

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Dave Campbell

SKAGIT MAGIC

January 16th program: Dave Campbell will tell us about the Skagit and its tributaries.

Dave Campbell is one of a handful of current NFA members who is a Charter Member. He joined the club when it was founded in 1972. Although he has yet to be recruited into being president, he has been Education Chair and recently has begun hosting fishing outings—last year he hosted the first Green Lake Outing (he used to fish Green Lake when he was a child a century ago) and this year he will be hosting the January 25th Skagit Outing (an area he fishes almost every week it is open).

To say Dave knows the Skagit and its tributaries—the Sauk, the Cascade, and Ba-

con Creek—is like saying native Seattleites know rain; the Skagit is part of Dave’s DNA. And knowing so much about the Skagit and its tributaries, Dave has always wondered why people around here rarely, if ever, fish it. The only answer he could come up with is that people don’t know very much about the Skagit system.

Dave is hosting an outing there on January 25th and plans to help people become more familiar with its bountiful fishery. He also is going to present a program at our January 16th meeting during which he will share his vast knowledge of this

wonderful place.

If you have been looking for a nearby area to fish for Dolly Varden, cutthroat, rainbows, salmon, and steelhead, come on the 16th and see and hear what Dave has for us.

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THANK YOU

Please thank these businesses and individuals for their generous donations to our Awards Banquet raffle and silent auction.

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Peter Maunsell

Great Job

The 2013 Awards Banquet would not have been the success it was without the diligent work done by the following members.

Helsa Petersen, Chair Awards Banquet Committee

Peter Maunsell, Raffle and Silent Auction

Paul Dieter, Year-In-Review Presentation

Michael Olson, V of the Awards Committee

Dana Bottcher, Programs

Rebecca Souther, Name Tags and Entrée Tickets

Maura Johnson, Raffle Ticket Packets

Wytold Lebing, Master of Ceremonies

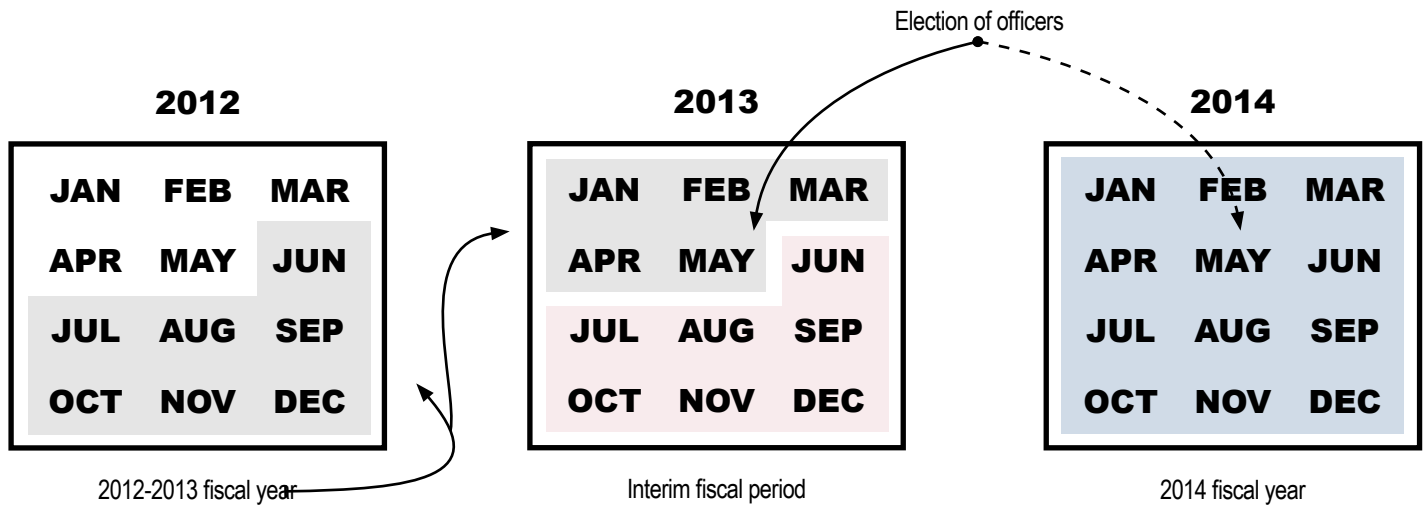
Maura and Carl Johnson, Greeting and Selling Raffle Tickets

Candee and Art Alton, Greeting and Selling Raffle Tickets

Peg and Bill Van Natter, Greeting and Selling Raffle Tickets

Jean and Jamie Dearn, helping with Raffle and Silent Auction





LET'S MAKE AMENDS

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws will be voted on at the January 16th Membership Meeting.

When the NFA was founded in the spring of 1972, the first election of officers was held in May and they took office in June. The Bylaws reflect this and it has never changed. The Bylaws also state that an annual budget for the new fiscal year is to be approved by the membership at the second “regular meeting” after the officers are elected. Currently, the second “regular meeting” after the officers are elected falls in August because there is an NFA Picnic in July instead of a “regular meeting.”

FISCAL YEAR* CHANGE—At its May 16, 2013 meeting, the Steering Committee voted to change the NFA’s June 1st to May 31st fiscal year to a January 1st through December 31st fiscal year.

INTERIM BUDGET—Since the fiscal year under which the club was operating at the time was ending on May 31, 2013 and the next fiscal year was not going to start until January 1, 2014, it was decided that the interim fiscal period of seven months would have an interim budget. It was approved at the June 12th Steering Committee meeting and at the August 15th membership meeting.

2014 BUDGET—The Steering Committee plans to have the 2014 Budget ready for a vote at the February 20, 2014 membership meeting instead of six months later at the second regular meeting after the officers are elected as is required in the Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT—At its October 9th meeting, the Steering Committee proposed that the following Bylaws amendment be put to an approval vote before the membership. It will be voted on at the January 16th Membership Meeting.

Current wording of the NFA Bylaws:

SECTION VI Finance, Paragraph 2. An Annual Budget

(a) An annual budget, recommended by the Steering Committee, shall be presented for approval to the membership by the President or a designated representative at the second regular meeting following the election of officers.

Proposed amendment wording:

SECTION VI Finance, Paragraph 2. An Annual Budget

(a) An annual budget, recommended by the Steering Committee, shall be presented for approval to the membership by the President or a designated representative at the second regular meeting of the fiscal year.

* **Fiscal year.** “A 12-month period over which a company budgets its spending.” (From: www.investorwords.com)

2014 NFA CLASSES

Four opportunities to learn more about fly fishing

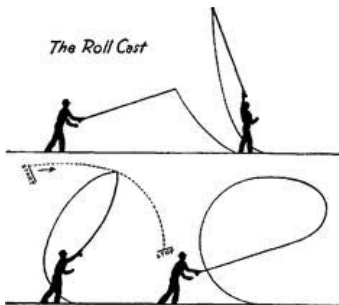
| *Jim Higgins, Education Chair* |

Beginning in January and running through May the NFA offers a variety of classes that will broaden your understanding of fly fishing and help you develop the skills to make your fly fishing more enjoyable.

ROLL CASTING

This free one-day casting class will start at 10 AM on Saturday, January 18, 2014. It will be held at the casting pier on the northwest shoreline of Seattle's Green Lake. Students need to bring their own casting gear and dress for the weather.

The class will concentrate on the mechanics and uses of the very handy roll cast.



FLY TYING

The first two-hour class begins at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 7 and runs for six consecutive Tuesday evenings. The class is held at Recycled Cycles in Fremont. 11 trout fly patterns will be taught. Materials are provided; students need to bring their own tools. Tuition for the six classes is \$50.

Class enrollment is filled, however a waiting list is being taken in case some of those who have registered cancel.



ROD BUILDING

Six two-hour sessions are planned to begin at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 and run for six consecutive Tuesdays. The class is scheduled to be held at Recycled Cycle in Seattle's Fremont neighborhood. The tuition is \$50 and tools are provided. Students are to provide their own rod components.

Rod building allows one to create a fly rod with a custom grip, one's own choice of guide types, and color for the guide wrappings.



CASTING

The first of six sessions of the NFA Beginning Fly Casting Class starts at 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the casting pier on the northwest shore of Green Lake in Seattle. The classes will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings. Students are encouraged to bring their own casting gear; the club does have some casting equipment for those who have yet to buy their own equipment.

Tuition is \$50, and the class is open to the general public as well as NFA members.



The quickest way to register for classes is to go on the NFA website (northwestfly-anglers.org), navigate to the Classes page and use your debit or credit card. Be sure to fill out the registration form so you can be con-

tacted with further information about the class you are signing up for.

You can also send a check for the tuition to: NFA at PO Box 75212 Seattle, WA 98175. Be sure to include your e-mail address.



SKAGIT OUTING

Float or wade for steelhead and Dolly Varden on January 25th.

| Article and photography by outing coordinator Dave Campbell |

The January outing can provide members with the opportunity to fish and explore the great Skagit River and its tributaries: the Sauk and Cascade. If you have a raft or boat there are float opportunities on the Skagit and Sauk rivers. Shore fishers can choose from the Sauk, Skagit and even the Cascade River. January can be a great opportunity to observe the American bald eagles that visit the area at this time of year. January can be magic on the Skagit.

Attendees will gather at 9 AM at the boat launch area on the Sauk at the first bridge downstream from Darrington.

Driving directions: Drive north on I-5; take Exit 208 and head east on Rte. 530 through Arlington to Darrington (36 miles); turn north in Darrington still on Rte. 530 and in 7.2 miles turn left off the highway just before the first bridge; this is the boat launch and the meeting spot.

To let outing coordinator Dave Campbell know you are coming, register for the outing on the club's website or give Dave a call.

WHAT TO BRING

Dress warmly and prepare for inclement weather

No outing fee

Bring lunch and “munchies” to share. Hot drinks will be provided at NFA Central from noon to four PM.

A six, seven, or eight-weight rod equipped with a sink tip or a full sink line will do the trick. Those wishing to fish nymphs may want to try using a dry line with a strike indicator—a very effective presentation at times.

Choice of flies may include old standards such as subdued streamer patterns like the Skunk, muddler minnow and black woolly bugger or the more brightly colored popular steelhead patterns. For those who like to nymph fish, the standard trout patterns can be effective, however, larger size and heavier hooks are advised.

Don't forget your fishing license and steelhead punch card.

Rain gear is essential.

Bring extra clothing and keep the clothing in a waterproof bag if floating or in your vehicle if wading. Winter water and weather conditions can be harsh and dry cloths are essential if you take a dip.



Dolly Varden

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7 - February 11

Beginning Fly Tying Classes

Six, two-hour sessions begin at 6 PM at Recycle Cycle in Seattle's Fremont neighborhood.

January 8

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

January 16

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments.

January 18

Roll Casting Class

Free casting class at Fishing Pier on NW corner of Seattle's Green Lake. Begins at 10. Bring your own casting outfits.

January 25

Skagit River

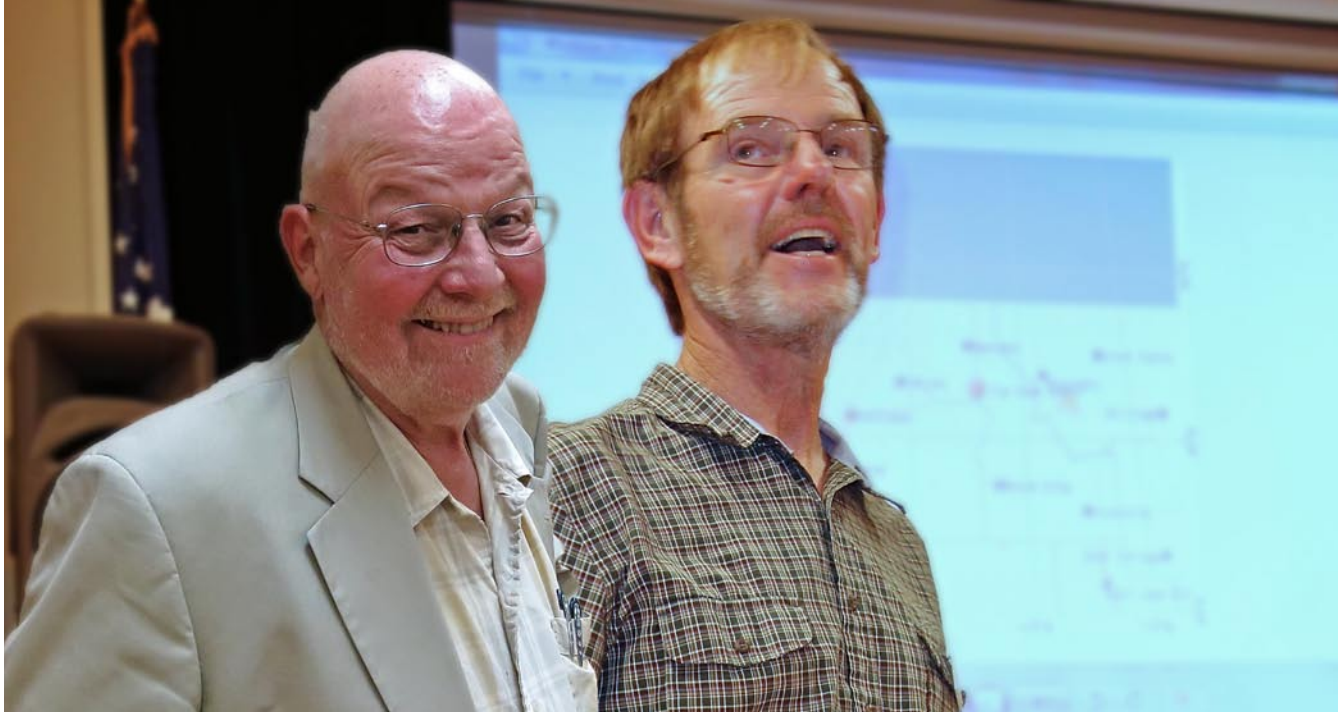
Wading and floating for steelhead and Dolly Varden on the Sauk, Suiattle, and Skagit rivers.

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Dana Bottcher

2014 NFA FISHING OUTINGS

Mark Conner and Wytold Lebing will preview the 2014 club-sponsored fishing trips.

Outings chair Mark Conner will team up with NFA President Wytold Lebing for the program at the February 20th membership meeting. They are planning on getting the audience excited about where the club is going fishing in 2014.

The club has planned 19 different outings in 2014. 13 of the outings are weekend trips, one is a multi-day float, and the rest are one-day affairs. There are mentoring outings for lake, stream, and saltwater fishing. So if you are new to fly fish-

ing, or there is someone in your family who you would rather have someone else tutor, then be sure to come to a mentoring outing. Mentoring outings also need teachers, so let Mark Conner know that you can help out.

New Members

David Arms and his son **Luther** have applied for a family membership. While taking lessons at Patricks, David was told about the NFA. He is willing to bring refreshments and help with the Awards Banquet and Picnic.

Former member **Marianne Mitchell** has decided to join the

NFA again. Welcome back!

Carleigh Romeis and **Terry Hamilton** have each applied for individual memberships. A co-worker of Carleigh's recommended the NFA. Carleigh is willing to help at the raffle table and bring refreshments. Terry learned about the NFA from Paul Dieter. He is interested in conservation.

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STEERING

11 members attend January 8th meeting.

In attendance were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Jim Morrison, Paul Dieter, Tom Beaulaurier, Jim Higgins, Jimmy Kamada, Mark Conner, Peter Maunsel, Susanne Staats, and Dave Campbell.

Wytold announced that he had asked Maura Johnson to fill the Vice-president position, she agreed, and he will ask that she be ratified at the January membership meeting.

The 2014 NFA Budget was worked on. It will be finalized and presented for a vote of approval at the February membership meeting.

The bylaws amendment to make the membership approval vote on the annual budget be at the second regular meeting of the fiscal year will be presented for ratification at the January membership meeting. The absentee e-mails votes for this amendment that were taken in November will be discarded, and a new absentee e-mail ballot will be sent out if there are not the requisite number of voters attending the January meeting.

The Bylaws amendment to change the dates for officers' election and dues collection will be voted on at the April membership meeting.

A permanent NFA Secretary is needed.



Carl and Maura Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP

30 members attend January 16th meeting.

President Wytold Lebing welcomed three guests and thanked Walt Furler for bringing refreshments.

The membership voted on the Bylaws amendment making the second monthly meeting of the fiscal year the time for the membership to vote on the annual budget. Since there were not enough members present to ratify the amendment, an absentee e-mail ballot will be sent.

The membership unanimously voted in favor of Wytold's choice of Maura Johnson as vice president.

Dave Campbell gave an informed and well photographed presentation on the Skagit River system.



Dave Campbell



Ken Staats shopping at the Garage Sale.

JUST SELL IT

If you haven't used it for a couple of years, then bring it to the March NFA Garage Sale and get some money for it.

Every two years the club holds a Garage Sale instead of a membership meeting on the third Thursday of April. This is the year, and the third Thursday is April 17th.

Normally, members, and only members, are allowed to bring in merchandise for sale. The Steering Committee has not made a ruling on this yet for this year's garage sale, so stay tuned for what is decided at the February meeting. In years past you have been able to bring your non-member friends to the event in order to boost sales.

In the past merchandise has not been limited only to fly fishing equipment, but bear in mind, this is what buyers are expecting to find at the garage sale.

Those selling merchandise should arrive early to get table space and set up. Merchandise needs to be priced and sales recorded on the sales sheet provided by the club's Treasurer. Sellers are asked to give the club 10 percent of their proceeds for the evening.

For those who are not in a buying mood, the April meeting can be a great opportunity to socialize and get to know members better. After all, that is one of the main reasons why people join the NFA. So come and spend some money or don't and just have fun gabbing.

REFRESHMENTS AND VIDEOS: Most likely, refreshments and videos will be running continuously in the side room throughout the evening.



Jamie Dearn casting outside the show.

SHOWTIME

The Fly Fishing Show returns once more to Lynnwood February 15-16.

The Fly Fishing Show returns again to the Lynnwood Convention Center in the Alderwood Mall for the weekend of February 15 and 16. It opens at 9 and closes at 5:30 on Saturday and 4:30 on Sunday. One-day adult fare is \$15 (\$25 for the weekend). Kids under 5 are free; under 12 are \$2 (cash only at the gate).

Expect to find all sorts of booths from local retail fly shops to local and out-of-state outfitters that will love to sell you equipment and fly fishing adventures. For free you can check out the latest equipment at several manufacturers booths. In addition, there are free adventure travel presentation in the Destination Theater. There will also be opportunities to take classes (more money) from famous fly fishers.

And on Saturday night, for an extra \$15 (\$10 in advance), you can come to the International Fly Fishing Film Festival. If that isn't exciting enough in and of itself, the Film Festival will be preceded by the Oregon band Catch and Release playing some of their original tunes, such as *The Tug is the Drug* and *Dancin' on the Deschutes*.

Tickets can be purchased on line.



A Bluebird Day on the Skagit

Twelve eager NFA members and friends fish the Sauk and Skagit.

| Article and photography by Dave Campbell |

On Saturday morning, January 25th, 14 NFA members were greeted with a chilly, crisp, morning with brilliant blue skies when they gathered at 9 AM at the Sauk boat launch by the first bridge downstream from Darrington. As the bluebird day went on, the temperatures finally topped out at a balmy “spring like” 52 degrees.

Russ Shropshire and his young son Lewis stopped by to say hello to the group. They said they had not come to fish, but were on their way up to look for eagles on the Skagit.

Three NFA boats decided to float the Skagit from the Marblemount put-in to the Sutter Creek take-out. Matt Moore and Larry Belmont navigated the bog water in Matt’s wooden drift boat.

Michael Sargent took Mark Conner in his Clackacraft drift boat. They were joined by Bill Gibson who had his Sotar pontoon boat. They all found the put-in extremely congested due to the large number of rafters gathered for eagle watching floats.

Tom Ahlers chose to float in his eight-foot Outcast pontoon boat down the Sauk to the White Creek take-out. He reported great looking water but sloooooow fishing.

Jim Watson, who was not fishing due to surgery on his left hand, volunteered to do the shuttles for all the boaters. He managed quite smoothly to get all rigs to the take-outs at White and Sutter Creeks.

Meanwhile I showed Art Alton, Shirley Miller, and her husband Jimmy Kamada where to fish the Sauk River from shore. After awhile everyone was situated with enough water to fish by themselves.

Andy Gudwin arrived later and also fished from shore.

Cafe NFA opened from 2 PM to 4 PM. On the *continued...*

“everyone...absolutely raved about the beautiful sunshine and the spectacular scenery”



Hungry bald eagles were seen perched in the trees lining the riverbanks.

Dan Hall



...continued menu were hot coffee, chocolate, and apple cider. The biggest culinary hit, of course, were Claudia Campbell's homemade cookies (see recipe in the sidebar).

Overall the fishing was slow both on the Sauk and the Skagit, however, everyone—especially those floating the rivers—absolutely raved about the beautiful sunshine and the spectacular scenery. It truly was a great day to be on the river.

Thanks go to Tom Ahlers and Jim Watson for picking up litter

at the Sauk boat landing, thereby carrying on the NFA tradition of leaving the river environment neat and tidy.

A great time was had by all on what was surely the “weather best” day of 2014 to date.

From left to right: Shirley Miller, Russ Shropshire and Lewis, Jimmy Kamada, Art Alton, Mark Conner, Michael Sargent, Bill Gibson, Matt Moore, Larry Belmont, and Jim Watson. Outing coordinator Dave Campbell kneeling in front.

► Claudia's Cookies

Makes 6 doz.

1 cup water
2 cups raisins
1 cup shortening
1-3/4 cups sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3-1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 cup chopped walnuts



Combine raisins and water in a small saucepan; boil for 3 minutes and let cool. In a mixing bowl, cream shortening; gradually add sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients; blend thoroughly with creamed mixture. Stir in nuts and raisins (and their soaking water). Drop by teaspoons 2" apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes.



VAN NESS

New natural area on the Cedar River
needs our love 10 to 2.

The first NFA Conservation outing for 2014 is Saturday, February 15, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This second annual Love Your Watershed restoration event is sponsored by Friends of the Cedar River Watershed (FCRW) and Forterra. It is at the Van Ness Natural Area, a new property along highway 169 south of Renton.

We will be planting native trees and shrubs to improve the site that teems with spawning salmon every fall and hatching alevins and hungry fry in the spring!

Bring family members and friends. Sign up at the Conservation page on the club's website northwestflyanglers.org or call outings coordinator Tom Beaulaurier.

You'll have fun, get outdoors for a little while, and maybe join some NFA friends for a nearby lunch after the outing.



Eric Olson practices his balancing act while Tom Beaulaurier watches

What to Bring and How to Get There

Come prepared: Gloves, tools, water, snacks, and a potty are provided. Dress for the weather and wear clothes to get dirty and boots, or sturdy shoes. A personal water bottle is a good idea.

Driving directions: Drive south on I-5 and then east and north on I-405 to Exit 4 and onto Hwy. 169 towards Maple Valley. Go 6-1/2 miles and look for SE Jones Road. In another half mile look for the Volunteer Activity signs on the left side of the highway. If you pass it, there are turn outs on the right. Mile marker 19 is too far. There is parking on site.



PENINSULA OUTING

Fish peninsula rivers, deluxe accommodations, weekend of February 28–March 2.

The Bogachiel, Queets, Sol Duc, Hoh, Calawah are all names of legendary rivers that bring visions of large winter run steelhead to the minds of steelheaders throughout the Northwest. These rivers are within easy striking distance of the Olympic Natural Resources Center (ONRC), which will be the NFA's refuge during the Olympic Peninsula Outing on February 28–March 2nd.

This will be a joint outing with the Spokane Fly Fishers and provides an opportunity to make fly fishing friends on the side of our state that borders Idaho, which has great fishing and is a favorite fishing destination for members of the Spokane Fly Fishers.

The \$40 outings fee covers the rental of the main dining and meeting areas of the ONRC and all the food for the weekend, starting with Saturday breakfast and including lunches. To rent a bunk bed or double-occupancy apartment at the ONRC call Theresa Santman at (360) 374-4550 or (206) 685-9477 x223

Sign up on line (northwestflyanglers.org) or at the February meeting.



What to Bring

Licenses

Washington fishing license with a steelhead punch card.

Clothes

Bring lots of warm clothes, including head coverings, and rain gear. Wool and Gore-Tex is the recipe here. Leave an extra change of dry clothes in the car.

Gear

Plan on needing 7-9 weight rods. Great opportunity for double-handed Spey and switch rods. Sink-tip lines can make all the difference between nothing and something at the end of the day.

Fly patterns range from Spey flies to standard winter steelhead patterns in flashy colors. Felt-soled wading boots, long Johns under your waders, a wading staff, polarized glasses, and hand warmers for those over the age of 30.

Etc.

Bring a camera in a water-proof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with something warm. Don't leave camp without your lunch (provided).

Getting There

Via Ferry

Take the Edmunds-Kingston Ferry. Then follow routes 104 and 101 all the way to Forks (116 miles). Look for the ONRC on the left two miles south of the bridge into Forks.

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February 12

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

February 20

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments.

February 15

Cedar River Conservation Outing

Plant native trees and shrubs at Van Ness Natural Area on the Cedar River from 10 to 2. Tools, gloves, water, and snacks provided. Dress appropriately.

February 28 - March 2

Peninsula Outing

Wading and floating for steelhead and Dolly Varden on the legendary rivers of the Olympic Peninsula. The Olympic Natural Resource Center will be NFA Central. This is a joint-outing with the Spokane Fly Fishers. \$40 outings fee covers weekend food. To make sleeping arrangement reservations, call (360) 374-4550.

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Yakima River Program

Red's Fly Shop guide Joe Rotter gets us ready for the Yakima River Outing.

In preparation for the April Yakima River Outing we will have Joe Rotter, head of the guide program at Red's Fly Shop, come and talk to us about fishing the Yakima. Joe has written in Northwest Fly Fishing Magazine and is an accomplished photographer.

Joe is one of those fishing guides who on his days off goes fishing. He loves the Yakima River

and loves sharing it's secrets with the rest of us. To do well on the Yakima, one needs to pay attention to what those who fish it for a living have to say. Joe will not only tell us what he knows but he will show us with beautiful pictures! Going on the Yakima Outing? Be there.

