



The Lower Columbia Fly Fisher

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Meeting: February 1, 2022

Time: 7 PM

Place: Longview Country Club Card Room

Next Board Meeting: 5 PM Feb 15, 2022. Longview Country Club

Program:

LCFF Unofficial Outings

President Jeff will be presenting a slideshow of the “unofficial” outing destinations many of our members have enjoyed over the past decade or so. Grass Valley, OR, Georgetown Lake, MT, and Chopaka Lake will be featured. In addition to stories, times, places, techniques, flies, etc. can be expected to be discussed. Given many of us have participated in one or more of these outings you can expect some in the audience to chime in and add their knowledge.

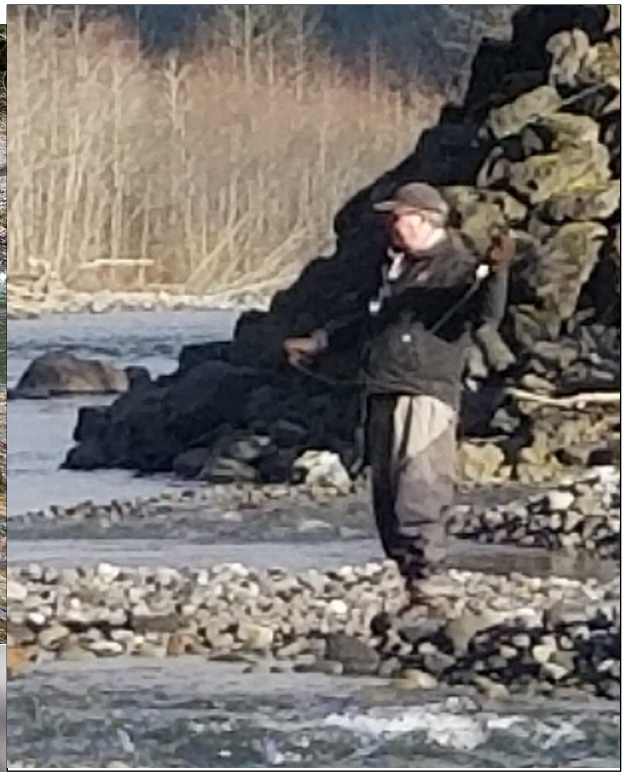
In addition to Jeff’s program a short introduction to an online forum will be discussed, a Facebook group titled “Fly Fishing in Washington”. Free to join once you have Facebook downloaded, this is an extremely active group with new content posted daily by its members. It’s a great resource and in your newsletter editor’s humble opinion example of why virtual social groups such as ours are being usurped by online social groups. One learns quite instantly there remains a plethora of fishing opportunities year-round throughout the state that we simply haven’t known of (or dismissed).

In other news, LCFF board has debated whether to continue holding an annual club fundraising auction and if not, what other fundraising activities might replace it. The basic sentiment is we have all aged to the point we are just bringing things to buy from each other we may never use as we already own more gear than we use. Then there’s the subject of bringing in non-fishing items of little value just to make some sort of contribution. At this point the board would like to hear from the membership on the subject, so expect this to be topic of discussion

And now for the official one – S Fork Toutle

Mark on your calendar Saturday, March 5, annual LCC outing opener on S Fork Toutle. Jeff ‘n Vance will be at Harry Gardner Park with the hot chili on about noon or so with coffee and donuts roughly 9 AM. Following the heavy winter rains we’ve seen the river has changed significantly in some places. Enough of the traditional spots remain to be familiar. I heard from a local we ran into on a recent visit there that chartreuse green and black is productive this year so Schroeder’s Green Butt Skunk would be a good choice.

A few of us have hit the S Fork this past week, Jeff and Schroeder last Monday, Terry Frost and I on Wednesday. Water was in beautiful shape and once the fog burned off the bluebird weather was a delight and helped turn the frigid morning to pleasant mid-day. Was great to stretch out a line again. While tempted to string up the dry line I was glad to choose the sink tip as water flow was just strong enough to risk not dredging bottom. There was enough traffic to suggest fish were in, but we didn’t find them.



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