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Meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Lv Country Club Dining Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, Sept 24. Board meetings have been suspended through the summer

PROGRAM: Comradery, and Happy Independence Day to You All

We invite everyone not off on vacations, fishing expedition, or trolling the fine selection of merchandise offered along banks of Lake Sacajawea join your pals and catch up on each other's adventures to date. Say, for example, some tales of the group recently back from a week at Chopaka, a few comments from which you'll find later in this edition. Or, maybe just an acceptable excuse to bail on doing the lawn and down a few adult beverages amongst others so inclined.

Probable will be some discussions on the remaining club outings for the year, Coldwater Lake and Cowlitz Cutthroat. You might even suggest on an outing not yet scheduled, that's always worthwhile.

Regardless of whether you choose to join the summer fun, we wish you and your families all a joyous and safe Independence Day. It's a great country we have here despite the drama in that other Washington.

Speaking of remaining outings Coldwater Lake is Saturday, August 10 and Cowlitz Cutthroat closes out the 2019 outing season Saturday, September 28. Mark off those dates on your calendar if you haven't yet.

"Words with Bob"

Buchman, always on the lookout for items worthy of the newsletter, suggests this gem;

John Wayne said "a man deserves a second chance...but keep your eye on him." "Creeps and Idiots can not conceal themselves for long on a fishing trip."

FFI Insurance for the club?

FFI has contacted the club offering insurance coverage. Without any better information on "insurance for what" and quality of the policy, along with our long history of no carrying insurance, the board determined to table the issue until normal club schedule resumes this fall. At least a cusroy look will be taken up at that time.

Excerpts from Chopaka Lake (which would make quite a nice book title, say what?)

Glenn "Chopaka was good. There were slow periods. Maybe average of at least 8-10 landed per day, but I lose count. During a couple hot days, fish were on the damselfly, adult and nymph. During the stormy days, they were more on the callibaetis. Early evening, chromies worked. Nicer evenings were good for sedge hatch at nightfall. Most fish were 17-18" and chunky. Well worth the trip." and "We had a couple days of lightning storms, one that lasted over an hour. Lyle, Harold, and Terry got LOTS of bluegill at Spectacle, and we ate 'em all."

Photos by Lindstrom



A while ago Warren Bieker contacted me and let me know this was coming.....see below. This was published in Vancouver's "Columbian" newspaper as well as presented to Clark-Skamania Flyfishers.

Worth an outing to participate?

MERRILL LAKE NEWS

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!

By

Warren Bieker

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife is making an attempt to collect information from fly fishermen at Merrill Lake in order to better meet our requests for successful management of the lake's resources (fish). On Friday, June 21 an Angler Survey Box was installed, and all fly fishermen are asked to voluntarily take a few minutes to fill out the confidential surveys. There are some pencils provided, but you may need to provide your own writing instrument because they may disappear over time.

The survey simply asks for the date, the fisherman's postal zip code, whether you fished from boat or shore, what time you started and what time you stopped. There is a blank chart where you are asked to put in species caught, length, weight, and gear type (of course we know that's going to be fly fishing). There is also a space for your comments, and a space to put your contact information if you would like a response from WDFW.

After you've obtained the form from the box, which is installed on a support of CSF's Fly Fishing Only sign, fill it out and slip the completed form into the slot in the rear portion of the box. The forms will be collected periodically and used to help establish a data base from which intelligent stocking and management decisions can be made.

The cooperation of all members of CSF and their guests is needed, and it would also help if you would encourage any fly fishermen you encounter to participate. We can all profit from letting WDFW know what measure of success (or not) that we are having there on our fishing outings.

It's Summer
Go Fishing

“Thus Spake Zarathustra”

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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