11 New Members

The following have applied for individual memberships: **Kate Spelman** recently moved to Seattle. **Clark Brothers** heard about the NFA from Carl Johnson. **Vance Thompson** got information about the club at the Fly Fishing Show. **Dan Richardson** found us on the internet. **Jack Girnus** and **Randy Ishihara** are members of the Spokane Fly Fishers and live

in the Spokane area. **Joseph Curran** and **Ray Spencer** were referred to the club by Patrick's Fly Shop. **Larry Belmont** took the one-day fly casting class and decided to join the NFA.

Larry and **Susan Broder** have recently applied for a family membership. They are friends of Peter Maunsell.

These applicants will be inducted at a future meeting unless there is any objection.

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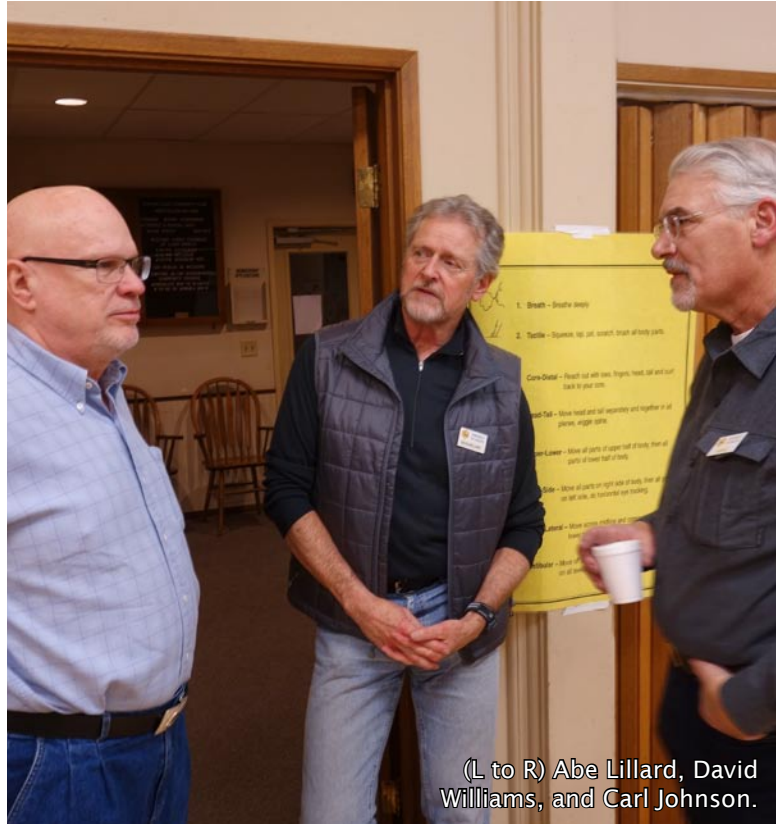
STEERING

12 members attend February 12th meeting.

In attendance were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Jim Morrison, Tom Beaulaurier, Jim Higgins, Jimmy Kamada, Mark Conner, Peter Maunsell, Joe Souther, Helsa Petersen, Kim Kreidler, and Dana Bottcher.

The 2014 NFA Budget was approved with a projected deficit of \$3,365. The deficit is due mainly to: 1) \$1,000 less projected income at the 2014 Awards Banquet, 2) collecting dues for only the last half of 2013, and 3) unusual \$1,000 expense of purchasing NFA nametags and pins. The budget will be presented for a vote of approval at the February membership meeting.

The bylaws amendment to change the dates of when officers are elected was approved, it will be in the March newsletter (see article on page four), and will be presented for ratification at the March membership meeting.



(L to R) Abe Lillard, David Williams, and Carl Johnson.



Maura Johnson and Marianne Mitchell.



Terry Hamilton.

MEMBERSHIP

35 attend February 20th meeting.

President Wytold Lebing welcomed nine guests and thanked Helen Bottcher and Kathy Watson for bringing refreshments.

The membership voted to approve the 2014 NFA Budget as presented.

Membership chair Joe Souther inducted new members Marianne Mitchell, Carleigh Romeis, and Terry Hamilton.

Wytold Lebing and Mark Conner gave a very informative presentation on the 18 remaining outings of the year.

There was much interest at the outings table. Over a dozen people "signed up" for the Match conservation outing.



Matt Friedmar and Carleigh Romeis.



Kids Fly Fishing Camp

This year's week is June 22-28th
| Article by Paul Dieter |

Each year the NFA provides two full scholarships to the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy is designed to educate 12 to 16 year old boys and girls about the importance of conservation and resource stewardship and is modeled after

the nationally acclaimed award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes presentations on ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants will also



Applicants must write an essay, stating why they would like to attend and will need a letter of recommendation from their school.

learn the essential fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, streamside ethics and etiquette, knot tying, reading water, and water safety.

The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South

Sound Fly Fishers will again host the Academy at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington from June 22 through 28, 2014.

All NFA members are encouraged to explore these scholarships for their children, grandchildren, extended relations, or even neighbors. However the scholarships are also open to the public as an educational service by Northwest Fly Anglers.

To apply download an application from the academy site (www.nwycffa.com) and follow it's instructions, except submit the application to an NFA board member or mail it to "NFA P. O. Box 75212 Seattle, WA 98175."

Scholarships will be awarded by the NFA Steering Committee at its April 10th meeting.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT I ELECTION OF OFFICERS DATES



Another Amendment

Bylaws amendment would have officers elected at the end of the fiscal year and take office at the beginning of the new fiscal year

When the NFA was founded in the spring of 1972, the first election of officers was held in May and they took office in June. The Bylaws reflect this and it has never changed. The middle of the year, which is right in middle of the summer months, is the busiest time of the year for the NFA and having a new set of officers step up at that time is a real challenge.

FISCAL YEAR* CHANGE—At its May 16, 2013 meeting, the Steering Committee voted to change the NFA's June 1st to May 31st fiscal year to a January 1st through December 31st fiscal year.

ANNUAL BUDGET—The membership votes to approve the club's annual budget at the February meeting. The annual budget is based on the calendar year, January 1 through December 31st. A new set of officers coming into office in June inherits a budget from the previous administration that is half complete.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT—At its February 20th, 2014 meeting the Steering Committee proposed that the following Bylaws amendment be put to a vote before the membership at its March 20th meeting. In essence, the amendment would mean that the election of officers would be at the November membership meeting (the nominations would be held at the membership meeting of the previous month), and that the new set of officers would take over in January of the next year. There is no steering nor membership meeting in December. The newly elected officers could work on the new fiscal year's budget during December.

Current wording of the NFA Bylaws:

SECTION VII Elections, Paragraph 2. Voting

(a) The annual election of club officers shall be held at the May meeting with the responsibilities of such officers taking effect in the following month.

Proposed amendment wording:

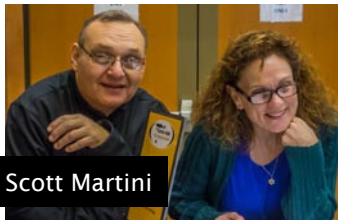
SECTION VII Elections, Paragraph 2. Voting

(a) The annual election of club officers shall be held at the ***last regular membership meeting of the fiscal year*** with the responsibilities of such officers taking effect in the ***first month of the following fiscal year***.

* **Fiscal year:** "A 12-month period over which a company budgets its spending." (From: www.investorwords.com)



Art Alton



Scott Martini



Carl Johnson, Jim Higgins, Peter Maunsell, and David Williams



Peter Maunsell



Susan Lahti



Carl Johnson



Jim Higgins

AT THE SHOW

| Photography by Dana Bottcher |

The 2014 Fly Fishing Show that was at the Lynnwood Exposition Hall the weekend of February 15 and 16th attracted a number of NFA members.

WSCFFF Booth

NFA members helping to staff the booth of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCFFF) included Carl Johnson (NFA member and president of the WSCFFF), his wife Maura (NFA vice-president), David Williams (WSCFFF Secretary and Newsletter Editor), and Peter Maunsell (WSCFFF vice-president in charge of membership). Helping out at the kids fly tying table were Jim Higgins, Kim Kreidler, and Peter Maunsell.

Others

Other NFA members seen at the show included Susan Lahti (who was helping at the Casting for Recovery table), Art Alton (who helped man the Healing Waters table), Scott Martini, Gene Yotsuuye, and Bill Van Natter.

Olympic Peninsula

21 NFA members and 7 guests spend March 1 and 2 weekend enjoying the fine weather on the western side of the Olympic Mountains.

| Article by Mark Conner; photography by Helsa Petersen, Jim Watson, and Bill Gibson |

28 fishers enjoyed great weather, excellent food, and some productive fishing on the NFA's semi-annual Olympic Peninsula Outing at the Olympic Natural Resources Center in Forks. Our gracious super hosts Carl and Maura Johnson and Marianne Mitchell welcomed us all with food and hospitality. Six members of the Spokane Fly Fishers joined us for our joint fishing outing.

Peter Maunsell, Dan Richardson, Bill Gibson, Mark Conner, Randy Ishihara and Harvey Richman arrived Thursday and took advantage of the sunny weather Friday to float fish the Upper Hoh River. Along the way we enjoyed stunning vistas of the snow encrusted Olympic Mountains. Nymphing, Dan took advantage of Peter's rowing and guiding talents to catch a rainbow trout. All boaters successfully negotiated technical Oxbow Rapids just above the takeout. The rest of the gang arrived Friday. Marianne Mitchell generously hosted a warm supper of hot dogs and chili on Friday evening at her cabin in Forks.

Carl arose early Saturday to prepare coffee, tea, chocolate that was served with sausage, eggs, pancakes, fruit, and cereal. We packed tortilla roll sandwiches for our day's fishing.

13 of us chose to fish the Lower Bogachiel River. A self shuttle was arranged hastily. Carolyn Sells, Don Tietz, Eric Olson, and Randy fished pontoons down. Carl, Matthew Graf, and Norman Urbat rode in Carl's drift boat, Peter and Dan in one raft, and Bill and I in another. At the takeout seven large men squeezed into Matthew Graf's small Subaru Outback. The four banger did admirably with half a ton of eager fishers making the put ins with ease!

Bonnie Steele and Lois Eulberg hiked up the Upper Bogachiel as did Helsa Petersen and Kim Kreidler. Shirley Miller and Jimmy Kamada caught a 12" cutthroat wading the Upper Hoh. Carleigh and Ron Romeis took the honors catching several whitefish and hooking four steelhead – one brought to hand, on the Hoh above 101. Jim Watson won the prize for most waters fished: the Quinault, Queets, Bogachiel, and Calawah but no fish.

Sunday Morning brought breakfast of eggs, bacon, and hash browns. Several packed lunches for further fishing Sunday and some even through Tuesday. What a great weekend for two fly fishing clubs meeting, fishing, and making friends while enjoying the verdant Peninsula rain forest and all its watery wonders.

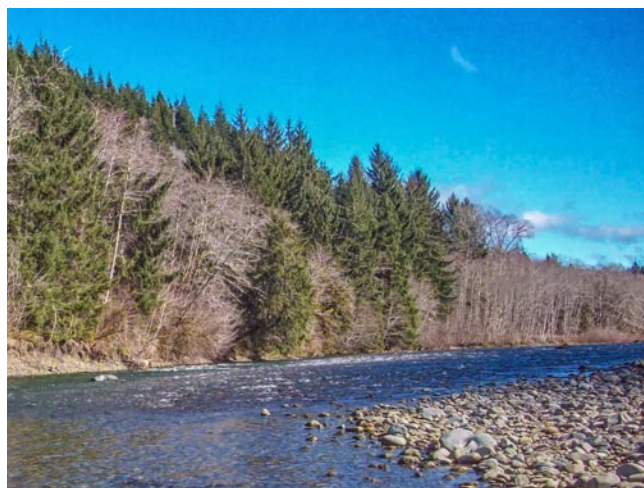


L to R: Kim Kreidler, Mark Conner, Eric Olson, Jim Watson, Matt Graf, Maura Johnson, Bill Gibson, Randy Ishihara, Lois Eulberg, Harvey Richman, Peter Maunsell, Mrs. Urbat, Jim Morrison, Ron Romeis, Shirley Miller, Carleigh Romeis, Carolyn Sells, Jimmy Kamada, Don Tietz, Carl Johnson, Dan Richardson, Bonnie Steele, Norman Urbat, and Helsa Petersen. (Photo by Helsa Petersen.)

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1. Jim Morrison talks strategy for the float on the lower Bogachiel with Eric Olson. (Photo by Bill Gibson.)

2. Saturday's skies were blue and the Bogachiel River was running clear and very fishable. (Photo by Jim Watson).

3. The Calawah River is a much smaller stream than the Bogachiel. (Photo by Jim Watson).

4. Outings hostess Maura Johnson enjoys her own cooking at Saturday dinner. (Photo by Jim Watson).

5. L to R: Harvey Richman, Peter Maunsell, co-host Carl Johnson, and Mark Conner. (Photo by Jim Watson).

VAN NESS

Four NFA members plant natives and beat back invaders.

| Article and photography
by Tom Beaulaurier.

On February 15, the first NFA Conservation outing for 2014 took place. This event was also the second annual Love Your Watershed restoration event of Friends of the Cedar River Watershed and Forterra.

The main objective of the event was to plant 210 new native plants and shrubs at the Van Ness Natural Area, a sliver of King County park land that sits along the Cedar River about half-way between Renton and Maple Valley.

Unlike the very familiar rocky sites the club has previously planted along the Cedar River, the work area at Van Ness was, fortunately, mostly silt and sandy soil. Easy digging and planting was a welcome change, and we got through much sooner than the organizers had planned.

For those interested in fishing the river in this area, and I highly recommend that you give it a try when the season opens on the first Saturday in June (catch-and-release only, by the way), there has been major clearing work already completed on the property and now there is access to a bank of the river that has been previously inaccessible.



Dig a hole, plant a shrub



Tom Beaulaurier, Daniel & Scott Martini,
& Scott McCracken



Scott & Daniel Martini

The rainy weather on Saturday, resulted in a low turnout from the three organizations that volunteered. Nevertheless, those who did show up were in high spirits and just glad to be outdoors and doing something physical and helping improve the fish habitat of this important river.

Once the planting task at hand was quickly completed, those of us who had the time were offered the opportunity to take on a real pest: pulling butterfly bushes that had overwhelmed large swatches of the riverbank. The butterfly bush is a very aggressive invasive plant that is despised by habitat restoration experts. It is in the same nefarious class as the infamous knotweed and dreaded Himalayan blackberry, both insidious plants that spread effortlessly and seem to survive all efforts at eradication. Most of the volunteers jumped at the opportunity to clip and grub out these interlopers and carry their dead bodies to the disposal piles. We did some serious damage to the invaders. It felt good, real good, to push back against these plants that don't belong here and are harming our native wild plants.

Thanks to NFA members Tom Beaulaurier, Daniel and Scott Martini, and Scott McCracken for coming out on such a marginal day. We all got wet, dirty, and a little fatigued. And we also left with a feeling of satisfaction for doing something positive for the future of the Cedar River fishery.



ROYAL ARCH

New natural area on the Cedar River needs our love 10 to 2.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) a few days early and help out Goddess Earth by joining other NFA members and friends as we plant trees and shrubs along the Cedar River in the Royal Arch Natural Area on Saturday March 15th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event is spon-

sored by Friends of the Cedar River Watershed (FCRW) and Forterra. The Royal Arch Natural Area is a couple of acres along the Cedar River that provides promising habitat restoration opportunities to benefit Chinook salmon. We will be planting native trees and shrubs.

Bring family members and friends. Sign up at the Conservation page on the club's website northwestflyanglers.org or call outings coordinator Tom Beaulaurier.

You'll have fun, get outdoors for a little while, and maybe join some NFA friends for a nearby lunch after the outing.

What to Bring

Clothing: Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking in the woods and mud. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear. Wear layers to keep warm; you can always take off some layers if you are working so hard that you get over-heated.

Tools: The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them; they will fit better and you will be less likely to get blisters.

Food: The sponsors provide water and snack food (fruit, dips and veggies, and chips). There is a noon break, and most people eat what's provided for lunch. Bring a full water bottle.

Other Stuff: Bring something that takes pictures, like a camera or a smart phone. Your best shots could end up in the club's newsletter and/or on the website. Bring something to pay for a early afternoon lunch if you plan on going out to a restaurant after the event with fellow NFA volunteers.

Getting to Royal Arch Natural Area

- Drive south on I-5.
- Turn east on I-405.
- Head north and take Exit 4 onto Hwy. 169 towards Maple Valley.
- Go nine miles and you cross the Cedar River.
- In another quarter mile look for the Volunteer Activity signs on the right.
- If you go under Rte. 18 you have missed the turnoff.
- There is parking on site.

SEATTLE OUTING

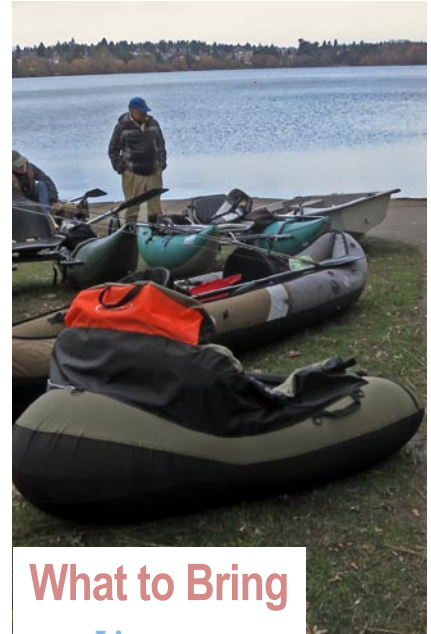
Fish Seattle's Green Lake for hold-over rainbows and possibly large browns on Saturday, March 29.

Seattle's popular Green Lake has consistently been rated by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife as "excellent" for its rainbow trout fishing. While this rating is well deserved, very little is mentioned regarding brown trout. The winter months provides some interesting opportunities for brown trout. Over the past several years 12,000 fingerling browns measuring three to five inches have been planted in Green Lake during the month of November. A few "in the know" spin fishers and the occasional fly fisher have been catching browns in the 14 to 20-inch class and sometimes larger during the winter months of November, December, January, and February. March is a great time for NFA members to test the waters.

Most people will be bringing a floating device to get out on the lake. If you don't have one, there are places from which you can cast out quite a bit: piers, for instance.

Sign up on line (northwestflyanglers.org) or at the monthly membership meeting. There is no outings fee, nor food, nor cutoff date for signing up. Just come and have fun; bring the whole family and have a picnic.

Outing Co-ordinators: Michael and Jennifer Sargent



What to Bring

Licenses

Washington fishing license.

Clothes

Dress according to the weather and bring rain gear just in case.

Gear

Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods with floating lines and 3X and 4X leaders. Patterns would include streamers that mimic minnows, such as a bullet head minnow or even a small Clouser. Pontoon boat, float tubes, canoe or pram.

Etc.

Bring a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with something warm and your lunch (again in Ziplock bag).

Meeting Place

Meet at Aqua Theater area at south end of Green Lake; look for the NFA banner.



Outing host: Peter Maunsell

YAKIMA OUTING

April 4-6 outing will be on Washington's blue ribbon Yakima River to coincide with the prolific skwala stonefly hatch.

NFA Central will be at Big Pines Campground right on the river. Most will be floating from several launch sites downstream to the campground or from the campground down to the Roza impoundment. If you don't have a boat, access for wading is unlimited along the 19-mile Canyon Road that fronts the river as it flows through the Yakima Canyon south of Ellensburg. The reduced flows at this time of the year (and during the fall after Labor Day) make wading easier than during mid-summer.

The Skwala stoneflies will be uppermost on the minds of the feisty Yakima rainbows as they put on the feedbag after a winter of reduced rations.



The hatch is a major event and it means lots of surface activity; a great opportunity for a dry and a dropper nymph.

A \$25 outings fee covers all food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch.

Sign up at the monthly membership meeting or on line at (northwestflyanglers.org). Reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 1st so the outings hosts have enough time to purchase the correct amount of food



What to Bring

Licenses

Washington fishing license.

Clothes

Bring clothes for warmish daytime temperatures and warmer clothes for chilly nights. Rain gear is also essential on the "dry side" of the mountains. Don't forget your hat and dark glasses.

Gear

Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods. Everyone uses floating lines with 3X and 4X leaders. Bring 5X leader material if you have to put on really small flies. Fly patterns range from Elk Hair Caddis to bead-headed Prince nymphs. Some folks fish a dry with a dropper nymph, others just a dry, and others fish just a nymph with a strike indicator.

Etc.

Bring your camping gear and a folding camp chair. Remember a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with liquid. Don't leave camp without your lunch (provided).

Getting There

I-90

Drive 110 miles east on I-90 and exit onto Canyon Road.

Turn left and drive 18-1/2 miles down the Canyon Road until you see the sign for Big Pines Campground. Be careful to stay to the 45 mph limit, lots of tickets are given out.

NORTHWEST FLY ANGLERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

March 15

Royal Arch Conservation Outing

Plant native trees and shrubs at Royal Arch Natural Area on the Cedar River from 10 to 2. Tools, gloves, water, and snacks provided. Dress appropriately.

March 20

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments.

March 29

Green Lake Outing

Floating for rainbows and browns. No outing fee.

April 4-6

Yakima River Outing

Floating or wading for rainbows; skwala caddis hatch may still encourage surface feeding. Camping at Big Pines. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the April issue are due Tuesday April 1st. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Garage Sale and Fall Steelhead

April 17th Membership Meeting
6:30 to 7:30 Garage Sale
8:00 Jack Mitchell and the Klickitat River.

The 2014 NFA Garage Sale will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 at the April 17th membership meeting. If you are selling stuff, be sure to come early to set up your table. 10 percent of all proceeds go to the club. There will be refreshments and lots of socializing as well as buying and selling. After a brief business meeting we will have the evening program.

Jack Mitchell is the owner of the Evening Hatch which does guided trips all over Washington state and hosts destination fly fishing trips outside our state and the United States. The Evening Hatch is also a fly shop, a boat rental outfitter, and shuttle service. It is located in Ellensburg right off of 1-90 at the head of the Canyon.

Jack is one of those legendary fishing guides who has been instrumental in exposing people to the Yakima, Upper Columbia, Naches, and Klickitat Rivers. He will be presenting a program on steelhead fishing the Klickitat.

Come and find out about the Klickitat.



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Eight New Applicants

The following have applied for individual memberships:

Errol Flagor and **David Fairbanks** are returning members and both are interested in conservation. **Bernie Hall** and **Bill Adamucci** found us on the internet. Bernie is new to fly fishing, and Bill would like to help out on conservation projects. **Kent Westbrook**, who is also new to fly fishing, heard about the NFA from a former NFA

member. **Steve Bosch**, another beginning fly fisher, took the NFA Casting Class.

John and **Judy Gattinella** applied for family memberships. They were told about the NFA by Carl Johnson. Both are active conservationists and would like to help out with the fly tying class.

These applicants will be inducted at a future meeting unless there is any objection.

JANUARY'S MEETINGS | STEERING AND MEMBERSHIP



Dan Richardson, Joseph Curran, Clark Brothers, Larry Belmont, Ray Spencer, Helen Bottcher, Larry and Sue Broder

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

About 80 members and guests attend the March 20th meeting.

President Wytold Lebing welcomed six guests and thanked Sue and Larry Broder and Scott McCracken for bringing refreshments.

The membership voted to approved Wytold's choice of Ray Spencer as Secretary. They also voted to approve a motion for an amendment to the Bylaws that would change the election date of officers to the end of the fiscal/calendar year.

Seven new members were inducted.

Guide Joe Rotter gave an interesting and well photographed presentation on fishing the Yakima River.



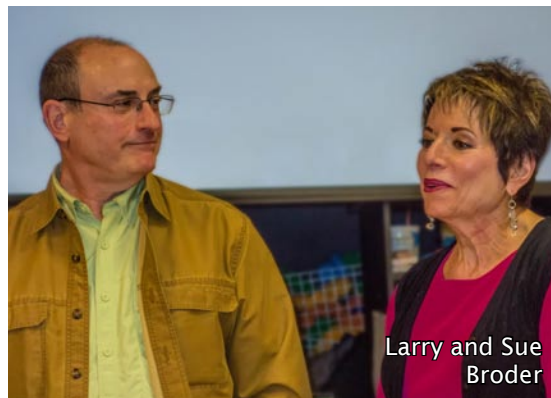
Speaker Joe Rotter



Dave Jones



Joseph Curran



Larry and Sue Broder

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

10 members attend
March 12th meeting.

In attendance were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Jim Morrison, Ray Spencer, Tom Beaulaurier, Jimmy Kamada, Mark Conner, Joe Souther, Paul Dieter, and Dana Bottcher.

- Wytold asked Ray Spencer if he would serve as club Secretary and he accepted. His choice will be presented for a ratification vote at the March membership meeting.
- There will also be a vote at the March membership meeting to approve an amendment to the Bylaws.
- The club will collect 10 percent of all the Garage Sale proceeds at the April monthly meeting.
- The rod building class has been cancelled due to lack of students.
- No applications have been received for the two club scholarships to the kids conservation and fly fishing academy. The deadline is April 15th.

FLY FISHING FAIR

May 3-4 at Ellensburg Fair Grounds
| Article and photography by Dana Bottcher |



NFA member and event fly tyer David Williams.

The State Council of the FFF is putting on its annual Fair on Saturday May 3rd (9 to 5) and Sunday May 4th (8 to 3). Admission is free to FFF members and kids under 16; the rest pay \$5.00.

The Awards Banquet and Auction (\$35) will be Saturday night. If you volunteer, you get to go to the Fair free and get a free spaghetti dinner Friday evening. Contact Carl or Maura Johnson to volunteer.

FLY TYING There will be over 100 fly tyers tying some of their favorite patterns throughout both days. Famous tyers like Bruce Staples and Jim Teeny will be tying and giving tips. NFA members like David Williams and Jim Higgins will also be tying. The Wenatchee Valley Fly

Fishers will be offering free kids fly tying classes on Saturday. This is a great opportunity to see fly tying by the pros.

CASTING There will be casting games (including a nine-hole casting course), competitions, and instruction workshops in one and two-handed rods.

