



The Lower Columbia Fly Fisher

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Meeting: January God willing & COVID don't shine

Time: It would have been 7 PM

Place: Longview Country Club was ready, then not

Program;

Glenn Gee Awarded Joe Pierce Award

LCFF Board held a Zoom meeting and was unanimous to award Glenn the Joe Pierce Award; Here is President Frost's message followed by Glenn's email response all the way from Bethesda, Md.

Congratulations to Glenn Gee, as the latest recipient of the Joe Pierce Award. He has been a member and was treasurer for many, many years. Among taking care of the financial end of the club, he has been a participant of club activities and excellent example of club stewardship. Glenn's name has been added to the recipient list on the podium and I am attaching a photo of the Joe Pierce Award, the club is sending. Terry

"Greetings to all from Bethesda, Maryland!

Thank you for thinking of me. Well, the award is unexpected, and I'm deeply touched. It is a pleasure and an honor to be part of the group. I miss you all. And I do intend to come back for a meeting or outing now and again. Do contact me and Christina when you come to the DC area after this wretched pandemic.

Tight Lines and Happy Holidays! Glenn"



President's Message

I hope during this time of pandemic and social distancing your Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays are safe and all remains healthy. These are indeed strange and challenging times. LCFF met as a board in November and were excited to have its first meeting after many months in December, but a surge in Covid -19 put a damper on it. We will be meeting again as soon as we can. Please take care.

In the meantime, visit the LCFF website for resources from our affiliate FFI (Fly Fishers International). They are providing online tying lessons among other things.

Take Care, Terry

Dues are Due

Club Dues are now due for the current year. Reminder our club year, including fiscal, is October 1 through Sept. 31. Reminder dues are \$25/year, \$10/year if you are over 70 and have been a member in good standing for over 10 years. Club dues can be sent to LCFF, PO Box 1495, Longview, WA 98632.

LCFF Newsletter Changes

First, let me apologize for not putting out a newsletter over the past several months. It was my intent to, but I let other things consume my time and attention – no excuse, I should have. Among the things delaying a newsletter was acquiring a new computer as our old one was failing. In making our decision we failed to discover that the MS Publisher software the LCFF newsletter is formatted in was not available for Apple computers, which is what we ended up with. Now, in all this prattle you may be wondering – yes, but what has this to do with flyfishing? The answer is nothing of course, unless you consider this false-casting. And thus I declare it so.

So, you have likely noticed the newsletter has a slightly different look. Indeed, it does. What I've done is use MS Word to copy as best I can the original Publisher format. We'll go with it for now but don't be surprised to see continued changes over next year or two.

History of Joe Pierce

Nearly half a century ago a few “young men” who shared a common interest gathered together to form a “Fly Fishing Club” in Longview Washington. Among this small group was one man considerably older than most of us, Joe Pierce.

For the most part we were not very experienced or competent, much less understanding in terms of fly fishing and what it was like to be a “Fly Fisherman”. Joe was an exception, he had chosen to fish with a fly, not because it was fashionable but because it was more rewarding and required a commitment to developing an understanding and appreciation of the fish and to pursue them with only a fly.

Joe Pierce was a pioneer fly fisherman in our area and developed, on his own, fly patterns and techniques for using them that define the sport of fly fishing for our native steelhead and sea run trout. His preferred practice of swinging a fly and having the fish come up for it, to this day is still considered the “proper way to fish the fly”. He accepted that bait fishing was more effective and required less commitment but that was not the way he choose to fish.

Joe was unique in many ways; unlike many contemporaries he was most willing to share his experience and his philosophy with those of us with less experience and knowledge. Joe was sincere, helpful and understanding. He never berated someone who was an incompetent neophyte. He fished with a fly and encouraged others to do so because it was something he liked to do.

Joe passed away only a few years after our club was formed but left a legacy that we who knew him have endeavored to pass on to others. We prefer to fish with a fly because it is more rewarding, and we have developed lifelong friendships with those of a like persuasion, which would please and honor him.

WFFC Fly Tying Forum – Online

I'm not quite sure how wide the intended audience is for this fly-tying Zoom meeting nor exactly how I got on the invite list – likely as I am listed as newsletter editor. BUT.....if you are interested here is the info for December's Zoom fly tying confab. I would encourage anyone interested to sign on and give it a try. Let us know of your success or challenges in joining the meeting, I am going on assumption anyone interested can sign on. From here on out what I'll do is forward these invites to the club email list rather than make them a page in the newsletter. If you don't know how to join a Zoom meeting call me and I can walk you through it – you'll need the meeting link, Meeting ID, and passcode listed near bottom of this info. Enjoy! Ron

Happy Black Friday, Tyers

Our next tying session will be on December 9th at 7pm. We will be tying the Skip Morris Emerger - Callibaetis. This is the fly that Skip tied before his presentation to us. As always, if you need to substitute materials, please do. That being said, I would encourage you to use the body material listed so you have this specific fly to fish on our lakes.

Skip Morris - Emerger - Callibaetis

Hook - Daiichi 1130 curved hook #16.

Thread - Tan - 70 denier. (Uni, Veevus, etc).

Tail - Mottled Hen Saddle (substitute with any tailing material you have. Spey hackle for example).

Body - Mottled turkey wing feathers.

Rib - Gold wire - XS size (SM is o.k., too).

Thorax - Superfine dubbing - Tan.

Wing - Deer Hair.

Neal Hoffberg is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Neal Hoffberg's Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 9, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94421774582?pwd=eXBGRzFXMHF3QVpDUWkwWF5ekxoQT09>

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I'll get the back page figured out for next month's newsletter. If you have any questions, suggestions, or articles you'd like in the newsletter please send them to me (MS Word is the best format). My contact info remains cell; 360-957-0636, email ronandcindyphl@msn.com

Tight lines and hope you are all finding some time on the water, at least playing with your equipment, during these continued challenging times.

Ron