



# The Lower Columbia Fly Fisher

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**Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

**Time: 6 PM Happy Hour, 7 PM Meeting**

**Place: Longview Country Club Card Room**

**Next Board Meeting:** 6 PM, Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Longview Country Club

## Program:

## Social Media Resources

### **NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY TO WEDNESDAY!**

Program plan is a refresher on our LCFF website and introduce some social media fishing resources that are available to everyone who may be looking for new information and timely fishing opportunities and reports. Some resources are websites (or tied to a social media platform like Facebook) and some proactively send newsletters to your email once you sign up. Turn up those hearing aids and polish those eyeglasses, these sources are easy to use even for old cooters like us.

**Important to note the LCFF Board has made decision to move regular and board meetings to Wednesdays after discussion with Longview Country Club on how to improve food service and menu options.** You likely noticed how busy Thursdays are becoming and how it has negatively affected timely food service for our group. This is due to blossoming membership/participation a Country Club Ladies event also scheduled for Thursday evenings. Advantages for us are full Country Club food menu available on a night when we don't compete with other regularly organized events (Wednesdays are a slow day but has full food service available).

### **S Fork Toutle Outing tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 4 – weather permitting**

....And a quick check of the forecast has freezing weather a higher risk than rain/river blown out of shape. As always the back-up plan is moving the outing to the following Saturday, March 11.

Keeping tradition alive, Jeff and Vance sponsor this outing featuring Jeff's world-famous chili, which might be especially welcomed should the weather not warm up a wee bit. Adult beverages always accompany the feast to quench the fire should the chili come in a little hot. Schedule is coffee and doughnuts about 9AM with lunch beginning around Noon. Throw in a chair if you have one.

Location for the meet-up continues to be Harry Gardner Park. If you haven't been there before take Highway 504, Spirit Lake Highway East (toward Mt St Helens) from I5. Go through Toutle, past the High School, to the intersection across from Drew's Grocery/Gas Station. Take a right turn (not the hard right) onto S Fork Toutle Road and drive about 2 miles until you get to the bridge over the South Fork River. Turn into the park about 100 yards down the road after crossing the river. I'm sure we will be easy to spot, you'll have to drive a little way past where we are set up before the turn into the park. Choose your own time of day to wet a line, before or after some chili and see if you can be the one to report tagging a fish this year. See you there!

**LCFF Officers and Board elections for 2023/2024 are coming right up.** Per LCFF Bylaws, President Sowders will be appointing a nominating committee in the next few weeks to determine a recommended slate of officers and Board for next year. These will be presented at the April meeting and voted on in May. If you have interest in serving on the board, or recommend someone worthy, please let any officer or board member know.

**Longview Parks 'n Rec Kid's Fishing Day at Lake Sacajawea is set for Saturday, April 29.** Please consider volunteering for this worthy event, LCFF has had a notable presence since this event was initiated. I guarantee you will not have a more gratifying volunteer experience than helping these young kids catch, often their very first ever, trout. We'll get a sign-up list going starting at. This meeting so we can let the event organizers know who to expect. You can help for any or all day with the first round of kids starting at 8 AM and the last at 3 PM. Morning help should arrive by 7:30 AM to get signed in, geared up, and pre-event instruction.

**Speaking of kid's events.....the annual Northwest Youth Conservation Fly Fishing Academy is returning this year.** We are working on contacting the new event organizers to ensure we have correct info and application details on the event to pass on to prospective candidates. Their website identifies June 18-24 as the camp dates and camp location has been changed from Lacey's Hicks Lake to Panhandle Lake 4-H camp near Shelton. In the meantime you might put some thought into who you would like to get this opportunity to. Undoubtedly we'll be sponsoring one or two young folks (ages 12 to 16) should we get some qualified applicants.

**Montana 2023 dates are set – September 9-17.** The traditional LCFF Montana group has reserved a house on Georgetown Lake and welcome others who would like to experience this incredible fishery to join us during some or all of this week. Regrets in this specific house “there is no room left in the inn” but we'd be glad to help you locate lodging options nearby and help you get familiar with the lake and nearby waters. Personally, I like to drop down to fish some nearby rivers and streams between days on the Lake.

**LCFF Board has determined to continue to support the LCFF Website, [www.lowercolumbiaflyfishers.org](http://www.lowercolumbiaflyfishers.org).**

The web provider GoDaddy has changed formatting, requiring we change website to meet their new requirements. Terry Frost has once again bailed us out here and has agreed to make the changes required by GoDaddy. So, buy him beer.....oh wait - Terry's a gin and whiskey man. The board did hedge our bet on this investment by deciding to pay year-year at slightly higher cost than multiple year contracts as we continually assess the value of this tool.

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