FREE SEMINARS Seminars will be free and offered on both days. Listen to the experts talk about how to succeed fishing familiar and exotic fly fishing waters. NFA member David Williams will be presenting his program *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth*.

MORE INFORMATION Check their link for more information:
<http://www.washington-councilfff.org>.

MAY 10TH KIDS FISH-IN EVENT

The annual Kids Fish-in will be held Saturday, May 10th from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at South Everett's Silver Lake in Sullivan Park. Kids ages four to 14 get to fish free with preregistration in one of eight sessions and get to keep their catch. The Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club buys extra fish in the four- to six-pound range to give some of the kids an extra thrill.

The NFA and Everett club provide expert volunteers to assist the kids in baiting their hooks and casting. This is a great opportunity for NFA members to volunteer for the entire day or part of the day. I would like to see some of our many new members show up. **Walt Furler**



David Williams

NFA member and veteran volunteer Gene Yotsuuye. The smile tells it all.



L to R: Scott Martini, Clark Brothers, Wytold Lebing, Tom Beaulaurier, and Daniel Martini. NFA member Jerry Bronson not pictured.

THE ROYAL TREATMENT

On Saturday, March 15th, six NFA members plant friendly natives and beat back nasty invaders at Royal Arch.
| Article and photography by Tom Beaulaurier. |

Once again, NFA volunteers joined with the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed (FCRW) and Forterra to work on the Cedar River, this time at the newly acquired Royal Arch Natural Area. If you have ever searched for access to the river that is not adjacent to the highway, is not heavily fished and is close enough to Lake Washington that 16- to 20-inch trout could still be found, here was a great opportunity to scout out a section of water with public access.

Thanks to club president Wytold Lebing, Scott and Daniel Martini, charter member Jerry Bronson, and new member Clark Brothers for spending a few hours working on behalf of the NFA, FCRW and Forterra.

This was a planting and a pulling day. The project goal was to get native trees and shrubs started in new locations on this public-owned land. The vegetation will promote clean water and wildlife habitat for the future. We got these new plants in

the ground by lunchtime.

One of the highlights of this NFA conservation outing was a presentation from a naturalist volunteer from the Cedar River Salmon Journey (CRSJ) program during our lunch break. If you have an opportunity to hear one of these naturalists, you and your guests would enjoy it. Join the next NFA conservation event with the FCRW and you might find there is also a presentation from a CRSJ naturalist.

After the presentation we had an opportunity to help further by cutting and digging into a blackberry hedge. As you certainly know, these invasive plants have all the advantages in dominating the native species that would otherwise do well. So making a noticeable dent in that hedge was rewarding work too. There are not as many thorns on those canes as I thought, and we made good progress by the time two o'clock and quitting time rolled around.

GREEN AND DAMP

14 attend the Saturday, March 29th outing in Seattle. Fishing 0, Chowda 5 Stars.

| Article by Michael Sargent; photography by Dana Bottcher |



The Chowda' welcoming camper arrived at 9:00 am to host the day's NFA Green Lake outing. In the distant mist a pontoon raft with waving hand from Clark Brothers approached shore with a fishing report for the early rainy morning. Eric Olson also landed his float tube and said he had to get home and do chores. He left three hours later.

Jimmy Kamada and Shirley Miller were out on the piers practicing their casting. They were joined later by Mike Gallavan, who is teaching this year's Beginning Casting Class.

Vance Thompson appeared and began inflating his new raft as did Art

Alton and Wayne Balsiger. Vance launched, then Art, but Wayne didn't get his nine-foot pontoon into the lake until after lunch.

Matt Moore and Eric Olson watched Larry Belmont pump up his round float tube. Matt and Larry got in a hour of fishing before lunch.

Dana Bottcher arrived to provide a hand, snagging pictures, and exchanging jovial jocular quips with those who have enjoyed many hours at outings of shared camaraderie offered through this wonderful community of ours. Dana and I spoke to several prospective members where cards and information were exchanged.

1. Jimmy Kamada practicing his casting. 2. Vance Thompson putting in his new raft. 3. Left to right: Michael Sargent, Jennifer Sargent, Wayne Balsiger, and David Campbell. 4. Art Alton waves. 5. Clark Brothers enjoys Michael Sargent's New England chowder.

Dave Campbell arrived just before noon, and the troops reconvened for some New England Chowda' and a final team photo. While all expressed how much they enjoyed the soup, we awaited breathlessly for Art's comments as the final litmus test. Quietly slurping for what seemed hours, and after the third bowl was licked

clean, Art smiled slightly and said, "not bad."

Jennifer and I are newbies as hosts and couldn't have been more pleased at the turn out. Thankfully we were graced with long periods of partial sun and overcast skies. When we departed around two, Wayne and Clark were still working hard at it on the lake.



LAKE WASHINGTON

Make Luther Burbank better for sockeye salmon, 9 to 12.

The NFA has signed up to be on the Morning Team for removing invasive species at Luther Burbank Park right on Lake Washington. The event is on Saturday April 12th, from nine to noon. This event is sponsored by the Mountains to Sound Greenway group. Luther Burbank Park is an important rest stop for migratory sockeye salmon going from and returning to the Cedar River watershed. By removing invasive plants and planting native trees and shrubs, the shoreline will be a better place for fish to rest up during this important segment of their life cycle.

This is a great family-friendly project; kids six and older welcomed. Also, why not ask your friends if they would like to come. Sign everyone up at the Conservation page on the club's website northwestflyanglers.org or call outings coordinator Tom Beaulaurier.

You'll have fun, get outdoors for a little while, and even join some NFA friends for a nearby lunch after the outing.

What to Bring

Clothing: Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking in the woods and mud. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear.

Tools: The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves.

Food: Water and snack food provided. Bring a full water bottle.

Other Stuff: Bring a camera or a smart phone for pictures. Bring money for a early afternoon lunch if you plan on going out to a restaurant after the event with fellow NFA volunteers.

Getting There

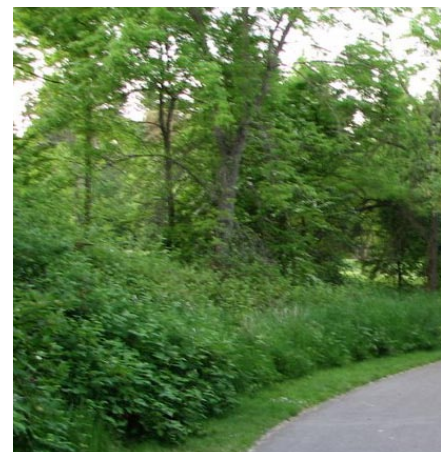
Drive east on I-90 across Lake Washington.

Take Exit 7A for 77th Ave. SE.

Turn left on 77th Ave. SE and then right onto N Mercer Way.

In another quarter mile turn left on SE 26th St. and then left on 84th Ave. SE.

Look for event signs for parking.





What to Bring

Licenses

Washington fishing license and a Discover Pass.

Fishing Equipment

Four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders, and strike indicators (for chironomid fishing).

Wet fly patterns: damselfly, 10s and 12s. Chironomid pupae, 12s to 18s.

Dry fly patterns: Callibaetis mayfly, 12s and 14s.

Camping Gear

Tents

Sleeping bags and pads.
Flashlight and folding camp chair.

Floating Devices

Pram.

Float tubes.
Pontoon boat.
(No motors).

Etc.

Water bottle.
Camera (in Ziplock bag).

Getting There

Drive east on I-90 for 150 miles. Take Exit 151 towards Ephrata/Soap Lakes on Rte. 283N. Enter Ephrata in 15 miles and continue straight on Rte. 28E toward Soap Lake. Enter Soap Lake in 11 miles and turn left on Rte. 17N. In 18-1/2 miles you will see Sun Lakes/Dry Falls State Park on your right.

Or drive east on Rte. 2 and after about 150 miles you come to Banks Lake. Turn right on Rte. 17 and at four miles the park entrance is on your left.

DRY FALLS

Browns and carp are on this outing's marquee.

Dry Falls Lake has a healthy population of browns and rainbows, and nearby Banks Lake has schools of large carp cruising the shallows. If these species are on your bucket list, then attending this outing is a must.

The club will be camping at the 7,000 acre Sun Lake / Dry Falls State Park. Dry Falls Lake is within the park and Banks Lake is four miles away.

Your outing hosts have reserved spaces #121 and #122 to set up the camp kitchen. You may reserve your site on line here: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/298/Sun-Lakes-Dry-Falls>.

\$25 outing fee covers food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. Reservation deadline to pay outing fee is Tuesday, May 14th.

So the hosts can buy the right amount of food, the deadline for making and paying for your reservation is Tuesday, April 22. This can be done at the club's website: northwest-flyanglers.org.

Hosts: Shirley Miller and Jimmy Kamada.

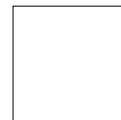


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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4-6

Yakima River Outing

Float or wade for feisty rainbows. Camping at Big Pines. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend.

April 9

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Club.

April 12

Conservation Outing

Help sockeye by removing invasives at Luther Burbank Park from 9 to 12. Group lunch afterwards.

April 17

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Club. Garage Sale from 6:30 to 7:30. Evening presentation begins at 8:00.

April 25-27

Dry Falls Outing

Floating for rainbows and browns. Camping at Sun Lakes State Park. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the May issue are due Tuesday May 6th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Hatchery vs. Wild Steelhead

Travel writer and conservationist Dylan Tomine speaks
May 15th on saving wild steelhead.

Dylan Tomine lives on Bainbridge Island with his wife and two young children, who are almost as obsessed with fishing as Dylan was at their ages. Dylan has spent much of his life fishing for steelhead (from Argentina to Alaska) and guiding in the Bristol Bay watersheds. As a travel writer Dylan has visited much of the Pacific rim. His writings have appeared in publications like the *New York Times* and *The Drake*.

Since becoming a parent, he has written a book about his family life on Bainbridge Island (*Closer to the Ground*) and has been thinking more about the future. Consequently, he now devotes lots of time toward the preservation of wild steelhead. He is a trustee of the Wild Steelhead Coalition.

Dylan will present a program on wild steelhead preservation at our May 15th meeting. He has an important program. Don't miss it.

4 New Members

At the April meeting, the club got applications for all three types of memberships.

George Brill applied for an individual membership. George had been a member for several years and let his membership lapse when he moved to the southwest a few years ago. Now he is back in the northwest and is rejoining. He has helped out at conservation and fishing outings in the past. Welcome back, George.

Kathy and **Norm Wells** have applied for a family member-

ship. They are both retired and come to the NFA through our casting classes. They want to get out and do some fishing.

New NFA member Carleigh Romeis filled out an application her father, **Ron Romeis**, to become an associate membership. Ron lives in Redmond, Oregon where associate members Tim and Renee Schindele live. Ron has already attended several outings with Carleigh and has gotten to know the Schindeles.

These applicants will be inducted at a future meeting unless there is any objection.

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STEERING

7 members attend April 9th meeting.

In attendance were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Jim Morrison, Ray Spencer, Jimmy Kamada, Joe Souther, and Dana Bottcher.

Wytold appointed Peter Maunsell to fill the position of Treasurer since Jim Morrison is taking on the position of Website Editor. Wytold's choice will be voted on by the membership at the Membership Meeting.

The Coastal Conservation Association was chosen as the first nominee for the 2014 NFA Memorial Conservation Award.

Noah Dimsha was awarded one of the NFA scholarships to the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The other budgeted scholarship will be donated to the Academy.

The July 17 NFA Picnic will be at the Good Shepherd Center



MEMBERSHIP

April 17th Garage Sale and Meeting.

After an hour of shopping at the NFA Garage Sale, Vice-president Maura Johnson welcomed 5 guests and thanked Jim and Shirley Kamada for bringing refreshments (Maura also brought some).

Maura asked for and the membership voted to approve President Wytold Lebing's interim appointment of Peter Maunsell as Treasurer. Current Treasurer Jim Morrison will be assuming the position of Website Editor.

Evening Hatch owner Jack Mitchell gave an interesting presentation on fly fishing eastern Washington waters.

Top: Many items for sale and loads of interested buyers. Middle (left to right): Judy and John Gattinella, Helen Bottcher, David Fairbanks, Kent Westbrook, Errol Flager, Steve Bosch, and Bill Adamucci. Bottom: Full house means lots of cars in the back parking area.



Photography by Dana Bottcher

Casting Class

23 Students

| Photography by Dana Bottcher |

Michael Gallavan, Bill and Peg Van Natter, Eric Olson, and David Williams are putting 23 students through their paces at the Casting Pier on the north-west shore of Green Lake. The class started on April Fool's Day and runs every Tuesday night from 6:30 to dark until May 6th.

Some of the students are members, but at least half of them are non-members. Club brochures and business cards were handed out to those who asked about the NFA.



Class goes on until it is too dark to see; Mike Gallavan shows the whole class how to grip the rod; and Eric Olson demonstrates how to tie yarn onto a tippet without wearing glasses.



Yakima River Outing Report

23 people attend the April 4th to 6th outing.

| Article by Mark Conner. Photography by Tom Ahlers and Paul Dieter |



(Above left to right) Scott McCracken, Jim Watson, and Carl Johnson.

NFA members Dan and Gina Richardson and my friend Harvey Richman from Idaho, arrived early to camp at Big Pines on April 3rd, a cold and dark Thursday evening.

Outing hosts Peter and Kelly Maunsell showed up early Friday to set up the NFA kitchen, a big tarp, and wind screen due to the threatening weather. Sasha and I and almost all other attendees made

it into camp on Friday. Friday's bonus dinner consisted of Maura Johnson's wonderfully warm and hearty chili accompanied by Peter's cornbread, a delicious salad, and a lemon pastry treat for dessert. A welcome campfire helped take the chill off.

The temperatures were in the thirties when Peter got up to start coffee Saturday morning. But the sun warmed things up

while everyone sat down to bacon, pancakes, muffins, fruit and cereal for Saturday breakfast. Sliced turkey in rolled tortillas were taken for lunch.

Unfortunately, the Canyon Road was closed to vehicle traffic due to a marathon. Therefore a bunch of outing attendees floated from Big Pines camp downstream. Others wade fished from the road below camp. **To page 5....**



L to R: Tom Ahlers, Maura Johnson, Jim Morrison, Mark and Sasha Conner, Dan Richardson, Tom Beaulaurier, Gina Richardson, Harvey Richman, Kelly Maunsell, Paul Dieter (Jack), Kim and Scott Martini, Scott McCracken, Carleigh Romeis, Peter Maunsell, Jim Watson, Russ Shropshire, Carl Johnson, and Matt Moore. (Photo by Paul Dieter.)

.....**From page 4** Harvey and I were able to get upstream to Umtanum where we launched a boat and floated down to camp. When we rounded the bend above Red's resort, we ran into a flotilla of guide boats filled with clients and guides. Jockeying for water from that point to camp, to put it diplomatically, strained the boundaries of proper river etiquette. It might have been a bigger deal if the fishing had been better, but as it was Harvey and I had two "long line releases" and two weak strikes.

From what I could tell by the conversations in camp, our story was not uncommon. Highlights included Peter catching several average-sized fish at camp and Matt Moore landing a nice rainbow from his wooden drift boat.

Peter scored another culinary hit Saturday night: penne pasta with sausage marinara, chopped salad, and lemon pastry for dessert. New member Carleigh Romeis arrived after dinner and was a welcome addition to the crowd around the campfire. The

cold night air forced many to an early bed despite the warm campfire and pleasant company.

Sunday morning was ten degrees warmer. After a big breakfast of eggs and sausage, fruit, muffins, and cereal, folks helped with dishes and packing the club gear. After a group picture everyone packed up their own camping gear, took their turkey sandwiches, and headed out for a sunny and warm day of varied adventures. Scott McCracken and new member Tom Ahlers hiked up to the rim of the canyon for some expansive views up and down the river. Others put in a few hours of casting and some catching. Sasha and Harvey and I took Harvey's drift boat down from Ringer to Umtanum. To the



delight of Sasha, Harvey turned over the oars to her for a two-mile stretch of guiding her Papa and adopted uncle down the Yakima.

Much thanks to Peter and Kelly for hosting the outing and to Maura Johnson for helping make Friday's dinner a success.

BUSY TIME AT DRY FALLS

17 NFA members and guests spend April 26 and 27 weekend enjoying the fine weather on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains.

Article by Jimmy Kamada

Photography by Vance Thompson

Dry Falls State Park was a busy place during NFA's outing, April 25-27, 2014, since Saturday was "opening day" for area lakes. There were plenty of RV's, truck-and-trailer outfits and boats. Kids threw baseballs and rode bikes, grandparents walked dogs and babies cried. Shirley and I had reserved sites 121 and 122, so there was plenty of space – two picnic tables and room for visiting among members Michael Gallavan, Jim Higgins, Bill Johnston, Ron Takemura, Dan and Gina Richardson and dog, "Lola," Scott and Kim Martini, Matt and Leslie Moore and dog, "Chester," Vance and Alexa Thompson, Thom Peters, and Larry and Bev Belmont. The plans of four anglers who'd registered were unavoidably changed, but Dave Williams, as well as Craig and Rucey Erwin and dog, "Callie," visited the campsite.

Friday evening over corn chowder in bread bowls, Ron Takemura described Coffee Pot Lake, south of Wilbur, where he



Top to bottom:
Outing hosts Jimmy Kamada and his wife Shirley Miller smile from within the kitchen tent during breakfast no doubt. Corn chowder in bread bowls kept hungry folks warm and nourished at the NFA commissary below.



caught nine good-sized fish casting an olive woolley bugger on a sinking line. Thursday, Ron had caught a nice 14-incher in Dry Falls Lake. Mike Gallavan fished from his pontoon boat. Bill Johnston, in his fiberglass pram, using a #12 blood worm in Dry Falls Lake, hooked an 18-incher – "a real fighter," he said. It leaped from the water repeatedly. On Sunday morning, the two broke camp and headed for Rocky Ford to target some big lunkers.

Dan Richardson had the most humorous fishing story. He and Gina fished Vic Meyer Lake. "It was 'Fish On,' fast!" Dan said, until a camp host informed him the lake was closed. Dan was one day early. Dan went to Perch Lake, Saturday, and saw lots of people, but a "very slow catch." Oh, what a difference a day makes.

Bev Belmont hiked to the top of the trail for panoramic vistas of the area. (She didn't mention happening upon any rattlesnakes.) Bev also enjoyed reading in the sunshine. **To page 7.....**

HOSTING HINTS: This is the second year that Jimmy Kamada and Shirley Miller have been hosting, and if you have gone on any of their outings you will have been impressed with the informative e-mails they send out

before the outing, not to mention the wonderful outings they put on. They added a new wrinkle for this outing: an outing questionnaire! As you can see, it makes writing the outing report easier and more interesting.



Back row from left: Kim Martini, Bill Johnston, Michael Gallavan, Gina Richardson, Shirley Miller, Jimmy Kamada, Leslie Moore, Matt Moore, Jim Higgins, Larry Belmont, and Bev Belmont. Front row, from left: Scott Martini, Dan Richardson, Ron Takemura, Thom Peters, and Vance Thompson (Alexa Thompson, not in photo).
Iconic view of Dry Falls Lake from highway 17.



.....**From page 6** Leslie Moore said she “loved trying to find what fly was going to catch that fish.” She had no luck Saturday, but was enthusiastic about trying again, Sunday. “Beautiful weather and great company,” Leslie said. Matt Moore said he “woke up, had an awesome breakfast and slowly rolled down the gravel road to Dry Falls Lake. [We were] delayed at the launch, but once in the water, an incredible day floating around and fishing.” Matt enjoyed the “beautiful wildlife, a great lunch and more floating, rowing and fishing. All capped off with dinner and friends.”

The biggest thrill was expressed by Kim Martini. Here is her story: “OMG! What a wonderful day to wake and fish! I caught my first ever fish – not only that, it’s the first time I even touched a fish! The sun shining, eagles above my head playing, geese squawking at me! Does it get any better? Fly fishing has to be the best thing anyone could do. Now I know and understand the bumper sticker, ‘I’d Rather Be Fishing!’”

Really, isn’t that what it’s all about?



LUTHER BURBANK

Nine NFA members beat back dreaded Himalayan invaders.

| Article by Tom Beaulaurier; photography by Dana Bottcher |

The weather for our April outing was perfect. Our project this month was in beautiful Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island. The work involved clearing small, thin Himalayan blackberry patches from a hillside section of the park. This was a fun and rewarding chance to launch an

attack on these pests. We were given tools that made the work safe and easy, so it was fun, too. Ron Takemura and Dana Bottcher will attest to that. There is a lot of satisfaction looking at the clean ground where the blackberries were, knowing that this will provide a habitat

for native plants that will soon be planted and probably thrive in this nice soil and location.

There was a good turnout from the NFA. Nine members gave up their Saturday mornings to represent the NFA at the Mountains to Sound Greenway project. Kathy and Jim Watson, Scott McCracken, Ron Takemura, Dana Bottcher, Daniel Martini, Scott Martini, Wytold Lebing,

and Tom Beaulaurier.

Wytold told me he was in bed the day before dealing with the lingering effects of a flu-like virus that came back with him from a recent business trip to Italy. If that virus is not completely gone by this time next month, Wytold, you'll be the project for the conservation outing in May! That's how much your effort is appreciated. Thanks to everyone who came out!

(Back row, left to right) Ken Takenura, Scott McCracken, Jim and Kathy Watson. (Front row, left to right) Tom Beaulaurier, Scott and Daniel Martini, and Dana Bottcher. Wytold Lebing not shown.



SEWARD PARK OUTING

Meet at Cafe Vita at 9; work at the park from 10 to 2.

Bring your family and friends out to Seward Park to restore shoreline habitat with Friends of the Cedar River Watershed through the Green Seattle Partnership! Seward Park is 300 acres of beautiful forestland, home to eagles' nests, old growth forest, miles of hiking, biking, and walking trails, shoreline, beaches, and more. Join us along the shore of Lake Washington to weed invasive plants, build compost platforms, mulch exposed banks, and restore habitat to a more natural and sustainable state. By working together, we will rejuvenate this site, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and create a lasting community legacy for years to come!

Sign up at the Conservation page on the club's website northwestflyanglers.org or call outings coordinator Tom Beaulaurier.

You'll have fun, get outdoors for a little while, and maybe join some NFA friends for a nearby lunch after the outing.

DIRECTIONS TO CAFE VITA From I-5 go eastbound on I-90 and immediately (EXIT 3) exit onto Rainier Ave S. Head south 2 miles and turn left (east) on S Genesee St. In .8 miles turn right (south) on 50 Ave. S and in .5 miles bend left onto Wilson Ave S. Cafe Vita is on left across from PCC market.

DIRECTIONS TO SEWARD PARK From Cafe Vita continue south on Wilson and then bear left at stop sign onto S Dawson St. which then bears right and becomes Seward Park Ave. S. Follow signs to park and parking. Look for signs for the event.

Come Prepared

Clothing: Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking in the woods and mud. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear. Wear layers to keep warm; you can always take off some layers if you are working so hard that you get over-heated.

Tools: The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them; they will fit better and you will be less likely to get blisters.

Food: The sponsors provide water and snack food (fruit, dips and veggies, and chips). There is a noon break, and most people eat what's provided for lunch. Bring a full water bottle.

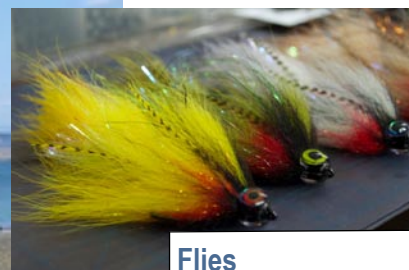
Other Stuff: Bring something that takes pictures, like a camera or a smart phone. Your best shots could end up in the club's newsletter and/or on the website. Bring something to pay for a early afternoon lunch if you plan on going out to a restaurant after the event with fellow NFA volunteers.



Banks Lake Carp Outing

Have you ever caught a bonefish? No? Then join the other club members who are looking forward to the best opportunity in Washington state to catch a freshwater bonefish, commonly know as a carp. NOTE: bring lots of backing.

Sign up online (northwestflyanglers.org) by May 13. \$25 outings fee covers the food for the weekend.



Flies

Woolly Buggers (#4-8) and Bunny Buggers (#4-8) (brown, olive, and black). Black and Brown Cherry patterns (#4-8). Check out this web-site: <http://themrpblog.blogspot.com/>.

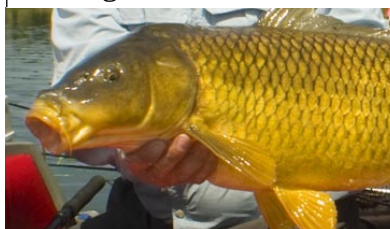


Coulee City Community Park

Indoor toilets and showers. Lots of grass and shade trees. Tent camping and hookups for trailers.

Carp

If you hook a carp, be prepared to be taken into your backing; way into your backing



Sight Fishing

Wading the shallow flats and sight-fishing to carp is the strategy. A pontoon boat may get you to inaccessible spots.

