



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Longview Country Club Card Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, November 20, 6:30 PM at Longview Country Club

PROGRAM: Nutrient, Habitat, and Riparian Restoration

Building on last month's Fish Recovery Board presentation, our October program will feature **Maurice Frank, Restoration Coordinator with the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group**. He will provide an overview of the work that LCFEG does, in particular regarding nutrient enhancement, habitat restoration and riparian enhancement. Several of our Club members are on the board of directors of LCFEG (Hal M., Scott D., Jim W., Rick Y., Terry F., Brian D. and Ray M.). Last month Steve Manlow from the Fish Recovery Board spoke about the money, programs and organizations in our region that provide habitat restoration. Now we get to hear how and where some of it is done from a group that does the work with funds provided by grants and awards.

Reminder to bring a single fly of your choice to the meeting for the raffle. Bonus to those who also bring a story behind their offering, perhaps one of a recent outing?

December.....

Its not too early to consider December and the **Wretched Gift Exchange**. Hard to believe one of the highlights of the LCFF year is but a month away. We've experienced a significant turnover in membership and meeting location this year and interesting it will be to see how the Wretched Gift morphs into this new era. I, for one, hope the free-spirited character of this blessed day remains and hope all approach it in the spirit to which it was born. Which is to say a bit more flavored by Grinch than Jesus for Wretched Gift should never be confused with religious celebration in any way

For those new to the club, or not yet having partaken in the festivities, LCFF has celebrated the general holiday season by gift-giving and games. Clearly the moniker of the day suggests gag gifts are not only appreciated but treasured, the best of which is awarded prize as "most Wretched" at times of a more adult flavored theme. For those not so bold, there are also prizes for most creative and most popular. The latter as the evening also includes gaming where gifts are traded for and offers opportunity to trade away something truly wretched for something of actual value. More to come next newsletter but plan to bring a wrapped gift to December's meet.

Cowlitz Cutthroat Outing Report

Saturday, Oct. 6 a pretty fair number of us gathered at Mission Bar just outside Toledo after a day of fishing the Cowlitz for Sea-Run Cutts, or fishing for reports of same. I believe we did tip over the 20 mark, maybe pushing the mid-20s, for headcount as folks came and went throughout the afternoon.

Most folks who were on the water tagged a fish or two, though doesn't sound like anyone scared double digits. Primarily Sea-Runs but enough salmon jacks were caught to keep it interesting and boy, howdy was the river littered with spawning Chinook. Great sign for the future if ocean conditions permit. I don't believe I heard of anyone ripping any steelhead lips but will be good to hear more in fish reports Tuesday.

Weather turned out great after a not-so-rosy day before. Late afternoon the meal was served, BBQ pulled pork and the traditional fixin's were enjoyed by everyone. Well, except for Terry and his son, who launched so late we had to call the sheriff to launch a search party. Haven't heard if they found the bodies yet.

Reminder you have until the end of the year to get your **2018/2019 LCFF fiscal year dues** paid. 2019 LCFF club calendars will be handed out to everyone current on their dues.

Speaking of which, Jeff is working on the **2019 LCFF club calendar** now. Calendars remain re-prints of a previous year that featured original Ray Green pencil drawings, updated with current membership roster.

Feel free to **attend any future LCFF board meeting**, currently held 6:30 PM third Tuesday of every month at Longview Country Club, and share your thoughts and interests in what you'd like LCFF to offer or be involved in. We are always interested in how to make this club more attractive and informative for both current and future members. Suggestions for educational, instructional, recreational, and social opportunities are welcomed.

One issue under LCFF Board discussion is **consideration of changing the general meeting night from Tuesday** evenings to a different weeknight. No change would be made without general membership discussion and vote. The topic came up due to increased Tuesday evening population and activities by Country Club members that has resulted in both a noisier environment and challenges to food and beverage service. This isn't on the agenda for general discussion yet, just example of an idea being bandied about by the Board.

Also of high interest is outings and how to expand the opportunities to share time on the water with each other. In that spirit the **2019 annual Pilgrimage to Montana has already been scheduled** with one of the core groups. Set for September 14-22 (2019) headquartered once again at Georgetown Lake the specific house rented already is full but there are many other houses and lodging options, many just a few minutes away. Get in touch with any of us who make this trip (Ron, Lyle, Glenn, John, Doug, Jeff) and we can help steer you to nearby lodging, or recommend other locations if you want to explore more of this magical place. Be great to see more of you there and have a big shindig dinner and toast together.

