

The Lower Columbia Fly Fisher

May 2022

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Meeting: Thursday, May 5 2022 Time: 7 PM Place: Longview Country Club Card Room

Next Board Meeting: 5 PM Thursday, May 19, 2022. Longview Country Club

Program:

Area's Lowland Lakes

Hal Mahnke is making an effort to get a WDFW biologist to make a return visit presenting area lowland lake fishing opportunities. Many of these lakes have spiny ray quarry as an option to the trout and salmon we often focus on. Members may recall we had this program roughly 5 years ago and Vancouver Lake was one of the featured options we often overlook. It's quite an enlightening program as we always learn of opportunities we completely overlook.

Should that fall through we have a couple video's in the queue. Yes, they feature fish.

May's meeting will also feature election of LCFF 2022/2023 Officers and Board

Per LCFF bylaws, President Sowders appointed a committee to nominate next year's officers and board for consideration. Terry Frost, Ron Pihl, and Doug Stafford are pleased to offer the following slate for your consideration;

President;	Jeff Sowders	Board; Terry Frost	Lyle Barker	Dave Johnson
Vice President;	Doug Stafford	John Kenagy	Hal Mahnke	
Treasurer;	Dave Houten	Jerry Schroeder	Bob Buchmar	n – Ghillie

We want to offer our thanks to Jim Williams for his many years of officer and board service. Jim is stepping away from the board this year but has offered to step back in and serve should any of our nominated slate become unavailable.

Following introduction of the recommended slate you are welcome to make nominations from the floor for consideration in the vote. Once all nominations are identified election will take place by voice vote. The newly elected officers and board will assume responsibility at the October 2022 general meeting (LCFF club year is October 1 – September 30).

A Word About Raffles

You are encouraged to donate items of value, preferably fishing oriented, to become raffle items offered at monthly LCFF meetings. This has been determined to replace the traditional January club auction as our primary fundraiser. Not every month will feature an auction, they will occur as items become available.

Lake Sacajawea Kids Fishing Day Saturday, April 30 – Volunteers needed

We all love seeing a young child catching fish, especially those who are landing their first ever. Here is your opportunity to donate a few hours of your time to help those whipper-snappers land not only a few trout, but an experience many will remember the rest of their life. Regrets timing makes this short notice but if you can free up a few hours this Saturday, April 30, volunteers are welcome and needed. For those who can make the opener, assemble under the shelter on Martin's Dock (middle of Lake Sacajawea) about 7:30 AM. If you can't make it early, you will still be appreciated no matter what time you arrive. Kids get a session of about 45-50 mins starting at top of each hour, beginning 8 AM. The event wraps up by 3 and the afternoon hours are often understaffed so that would be a great time to contribute.

Annual Bluegill Outing and Fish Fry

Thursday, May 26, has been identified as the date of our annual Blugill Outing and fish fry. Yes, it is a Thursday - selected as vast majority of the club is retired and we avoid the weekend crowd competition. If you plan to attend please get on the sign-up sheet at next week's meeting or call Jerry Schroeder so we get a head count for groceries. As in past years, weenies are the back-up plan should the bluegill catching be a bust.

Pick your start time to hit Swofford Pond to see if you can snare a few of the tasty morsels but plan to bring them and your filet knife to Mossyrock Park about noon, maybe 1. After you clean your own catch Chef Schroeder will be pleased to fry them up for your culinary delight. On the occasional year you may well be challenged to a casting contest.

Now should the weather not cooperate and the 'Gills not yet be on their beds or bite, outing sponsor Jerry may reschedule. It's not unheard of but not taken lightly. Jerry does a great job of monitoring likely success so you will get adequate notice should a change in date become necessary.

Take US 12 (White Pass Highway) east from I5 to the town of Mossyrock. At the light (as you reach Mossyrock) turn right from US12 and go through town to a "T" in the road. Turn left at the "T" and go about 2.5 miles to Swofford Rd. Turn right on Swofford Rd. to the lake, about 3 miles. To get from the lake to the park for the picnic, go back on Swofford Rd to the intersection (3 miles) and turn right rather than left to go back to Mossyrock.

Or, ask Siri to navigate to Swofford Pond and submit your manhood to her whim and fancy.

In the words of Porky Pig closing all the Bugs Bunny cartoons.....th-th-th-th-th-th-th-that's all, folks!

See you at the meeting next week!

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