



# The Lower Columbia Fly Fisher

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**Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**Time: 6 PM Wet Fly, 7 PM Meeting**

**Place: Regents Restaurant & Lounge**

**Next Board Meeting:** Called as needed. Regents Restaurant and Lounge

## Program:

### **Jeff Sowder's Ireland**

Jeff will be our speaker this month, giving a talk about his "Irish fishing adventure". Jeff and Kathy spent a few weeks touring the Emerald Isle last October. Personally (Editor comments) having had my own British Isle fishing adventure just a few years ago, I look forward to hearing what Ireland offers.

One the heels of last month's presentation by Kenagy on his experiences in New Zealand – and the extensive conversation over past couple months around Rabinowe's Redfish excursion in Louisiana, your LCFF Board hopes this is beginning of a trend. The trend being monthly programs are primarily presentations by members of our own individual, or small group, outings. We still hope for occasional presentations by fisheries professionals but believe we have enough unique experiences within our own membership to offer education and entertainment in-house. Please consider what adventures you've experienced that would be worthy of sharing with the club and contact any board member to get it on our calendar – will be much appreciated!

### **S Fork Toutle Outing – Saturday March 9**

Reminder to everyone that this coming Saturday, March 9, is the tentative date for our annual outing opener at S Fork Toutle. The date is tentative both for weather and Jeff's availability. Jeff is still recovering from his knee replacement but hopes to be mobile enough to put on the traditional pot of his world-renowned chili so we can have a little fun(k) and do justice to our best Blazing Saddles impersonation while assembling around the campfire. Jeff and Vance will want a head count of who is attending during Tuesday's general meeting and pretty sure they'll appreciate offers of help loading and unloading given Jeff's continued recovery from knee surgery.

As in past years location of the gathering is Harry Gardner Park just past Toutle with roughly 9 AM coffee and donuts, Chili offering beginning at noonish. Looking at weather forecast it looks like there'll be several dry days preceding the outing so S Fork should be in excellent shape to work out you're casting and mending cobwebs with reasonable chance of swinging your favorite fly in front of a fish.

### **Kids Fishing Day – Lake Sacajawea**

LCFF Board voted to donate \$500 to support the annual Longview Parks 'n Rec Kids Fishing Frolic at Lake Sacajawea scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Please consider volunteering, it's one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you'll have. You'll know when you help a wee one catches their first fish ever.

**Outings List:** No changes or additions from last month.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Outing</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
<b><i>Saturday March 9</i></b>	<b><i>S Fork Toutle Steelhead.</i></b>	<b><i>Jeff &amp; Vance</i></b>
TBD	Lenice Lake	Larry Pipes
TBD	Yakima River	Larry Pipes
April 15-19 proposed	Seep Lakes (Potholes State Park)	TBD
April 30-May 4	East side lakes joint outing w/	Larry Pipes
Mid May	Snag Lake (Radar Ponds)	Bob Buchman
<b><i>Late May</i></b>	<b><i>Swofford Pond Bluegill</i></b>	<b><i>TBD</i></b>
June 2-8	Chopaka Lake	Lyle Barker
<b><i>July date tbd</i></b>	<b><i>Coldwater Lake</i></b>	<b><i>TBD</i></b>
Tentatively Sept 1-8	Georgetown Lake, MT	Jeff Sowders
<b><i>Tentatively Sept. 28</i></b>	<b><i>Cowlitz Cutthroat</i></b>	<b><i>TBD</i></b>

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