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Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Longview Country Club Card Room ?

Next board meeting - Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 PM at Longview Country Club

PROGRAM: Columbia Land Trust

Ian Sinks, Stewardship Director, will plan on giving an overview of **who Columbia Land Trust is and what we do**, and talk about some specific project areas (including our restoration work) such as the Grays River, Elochoman River, Germany Creek and a couple others

If you find the Country Club meeting room empty, swing out through the main dining room where the auction was - there is discussion as this is being written about moving the meeting location.

Next up; the **Coastal Cutthroat Coalition** returns as our **March program** after a too-long absence. CCC is dedicated to the science and management of wild coastal cutthroat trout. Long-time members may remember the CCC was recipient of LCFF donations for a couple years, supporting the valuable research and monitoring these folks are committed to. Sea-Run Cutthroat being the species our club was founded around, this should be a welcome and timely program.

Last month club auction was another great success **thanks** in large part to **Don Harris'** hawg-calling skills. The evening was kept lively and bidding was, at times, a treacherous event. We **raised \$1020** to support club expenses, outings, and projects. Many thanks to all who contributed...and purchased, the wide variety of items.

Never too early to **start thinking** of the annual **LCFF outing opener on the S Fork Toutle**. Tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in March, a few of our folks have taken advantage of the spring-like weather to do a little scouting. This from Buchman;

"I was up on the S. Toutle Tuesday morning. Clear water, good level,, 4 guys fishing ...no fish. Floated the Kalama last week,, 3 boats,, no fish. A guy caught two steelys at beginner hole. Upper hatchery had 50 steelhead/salmon come up in one week. Bob"

Following S Fork Toutle **May 18** has been selected as date for the next formal LCFF outing, **Swofford Pond Bluegill**, fishing conditions permitting.

Other LCFF board discussions;

1. storage options for LCFF hardware. We have accumulated enough "stuff" (vests, banner, pop-up shelter, computer and projector, podium, hats, library, etc.) that storage has become a mish-mash of different locations. It has become somewhat of a problem to track it all and be readily available when needed. Storage rental facilities, Country Club facility options, are leading candidates but cost must be considered.
2. looking into acquiring more hats, pins, etc.
3. Mailing newsletters to out of town members who are current on dues (are you?).

And here you thought we were all about the BS and drinkin'. Sometimes we actually do something!



Thursday, Jan 10, we validated purchase of the LCFF vests and sign board with an intrepid (perhaps also eclectic after looking at that sabre) band from the club gathering to spend the day widening the path around Kress Lake. One might assume from the bundling and dark skies Mother Nature threw us a challenge but we held 'er off long enough to finish the job without getting wet - no doubt the sabre rattling had something to do with it.

Lyle got his events mixed up and showed up ready to audition for a Blues Brothers cameo, outdone only by Buchman doing his American Gothic rendition. I think it must be audition season for the coming year's plays as a few more guys were competing for Freddy Kruger and Texas Chainsaw massacre's Leatherface.

We got 'er done and, oh by the way, the day ended with the crew assembling at Ahle's for a cold one so we're still good.

January Mystery Water of the Month - Scotland's River Spey

Congrats to Brian for identifying Scotland's River Spey as last months mystery water, though to be fair it was his second choice. Being a Spey Rod guy it was no surprise Brian zeroed in on this one pretty quick. Obviously River Spey is widely thought of as the birthplace of Spey-style fly casting.

Rising in the middle Scottish Highlands, River Spey flows east to empty in the North Sea near town of Buckie, a wee bit east of Inverness. Third longest river on Scotland, the Spey is most famous for Atlantic Salmon, but also features Grayling, Browns, and Finnock ("Sea Trout" which are anadromous Browns not unlike our Sea-Run Cutthroat).

The Spey River is also home to the largest concentrations of Scotch whiskey with familiar names like Glenlivet, Macallan, Aberlour, Glenfiddich, Balvenie (a bottle of which I scored at last month's auction), Dalwhinnie, and of course Speyside among many others. Half the Scotch distilleries in the country are in the Spey strath and its associated glens. Cindy and I will be vacationing here this summer and with luck I'll get a day on the River.

This month we move to another of the birthplaces of modern flyfishing, though this features not salmon but native trout.



Gentlemanly



Dry flies featured



So where are we THIS 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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