



The Lower Columbia Fly Fisher

December 2024

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Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Time: 6 PM Wet Fly, 7 PM Meeting

Place: Regents Restaurant & Lounge

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 PM. Regents Restaurant and Lounge

Program;

WRETCHED GIFT EXCHANGE

Oh yea, come one and all for the fun and games we share each holiday season, the infamous “Wretched Gift”. Bring your offering, wrapped for the season of course, and plan to keep the dice rolling. For you English majors, the die rolling. Maybe consider coming a little early to get dinner out of the way so we can get right to the games.

The main question is.....who will come up with the most wretched this year, and just how wretched shall it be? Only YOU know. Let’s get in the spirit of the holiday season and all get in on the competition! Of course, a scattering of gifts you actually wouldn’t be embarrassed to show your significant other is also appreciated – it is nice to have a gift to trade FOR instead of scrambling to trade out of out of one (may I suggest a nice bottle of scotch, perhaps gin?).

Speaking of gifts, Kay Green contacted me and donated a gift for the games. Cindy and I ended up spending a few hours with Kay catching up on life, it was great to see and visit with her again. Kay is doing very well and appreciates maintaining contact with the club, largely via the newsletter. So, I now have yet more motivation to get them out from time to time. BTW.....Kay says hello to all the gang.



Many thanks to Treasurer Dave for giving us a great presentation on the new, still quite uncertain but burdensome, reporting requirements that LCFF will be subject to going forward. Discussion led to identifying a few options for us to consider. Thanks, Dave, for all the leg work you've invested in this.

The main issue is having formal club finances and maintaining a monetary balance – basically having a bank account in the club's name. This tips us into new documentation and registration requirements that may become unreasonably complicated, potentially risky. Were we a 501C3 registered club (we never have been) with very active and formal fundraising requirements and financial commitments it seems a no-brainer to simply absorb the new legal needs. Since we aren't, discussion at last meeting was maybe continuing as an organized club but divesting of current funds and closing the bank account might make more sense. In said case we could also simply go to a "pass the hat" (or something similar) – and disperse 100% of raised funds if we decided to raise money for a given event or cause. Dave did go ahead and file the initial paperwork which defers need to make a final decision until early spring next year.

Board meeting will be held December 17 to discuss the issue. Also on the docket will be meeting programs for January through end of the club year.

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