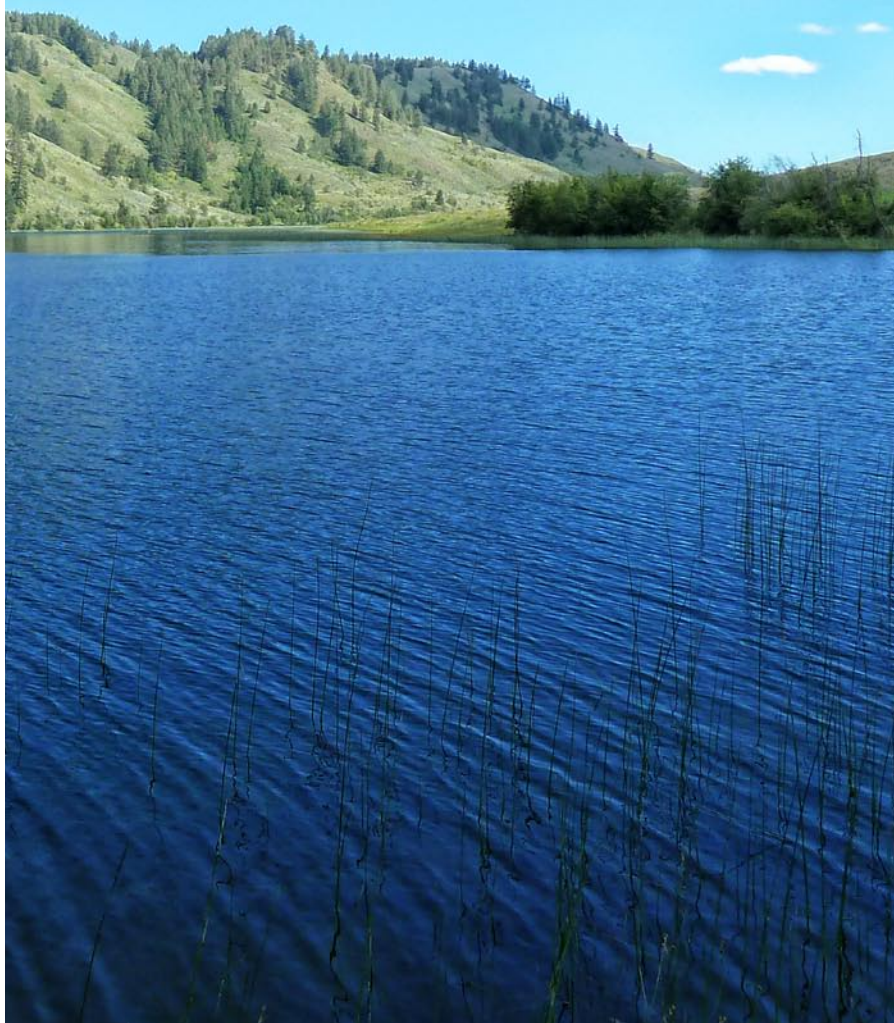
Outing Host: David Williams



What to Bring **Licenses** Washington fishing license. **Clothes** Dress according to the weather and bring rain gear just in case. **Gear** Plan on needing 6-8 weight rods with floating lines and 2X and 3X fluorocarbon leaders. **Etc.** Bring a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with something warm and your lunch (again in Ziplock bag). **Getting there** Take I-90 east to Exit 151. Drive north on Rte. 283 and then Rte. 28 to Soap Lake. Turn left onto Rte. 17 and after passing Sun Lakes State Park, turn right on Rte. 2 to Coulee City and the park, which is right on the lake. Driving time from Seattle is 3.25 hours.

LAKE CHOPAKA OUTING

The trip is designed to hit the peak of trout activity in this remote lake in Okanogan country. Chopaka Lake is where fly fishermen belong, and chironomid soakers put down roots. It just may be the hottest callibaetis mayfly lake in the state. Located on a distant walled-in funnel at just under 3,000 feet elevation above the Sinlahekin Valley, Chopaka Lake is 148.8 acres of trout water squeezed into a narrow 1½ mile-long ladle. Depths in the southern half, the handle end, average less than 10 feet and support fertile nests of bottom vegetations that grow incredible insect fodder, especially mayfly nymphs. The bowl of the ladle is on the north end where the lake bottom plunges to more than 70 feet. A floating device is necessary to fish for the really large rainbows that cruise the lake. Sign up on line (northwestflyanglers.org) by May 27th. A \$25 outings fee covers all food for the weekend.



What to Bring

Licenses

Washington fishing license.

Clothes

Bring clothes for warmish daytime temperatures and chilly nights. Don't forget sun screen, a hat, and dark glasses.

Gear

Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods. Everyone uses floating lines with 3X and 4X leaders. Bring 5X leader material if you have to put on really small flies. Fly patterns that have worked in past years include Hares Ear and Lightening Bugs.

Etc.

Bring your camping gear and a folding camp chair. Remember a camera in a waterproof case (heavy-duty Ziplock bag will do). Water bottle with liquid. Don't leave camp without your lunch (provided).

Getting There

Drive to Wenatchee and head north on Rte. 97 to Tonasket. Take Rte. 7 and then Loomis-Oroville Rd. Look for sign for Touts Coulee Rd. to Chopaka Lk. Total driving time is 12 hours!!

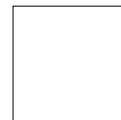


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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

May 15

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half-hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments.

May 16-18

Banks Lake Outing

Wade and sight cast to cruising carp up to 20 pounds. Camping at Coulee City Community Park. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend.

May 10

Seward Park Conservation Outing

Plant native trees and shrubs at Seward Park on Lake Washington from 10 to 2. The sockeye will thank you.

May 30-June 1

Lake Chopaka Outing

Floating for rainbows in beautiful eastern Washington lake. \$25 Outings fee covers food for weekend.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the June issue are due Tuesday June 3rd. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

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NEWSLETTER



Kim Bevier



Amy Kaeser

Friends of the Cedar River

Fish habitat conservation activists from Friends of the Cedar River Watershed speak to the NFA, June 19th.

This month's meeting will feature two knowledgeable representatives from our favorite conservation organization, the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed (FCRW). If you have been on any of our conservation outings with the FCRW, then you will recognize Amy Kaiser. Amy Kaeser is the Program Manager in charge of Volunteer Habitat Restoration at FCRW. She comes on

most outings, and by the end of each one she is usually fairly muddy; Amy is a hands on kinda person.

Kim Bevier joined FCRW about six months ago as their Outreach and Development Manager. Both women are passionate about what FCRW does and you will be too after hearing them.

Two New Members

The following have applied for individual memberships:

- **Alan Simons**, who is also a member of the Overlake Fly Fishing Club, heard about the NFA from Adam at Creekside Anglers. He has been fly fishing for a couple of months.
- **John Martinez** heard about the NFA from our website. He has been fly fishing for 20 years. Both he and Alan joined to get

to know others, get some mentoring, and find some places to fish.

- **Carolyn Sells** and **Harvey Richman** are both members of the Spokane Fly Fishers. Between them they have been fly fishing almost 90 years. As NFA members they will be going on the John Day super float in June.

These applicants will be inducted at a future meeting unless there is any objection.

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MEMBERSHIP

35 attend May 15th meeting.

| Photography by Wayne Balsiger |

President Wytold Lebing welcomed four guests and thanked Amy Clifton for bringing refreshments and Jim Higgins for tying Lake Chopaka flies during the social half-hour.

Tom Beaulaurier talked about the conservation outings and Thursday night get-togethers.

Mike Benbow (pictured above) presented a program on how to do an inexpensive fly fishing trip to Mexico. He showed some wonderful pictures he took on a recent south-of-the-border trip with NFA members Carl Johnson and Jim Higgins.

STEERING

7 members show up for May 7th meeting.

In attendance were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Tom Beaulaurier, Jim Higgins, Joe Souther, Susanne Staats, and Dana Bottcher.

Dana and Helen Bottcher and Susanne Staats agreed to head up the Picnic Sub-committee. Grills will have to be rented for the Good Shepherd picnic site.

The bylaws require that the membership approve collecting only half-year dues for the period June 1 through December 31, 2014. A vote will be taken at the June 19th meeting.

The Bylaws and Constitution Revision Subcommittee (Wytold Lebing, Helsa Petersen, and Dana Bottcher) will submit proposed Bylaws revisions to the steering committee by e-mail before the August 13th steering committee meeting so that the proposed amendments can be finalized in time for publication in the September Flypaper and voted on at the September 18th membership meeting.



DUES ARE DUE

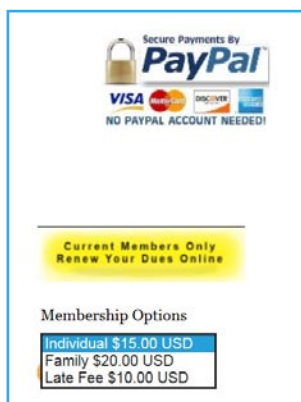
Pay online at northwestflyanglers.org.

Dues are up for renewal starting June 1. Normally, the dues would be for a year, June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015. However, since the fiscal year was changed recently to run from the first day of the year to the last day of the year, the steering committee is proposing to collect only half a year's worth of dues this time (for the period June 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014) and then collect a full year's dues starting on January 1, 2015. This proposal needs a majority approval of those at the June membership meeting.

Assuming the proposal passes, the half-year dues will be as follows:

- Individual Membership: \$15.00.
- A Family Membership: \$20.
- An Associate Membership dues: \$12.50.

The cutoff date for renewing your dues and not paying a late fee will be July 31, 2014.



Membership Options

Individual	\$15.00 USD
Family	\$20.00 USD
Late Fee	\$10.00 USD

Fly Fishing Show

The WSCIFFF puts on another great two-day show in Ellensburg.

| Photography by Dana Bottcher |

Washington IFFF Council President and NFA member Carl Johnson was pleased with the way the annual Ellensburg Fly Fishing Show turned out over the May 3 and 4th weekend. The Johnsons are grateful for the help the following NFA members gave: Ray Willms, Doug Brodie, Mary Kovatch, Peg and Bill Van Natter, Peter Maunsell, Abe Lillard, David Williams, Jim Higgins, Carleigh Romeis, and fly tyers Judy Gattinella and James Schmidt.

NFA member Maura Johnson surveys the goings on at the show on Sunday. Things ran smoothly thanks in large part to her gifted organizational skills.



Kids Fish-in

May 10th at Everett's Silver Lake

| Article by Walt Furler.

Photography by Dave Campbell |

This year's fishing kids event had eight relays of kids fishing for 2500 hatchery trout plus three- to five-pound triploids donated by the Everett steelhead club. Cabella's made a donation of rods with reels for the youngest kids. At least a dozen triploids were caught.

Many thanks to Paul Shinoda, Dave Campbell, and Gene Yotsuuye, who completed ten consecutive years of volunteering for this event.



NFA members Paul Shinoda, Gene Yotsuuye, and Walt Furler pose as NFA member Dave Campbell takes their picture.

Dave Campbell gets in the picture with a successful and happy kid and his prized trophy trout.



BANKS LAKE

SEVEN MEMBERS TAKE IT TO THE
BANK MAY 16 - 18

| Article by David Williams. Photography by
David Williams and Jim Higgins |



Randy Ishihara (back to camera), Jay Winters, Jennie Gill, Craig and Rucey Myers, and host David Williams

Everybody knows that when the month of May rolls around that the Columbia Basin weather turns warm-ish and sunny. A respite of some nature from the more than frequently damp, even dank, western Washington. It's that dependable Basin weather that we rely on in determining both location and timing of club outings.

We also rely on that dependable weather to heat up the fishing, the sun warming the water, wresting the smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, crappie and even the carp from their winter somnambulance (that's not actually correct as the word most properly refers to "walking while asleep" and since none of the Banks Lake fish have legs...still, I like the word and it conveys

the meaning intended.) The warm weather is thought to invest the warmwater fish with the need to eat.

Not this year. Didn't happen. From unsettled cool and cloudy weather in the days before the outing, Friday's sun went from "oh my gosh, I hope we have enough ice to keep the Kool-Aid cold" to "try putting a hat on, then snuggling the hood of your parka over your head." Still, your brave, perhaps foolhardy fellow club members Jay and Jeannie Winters, Jim Higgins, Randy Ishihara, and David Paul Williams, joined by Rucey, Craig and Callie Erwin, sitting in the lee of Jim's Jeep, passed a companionable evening.

On emerging Saturday morn from his Jeep cocoon,

Jim mentioned that it took most of the night for the chill to leave his legs. Urging upon him the restorative powers of strong coffee, all was soon well. The wind died, breakfast was served, lunches were made and the group headed uplake to Osborn Bay on the strength of advice from a to-remain-nameless WDFW fishery biologist. The water temperature was acceptable, the wind was acceptable, the fishing was acceptable—the catching was unacceptable. Despite the rigor applied to the task by Jay, Jim, Craig, Randy and David, only six fish (Jim—one each bass and crappie; David—four bass) were tricked. Randy and Craig bailed to go chase carp. Randy and the carp made friends. **To page 5....**

.....**From page 4** Craig found no love a'tall. Jay headed back to camp to commune with nature and Jeannie while David and Jim hit another spot. Jim got the honorable mention catch of the day—a 12-inch walleye plus a multi-pound smallmouth. David broke into the multi-species column as well with two yellow perch and another bass. Oh yeah, it rained and the wind blew.

Saturday evening dinner was a festive affair—pasta, Caesar salad, garlic bread—leavened with adult beverages and good cheer. Thank goodness Jim was able to adroitly place his Jeep in front of the stove to serve as a massive windbreak, else we would have consumed dry and quite crunchy pasta. All retired to their respective abodes with high hopes of a sunny morrow.

Sunday morning indeed broke with glorious sunshine and more strong, hot coffee followed by French toast with fresh strawberries and juicy, ripe watermelon. When Randy “Seven Cups” Ishihara drained the last of the coffee, camp was broken. Jim headed back home as did Jay and Jeannie who had been on a

bicycling vacation for a week.

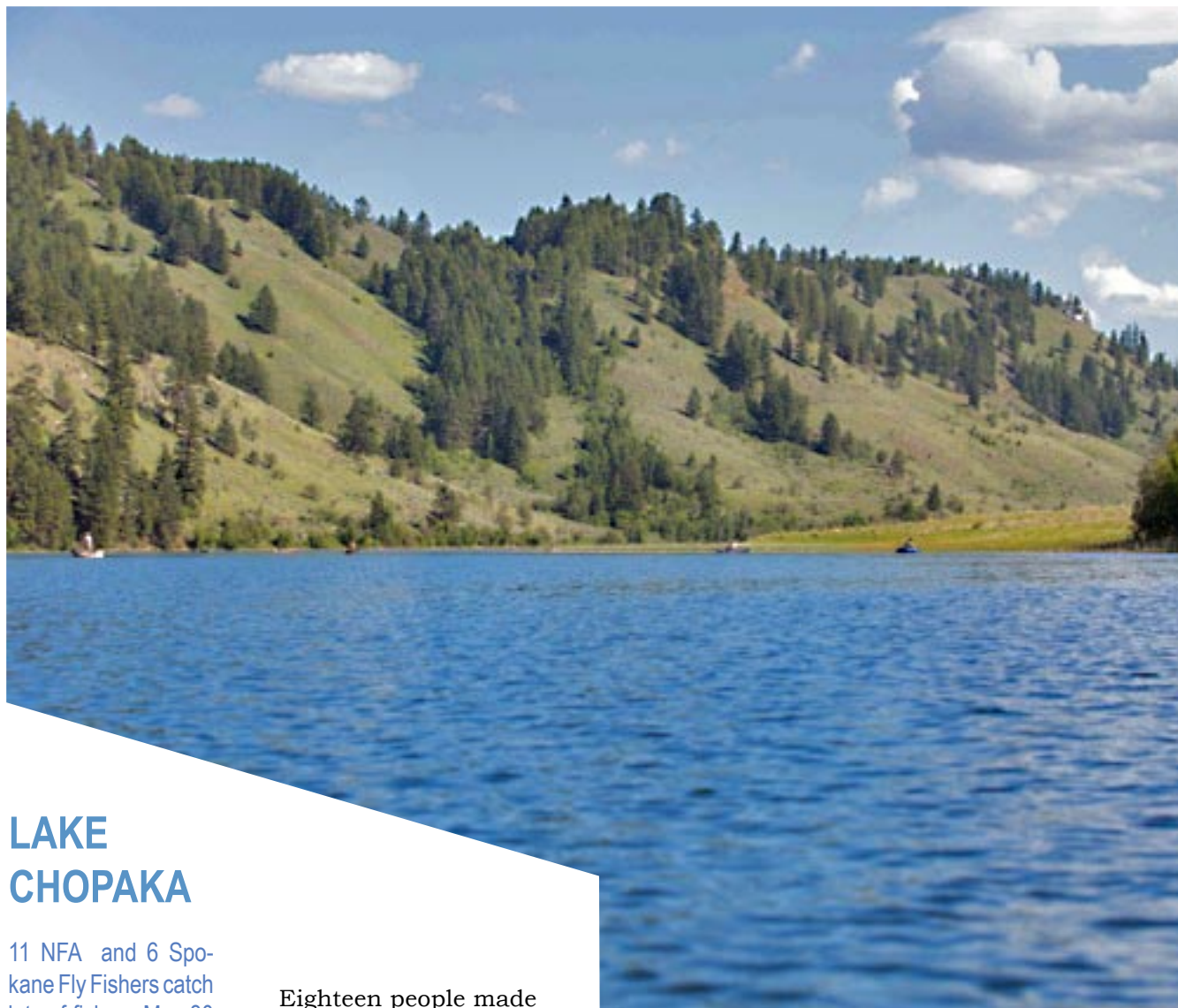
Randy, Craig and David convened at the J Street carp flats where their best efforts to disrupt the love lives of tens if not hundreds of carp were mostly ignored. Randy landed one carp that apparently lacked the necessary social skills (or perhaps wrong-sized bank account) to attract a mate. The remainder of the fish went about their business.

Craig went off to be consoled by Rucey while Randy went to visit his father-in-law who lives in the area. David, recognizing futility when it slaps him in the face, headed for his ‘never-fail’ carp spot. Two carp later, it was time to switch species. Several multi-pound and quite frisky smallmouth conveniently sequentially attached themselves to a brown rabbit bugger.

Alas, it was too soon time to leave the pleasantly (finally) sunny Basin and head back to the damp side.

Sunday breakfast’s French toast and strawberries delighted everyone. Bass and carp were fooled by some large, ugly looking flies. Jim Higgins putting his rod together in preparation of a day at the Bank. Outing host, David Williams smiles.





LAKE CHOPAKA

11 NFA and 6 Spokane Fly Fishers catch lots of fish on May 30 to June 1 outing.

| *Article by Wytold Lebing, Photography by Dave Fairbanks* |

Eighteen people made it to the NFA Outing at Chopaka Lake hosted by Wytold Lebing. The group included six from the Spokane Fly Fishers and 12 NFA members from Seattle. The outing was officially scheduled for the weekend of May 30th to June 1, but members started showing up as early as Tuesday, May 27th and staying as late as Monday, June 2nd to take advantage of great rainbow trout fishing for which Lake Chopaka is known. **To page 7.....**

The trick was to fish from a boat and cast towards the shoreline. Typical Chopaka rainbow brought to net; some reached 20 inches.





cool night air and gazing up at the stars was just one more bonus added to good fishing, good food, and the camaraderie that seems to always develop on these trips.

Standing, left to right: Lane Guin, Paul Olsen, Paul Brandt, Jim Higgins, Kent Westbrook, Peter Rubenstein, Rucey Myers, Wayne Balsiger, Kathy and Jim Watson. Kneeling, left to right: Dave Fairbanks, Wytold Lebing, Ron Takemura, Mike Conway, Randy Ishihara, and Craig Erwin (Callie). Shiraz Vira not pictured.

.....**From page 6** Chopaka is a long but relatively narrow lake of some 150 acres nestled against Chopaka Mountain in Okanogan County at an elevation of 3200 feet. The campgrounds are located near the middle of the 1-¼ mile long lake which makes for a relatively easy row to either the shallow south end of the lake or the 70-foot deep end of the lake.

The weather was excellent. There were warm days with cool nights. Although a strong breeze would pickup around 10 AM and last until the afternoon, there was still plenty of time in the early morning and late afternoon when the wind would stop and create beautiful conditions for fly-casting. The lake provided a steady series of hatches (primarily mayflies and chironomids) that kept hungry rainbows patrolling the shore and picking off surface flies. The hatches seemed to be occurring along the entire

shoreline making for some great sight casting to rising fish. In addition there were opportunities to fish deep with scuds or fish the late evening into the night with buggers and surface flies. Most of the rainbows were in the 14- to 18-inch range with a few people catching hefty 20-inch fish.

The club provided Friday and Saturday dinners, as well as Saturday and Sunday breakfasts and lunches. Both the spaghetti served on pasta created from zucchini and the chicken with asparagus and mushrooms were big hits. Everyone agreed that there was plenty of good food and no one complained about going hungry.

Because Chopaka is so isolated there was no light pollution. This coupled with a new moon and clear skies created a spectacular star show, the likes of which Seattleites don't ever get to see in the city. Sitting around a campfire in the



Kent Westbrook prepares to launch in his float ube.

SEWARD PARK

The Friends of the Cedar River Watershed treated nine NFA members to a special outing at Seward Park on May 10th. The weather was sunny and dry. Park users thanked the hard working club members for their efforts at pulling Himalayan blackberries and English ivy. Four workers stopped for Bent Burgers after the event. | Article by Tom Beaulaurier. Photography by Dana Bottcher.|

Our May 10th outing began with a meetup at Cafe Vita for hot beverages and fresh baked pastries. The cafe is on the way to the entrance for Seward Park. Scott McCracken, Wytold Lebing, Dana Bottcher, Cynthia Hickey, and I gathered around a table for coffee and French pastries.

The Friends of Cedar River Watershed (FCRW) and the Green Seattle Partnership organized the outing just for the NFA and four representatives of those organizations met the nine of us at a picnic shelter at the top of the park at 10. After a familiar orientation and safety talk, we carried our tools down to the shoreline and began grubbing and pulling out tenacious Himalayan blackberries and English ivy, two non-native species that have invaded many of Seattle's parks. We piled the results of our efforts on the paved walkway around Seward Park, and several people out for their morning stroll asked about the purpose of our activity. They all thanked us for volunteering to help make the park more welcoming to visitors, both human and aquatic.

We chose to work through the mid-day break and knocked off work at around one. There were snacks and water back at the picnic shelter. The organizing volunteers thanked us for our efforts. We all gathered for a group photo and then got out of our dirty boots and left. Some of us stopped for lunch at Bent Burgers, a great burger joint just down the street from Cafe Vita.

In the end, we enjoyed pleasant weather and being outdoors with friends new and old in the trees of a beautiful park in the city. We know the salmon that rest in the shaded shoreline of Seward Park will benefit from our efforts.



POST-EVENT GROUP PHOTO

(Left to right) Dana Bottcher, Sabina and Roni and Shawn and Esther from FCRW, Scott McCracken, Tom Beaulaurier, Cynthia Hickey, Joseph Curran, Wytold Lebing, and Jim Watson. Not shown are Scott and Daniel Martini at left posing for the camera.

BELMONDO REACH

Scope out and help fix up a fishy area on the Cedar River, 9 to 2.



Are you interested? Here is another opportunity for you to expand your knowledge of public access on the Cedar River for the summer fly fishing season. On Saturday, June 21st join with your NFA buddies, Friends of the Cedar River Watershed, and King County Parks for a morning of habitat restoration at the Belmondo Reach Natural Area along a meandering bend of the Cedar River. The Cedar provides clean drinking water for over one million residents, supports numerous recreational activities year-round, and is a great aquatic habitat for federally-listed threatened salmon and other fish. Volunteers will help to maintain restoration progress by weeding a previously planted site! This project begins at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00.

Bonus. After the event plan to have lunch at a nearby restaurant with some of your NFA friends .

GETTING THERE

Drive south on I-5 and turn east on I-405. Head north and take Exit 4 onto Highway 169 towards Maple Valley. Go 8.1 miles. Just past

SE Jones Road, turn left on Cedar Mt. Place. Follow the signs to the event. There is parking on site.



What to Bring

Clothing: Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking in the woods and mud. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear. Wear layers to keep warm; you can always take off some layers if you are working so hard that you get over-heated.



Tools: The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them; they will fit better and you will be less likely to get blisters.

Food: The sponsors provide water and snack food (fruit, dips and veggies, and chips). There is a noon break, and most people eat what's provided for lunch. Bring a full water bottle.

Other Stuff: Bring something that takes pictures, like a camera or a smart phone. Your best shots could end up in the club's newsletter and/or on the website. Bring something to pay for a early afternoon lunch if you plan on going out to a restaurant after the event with fellow NFA volunteers.



WHAT TO BRING

- Washington fishing license.
- Dress according to the weather and bring rain gear just in case.
- Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods with floating lines and 3X and 4X leaders. Patterns would include olive woolly buggers and elk hair caddis (if it is not windy).
- Pontoon boat, float tubes, canoe or pram.
- Bring a camera and your lunch in a heavy-duty Ziplock bag.
- Water bottle.

RATTLESNAKE LAKE

Rattlesnake Lake is one of King County's premier fly fishing lakes for rainbow trout and triploids. Selective gear only, no gas powered motors (electric trolling motors only). The lake is perfect for fishing from a float tube or small pontoon but beware the winds!

The Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area includes the 111-acre lake, picnic areas, the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail and parking access to miles of State Park and King County hiking, biking, and horse trails.

Sign up on line (northwestfly-anglers.org). There is no outings fee, nor food, nor cutoff date for signing up. Just come and have fun; bring the whole family and have a picnic.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- Take Exit 32 from I-90 and turn right.
- Follow that street (436 Ave. SE and Cedar Falls Rd. SE) for 6 miles to parking lot at Rattlesnake Lake.
- Look for the NFA banner.



JUNE 27-29

CENTRAL OREGON

Tim and Renee Schindele share their favorite lake and stream fishing spots in and around Redmond, Oregon.

Depending upon the campground situation on the Crooked River, NFA Central is either at one of the BLM campgrounds on the river (to be announced to attendees just prior to the outing) or Tim and Renee Schindele's home in Redmond, OR. Come down earlier in the week and/or stay past the weekend. Let the Schindeles know when you're coming. The Schindeles can sleep between 10 and 15 at their home on a combination of beds, sleeping bags on couches or floors, in their truck camper or in tents in the backyard. Beds are first come, first served. We'll take turns using the 2.5 bathrooms. Sample some of Central Oregon's renowned rivers and lakes. Pick

between the Crooked River (35 miles away), Metolius River (35 miles), Fall River (45 miles), Deschutes River at the Foley Waters or Steelhead Falls (12 miles) or Trout Creek (40 miles), and lakes such as Hosmer Lake (56 miles) or East Lake (50 miles). The Crooked River was especially generous to the NFA in past years. The rivers all have good bank and wading access. The lakes require a floating device. NFA will provide all the meals for the weekend from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. Saturday dinner will be available between 6 PM and 10 PM. Bring your own beer, wine, and hard stuff. The outings fee is \$25 and must be paid by Tuesday, June 24th.

