



# The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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**Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Place: The Carriage, back room**

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

## **PROGRAM:**

### **Fly Fishing for Tiger Muskie**

Muskies are called "the fish of 10,000 casts." The Tiger Muskie is a hybrid of Northern Pike and Muskie. It is a aggressive predator, that has a long snout filled with sharp teeth, dark tiger stripes on a light body and may grow to 30 pounds or more. Their minimum size limit is 36 inches and the state record is currently 28-1/4 pounds.

**Mike Sturza**, of Lost Creek Fly Shop, Onalaska, WA is one of a few guides in the area that offers a unique experience of fly fishing Mayfield Lake for Tiger Muskie. Since most Tiger Muskie are caught during the warmer months, Mike Offers guided trips starting around June through late October.

Join us on February, 6<sup>th</sup> for this program.

**January LCFF Club Auction** brought the usual eclectic assortment of items and fishing excursions for sale, and many thanks to those who donated them. Your generous donations and purchases added \$1290 to the treasury. Lyle Barker's Spring Chinook trip was most coveted, snaring a cool \$300 for club coffers. Winning bids for the other of 24 items ranged from \$175 to \$15, something for everyone's budget. Of particular note, and nicely so, is for the first time in many years virtually all of the donations had something of fishing focus. If not literally tackle then some accoutrement one would normally bring along or otherwise use in piscatorial pursuits. Adult beverages included, of course.

### **In Memoriam - Lew Metzler**

We lost Lou this past month after a long struggle with several health issues. Lou was one of the founding group of members of LCFF and served many years rotating through club officer and board positions. In earlier years LCFF Board held meeting locations at Board member homes, rotating each month. Lou could always be counted on to offer unparalleled gourmet appetizers and fine beverage choices whenever hosting the Board.

Culinary skills weren't all Lou was famous for, he also built rods and for a time aluminum boats. Occasionally Lou would host a rod-building clinic at his home. It was at just such a gathering I discovered my vision was deteriorating and I needed glasses when club President Terry Frost noticed I couldn't see gaps and crossed threads in my wraps and loaned me his.

On another personal note Lou was my sponsor and early mentor in the club. Both employees of Longview Fibre Paper mill, we discovered our mutual love of flyfishing during a conversation in the personnel office and Lou invited me to join LCFF. Lou was Personnel Manager and I was inquiring about options for advancing my career there.

Lou had another outdoor passion, duck hunting. Eventually Lou purchased a cabin at Sequim hunting club where he hosted several LCFF members from time to time. Stories of said events featured gin and crab suggesting crabbing was a more reliable pursuit than the ducks. Other pursuits were celebrated.....and storied..... as well.

To honor Lou I would like to you to write your favorite memories of him, and your time with him. Send them to me and I will feature your memories in the newsletter each month until all have been shared. Your favorite photos of Lou are welcome to accompany your submission and will be published as well.

Lou requested no service, we are left to remember him in our own way. Rest in Peace, good buddy, Rest in Peace

## LCFF ANNUAL OUTING OPENER JUST AROUND THE CORNER - S. Fork Toutle Steelies

Finally! Emerging from winter's dark. Light out at 5:30 and beyond, the trigger finger beginning to itch. And just in time Jeff and Vance salve said itch putting on Steelhead on the South Fork outing. A chance to limber up the elbow, exercise the shoulder and maybe a little skill, maybe a little luck, you get to pull that trigger.

Chili isn't the weather, rather the potion Jeff wards it off with. And a mean bowl too, though he's toned it down some in recent years so's not to offend our delicate, aging bellies. Throw in something pickled, a couple adult beverages, and you've got a fine respite after a morning on the river.

**From Jeff;** *As far as things concerning the outing, we'll stick to the same meeting place (Harry Gardner Park) and coffee/lunch times. Two main things to include would be that the March 3rd outing will probably be changed if the river is unfishable and/or the weather too nasty. That's why we have March 10th as a backup.*

*The other thing would be to let Vance or myself know if you would like to have a bowl reserved for yourself at the table. You don't have to fish to join us. Come out for lunch and hear who did catch one.. Vance (577-7299) Jeff (636-0629). Also, we will be talking about the outing at the Feb. meeting. Jeff*

If memory serves, coffee and donuts 8-9 AM, lunch beginning around 1 PM, maybe a little earlier.

In an outreach effort with the "other" Longview Flyfishing Club, Cowlitz Fly Anglers, we have invited them to join us this year

**We continue to search for alternative meeting venue locations** following a visit to Red Lion for January Board meeting. Pending information from Kenagy next up will be Longview Country Club. Goal for the effort is discovery of a more attractive meeting venue, one that might appeal to a broader audience.

A vote on proposed by-law change has been unanimously passed by the Board. The Board vote is to bring a change in age requirement qualifying for membership in LCFF to the club for discussion and vote. By-Laws require a vote by membership to be taken with 2/3rds yeas in order to adopt.

The change is in direct response to the challenge we've been discussing regarding revitalizing LCFF and ensure it lives beyond us. Widening age requirement for membership allows for a larger pool of members, and ability to welcome youth is likely to bring parents as well as seed the future generation. The proposed language change is Article III Membership, Section 1 Qualification; current language reads as follows;

"Any person over 21 years of age, who is a fly-fisher, or desires to become one, is eligible for membership. Before being eligible for membership, the candidate must attend one meeting and pay in advance their annual dues. "

Proposed is to change the language thusly;

**"Any person who is interested in fly fishing is eligible for membership. Any prospective member under 18 years of age, needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Before being eligible for membership, the candidate must attend one meeting and pay in advance their annual dues. "**

### Other Board discussions.....

Brian Davern brought the following topics targeting re-invigorating LCFF and attracting new members for Board discussion;

1. Offer prizes for participating in club challenges such as first to identify the monthly newsletter "mystery water" .
2. Publishing member "bios" in the newsletter, feature one member each month.
3. Create an LCFF "Facebook" group
4. Approach past/prospective member candidates who left the club or chose not to join about repatriating.
5. Re-establish a more formal meeting agenda template and hold to it.
6. Designate a summer general meeting to be outdoors, establish expectation everyone bring a guest.

Congrats to Buchman, first of several folks who recognized last month's mystery water as Munn Lake. Munn Lake is open year-round, small at 32 acres, and located south of Olympia, just east of the Olympia airport. Managed as a quality water (bait and internal combustion motors are prohibited), Munn lake has catch and release regulations for all species. And there are many species to choose from. Rainbows are featured but a few Browns and several spiny rays, Largemouth Bass, Perch, Bluegill, and Crappie, can be found. In the photos you see there is a boat ramp. Chironomids are a safe bet, smaller wooly buggers catch fish everywhere and standard lake dry patterns can be fun if you time it right.

We stay in the general region this month with a river featuring multiple anadromous species.



## Greased lines

.....Thanks to all of you that have submitted articles.....I really appreciate them and...If you have not seen your submitted article .....I 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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