terry Frost to pick among a selection of bucket-style (\$18), standard ball-cap (\$12), or the premium lighted ball cap (\$22).

September Mystery Water was a surprise in not having anyone identify our own S Fork Toutle. Yes, it could have been any of the smaller west coast rivers but images of a Mt St Helens backdrop or the steelhead landing gravel bar would have been just too simple.

S Fork remains our local water with all the classic fly-fishing friendly Rocky Mountain river characteristics of wide gravel bars with stereotypical riffle-run-pool character. It is often one of the quickest to return to fishable flows following a rain.

S Fork is best known as a summer and winter steelhead fishery with occasional sea-run cutts, though it has been reported some Coho and Chinook can stray into the river at times.

Now that last month's mystery water has been revealed, where are we this month?



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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