Checklist

Oregon fishing license. ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders, and strike indicators (for nymph fishing). ▶ Camping gear: tents, sleeping bags and pads, and flashlights. Folding camp chair. ▶ Suitable floating devices include: pram, float tubes, and pontoon boat (no motors). ▶ River flies: bead-head nymphs (12-18s) and elk hair dries (12-16s). ▶ Lake flies: green, brown, and black woolly bugger and mayfly dries (14-20s). ▶ Water bottle. ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag).

Getting There

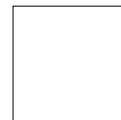
▶ South on I-5 to I-205 and into Oregon to pick up I-84. ▶ Exit 16 onto Rte. 26 to Madras and then Rte. 97 south to Redmond. ▶ Take Exit 119 and right onto NW 6 St. ▶ Turn right on Quince Ave. ▶ Then turn on NW 13 St. and house (2501 NW 31 St.) is 5th on the left. ▶ Park on street without blocking driveways and mailboxes. ▶ 310 miles; 6 to 6-1/2 hours driving time.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

June 14

Rattlesnake Lake Outing

Fish for rainbows and triploid trout at Rattlesnake Lake outside of North Bend, No outing fee.

June 19

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments.

June 21

Conservation Outing

Plant native trees and shrubs at Belmondo Reach Natural Area on the Cedar River from 10 to 2. Tools, gloves, water, and snacks provided. Dress appropriately.

June 27-29

Central Oregon Outing

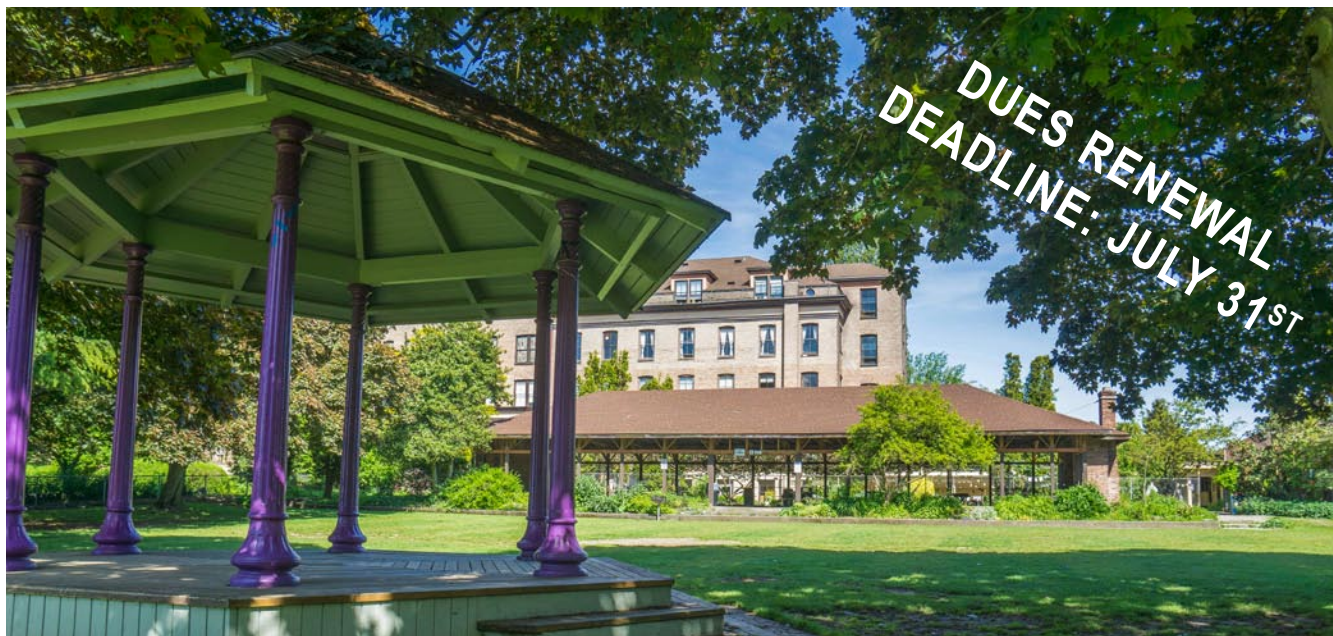
Floating or wading for rainbows; skwala caddis hatch may still encourage surface feeding. Camping at Big

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the July issue are due Tuesday July 1st. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Annual NFA Picnic

NFA Picnic returns to Seattle's Good Shepherd Center pavilion July 17th.

The NFA returns to the spacious and almost-private pavilion area on the southwest side of Seattle's Good Shepherd Center just off of N 50th Street (between Sunnyside and Meridian Avenues N). Parking is on the east side of the property or along Meridian.

The club provides burgers and dogs, members bring a potluck item (last name beginning with: A-H, bring appetizers; I-Q, bring side dishes; R-Z, bring desserts). There will be ice water, so bring a non-alcoholic drink if so desired.

Food and fun begin at 6. There will be a casting fun and lots of opportunity to socialize. BYOC (chairs). The picnic replaces the regular monthly membership meeting. Bring the whole family; friends are also welcome. Please RSVP to the e-mail.

Four New Members

The following have applied for membership:

John Hayes and **Andrea Gallagher**, live in Bothell and found the NFA through the club's website. **Matt Schoenle-ben** was told about the NFA from a member in a fly shop. Matt is a bamboo rodmaker and a TU and

FFF member. He would like to write articles, help with the casting class, and go on conservation outings. **Nalani Askov** is retired, been fly fishing for 15 years, and joined the NFA because of its conservation mission.

These applicants will be inducted at a future meeting unless there is any objection.

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JUNE'S MEETINGS | STEERING AND MEMBERSHIP

STEERING

In attendance at the June 19th Steering Committee meeting were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Jim Morrison, Ray Spencer, Tom Beaulaurier, Jimmy Kamada, Helsa Petersen, Peter Maunsell, and Dana Bottcher.

A motion was passed to nominate The Friends of the Cedar River Watershed to be our third nominee for the NFA Memorial Conservation Award.

The bylaws require that the membership approve collecting only half-year dues for the period June 1 through December 31, 2014. A vote will be taken at the June 19th meeting.

A motion was passed to approve proposed Bylaws revisions presented by the Bylaws and Constitution Revision Subcommittee. The proposed amendments will be published in the September Flypaper and voted on at the September 18th membership meeting.

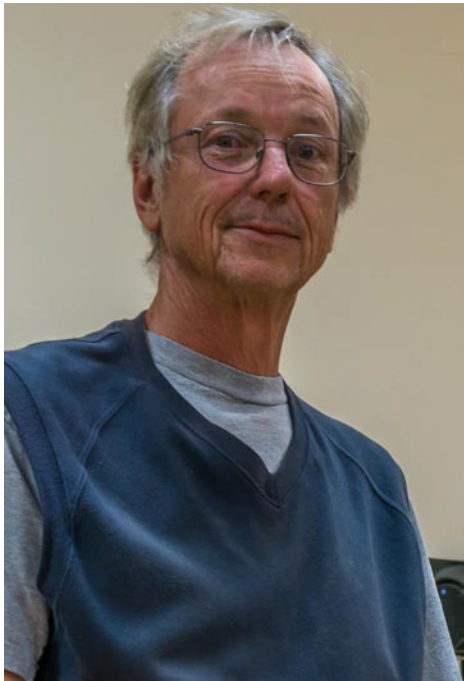


MEMBERSHIP

About 40 people showed up for the June 19th meeting. President Wytold Lebing thanked Mike Gallavan and Helsa Petersen for bringing refreshments.

Membership co-chair Joe Souther inducted John Martinez. Raffles were handled by Michael Olson and new member Steve Bosch. Todd Friedmar donated six books to the NFA Library.

Amy Kaeser gave a wonderful talk about the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed.



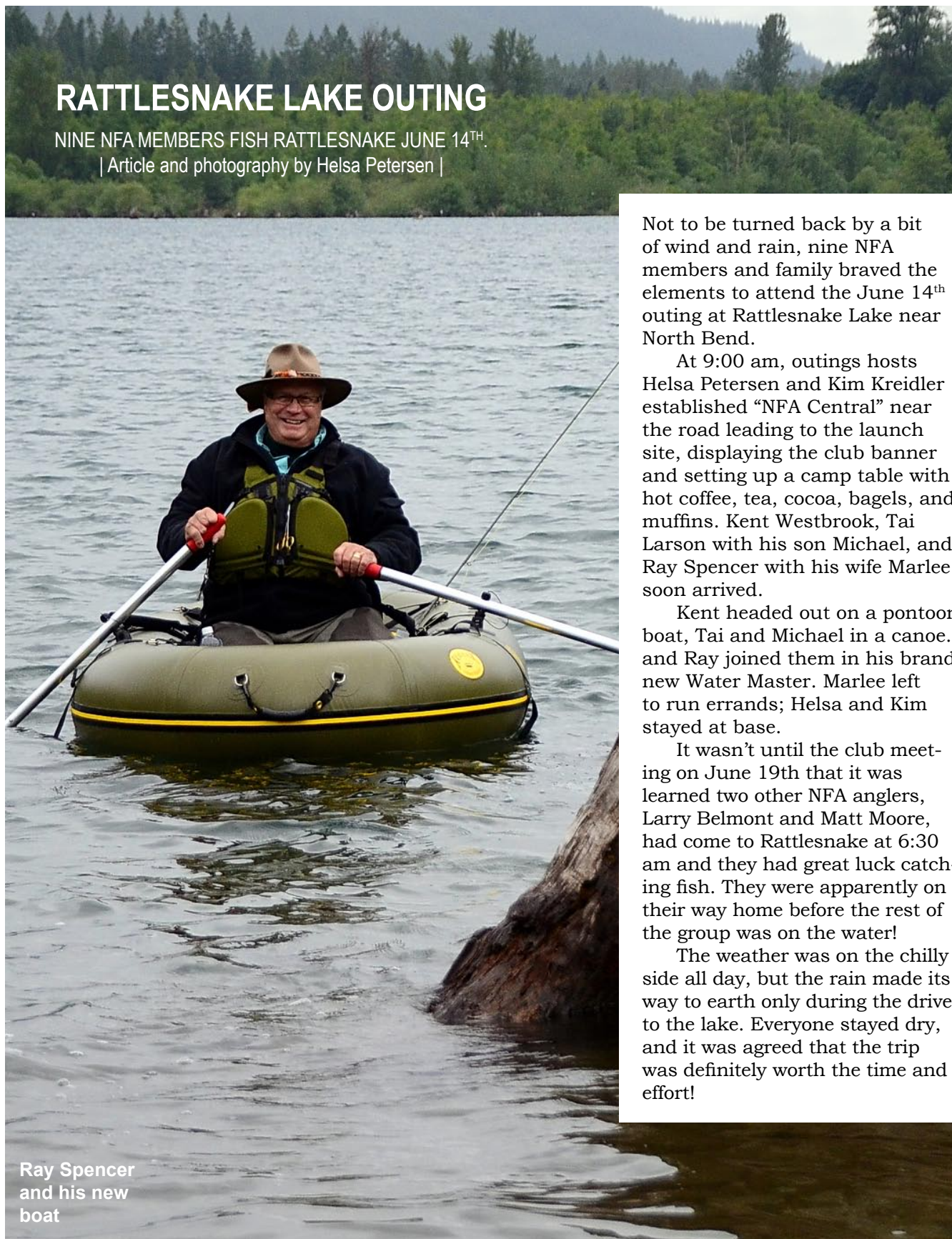
(Above) Smiling Conservation chair Tom Beaulaurier and evening's speaker Amy Kaeser of Friends of the Cedar River Watershed. (Right) After extended absence Michael Olson attends a meeting and handles the raffle table. (Left) New member John Martinez is inducted.



RATTLESNAKE LAKE OUTING

NINE NFA MEMBERS FISH RATTLESNAKE JUNE 14TH.

| Article and photography by Helsa Petersen |



Not to be turned back by a bit of wind and rain, nine NFA members and family braved the elements to attend the June 14th outing at Rattlesnake Lake near North Bend.

At 9:00 am, outings hosts Helsa Petersen and Kim Kreidler established “NFA Central” near the road leading to the launch site, displaying the club banner and setting up a camp table with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, bagels, and muffins. Kent Westbrook, Tai Larson with his son Michael, and Ray Spencer with his wife Marlee soon arrived.

Kent headed out on a pontoon boat, Tai and Michael in a canoe, and Ray joined them in his brand new Water Master. Marlee left to run errands; Helsa and Kim stayed at base.

It wasn’t until the club meeting on June 19th that it was learned two other NFA anglers, Larry Belmont and Matt Moore, had come to Rattlesnake at 6:30 am and they had great luck catching fish. They were apparently on their way home before the rest of the group was on the water!

The weather was on the chilly side all day, but the rain made its way to earth only during the drive to the lake. Everyone stayed dry, and it was agreed that the trip was definitely worth the time and effort!

Ray Spencer
and his new
boat



JOHN DAY OUTING

14 MEMBERS FIND LOTS
OF BASS JUNE 20-27.

| Article by Wytold Lebing. |

If you want to catch a lot of small mouth bass then try the John Day River in Oregon. Our NFA group of fourteen put in at a private ranch near Fossil, OR on June 20th and started catching fish while rafts were put in. Seven days and 46 river miles later we were still catching fish right up to the takeout by Cotton State Campground on June 27th. The John Day has carved a nearly 1000' deep canyon into the Eastern Oregon desert, making it like going down a miniature Grand Canyon. There was gorgeous scenery that kept changing around every bend in the river.

The hosts, Peter Maunsell and Mark Conner, arranged an excellent menu of breakfasts, lunches and dinners, picked out great spots for camping, and even arranged to have a birthday party for Kelly Maunsell. The trip included two layover days where one could explore the canyon, fish, or just relax.

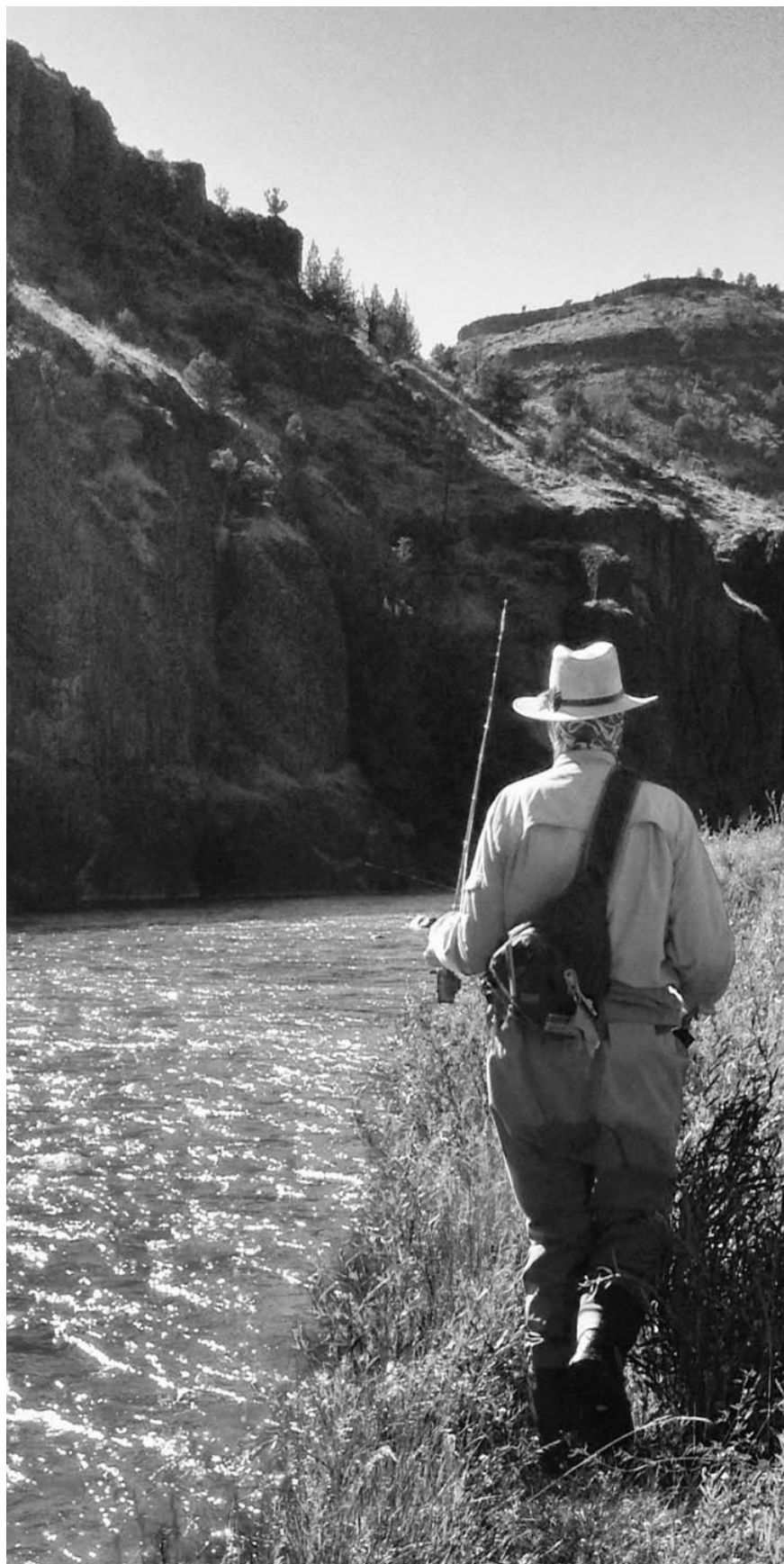
Throughout the trip we had warm days and generally cool eve-



nings. The smallmouth enthusiastically hit top water bugs. Buggers, leeches, and clouser minnows were also gobbled up without hesitation. Tying a dropper to one's rig routinely resulted in double hook ups. With two people to a raft there was plenty of time for everyone to fish. The bite was always on with people catching 50 to 100 fish per day. There were enough good-size fish around to keep things interesting. The chance to spot cast and tease a reluctant bigger fish into striking made for some extra fun moments.

Great fishing, great food, and a great group of people to fish with, who could ask for more?

Group Photo (front row): Sasha Conner, and Dexter Prescott, (middle row) Eric Olson, Carolyn Sells, Kelly Maunsell, Harvey Richman, Bill Gibson, Mark Conner, David Williams, and Wytold Lebing, (back row) Tom Benner, Peter Maunsell, Ron Romeis, and Jay Winters; Sasha Conner with a handful of bass; Ron Romeis, David Williams, and Eric Olson in the kitchen.



CENTRAL OREGON OUTING

TIM AND RENEE GUIDE SIX
MEMBERS JUNE 27 - 29

| Article by Tim Schindele. Photography
by Carleigh Romeis. |

Six members of NFA attended the Central Oregon outing hosted by Tim and Renee Schindele. Peter and Kelly Maunsell and Ron Romeis came straight from the John Day float, although Ron went home first (he lives in Eagle Crest near Redmond, OR) and came back on Friday morning with daughter Carleigh Romeis, who drove from Seattle.

We fished at Hosmer Lake on a rainy Friday. Renee landed seven fish, Ron landed several, as did Tim, all caught using a version of the Raccoon, a midge emerger pattern. Peter fooled some fish, including a 17-inch Atlantic Salmon, stripping streamers.

On a sunny Saturday, we fished the Crooked River. Everyone caught more than one fish but we had to work for them. Carleigh got some nymphing pointers and caught several trout and whitefish.

We went to the Metolius near Camp Sherman on a gorgeous summer Sunday for a few hours. Renee bicycled, Kelly admired the scenery and Ron watched Peter and Tim fish. Peter used nymphs and emergers to land several fish.

We've had better fishing days, but not better company!

THE CEDAR'S BELMONDO REACH

8 NFA members and families attend the June 21st conservation outing on the Cedar River.

| *Article and photography by Tom Beaulaurier* |

This was another opportunity for the NFA to get acquainted with the Cedar and to show our support for conservation projects that enhance local waters. Thanks to the eight NFA volunteers who joined with Friends of the Cedar River Watershed and King County Parks for a morning of habitat restoration along the Cedar River at Belmondo Reach Natural Area.

The Belmondo Reach Natural Area is getting a lot of attention from King County to maintain the progress already accomplished.

This Saturday we had the pleasure of working alongside a group from the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). These hard working college bound or enrolled people told us they were from cities all around the country, from Baltimore to Phoenix. The person farthest from home was Nana, a young lady from the Congo who has been away from her home for six years. All the Americorps volunteers are unique, motivated and intriguing people and great energy to be around. It was great to work with them!



(Clockwise from top) David Arms, Ray Spencer, Tom Beaulaurier, and Vance Thompson; Vance Thompson; Dave and Mona Fairbanks and their children Alyssa and Lea; David Arms listens intently to presentation.



Cynthia Hickey

DIG AND CAST ON THE CEDAR RIVER

Grab your friends and family and come out for the 5th Annual Cast & Dig on July 12th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm with Friends of the Cedar River Watershed and King County Parks at the Cavanaugh Pond Natural Area! We will spend the morning restoring riparian habitat. When our morning goal is completed, we will partake of a special lunch which is donated by local merchants.

After lunch, NFA volunteers will join staff from the Avid Angler Fly Shop to provide one-on-one casting demonstrations. There will also be fly tying demos. Another highlight of the afternoon activities will be the aquatic insect identification lab. The lab provides a dry way to observe up close mayfly, stonefly, and caddis nymphs. In addition, there will be guest speakers and a raffle. If you have waited to make a conservation outing, this is the one you shouldn't miss!

For information on how to be part of the casting and fly tying demos, check out the Conservation page on the club's website.



WHAT TO BRING AND HOW TO GET THERE

CLOTHING: Come dressed to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes for walking in the woods and mud. If it looks like rain, bring rain gear. If it doesn't look like rain, bring rain gear. Wear layers to keep warm; you can always take off some layers if you are working so hard that you get over-heated.

TOOLS: The sponsors supply all the tools. They also provide work gloves, but if you have your own work gloves by all means bring them; they will fit better and you will be less likely to get blisters.

FOOD: The sponsors provide water and snack food (fruit and energy bars). At noon there will be a wonderful lunch provided free to all volunteers. Be sure to bring a full water bottle.

OTHER STUFF: Bring something that takes pictures, like a camera or a smart phone. Your best shots could end up in the club's newsletter and/or on the website. Bring something to pay for a early afternoon lunch if you plan on going out to a restaurant after the event with fellow NFA volunteers.

GETTING THERE: Drive I-5 south and then east on I-405 toward Renton. Exit I-405 onto Rte. 169 (Maple Valley Hwy.) toward Maple Valley. Drive 4.3 miles and look for the reader board event signs indicating where to turn off the highway. Park where they tell you to.

Hosts: Carl and Maura Johnson

Checklist

- ▶ Montana fishing license.
- ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders, and strike indicators (for nymph fishing).
- ▶ Camping gear: tents, sleeping bags and pads, and flashlights.
- ▶ Folding camp chair.
- ▶ Suitable floating devices include: pontoon boat, raft, or drift boat.
- ▶ Wet flies: Pat's stonefly nymphs, size 8s and 10s.
- ▶ Dry flies: yellow stimulator, size 8s and 10s; brown elk hair caddis, 14s.
- ▶ Water bottle. Camera (in Ziplock bag).

Getting There

- ▶ Drive east on I-90 420 miles to Exit 47 (Superior).
- ▶ Turn left at bottom of ramp.
- ▶ Drive north through Superior and turn left on Mullan Rd.
- ▶ Drive about two miles and look for Johnson's cabin on left.



Michael Olson



Sasha & Mark Conner

MONTANA OUTING

Is 900 miles a long way to go for a weekend of fishing? It depends on where you are going and whom you are going to be with when you get there. Many people come from all over the world to fish in Montana. We only have to cross eastern Washington and the panhandle of Idaho to get there. Once we get to Superior (a 6-1/2 hour drive), we will be fishing with fellow NFA members and will be the guests of Carl and Maura Johnson, who have invited the club to their place for the July 11-13 Montana Outing.

Carl has two driftboats. He and Maura have played

guides for five lucky NFA members on Saturday and Sunday. Carl also has a big outdoor gas grill and knows how to use it. And Maura is a great cook. They have a few extra beds inside their cabin. Their lawn has the softest green grass in the neighborhood. There is a big porch with chairs, lots of shade trees, the list of amenities goes on and on.

The \$25 outings fee covers food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday Lunch, but if you show up for dinner Friday night you are invited. The cutoff date for registering is July 8th. Use the NFA website to register.



Be sure to Bring

- ▶ Idaho fishing license. ▶ Four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders, and strike indicators (for nymph fishing). ▶ Tents, sleeping bags and pads, and flashlights. ▶ Folding camp chair.
- ▶ Nymphs: hare's ear, size 8s and 10s. ▶ Dry flies: brown elk hair caddis, 14s. ▶ Water bottle. Camera (in Ziplock bag).

Getting There

- ▶ Drive east on I-90 420 miles to Exit 47 (Superior). ▶ Turn right at bottom of ramp. ▶ Turn left on Diamond Rd. ▶ Fill your tank. ▶ Follow Diamond Rd./250 about 54 miles to Kelly Forks C.G.