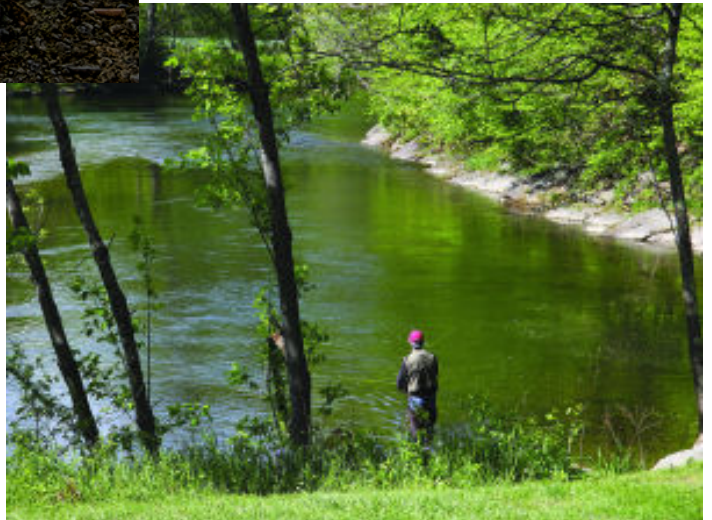
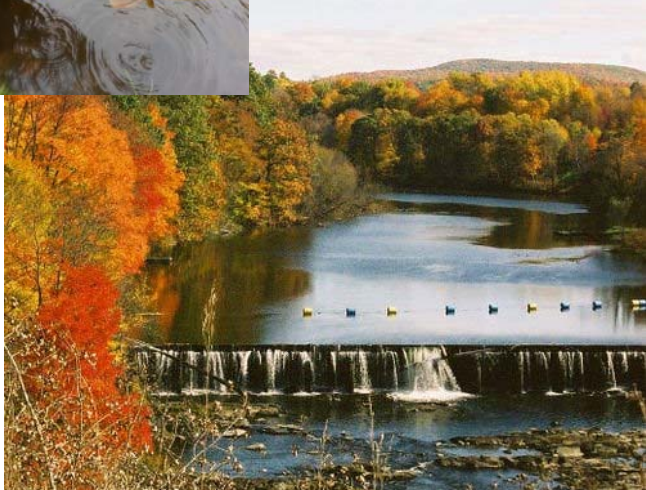
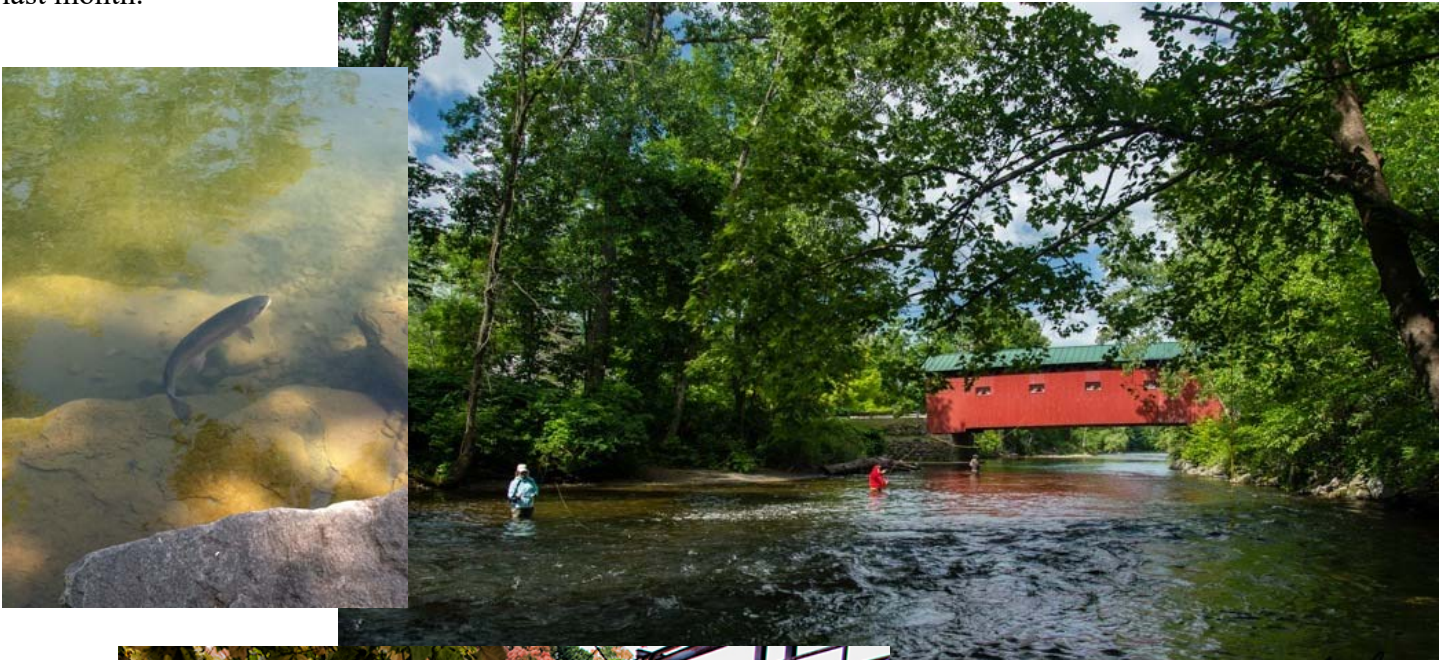
This Space For Rent

Winter Steelhead season is just a month or so away. We know its tough to pick them up on fly gear, here are a few images to show it can be done. Look forward to hearing of YOUR success at a future fish report.



Wow, Congrats to Brian Davern who applied some geographical logic to the clues in last month's mystery water. Brian threw out a WAG nailing the Florida Panhandle coast, specifically the Pensacola Bay area, as the correct answer. Correspondence from English military officers stationed in Pensacola area during mid-1700s, prior to the Revolutionary War, identified fishing with flies for "sea-trout" and other species in the "rivers" around the panhandle region. These were likely tidal rivers servicing Pensacola Bay. It pre-dates other letters a decade or two later in the NE North America, St Lawrence River/Lake Champlain, region and is documented in the American Museum of Flyfishing in Manchester, Vermont.

Soooo, we are expanding our horizons then.....where to this month? Hint; it does have a close relationship to last month.



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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