



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: The Carriage, back room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 PM at Masthead Backroom

PROGRAM:

Wretched Gift Exchange!

Happy Holidays to all and how better to celebrate the season than sharing of gifts and joie du vivre with your friends, A time for libation celebration, rambling gambling, camaraderie robbery, awards galore.

Yes it's time once again for the WRETCHED GIFT EXCHANGE.

If we have any newbies your price of admission is a wrapped gift of your choice, following which a game of chance, trades, and downright thievery determine who ends up with your offering.

The ultimate goal is to be awarded the gift deemed "**Most Wretched**" and all manner of imagination and depravity is celebrated here. For those not having the stomach for it we do have prizes for the "Most Popular" (bottles of fine scotch and gin are traditional winners, but an outboard motor or like-new Sage 490-3 SP should compete well), and "Most Creative" in which fine craftsmanship and artistry in all disciplines are treasured.

At the end of the festivities **Most Wretched** and Most Creative gifts are nominated from the floor and awarded based on popular vote, no Electoral College here to create any controversy. Most Popular is determined as the game progresses, being selected by that special prize most traded or swiped for.

On rare occasion a most carefully selected and prepared gift has taken home more than one award, but there has yet to be one deserving of the golden trifecta, a clean sweep of the prize table. Perhaps yours will!



January Program; Annual Club Auction

Should the shine of whatever gifts you receive this holiday season lose their luster (or those displaced by same), consider donating them to **January general meeting's annual club auction**. Or perhaps the man-cave needs a good purge of those items collecting dust and contributing to your allergy problem. Whether donating items or purchasing new treasures, participating in the auction contributes to the primary source of funds required to support club functions and activities.

We are blessed to have Don Harris return to keep the wheels turning and dollars flowing, many thanks to Don for contributing his gift to the club every year. This event is second only to the wretched gift exchange as my favorite meeting of the year and have brought home many fun items, each a surprise find.

Hal's Hatchery News

Hal reports Kalama is still getting some Silvers and winter steelhead are beginning to show up. N Fork Toutle is also beginning to see winter-run steelhead. Nutrient enhancement is complete for 2016, Hal will be compiling results of total carcasses distributed in another successful year, many thanks to those who participated.

Kalama Hatchery has made a policy change to stop using Skamania stock, moving to using only Kalama origin genetics. Over time there is belief the progeny will return to native characteristics best suited to the river and provide stronger returns and more likely to develop self-sustaining wild runs.

LCFF Board Activity

Jim and Larry are searching for a vendor to create some LCFF signboards to be displayed during club volunteer activities. Jim is also investigating getting some Hi-Vis vests with the club logo printed on it. Purpose is to advertise the club during volunteer activities with a goal of attracting new club members.

Speaking of which the Board is soliciting ideas for how to attract new members and welcome any suggestions for doing so. We can't deny father time and the future of the club depends on replenishing the ranks and with new ideas to invigorate the membership.

Norm has picked up the remaining tying supplies from Jay Barnes' estate and donated it to a Veteran's recovery group. Great to see such a deserving cause supported.

Terry Frost has the LCFF website, www.lowercolumbiaflyfishers.org, up and running, check it out. Still a work in progress, let Terry know of any suggestions.

A speedy recovery to member Rob Baty, who had a scary accident when a grinder wheel exploded causing significant facial injuries.

Bob Buchman was also wounded, his being from not getting invited to share anyone's Thanksgiving dinner, so he is soliciting requests for his company at Christmas. He'll bring a date.



Here's a challenge for you - where in the world?..... No more clues, it would give this away



Greased lines

.....Thanks to all of you that have submitted articles.....I really appreciate them....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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