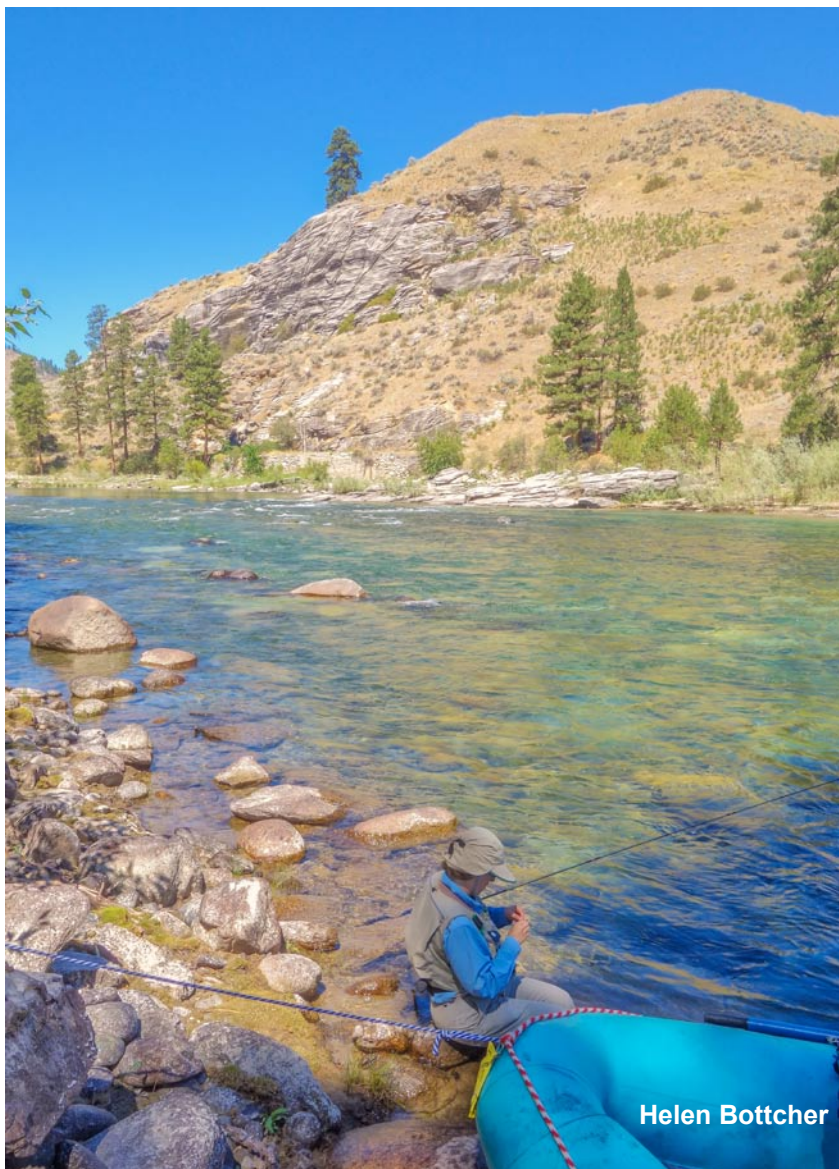
JULY 18-20

KELLY CREEK OUTING

Hop over Hoodoo Pass from the NFA's Clark Fork, Mt. Outing and descend (and fish) the North Fork of the Clearwater River through Black Canyon down to the river's confluence with Kelly Creek and Kelly Forks Campground. The Spokane Fly Fishers (SFF) are hosting this weekend adventure for the NFA. Wade fish Kelly Creek and all the nearby world-class fishing streams including Moose and Cayuse Creeks. All have great trail access. Do not miss this exceptional fishery offering arguably the very best westslope cutthroat trout fly fishing on earth. SFF host John Hudson will be setting up headquarters earlier in the week and will provide Saturday breakfast free of charge to NFA members. All other meals are pot luck so kibbutz with other NFA members about menus for the weekend.



**Host: John Hudson of the
Spokane Fly Fishers**



JULY 25-27

METHOW OUTING

Big bushy dry flies are of special interest to the large (up to 20 inches) cutthroat that live in the Methow River. Nymphs will also tempt these cutthroat and the healthy rainbow population. The Methow is a great river to float; fishing is allowed from the boat. Other flowing water venues are the Twist River and the Chewuck River; both best suited for wading.

For the non-fishers, there is swimming, hiking, biking, shopping (Twisp's Saturday farmers market and cowboy town Winthrop), and sightseeing (Grand Coolie Dam).

We are camping at Lightning Pines Campground, on the river and across from the town of Methow. The camping fee is \$10/tent/night.

The Outings Fee is \$25 and covers all the food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. The cutoff date for paying your outings fee is Tuesday, July 22. Please use the NFA website to register.

WHAT TO BRING & HOW TO GET THERE

- Washington fishing license.
- Dress according to the weather and bring rain gear just in case.
- Plan on needing 4-6 weight rods with floating lines and 3X and 4X leaders. Patterns would include bead-headed Prince nymphs (8s and 10s) and large yellow stimulators (or other grasshopper patterns).
- Pontoon boat, rafts, or drift boat.
- Bring a camera and your lunch in a heavy-duty Ziplock bag.
- Water bottle.

- From Wenatchee, follow Rtes. 2 and 97 north to Pateros.
- Turn left on Rte. 153.
- Pass through the town of Methow and turn right on Burma Rd. at the bridge.
- Follow the signs to Lightning Pines Campground.

Hosts: Jim and Kathy Watson



DANA BOTTCHER (RIVER)



AUGUST 1-3

LEECH LAKE OUTING

Leech is a 46-acre fly fishing only lake at 4400 feet. It has lots of wild brook trout and planted triploid rainbows. A triploid is a rainbow that is unable to reproduce. Since they don't have to waste energy for procreative development, they grow bigger quicker. The real reason they were developed and introduced into the wild is so they won't interbreed with native cutthroat.

In July there are prolific hatches of the large dragonflies and some mayflies. Trolling for large trout in the evening is a dynamite strategy. Lots of fish were caught at the last Leech Lake outing.

The \$25 outing fee covers food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. The cutoff date for registering is July 29th. Use the NFA website to register.

What to Bring

Washington fishing license. ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders. Landing net. ▶ Camping gear: tents, sleeping bags and pads, and flashlights. Folding camp chair. ▶ Suitable floating devices include: pram, float tubes, and pontoon boat (no motors). ▶ Flies include: large damselfly adult patterns, green, brown, and black woolly bugger, and mayfly dries (14-20s). ▶ Water bottle. ▶ Hat and dark glasses. ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag).



Wayne Balsiger

Getting There

▶ Find your way to White Pass on Rte. 12. ▶ Go a third of a mile further east and look for the first unsigned turnoff to the left (FS Road 498). ▶ When you turn in you'll see a sign for White Pass Campground. ▶ Look for the NFA banner at the NFA kitchen area. ▶ Camping fee: \$5 per vehicle per day.

Hosts: Jay Winter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

No Steering Meeting

July 11-13

Montana Outing

Clark Fork for rainbows. \$25 outing fee.

July 12

Conservation Outing

Dig & Cast Event on the Cedar River. 9:00 to 2:30 .

July 17

NFA Picnic

Good Shepherd Center/Meridian Playfield in Seattle.

Begins at 6:00. Potluck. Article on page 1.

July 18-20

Kelly Creek Outing

Fish for cutthroat on famous Idaho stream. No fee.

July 25-27

Methow River Outing

Float and wade for rainbows and cutthroat. \$25 fee.

August 1-3

Leech Lake Outing

Big trout on big damselflies. \$25 outings fee.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the August issue are due Tuesday July 5th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



August Meeting

Author Chester Allen is our speaker for August 21st meeting

Chester Allen started fishing before he learned the multiplication tables, and he started fly fishing well before his struggles with the quadratic equation. So, it was no shocker that he has spent his life fly fishing and writing—and often combining the two. A graduate of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, he was in the newspaper business for almost two decades and wrote a very popular outdoors and fishing column for *The Olympian* for almost eight years—just about 106 months!

Chester recently published his first book, *Fly Fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat*, and he's busily writing another one—while also fishing his brains out, writing for *The Drake*, and riding herd on two Portland-based car magazines. Chester splits his time between Portland and Hood River—if he's not sloughing off work and heading for Puget Sound, Central Oregon, the Oregon Coast, Yellowstone Country, or Montana.

Chester is not a guide so he will not be selling trips. He has done a lot of fresh and saltwater fly fishing in Oregon, Montana, and Mexico (see photo at left) and his program will be interesting and informative. Be there to hear an enthusiastic guy tell us his fishing stories.

Membership Report

Dave Skipton has applied for an individual membership. Dave has been fly fishing for over 20 years and found out about the NFA from our website. He fishes rivers and would like to help out at meetings, outings, the banquet, and with education.

If there are no objections Dave will be inducted at a future meeting.

Ken Staats

NFA member Ken Staats passed away last Sunday, July 27th. Ken was well into his 90s and a wonderful father, husband, and friend to many of us in the NFA. Ken and his wife Olive (who passed away a few years ago) joined the NFA in 1997 and became regulars on fishing outings with their daughter Susanne and son-in-law Michael Olson. We will miss him very much and extend our condolences to Susanne and Michael.





JULY 17

ANNUAL NFA PICNIC

As the early evening shadows crept up the western sides of the Good Shepherd Center in Seattle, a few members and friends lingered to cast a line or two while others helped pack up what was left of one of the better NFA picnics in recent memory. The fact that there was very little food left after the efforts of 60 hungry people meant that the quality of the potluck items brought to the affair was exceptional.

The festivities began around six when enough people had arrived for the meat to be put over the heated coals. Bill Johnston kept people supplied with grilled burgers and franks to order.

Bill and Peg Van Natter had the club's rods and supervised the casting games. The kids in attendance were especially taken with the yarn casting rods.

PICNIC COMMITTEE

THANKS for a wonderful picnic go to Picnic Chair Susanne Staats and her helpers: Wytold Lebing, Bill Johnston, Charlene Kaiser, Ralph Higgins, Dana Bottcher, Bill and Peg Van Natter, Matt Baerwalde, and Tess Gaeke. Others, including Kim Kreidler, Jim Lofstrand, and Helsa Petersen, helped clean up.



L to R: Matt Baerwalde, Bill Johnston, Wytold Lebing, Susanne Staats, Ralph Higgins, and Dana Bottcher.

AT THE PICNIC

About 60 people showed up for the July 17th NFA Picnic held at the pavilion behind the Good Shepherd Center in Seattle. **1** Matt Baerwalde and Dan Hall (with Ralph and Jennifer Higgins in the background) stand by the tables loaded with potluck items. **2** Sasha Conner and Bonnie Steele's grandson Aden watch Susan Lahti's grandson Jaydon cast a yarn rod. **3** New members John Hayes and Andrea Gallagher enjoy the late afternoon sun. **4** Jim Lofstrand indicates that he is really enjoying the potluck items at the picnic. **5** Michael Olson, Rich Wilkens, Paul Dieter, and Jim Schmidt relax in the chairs they and others brought to the picnic. **6** Todd Friedmar and his son Max smile for the camera. **7** Bonnie Steele and Lois Eulberg catch up after not having seen each other for some time.



YOUTH FLY FISHING CAMP

MY WEEK AS A COUNSELOR.

| Article and photography by Bob Young. |

I had the opportunity and pleasure of participating in the program which exposes young people from ages 12 to 16 to all aspects of fly fishing and many considerations regarding conservation. This week-long 'camp' is primarily sponsored by the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited (TU) and the Washington State Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers and is hosted by members of the Olympia Chapter of TU and the South Sound Fly Fishers.

Activities are conducted on the grounds of a Christian church group located on Hicks Lake in Lacey. The site offers group 'bunkhouse' accommodations for all students, a large meeting facility which includes a dining room, and food preparation kitchen. Three meals are provided each day. I stayed in a cabin by myself.

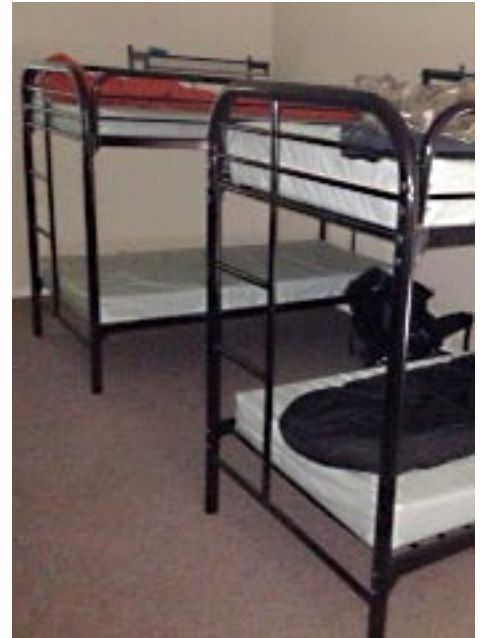
The students—16 boys and two girls—and parents arrived on Saturday morning for final registration. The students were all assigned seating, and each was supplied with a hat, fishing vest, some reference material, and a rod and reel.

Divided into three groups, each group attended one of the fly fishing skill development sessions consisting initially of three basic topics: casting, fly tying and knot tying.

Most mornings and evenings the students were driven by counselors in county vans to either the Deschutes River or a nearby catch and release pond. I usually went along on the ventures to the pond. Thursday and Friday mornings a trip to a Puget Sound beach was undertaken.

Friday afternoon the fly casting instructor, Robert Gerlach, conducted a casting competition. Every student stepped up and took a shot. It was impressive to see some young people who had never handled a fly rod cast up to 56 feet with some very nice loops. That evening there was a BBQ dinner and a big campfire.

Saturday was getaway day. After lunch the parents started arriving. Each student was presented with a certificate of completion and a couple of awards were presented. Just when everybody stood up in anticipation of departing, a shout arose and all the grads were presented with a five-weight rod, reel, and line package. Surprise!





DIG & CAST CONSERVATION OUTING

Tom and Cynthia are the only two NFA shows for the July 12th conservation and fly fishing event.

| *Article by Tom Beaulaurier. Photography by Dana Bottcher.* |

The heat was on in the afternoon, so doing the weeding and mulching work before lunch made sense to Cynthia Hickey and Tom Beaulaurier, the only NFA members who came to the Cast & Dig conservation outing on July 12th. However, there were about 50 other volunteers who enjoyed the well organized event—sponsored by the Friends of Cedar River Watershed—at the Cavanaugh Ponds Natural Area along the Cedar River near Maple Valley.

The Friends provided a nutritious lunch that included fruits, salads, breads, and smoked salmon.

After lunch some volunteers went on a guided nature walk while others got a fly casting demo from Cynthia and Tom. About 20 people cast a line and heard about our club.

These conservation outings are a fun way to get some exercise and give something back to the resource. Next chance you get, come on out to a conservation outing.

MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINEES

- 1). Coastal Conservation Association.
- 2). Forterra.
- 3). Friends of the Cedar River Watershed.

The membership will vote for one at the October Meeting.



Front row (L to R): Jim Higgins, Joan Maybank, Peter Rubenstein, Peter Maunsell, Bill Kelly. Standing (L to R): Steve Temple, Peggy Temple, Carl Johnson, Suzanne Higgins, Dan Richardson, Maura Johnson, Gina Richardson, Jennifer Higgins, Judy Gattinella, Ralph Higgins, John Gattinella, Sue Broder, Kelly Maunsell, Larry Broder, Kathy Watson, Jim Watson, Marianne Mitchell, and Mary Kovatch.

MONTANA OUTING

Carl and Maura host 21 guests
July 11 - 13

| Article by Maura Johnson.
Photography by Jim Higgins. |

Folks began arriving in Montana on the 10th of July. They arrived to heat in the high 90's during the day but temperatures by morning were in the 50's. The majority of folks arrived by Friday, with Marianne Mitchell arriving in time for breakfast on Saturday.

On Saturday our group was not on the water early since they were distracted by the coffee and bacon cooked up by Carl. Finally, three boats and a raft captained by Carl Johnson, Jim Higgins, Ralph Higgins, and Peter Maunsell took several groups down the river. Some folks, including Jim and Kathy Watson and Larry and Sue Brodeur, decided to try wading Fish Creek. Meanwhile,

our former President Mary Kovatch played a round of at the local golf course. The sun was hot and the skies blue which made fishing hard, but most folks on the river caught fish.

On Saturday evening Steve and Peggy Temple, of Clark Fork Trout, joined the 20 NFA folks for a dinner of pulled pork and coleslaw. Fortunately, the evening did cool off to a reasonable temperature and sleeping was easier, that is, if you could get used to the train whistles. John Gattinella discovered a great new use for those Boeing earplugs.

Sunday was again a scorcher. The Watson's and Mary Kovatch

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“as additional entertainment, several folks got to see the Boeing plane bodies that slid into the Clark Fork.”

.....**From page 6** joined the flotilla down the river. Again, the weather was hot and the fishing hard.

Monday was by far the best day on the river. It was overcast and rained on and off during the day. Two boats went from Cascade to Paradise just below where the Flathead joins the Clark Fork, a first for NFA floating that section of the river. The fishing was outstanding with a number of large fish caught.

Meanwhile, several folks continued on vacation: the Broders headed off to Missoula to do some more fishing and the Watsons went “over the hill” to Kelly Creek; Peter Rubenstein and Joan headed off to explore Yellowstone. On Tuesday, Peter Maunsell and his brother-in-law drove to Idaho for more fishing, and Jim Higgins and his wife took off for further adventures.

Unlike last year, the Johnson’s did not provide a forest fire for the evening entertainment. However, as additional entertainment, several folks got to see the Boeing plane bodies that slid into the Clark Fork.

Once again the outing provided the opportunity to get to know folks better and, of course, tell fish tales accompanied by good food and libations.



(Above) Enjoying the shade and the company after a hot day on the river. (Left) New members John and Judy Gatlinella relaxing in the Johnson’s front yard.



AUGUST 9

MIDDLE FORK MENTORING OUTING

If you would like to improve your stream fly fishing skills or would like to share your skills and knowledge about fishing streams, then this outing is for you.

The idea is to put together a core of NFA mentors who love to fish moving water with some eager “students” in a one-on-one day of teaching and fishing on the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River, about 35 miles east of Seattle.

We will all meet at EJ Roberts Park in North Bend and, as a group, go over some fundamentals then pair up and head for the river. Each pair will have several hours of mentoring and fishing on their own stretch of the river. We will all meet back at the park at 3 PM for a potluck picnic. There is no outing fee so people bring a picnic food item to share.

If you would like to be a mentor or a student, you need to let the outings coordinator know ASAP so he can make sure there are enough mentors. Reply to this e-mail.

What to Bring

Washington fishing license. ▶ Fishing equipment: four or five weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders. ▶ Wading staff. ▶ Water bottle. ▶ Hat and dark glasses. ▶ Camera (in Zip-lock bag). ▶ Flies include: Prince and hare's ear nymphs (12-14s), and elk hair caddis in yellow and gray (12-16s).



Getting There

▶ Meet at 9 AM on Saturday, August 9th. ▶ We will meet at EJ Roberts Park on 6 St. NE in North Bend. ▶ Get off I-90 at Exit 31 and go 3/4 around the round-about and exit so you go under I-90. ▶ Turn right at the light after crossing the railroad tracks. ▶ Take your third left onto Ballarat Ave. N. ▶ Turn right on 6th St. NE. ▶ Drive five or six blocks to Roberts Park. ▶ Rendezvous at the parking area halfway down the park on 6th Street.



Coordinator: Dana Bottcher

What to Bring

Washington fishing license. ▶ Fishing equipment: 4 or 5-weight rods, floating lines, 3-X and 4-X leaders and wading staff.

▶ Camping gear: tents, sleeping bags and pads, and flashlights. Folding camp chair. ▶ Water bottle. ▶ Hat and dark glasses. ▶ Camera (in Ziplock bag). Flies include: Prince and hare's ear nymphs (10-14s), grasshopper patterns in yellow (like elk hair caddis or stimulators in 10-14s), and mayfly dries (like parachutes Adams in 16-18s).

Hosts: Dana and Helen Bottcher



DANA BOTTCHER



AUGUST 22-24

NACHES RIVER OUTING

The Naches River starts east of Chinook Pass and ends when it flows into the Yakima River in Yakima. We fish the upper 40 miles above where the Tieton River comes in. Thirteen miles of the river are catch and release. There are lots of rainbow and some large cutthroat trout, all quite eager to take a fly because they aren't fished over very much. The river is too low for

floating, so everyone will be wading.

We will be staying at our private campground (\$20 per tent per night) with hot showers and cabins for those willing to pay extra.

The \$25 outing fee covers all the food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. Register by Tuesday, August 19th on the club's website.

Getting There

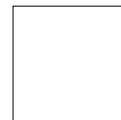
People will be camping Friday and Saturday night at the Elk Ridge Campground on the banks of the Naches River. ▶ If approaching from Mount Rainier Park, Elk Ridge Campground is on Rte. 410 about 6 1/2 miles SE of Whistling Jack Lodge. ▶ If approaching from Yakima, Elk Ridge Campground is on Rte. 410 about 5-3/4 miles NW of the Woodshed Restaurant and Eagle Rock Store.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

August 9

M. Fk. Snoqualmie River Mentoring Outing

One-on-one mentoring for a day on a local small stream for rainbows. No fee. Potluck picnic afterwards.

August 21

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half-hour begins at seven with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and ends before nine.

August 22-24

Naches River Outing

Easy low water wading for rainbows and cutthroat on the Naches, which flows east out of Chinook Pass in Mt. Rainier National Park. We stay at a private campground right on the river. \$25 outings fee covers food for the weekend.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the September issue are due Tuesday September 2nd. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Cabins, Rafts, and Lodges

Wytold Lebing's "How to go Fly Fishing in Alaska" September 18th.

For 18 years, our president Wytold Lebing has made annual summer trips to the Alaska to fish for salmon and trout. The trips include US Forest Service wilderness cabins and self guided wilderness raft trips in Alaska's Bristol Bay Drainage. Last December, at the NFA Banquet he bought a trip to Legend Lodge, located on Lake Iliamna on the Alaska Peninsula southwest of Anchorage. It was a two-for-one deal offered to the NFA. "It gave me a chance to take my wife, Carol, fishing in Alaska. I promised her she could have a hot shower every night."

Wytold has put together a great sideshow about the ways one can fly fish in Alaska. These include the inexpensive cabins, the adventurous wilderness raft trips, and lodges. If you have ever thought of going to Alaska to fish, then you will want to come to the September 18th meeting. Wytold will show us what it is like and provide information for anyone interested.

New Applicants

The following have applied for membership:

Jim and Kathy Greenleaf have applied for a family membership. They live in North Bend and found the NFA through the club's website. They both have recently come to fly fishing and are avid rafters and want to attend conservation outings and assist on fishing outings. **Tai Larsen** is also applying for a family membership with **Michael, Lori, and Rebecca**. He hopes to meet other fly fishers. Tai is in IT and would like to help with our website, where he found out about the NFA. He would like to go on conservation outings and help with membership.

Dung-Ching Perng is a professor who learned fly fishing 10 years ago while living in Chicago. He found us on the internet and would like to discover places to go steelhead and salmon fishing. He wants to help out with photography and the Year-in-Review.

If there are no objections, these applicants will be inducted at a future meeting.

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STEERING

In attendance at the August 6th Steering Committee meeting were: Wytold Lebing, Tom Beaulaurier, Jimmy Kamada, and Susanne Staats.

A motion was passed to nominate The National Wildlife Federation to be our fourth nominee for the NFA Memorial Conservation Award.

Dan Richardson has volunteered to set up a meet-up page where members can contact other members to go fishing. The cost of this service is \$12 per month. The steering committee is willing to budget this for next year.

Jimmy Kamada has agreed to take over responsibility for the auctions at the Annual Banquet.



Jimmy Kamada and his wife Shirley enjoying the sun at this year's picnic.

MEMBERSHIP

About 35 people showed up for the August 21st meeting. Vice-president Maura Johnson ran the meeting because Wytold was out of town. Maura thanked David Williams for doing a pre-meeting program on saltwater fishing. Maura also thanked Carleigh Romeis for bringing refreshments.

John Haynes was inducted as a new member. Raffles were handled by Susanne Staats; the evening speaker Chester Allen gave a copy of his book on sea-run fishing for the raffle. Michael Gallavan won the book and Chester autographed it.

Dan Richardson, who joined the club earlier this year, volunteered to put together a meet-up system whereby members could get together to go fishing.

Chester Allen gave a presentation on sea-run fishing that was very informative and entertaining.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS NEEDED

TO BRING DUES COLLECTIONS IN LINE WITH CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

| Article by Dana Bottcher. |

In May, 2013 the Steering Committee voted to change the NFA's fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year (January through December). This change required several amendments to the Bylaws:

- In February, 2014 the membership voted to ratify an amendment that set the membership approval of the annual budget to the second membership meeting of the fiscal year.
- And in March, 2014 the membership approved an amendment moving the election of officers to the end of the fiscal (calendar) year. This means that the official NFA slate of candidates for 2015 will be voted on at the October membership meeting and the election of officers will be in November. The new officers will take office next January.

The final Bylaws amendment concerns membership and the collection of dues. The amendment would:

- Scrap an archaic and confusing definition of how to figure the dues for a family membership (the club has been charging a flat fee for Family Memberships).
- Have the dates for collecting dues—both full and half-dues—be based on the fiscal year.
- Have the “cutoff date” for paying dues be based on the fiscal year.
- Have the period for membership reinstatement be based on the fiscal year.
- Have the period for membership reapplication be based on the fiscal year.

Below are the proposed changes to the Bylaws. They were approved by the steering committee and are being put to a vote of the membership in September:

SECTION VI FINANCE

Paragraph 1. Annual Dues

(a) Annual dues for the three different classes of club membership, as defined in Article III, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution, shall be set from time to time as needed by a majority of the voting members at a regular club meeting. The membership classes are: Active, Associate, and Family.

~~i) Annual dues for spouses of the first member of a family shall be less than the amount of annual dues for Active and Associate members. Each additional member of the family, ages 14 through 20 years inclusive and resident of common address, shall pay annual dues at the same rate as spouses noted above.~~

~~ii) i) Members of any class accepted into the club after November 30 of any year during the second half of the fiscal year shall pay one-half the annual dues.~~

(b) There shall be a common initiation fee for all classes of membership set by a majority of voting members at a regular club meeting. The fee should cover first-time expenses attendant upon initiation.

(c) Annual dues for every class of member are due and payable on ~~June 1 of each~~ *the first day of the new fiscal year*. A notice of dues payable shall be published in The Flypaper prior to ~~June 1~~ *the first day of the new fiscal year*.

(d) Delinquent dues:

i) Each member of any class who has not made his/her dues payment by ~~July 31~~ *the cutoff date, which is the last day of the third month of the new fiscal year*, shall be dropped from membership.

ii) A member dropped will be reinstated within the twelve months following the ~~July 31~~ *cutoff date* upon payment of annual dues plus ~~a~~ *the current reinstatement fee*.

iii) A member dropped seeking reinstatement later than twelve months following the ~~July 31~~ *cutoff date* must apply for membership as if a first-time applicant and pay the current initiation fee in addition to annual dues.



The Naches looked fishable in the fading light on Friday evening, but the river was all silted up by Saturday morning and stayed that way throughout the day.

NACHES RIVER OUTING

SIX MEMBERS WASHED OUT BY
THUNDERSTORMS AUGUST 22-24.

| Article and photography by Dana
Bottcher. |

A few raindrops splattered my windshield as I topped Chinook Pass about four o'clock Friday afternoon. Driving along the American River, which joins with the Bumping River and becomes the Naches, I began to notice that Route 410 was wet, really wet. When I arrived at the Elk Ridge Campground the grass was soaked and the only NFA member there was Cynthia Hickey.

"Did you get caught in that downpour?" she asked.

"What downpour?"

"Boy, you missed a real thunderstorm."

"Where is everyone?" I asked.

"They all went off fishing after the storm let up and are going to dinner and watch the Seahawks game on TV."

I set up my tent and went in search of Jim and Kathy Watson, Ken Takemura, and Tom Beaulaurier. After checking out the nearest two restaurants, my hunger got the best of me and I ate by myself. **To page 5....**



Above, seated (left to right): Jim and Kathy Watson, Dana Bottcher, and Ron Takemura; standing: Cynthia Hickey and Tom Beaulaurier. At right: Ken makes a PB and J.



Tom Beaulaurier wades upstream to a pool he hopes holds fish.

.....From page 4

I arrived back in camp after dark, and went to bed; the football fans were still out.

Morning brought the sad news that the Naches was sorely out of shape. Over breakfast, we discussed where to find clear fishable water. Since, we had all come in our own cars, we set off in various directions: the Bumping, the America, the Little Naches, and Rattlesnake Creek.

We all gathered for dinner and Rattlesnake had produced; the other options had not. The stars were out and the weather looked promising for Sunday.

After breakfast all of us, except Cynthia, headed for Rattlesnake. The creek was much reduced but clear and filled with handsized fish. Tom and I headed upstream. The rest fished above and below the bridge.

After a couple of hours, it began to thunder and lightning. I made it back to my van just as it began to pour and hail. The Watsons were already on their way back to Seattle. I joined them after saying goodbye to a couple of very soaked guys.

We all had a great time despite nature's obstacles.



Above group, rear row (left to right): Dan Hall, Dana Bottcher, Errol Flagor, Helen Bottcher, Carleigh Romeis, and Tom Beaulaurier; front row (left to right): Art Alton, Vance Thompson, Steve Bosch, Jim and Kathy Greenleaf. Top left: Art Alton fishing the “club stretch” about six and a half miles up the Middle Fork Road. Left, Carleigh Romeis smiles for the camera at the post-fishing, potluck picnic at EJ Roberts Park in North Bend.

STREAM MENTORING REPORT

6 NFA students and 5 teachers spend August 9th on Snoqualmie's Middle Fork.

| *Article by Dana Bottcher* |)

11 NFA members and a friend of Dan Hall's, Kevin Arnold, showed up at North Bend's EJ Roberts Park at nine on Saturday, August 9th for a day of stream mentoring. Mentors were assigned students and off we went to the river.

Errol Flagor took Vance Thompson down a steep bank and fished just below the geodesic-domed cabin. Tom Beaulaurier mentored new members Jim and Kathy Greenleaf where the Middle Fork passes the old campground. Dan Hall and Kevin helped Steve Bosch fish the river a short distance below the gauging station. Helen Bottcher took Carleigh Romeis for some lessons above the gauging station. And I took Art Alton into the club stretch. Everyone caught fish, the largest being about 10 inches.

The post-mentoring picnic back at the park featured lots of good food. Everyone was headed for home by 4:30. It was a fun and instructive day on the river.



WHAT TO BRING • Washington saltwater fishing license and a catch card. • Discovery Card for parking at Tacoma Narrows Park. • six or seven-weight rod. • reel with at least 50 yards of backing. • Weight-forward floating line with nine-foot two or three-X leader. • Extra leaders or leader material (0 to 3-X sizes). • Pink flies include: cerise comet, size 4, pink woolly bugger, size 4, pink flashabou comet, size 4. • vest. • hat and glasses (with strap) . • stripping basket (if you have one) . • camera in waterproof container. • water bottle. • Lunch and drinks in cooler in the car. • Snacks in Ziplock bag in your vest. • sun screen. • folding chair for sitting around at lunch. • pad and pencil for note taking.

COORDINATOR:
David Williams

SEPTEMBER 13 SALTWATER OUTING

Fishing the salt from the beach is one of the fastest growing facets of fly fishing, if only because Puget Sound is blessed with so many miles of beach and so many willing fish. September 13 marks the date of the NFA's annual saltwater outing. Renowned NFA member, author, photographer, and blogger, David Williams will be our cherished host again for this inimitable opportunity to

learn from a master. This year the NFA returns to Tacoma Narrows Park where several members have had excellent luck in past year's outings. Join us for the NFA's annual saltwater outing.



Last year we fished for pinks, this year we fish for feisty resident coho salmon and sea-run cutthroat. Car pool down to Narrows Park. There is no outing fee, so bring your own lunch. Please use the NFA website to register.



HOW TO GET THERE

- Take I-5 south from Seattle about 35 miles to Tacoma.
- Take Exit 132B (Route 16) towards Gig Harbor. • Cross the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. • Take Exit 8 for 24 St. NW. • Turn left on 24 St. NW. • Turn left on Jahn Ave. NW. • Turn left on Stone Dr. NW which becomes Lucille Pkwy. NW. • Stay right on Doc's Dr. which ends at the Tacoma Narrows Park.



WHAT TO BRING

- Washington steelhead fishing license with Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement
- camping gear
- boat (pontoon boat would work)
- six or seven-weight rod
- reel with at least 100 yards of backing
- floating line with nine-foot 1- or 2-X leader
- Stonefly nymphs, 4s and 6s; egg patterns
- vest
- hat and glasses (with strap)
- camera in waterproof container
- water bottle
- snacks in Ziplock bag in your vest
- folding camp chair

HOW TO GET THERE

- Take I-90 east to Exit 108 to I-82 (just past Ellensburg) and head south towards Yakima
- take Exit 50 onto Rte. 22 south 6 miles through Toppenish to Rte. 97 towards Goldendale
- after 48 miles on Rte. 97 take first Goldendale exit (Rte. 142)
- follow Rte. 142 for 11.7 miles and turn right onto Glenwood Highway (no sign!!)
- in 10 miles turn left at the sign (see photo at left) for Stinson Flat
- drive to the bottom of the valley and look for the NFA banner.

SEPTEMBER 26-28

KLICKITAT OUTING

**HOST: Russ
Shropshire**

At over 100 miles, the Klickitat River, located in Southeastern Washington, is one of the state's longest free flowing rivers from its glacial source to its confluence with the Columbia River. The river originates in the snow capped peaks of Mount Adams, a 12, 276-ft. active volcano. This renowned Pacific Northwest steelhead and salmon stream gains momentum quickly, dropping approximately 5,000 feet in elevation over its course. 100 year old "character" Oregon White Oak trees ornament the hillsides of the river gorge. The Klickitat provides passage and spawning grounds for a variety of native anadromous fish, predominantly spring and fall runs of Chinook Salmon but also Coho (Silver) Salmon.

The Outings Fee is \$25 and covers all the food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. The cutoff date for paying your outings fee is Tuesday, September 23. Please use the NFA website to register.



METHOW STEELHEAD OUTING

The best chance you will have of catching a steelhead is on this outing. Wade for ten-pound-plus steelhead in the river right by camp.

We are camping at Lightning Pines Campground, on the river and across from the town of Methow. The camping fee is \$10/tent/night.

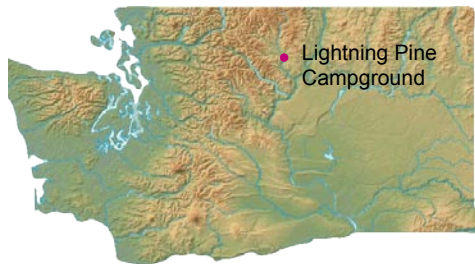
The Outings Fee is \$25 and covers all the food from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. The cutoff date for paying your outings fee is Tuesday, September 30. Please use the NFA website to register.



HOST: Not yet decided

HOW TO GET THERE

- From Wenatchee, follow Rtes. 2 and 97 north to Pateros.
- Turn left on Rte. 153.
- Pass through the town of Methow and turn right on Burma Rd. at the bridge.
- Follow the signs to Lightning Pines Campground.



WHAT TO BRING

- Washington fishing license and steelhead card.
- Dress according to the weather and bring rain gear just in case.
- Plan on needing 6-8 weight rods with floating lines and 2X and 3X leaders.



- Patterns would include bead-headed Prince nymphs (6s and 8s) and large stonefly nymphs with rubber legs.
- It's best to drive around and wade the river, so bring a wading staff.
- Bring a camera and your lunch in a heavy-duty Ziplock bag.
- Water bottle.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

September 13

Saltwater Mentoring Outing

A day of mentoring about saltwater fly fishing at Tacoma Narrows Park. No fee. Potluck picnic afterwards.

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Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and ends before nine.

September 26-28

Klickitat River Outing

Wade or float for salmon and steelhead on this Columbia River tributary that runs off of Mt. Adams. We stay at the Stinson Flat Campground right on the river. \$25 outings fee covers food for the weekend. Reserve online by September 23.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the October issue are due Tuesday September 30th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Hatchery vs. Wild Steelhead

Travel writer and conservationist Dylan Tomine speaks October 16th on saving wild steelhead.

Dylan Tomine lives on Bainbridge Island with his wife and two young children, who are almost as obsessed with fishing as Dylan was at their ages. Dylan has spent much of his life fishing for steelhead (from Argentina to Alaska) and guiding in the Bristol Bay watersheds. As a travel writer Dylan has visited much of the Pacific rim. His writings have appeared in publications like the New York Times and The Drake.

Since becoming a parent, he has written a book about his family life on Bainbridge Island (Closer to the Ground) and has been thinking more about the future. Consequently, he now devotes lots of time toward the preservation of wild steelhead. He is a trustee of the Wild Steelhead Coalition.

Dylan will present a program on wild steelhead preservation at our October 16th meeting. He has an important program. Don't miss it.



New Applicant

Evan McGlinn has applied for an individual membership. He heard about the NFA from our secretary Ray Spencer. Evan taught himself to fly fish 27 years ago in New England. He loves to fish rivers for steelhead and fish the salt flats for bonefish, tarpon, and permit. He joined the NFA to make new fishing friends and find new places to fish locally. Evan is a journalist and photographer (New York Times, Boston Globe, Forbes, and Corbis Images) by profession and has a website and a blog. Check out his images of fishing in Argentina on his website, here: <http://evanmcglinnphoto.com/#/travel-and-lifestyle/argentina---fly-fishing/Argentina-13>.



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SEPTEMBER'S MEETINGS

STEERING COMMITTEE BACK FROM JULY BREAK; CHESTER ALLEN DOES GREAT PROGRAM.

| Article and photography by Dana Bottcher. |

STEERING

In attendance at the September 10th Steering Committee meeting were: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Peter Maunsell, Joe Souther, Mark Conner, Jim Morrison, Tom Beaulaurier, Jimmy Kamada, Helsa Petersen, and Kim Kreidler.

Treasurer Peter Maunsell presented a new financial report to the committee that breaks out credit card expenses and income for each outing.

The committee decided that the NFA Meet-up page should be limited to NFA members only.

Kim Kreidler, Flybox meister, reported that there are only XXL NFA tee shirts in stock and regular size ones need to be ordered. The committee decided that they should be ordered from an on-demand supplier so the club doesn't have to maintain a large inventory.

Outings chair Mark Conner presented a tentative 2015 outings schedule that had five one-day, 11 weekend, and four week-long outings.

The Bylaws Committee (Helsa Petersen, Wytold Lebing, and Dana Bottcher) will report on any final changes needed to the Constitution and Bylaws.



President Wytold Lebing ponders a question during his presentation on fly fishing in Alaska.

The club is still looking for someone to put together the Year-in-Review presentation for the Awards Banquet

MEMBERSHIP

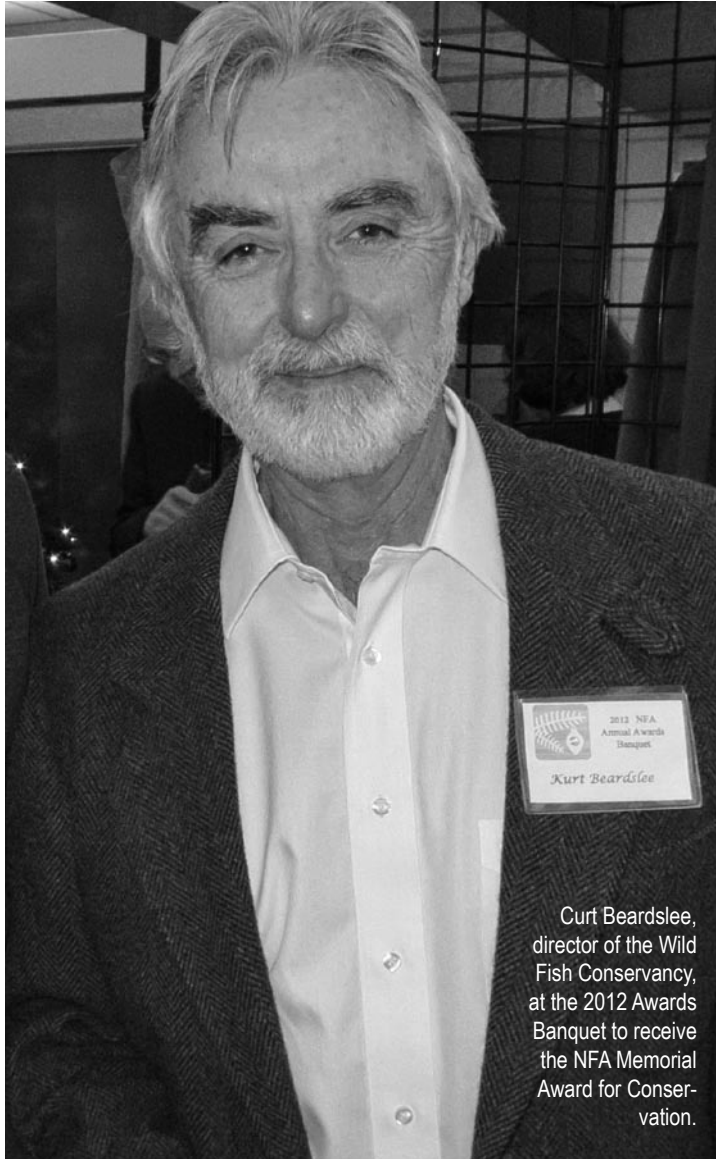
About 50 people showed up for the September 18th meeting. President Wytold Lebing welcomed a couple of guests and then thanked Art and Candy Altman and Bill and Peg Van Natter for bringing refreshments.

Librarian Jimmy Kamada said that an effort is underway to get long-overdue (like years-overdue) books returned to the NFA library. Raffles were handled by Steve Bosch; winners were Wayne Balsiger, Helen Bottcher, and Ron Romeis (who is in town to go fishing with his daughter, Carleigh).

Wytold announced that the Banquet Committee (himself, Helsa Petersen, and Jimmy Kamada) is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

A vote was taken on the proposed Bylaws amendment to move the collection date for dues to the beginning of the year. 47 people voted in favor. An e-mail ballot will be sent out to garner the 26 more yes votes for it to be approved.

Wytold was the speaker of the evening and gave an informative program about fly fishing in Alaska entitled "Cabins, Rafts and Lodges."



Curt Beardslee, director of the Wild Fish Conservancy, at the 2012 Awards Banquet to receive the NFA Memorial Award for Conservation.

AND THE WINNER IS!

MEMBERS WILL PICK THE AWARD WINNER AT OCTOBER 16TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

| Article by Tom Beaulaurier. |

COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

CCA employs Gulf, Atlantic and Pacific fisheries consultants to monitor key recreational issues on national and regional levels. Additionally, a number of CCA state chapters employ biologists to deal with state fishery issues, including WASHINGTON. CCA relies on data from state, federal and academic sources, but has supported and funded research, on both a state and national level, to provide greater insight into marine resource issues and problems.

FORTERRA

Forterra's work stretches from the farmland and river canyons of Yakima all the way to the estuaries and forests of Washington's coastline. They are committed to smart urban policy and urban forest restoration in the Puget Sound region's many wonderful cities. They are working with communities across the Olympic Peninsula to create a sustainable plan for the next 100 years.

FRIENDS OF THE CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED

The Friends of the Cedar River Watershed offer innovative opportunities for people, young and old, to improve the ecological health of the Cedar River watershed in which over a million people live. Through their base of volunteers, community leaders, and educators, they empower people to take practical steps to make their home watershed sustainable for people, fish, and wildlife.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The National Wildlife Federation believes that helping wildlife survive the challenges of the 21st Century, like climate change and habitat loss, is best done by:

- Working with diverse groups to achieve common conservation goals.
- Forming resilient and sustainable solutions to problems facing our environment and wildlife.
- Focusing on the future of conservation as well as the present, to ensure America's wildlife legacy lives on.

THE 2014 NFA AWARDS BANQUET

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DECEMBER 7TH, 2014 NFA AWARDS BANQUET.

| Article and photography by Dana Bottcher. |

WHERE AND WHEN

The 2014 Awards Banquet is going to be at Hotel Deca on NE 45th Street in the Seattle's University District. The festivities begin at 5:30, Sunday, December 7th. This year you can make your reservations and buy raffle tickets on line at the club's website.

Pick up your name tag, dinner card, and pre-ordered raffle tickets at the check-in table.

Select a table and a seat and place your dinner card next to your plate so the servers will know what dinner to serve you.

There will be a no-host bar (that means you pay for your own drinks).

If you did not pre-order your raffle tickets, you can buy them for a \$1 each (most people buy them in lots of 20; cash or checks only). Proceed to the raffle tables and put your tickets in the raffle boxes. Also



Dave and Claudia Campbell
enjoying the 2013 Awards
Banquet at the Hotel Deca.

check out the items in the silent auction area. Don't forget the bake sale table. Silent auction and bake sale bids are made by writing your name and bid amount down on the sheet with each item. Note the rules concerning minimum starting bids and each additional bid.

PROGRAM

You should be in your seat by 6:30 because the President will give some welcoming words to all the Banquet goers while the servers are bringing out the food.



If you finish your meal before others and still have some unused raffle tickets (or want to buy more), you could quietly go to the raffle area. The raffle closes at 7:30.

The Awards Ceremony begins at 7:30 with the President's Opening Remarks. Then the

Service, Merit, and Memorial awards are presented. The ceremony ends just before eight, leaving enough time for a last minute bid at the Silent Auction tables (the tables close at eight).

The Year-In-Review presentation goes from eight to 8:30.

Then the raffle/silent auction/bake sale winners are announced. Be sure to pay for your silent auction and bake sale winnings before you leave (bring your checkbook!!).

NEED DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

Jimmy Kamada has sent out letters asking for donations to the raffle and silent auction. Donations don't have to be fishing related; in the past there have been such items as theater tickets, home-cooked meals, and paintings donated.

The Awards Committee (Wytold Lebing and Helsa Petersen) are looking for people to set up, take down, sell tickets, help with the raffle and silent auction, and do other small jobs. If you would like to help out, please contact them as soon as possible. Several of the new members indicated on their membership applications that they would be willing to help with the Awards Banquet, well now is the time.

Save the date for this year's banquet!

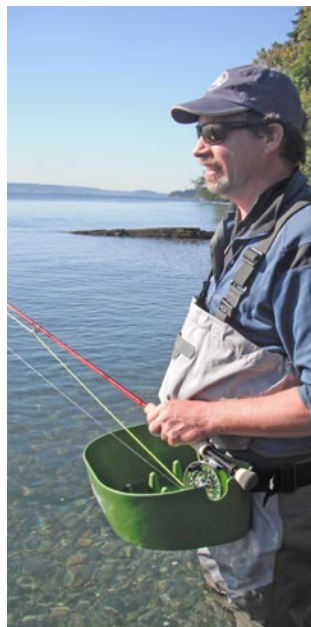
A MARVELOUS FISH-CATCHING DAY, EXCEPT THE FISH DID NOT GET THE MEMO

EIGHT NFA MEMBERS ENJOY THE SUNSHINE AT TACOMA NARROWS PARK.

| Article and photography by David Paul Williams. |

By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea so begins the century-old song (used here with apologies to Harry Carroll and Harold R. Atteridge). September 13, 2014 by the sea was indeed beautiful when fellow NFA'ers Todd Friedmar, Jim Morrison, Art Alton, John Haynes, Vance Thompson, Jim Watson, Kathy Watson and David Paul Williams met at the Tacoma Narrows Park. The shining sun glistened off the water gently lapping the sandy and pebbly shore. High tide, it was and soon the water began to rush north, creating fish-holding currents and rips. We were on the water, casting towards unseen, but certainly present coho and perhaps some coastal cutthroat, and maybe, just maybe if we got lucky, a blackmouth might light up one of our rods. All was in readiness for a marvelous fish-catching day on the water.

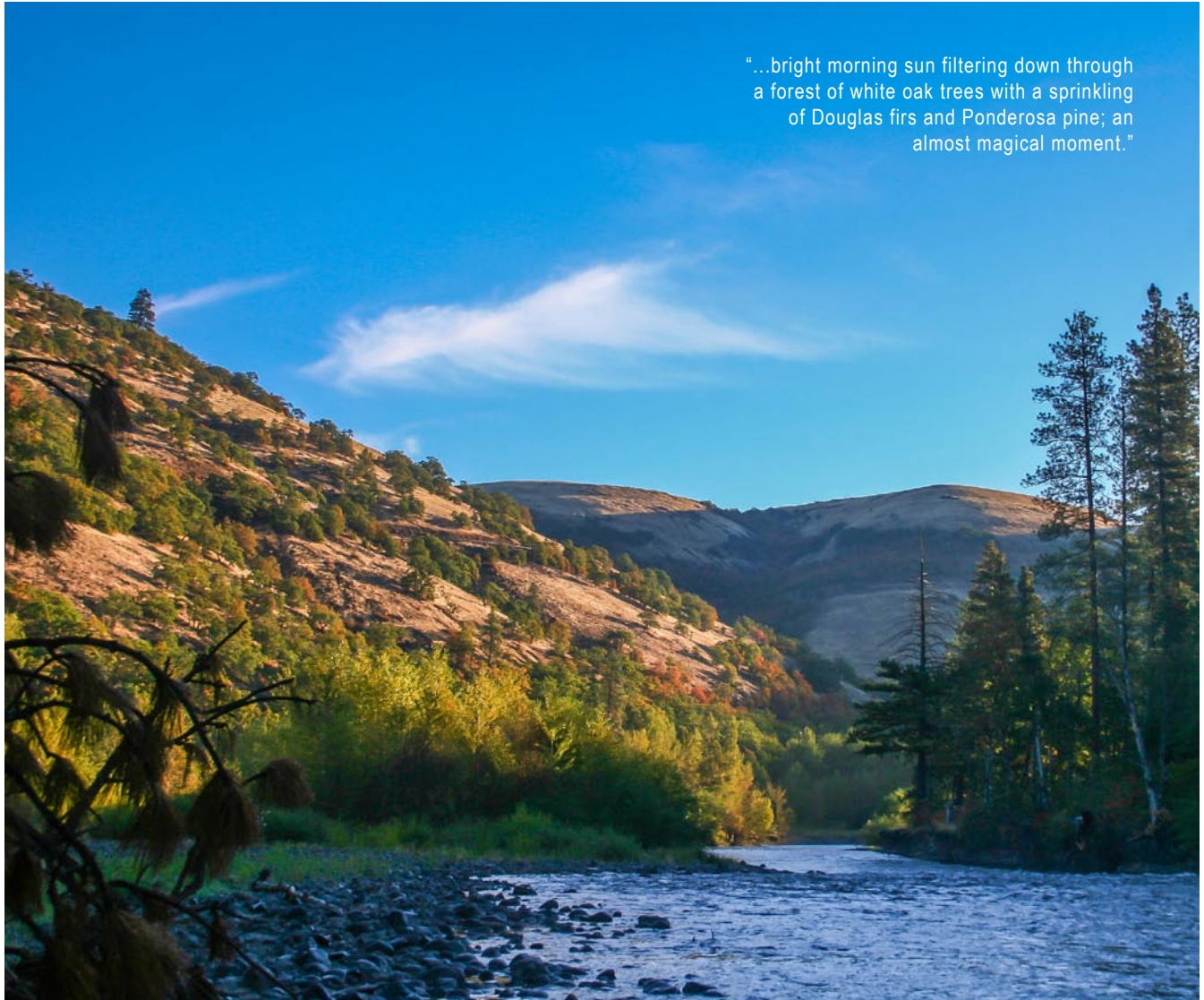
Okay, that's what was supposed to happen. Turns out the fish did not get the memo and mostly took the day off, perhaps to watch college football.



Clockwise from top: Art Alton adjusts his offerings while standing waist-deep in Puget Sound on a very sunny day; Todd Friedmar has his casting basket ready as he looks for signs of feeding fish; and David P. Williams puts a bend in his rod in order to deliver the fly all the way out to where the fish are cruising, but evidently not feeding.

Yes, there were a few little guys dimpling, most likely on small crustaceans, in the soft water adjacent to the current rips. And then there was the occasional larger fish that jumped, perhaps mockingly, certainly well out of casting range of anything short of a bazooka. Williams claimed three fish rose to a Miyawaki Beach Popper (a well-known smallmouth bass pattern), but none took things seriously enough to get hooked and none returned for a second chance.

A nice feature of the Tacoma Narrows Park is the extensive beach. It's possible to walk north well beyond the Narrows Bridge, stopped only by a tangled slide of trees, blackberry vines and dirt. To the south, the beach runs all the way to Point Fosdick. It's a good beach and the fish will be there, perhaps in October, certainly in November when the resident coho have grown into 20-inch long slabs of silver. See you on the beach then.



"...bright morning sun filtering down through a forest of white oak trees with a sprinkling of Douglas firs and Ponderosa pine; an almost magical moment."

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER, BUT NO STEELHEAD, FOR KLICKITAT WEEKEND

11 MEMBERS FISH THE KLINK

| Article by Dave Campbell. |

"This is the best campground NFA has ever had." "I love this river, I really love this river!" "Russ, great dinner!" These are some of the many comments overheard at the Klickitat River outing. But wait..... I am getting

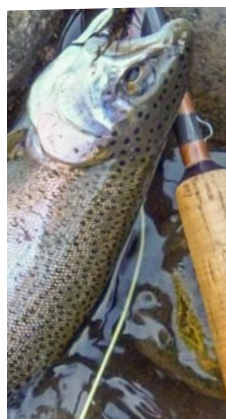
ahead of myself.

Tuesday before the trip, storm clouds descend bringing the first fall storm and dumping from one to two inches of rain. Jim Watson heads over on Wednesday as advance-man to se-

cure good camping spots. He finds heavy rain and a "muddy" river.

Thursday afternoon Dave Campbell, Dan Richardson, Vance Thompson—eager to try out his new Outcast 9-foot **To page 7....**

DAN RICHARDSON



Clockwise from top: Mark Conner fishes while anchored up; (group left to right) Dave Campbell, Vance Thompson, Tom Beaulaurier, Ron Romeis, Jim Morrison, Carleigh Romeis, Jim and Kathy Watson, Ross Shropshire, Mark Conner, and Dan Richardson; one of Dave Campbell's rainbows; and outings host Russ Shropshire in the kitchen.

.....**From page 6** pontoon boat—and Ron Romeis arrive. Around 5PM our outing host Russ Shropshire and Jim Morrison arrive. Mark Conner rolls in with his new Dodge Ram truck and raft in tow. We set up the camp kitchen just in time to cook dinner with flashlight, rain gear, and a heavy down pour.

The next morning we awake bright and early to campfire coffee,

bright morning sun filtering down through a forest of white oak trees with a sprinkling of Douglas Firs and Ponderosa Pine; an almost magical moment. The river is dropping, the muddy water is changing to a gray/green, and all members start the day with great expectations. Dan floats with Mark, Ron and Jim Morrison hit the river, new Spey rods in hand. Dave and Jim load pontoon boats for an up-

per river float.

Friday afternoon Tom Beaulaurier arrives. Late that evening Carleigh Romeis and Kathy Watson arrive having worked on Friday.

About the fishing..... not so good for the fly fisher. There was a lot of fishermen on the river this year, attributed in part to poor conditions on the Methow. The fishing game was primarily drift boat fishing with king salmon the target. The standard method is drifting the boat through holding water with a bait casting rod, a float, and cured salmon eggs.

The river continued to clear and drop throughout the weekend but never reached optimum fly fishing conditions. Several resident rainbow trout were caught but Steelhead eluded all of us.

All members enjoyed a splendid camp, good food and wonderful camp fire camaraderie on this outstanding fall outing.

Thanks Russ for the great hosting job.



OCTOBER 18

PASS LAKE OUTING

The outing is a great chance to land large brown trout as well as feisty rainbows. Everyone is bringing a floating device (float tube, pontoon boat, canoe, pram, etc.) since casting from shore is really not much of an option. It is well known that the lake's browns are susceptible to large streamers and that a sink-tip line may be the difference between catching one or not.

There is no Outings Fee, but the outing coordinator would like to know who is coming. So please use the NFA website to register.



WHAT TO BRING

- Washington fishing license and Discover Pass.
- Fishing equipment: five- or six-weight rods, sinking lines, and 2-X and 3-X 6-foot leaders. Boat net sure would be handy. Don't forget your fins if you have a pontoon boat or float tube.
- Warm clothes and rain gear.
- More warm clothes for the car. Don't forget the gloves.
- Thick waders and wool pants.
- Suitable floating devices include: pontoon boat, float tubes, and canoe or pram.
- Streamers that mimic minnows, such as a bullet head minnow or even a small Clouser. A few
- flies in olive, black, tan. See picture above
- Camera in waterproof container (like a Ziplock bag).
- Folding camp chair to sit around in while warming up on shore.
- Your lunch and a thermos of hot liquid (coffee, tea, cocoa, or something stronger).

COORDINATOR: Jamie Dearn

HOW TO GET THERE

- Take I-5 north.
- Pass Mt. Vernon and cross the Skagit River.

Take Exit 230 (about 60 miles north of Seattle) and go west (left) on Rte. 20.

- Drive 11.7 miles and then turn left on Rte. 20 south.
- Rte. 20 passes Lake Campbell and then runs along the shore Pass Lake.
- You will see the parking lot at the western end of the lake.





NFA members moved a lot of wet mulch at the 2013 Rattlesnake Lake outing

OCTOBER 11

RATTLESNAKE LAKE OUTING

This is almost the last NFA conservation outing for 2014! Come out to help reclaim the Cedar River Watershed Education Center for native plants! This site, and the Snoqualmie Valley in general, have a rich and varied history. The biological part of the history is represented by the many invasive plants that until recently have constantly crowded out native species

around the Education Center. Join us as we continue the work to reclaim this area for native plants that are good for fish and other wildlife. NFA volunteers will help shape the future of this site by removing invasive weeds, mulching, and planting native plants along the shore of Rattlesnake Lake. Bring your family, friends and join NFA members to be a part of the story!

In addition to the work, there may be a free guided tour of a section of the gated watershed. Just you with the deer, elk and little critters enjoying the pristine views. Bring a camera!

We'll meet at the Education Center (19901 Cedar Falls Rd SE, North Bend). Times are 9:00am to 3:00pm. Please sign up on the Conservation page of the club's website.

WHAT TO BRING

- ▶ Tools and gloves are provided, but if you have your own leather gardening gloves bring them.
- ▶ Snacks and drinks are also provided.
- ▶ Dress to get dirty.
- ▶ Bring boots for mucking about.
- ▶ Bring rain gear just in case.

HOW TO GET THERE

- ▶ Take I-90 east to Exit 32 (marked 436 Ave. SW) and turn right on 432 Ave. SW.
- ▶ In 1/2 a mile the road crosses the S Fork of the Snoqualmie and becomes Cedar Falls Rd SE.
- ▶ In 3 1/2 miles Cedar Falls Rd. ends at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center.
- ▶ Follow signs for parking and where to meet up and sign in.



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Conservation Outing

A day of fighting for native plants at the Education Center on Rattlesnake Lake out of North Bend.

October 16

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and ends before nine.

October 18

Pass Lake Outing

A great chance to catch a brown trout. Float Pass Lake in Deception Pass State Park south of Anacortes. Lake also contains large rainbows. No outings fee, however soup will be served. Reserve your spot online by November 14th.

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THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Abigail Schuster

Guide and instructor from Seattle's Emerald Waters Anglers speaks to club at November 20th meeting.

Abigail will have a program focused on the latest techniques in how to release fish in order to maximize their survival rate. She is a fine photographer and has lots of pictures of her fishing adventures both locally and internationally.

The evening's brief business meeting will feature a vote on the official slate of NFA candidates (see article on page 4), and—if there are no floor nominations—we will conduct the election.



"I have always had a strong desire for adventure and a deep love for nature. Fly fishing is the ideal way for me to fulfill my love for outdoor adventure." —Abigail Schuster

Two New Applicants

John Chouinard was introduced to the NFA by Mark Conner. He is a self-taught fly fisher who has been fly fishing streams and rivers for over ten years. He joined to increase his skills and to meet new friends.

Alan Pilkington heard about the club through his friend and NFA member Ray Spencer. Alan learned to fly fish over 50 years ago in Australia, and most of his favorite rivers are there or in New Zealand. He joined to help with conservation (he

belongs to Trout Unlimited and Pheasants Forever) and to meet other anglers. Alan is interested in attending conservation outings, writing for the newsletter (he is a published author—his latest book *Rivers of My Memory* is a collection of poems and short stories of his sporting life in Australia), and tying flies for the Fly Box.

If there are no objections, both John and Alan will be inducted in the near future.

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Photos for 2014 Year-In-Review

For the last half-dozen years Paul Dieter has been doing our annual Year-In-Review (YIR) presentation at our Awards Banquet. Due to the quality and artistry of his programs, the club has sold many dvds of the YIRs. Paul has let the steering committee know that he will not be able to do this year's YIR, and the committee has been unable to find anyone willing to try and fill Paul's shoes. President Wytold Lebing and Editor Dana Bottcher have decided to pool their meager talents and try and cobble together a YIR for the banquet.

They would like you to submit your photos to Dana by the November 20th membership meeting. This can be done via e-mail, cd, or flash drive. NFA and/or fishing photos please.



The real Dylan Tomine

MEMBERSHIP

About 40 people showed up for the October 16th meeting. President Wytold Lebing welcomed a couple of guests and then thanked Ron Takemura and Jean and Jamie Dearn for bringing refreshments.

Conservation chair Tom Beaulaurier briefly reviewed the four organizations that have been nominated for the 2014 NFA Memorial Award for Conservation. Ballots were handed out, marked, collected, and counted. Forterra got the most votes and is the winner. A member of the organization will be invited to the January 7th Awards Banquet.

Outings chair Mark Conner briefly went over the tentative 2015 NFA Outings Calendar which will be posted on the Outings page of the NFA website. He indicated that the calendar was tentative; any planned outing will only occur if there is a host or coordinator. He encouraged people to volunteer to host an outing.

Dylan Tomine, pictured above, gave a wonderful presentation on the benefits of wild fish as opposed to hatchery fish.

NOTE: The picture on the front page of the October (and May) Flypaper labelled "Dylan Tomine" was incorrect. Whoops...sorry—Editor

STEERING

The following officers and committee members were in attendance at the October 8th Steering Committee meeting: Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Peter Maunsell, Ray Spencer, Jim Morrison, Tom Beaulaurier, Jimmy Kamada, Steve Bosch, Mike Olson, and Susanne Staats.

Treasurer Peter Maunsell presented a year-to-date income and expense report, a budget summary report, a membership detail report, and an outings summary report to the committee.



Peter Maunsell

The committee heard a request from Webmaster Jim Morrison that the Steering Committee postpone its discussion of the club's Meetup page until a future meeting; the page is still a work in progress.

Education chair Jim Higgins said there are four members who have signed up for the \$70, six-week, beginning fly tying class that starts Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Those interested can sign up on the Education page of the NFA website. It is open to the public and space is limited.

Wytold asked ex-Treasurer Jim Morrison for a review of the NFA finances before the end of the year.



Left side, top to bottom: Joe and Rebecca Souther. Greg and Gertrude Both, Ron and Sharon Takemura; Center: Wytold and Carol Lebing; and right side, top to bottom: Dana Bottcher and Eric Olson, and Laura and Paul Krc.



NFA AWARDS BANQUET DECEMBER 7TH

HOW TO DONATE TO THE RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION AND WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND.

| Article and photography by Dana Bottcher. |

DONATIONS

Librarian Jimmy Kamada has stepped up to take on the job of making the raffle and silent auction part of the Awards Banquet a big success.

Some of the items he has secured so far include:

- A three-day hosted fly fishing trip to Montana for two; including two days of guided floats, three nights at the Johnson's cabin, and all meals.
- A couple of bamboo

rods made by former NFA president Tom Hodgson.

- Private casting lessons by our Education chair Jim Higgins.
- Gift cards to Recycled Cycles.
- Two live theater tickets.
- A float tube.
- A fly tying kit with instructional video.
- Lots of flies and fly tying material.
- A bunch of yummy baked goods just in time for the holidays.

Jimmy would still like to have more peo-

ple donate to the event. He is willing to come get any items you wish to have become part of the raffle/silent auction. All the money raised at this Banquet goes to help pay for our programs and conservation efforts (the modest NFA dues barely cover our insurance and the rent we pay for the monthly meetings).

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT

The Awards Banquet is a fun and special evening because it is a party (lots of socializing), a banquet

(the Hotel Deca serves a great meal), a ceremony (you get to show your appreciation for those who have helped run the club), a chance to win—or get at bargain prices—some goodies (killer raffle and silent auction), and a movie (the Year-In-Review is a video of still and motion pictures from 2014).

Your personal invitation will soon be in your e-mail box. For latest information and an easy way to register, check the NFA website.



MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON NOMINEES AND WINNERS AT NOVEMBER 20TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING.



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OPEN SEAT

The Nominating Committee has not found anyone to run for **Vice-president**. The job involves securing monthly programs for the membership meetings. Until a candidate is found, the Steering Committee will have to come up with programs. The next President will appoint someone who volunteers, and the membership will vote to ratify or not.



RAY SPENCER

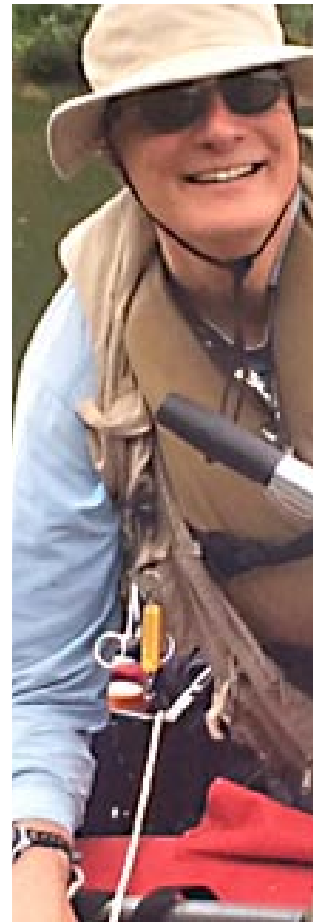
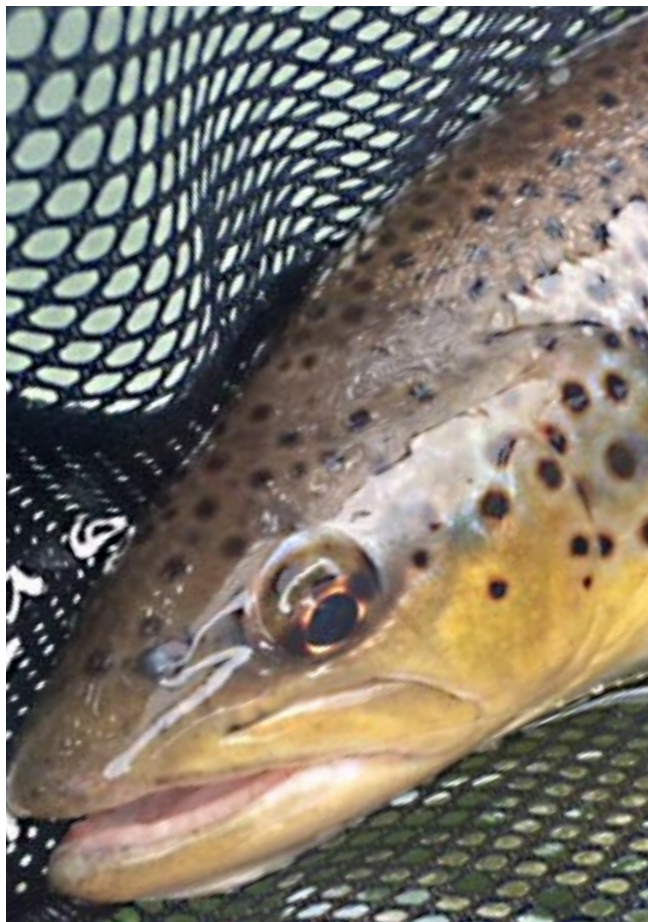
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Scott McCracken (below) and smiling Wayne Balsiger. Large brown trout.



PASS LAKE DELIVERS ON PROMISE OF GOOD FISHING

EIGHT NFA MEMBERS AND GUESTS HAVE A GREAT TIME AND EAT WELL THANKS TO JAMIE AND JEAN.

| Article and photography by Jamie Dearn. |

Jean and I parked our trailer in the parking lot and greeted members and their guests as they arrived. Those in attendance were: Scott Martini and his wife, Mark Moore and his friend, Wayne Balsiger, Scott McCracken, and Jean and I. We all suited up while Jean stayed behind to heat up the homemade chicken chili with cornbread for lunch. The weather was nice; the lake

had a slight chop, but was very comfortable.

We all came in and ate after about two hours. The delicious lunch with all the trimmings was pretty much totally consumed by our hungry crew.

All of us went back out on the lake and stayed until dark. My rough count showed that Scott caught three or four, Wayne had two, Matt

landed five or six, and I netted five or six, including a hog of a brown at 19 inches and four pounds. All our fish were caught on streamers out in the open and close to the bank.

It seemed that everybody was very satisfied with the fishing and had a great day overall. We look forward to another Pass Lake outing next year.

GOOD KARMA

SIX MEMBERS BUILD MULCH RINGS AT RATTLESNAKE LAKE

| Article and photography
by Tom Beaulaurier. |

The weather was perfect as NFA volunteers pitched in to help the effort of supporting native plants on the lakeside slopes at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center. Several years ago, this area was controlled by some invasive species such as Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry and Japanese Knotweed. These stout invasives have been treated and are not as evident today as they have been in those years gone by.

NFA members Ron Takemura, David and Mona Fairbanks, Scott and Daniel Martini and Tom Beaulaurier volunteered to build mulch rings around a variety of newly planted native species. The mulch will discourage grasses from choking the young plants, add nutrients to their root systems, and retain moisture until next summer.

The lakeside setting and the landscaping around the Education Center is spectacular. Wide open views, water drums in the background, hikers on the high ridge, lots of friend-making and trip-talk all added up to another great way to take advantage of what the NFA is offering to those who make the time to take time from everything else.

No matter what the forecast was, the weather was keeping the same schedule as we were. Within 10 minutes of wrapping up the project, one of those “I’ve never seen it rain so hard” downpours came through and soaked everything. Drivers on the I-90 freeway could barely see the road. That is good karma!

Take time for one of the next conservation outings. You’ll add to the fun and enjoy it too.



L to R: Scott Martini, Tom Beaulaurier, Mona and David Fairbanks, Ron Takemura, and Daniel Martini.





NOVEMBER 8

SEWARD PARK OUTING

Come out and celebrate Green Seattle Day by helping restore Lake Washington's shoreline habitat at Seward Park with NFA friends, Friends of the Cedar River Watershed, and Seattle Parks through the Green Seattle Partnership!

Seward Park is 300 acres of beautiful forestland that is home to eagles, old growth forest, shoreline, beaches, and miles of hiking, biking, and walking trails.

Join us along the shore of Lake Washington to plant native trees and shrubs, spread mulch, and restore habitat to a more natural and sustainable state. By working together, we will rejuvenate this site, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and create a lasting community legacy for years to come.

If you can arrive early, meet around 9:00 am at Cafe Vita for your own pastry and hot drink. The cafe is at 5028 Wilson Ave S (see directions at right). There is usually coffee at the event sign-in location, too.

The volunteer event starts at 10:00 and ends about 2:00 pm. This is the last NFA conservation outing for the year. Bring a camera!

So we know to expect you, please sign up on the Conservation page of the club's website.

NOVEMBER 8

THE DETAILS

MEET FOR COFFEE 9:00 for pumpkin lattes at Cafe Vita in the Seward Park neighborhood (see directions below).

SIGN IN 10:00 at Seward Park. Look for signage. Parking available.

WHAT'S PROVIDED They provide the tools, gloves, drinks, and light lunch when we take a noon break.

WHAT TO WEAR Sturdy footwear and work clothes. Bring raingear if the weather is threatening. Hiking boots if you plan to explore the park's trails and see the old fish hatchery that was built in 1935.

HOW TO GET THERE

DIRECTIONS TO CAFE VITA From I-5 go east-bound on I-90 and immediately (EXIT 3) exit onto Rainier Ave S. Head south 2 miles and turn left (east) on S Genesee St. In .8 miles turn right (south) on 50 Ave. S and in .5 miles bend left onto Wilson Ave S. Cafe Vita is on the left across from the PCC market.

DIRECTIONS TO SEWARD PARK From Cafe Vita continue north on Wilson and then bear left at stop sign onto S Dawson St. which then bears right and becomes Seward Park Ave. S. Follow signs to park and parking. Look for signs for the event.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8

Conservation Outing

A day of planting natives trees and bushes at Seattle's Seward Park from 10 am to 2 pm. Pre-outing coffee meetup at 9 at Cafe Vita.

November 12

Steering Meeting

Officers and committee members meet at 7 at Haller Lake Community Center.

November 20

Membership Meeting

Haller Lake Community Center. Social half hour begins at 7:00 with educational program and refreshments. Evening program starts around eight and ends before nine.

December 7

Annual Awards Banquet

Evening of fun (drinking, socializing, raffle, silent auction, and bake sale), banquet, awards ceremony, and Year-in-Review. Personal invitation coming soon. Check website to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE...

Submissions for the December issue are due Friday December 12th. E-mail your articles and photographs to Dana Bottcher.

THE FLYPAPER

NEWSLETTER



Steering Committee

The November 12th Steering Committee (SC) met for the last time this year and in attendance were; Wytold Lebing, Maura Johnson, Ray Spencer, Tom Beaulaurier, Jim Morrison, Joe Souther, Jimmy Kamada, Mark Conner, Jim Higgins, Susanne Staats, Helsa Petersen, Kim Kreidler, and Dana Bottcher.

The SC set the cost to attend the Awards Banquet at \$35, the same as last year. Unlike last year, the Hotel Deca wants \$6 per car to park in its lot. The SC decided that the club would pay for parking.

The 2015 NFA Budget will be presented to the membership for its approval at the February 19th membership meeting. So the SC appointed Treasurer Peter Maunsell, Maura Johnson, and Jim Higgins to the 2015 Budget Committee. Committee chairs are to come to the January SC meeting with estimates for the budget. The budget will be hammered out at the January and February SC meetings.

Outings chair Mark Conner said he needs people to volunteer to host certain outings or they won't be held. Education chair Jim Higgins said that there are only three spots remaining for the Beginning Fly Tying class.

Membership Meeting

There were about 50 members in attendance at the November 20th membership meeting. President Wytold Lebing called the meeting to order and thanked Peter Rubenstein for bringing refreshments.

Alan Pilkington was inducted as a new member.

The official NFA slate of candidates for President, Secretary, and Treasurer was approved because there were no candidates from the floor. A request to nominate someone from the floor for Vice-president was answered when David Williams volunteered to run for the office. The election of officers will be at the January membership meeting.

Website editor, Jim Morrison, announced that a message board has been set up on the club website for members to communicate with others in the club. It has three areas: General Comments About Club Issues, Swapping and Selling Fishing Gear, and Impromptu Fishing Adventures. The Message Board is for members only, so one needs the password to leave messages.

Fishing guide Abigail Schuster gave a wonderful presentation on how to release your fish so as to do the least amount of harm to the fish. She had some wonderful pictures showing how to treat your prey once you hook it.

New Applicants

At the November meeting, **Sherie Patano** filled out a membership application. Sherie is a Seattleite who learned to fly fish in Idaho and considers Idaho and Montana her favorite places to fly fish. Sherie is a retired educator and learned about the NFA through our website on the Internet.

If there are no objections, Sherie will be inducted in the near future.

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2015 Dues are Due Beginning January 1, 2015

Membership dues will be due for renewal beginning January 1, 2015. There has been no dues increase over last year—Individual memberships are \$30 and Family memberships are \$40. One has until March 31, 2015 to renew. After that date, any member who wants to renew will have to pay what is called a “Reinstatement Fee”, which is \$10. If for

some reason you wait until 2016, you will have to join all over again and that means a \$10 “Initiation Fee.”

So go to the club website, navigate to the “How To Join” page, and use your credit or debit card (or PayPal). The section of the page looks like the following image.

... till around 9:00 pm on the third Thursday of every month except July and December, at City Center which is located at: 12579 Densmore Ave North Seattle, WA 98133. There is ... of the building.

... half hour of socializing, an educational mini-program, and refreshments. This is followed ... ng, fishing reports, a raffle, and the program for the evening. Please be sure to introduce ... know you and sign in at the Membership table near the door. There you'll get additional ... b and a free raffle ticket.

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Nominees for 2015 NFA Officers



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VICE-PRESIDENT

David Williams has been Vice-president and President before, and is willing to serve as **Vice-president** and head of the Programs Committee for 2015. David is also the newsletter editor of the Washington State Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. He would love to have suggestions from the membership as to who to have as a monthly speaker.



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1. Helsa Petersen, 2. Wytold Lebing and Jordan Rash, 3. Tom Beaulaurier, 4. Michael Olson and Dana Bottcher, 5. Jimmy Kamada and Shirley Miller, 6. Helen Bottcher and Carleigh Romeis, and 7. Linda and Tom Ahlers.



NFA Awards Banquet December 7th

About 80 people showed up for the annual NFA Awards Banquet at the Deca Hotel on Sunday, December 7th. All drivers checked in at the front desk and got tickets for parking free in the hotel parking lot. The banquet room, scattered with 10 round banquet tables, was flanked on three sides with long tables filled with raffle items, silent auction offerings, and bake sale temptations.

For the second time in his 14-month term as president, Wytold Lebing welcomed everyone. He thanked Raffle chair Jimmy Kamada and Banquet Committee chair Helsa Petersen for their hard work in making the evening a success.

After a wonderful meal, Awards chair Michael Olson gave out the awards for the evening. The Memorial Award for Conservation (and a \$500

check) went to Forterra (and was accepted by Jordan Rash), the Award of Merit (for contributions to the NFA) went to Wytold Lebing, the Service Award (for service to the wider community) went to Conservation chair Tom Beaulaurier, and the Holbrook Award ("for dedication to the art and science of angling"—NFA Bylaws) went to newsletter editor Dana Bottcher.

This year a new method was employed to get prizes to the winners. Their names were posted on the items and they simply picked them up; auction winners paid at the Treasurer's table in front.

After all the winners had regained their seats, the year-in-review (produced by Dana Bottcher and Wytold Lebing) was shown.

People were on their way home by 9:30.



Assistant Fly Tying Instructor Eric Olson looks on while a student tries to dub material on some tying thread at last year's Beginning Fly Tying Class.

Beginning Fly Tying Class: January 6–February 10, 2015

It is that time of year again. The six-session, NFA Beginning Fly Tying Class starts on Tuesday, January 6th and runs for six weeks (6:30 to 8:30 pm) in the back room of Recycle Cycles in Seattle's Fremont neighborhood.

Currently nine of the possible 12 spots available for the class have been filled. So, if you are interested in learning to tie flies in the next year please don't wait and be disappointed. You can sign up and pay the \$70 class tuition (covers all the material needed) by going to the club website.

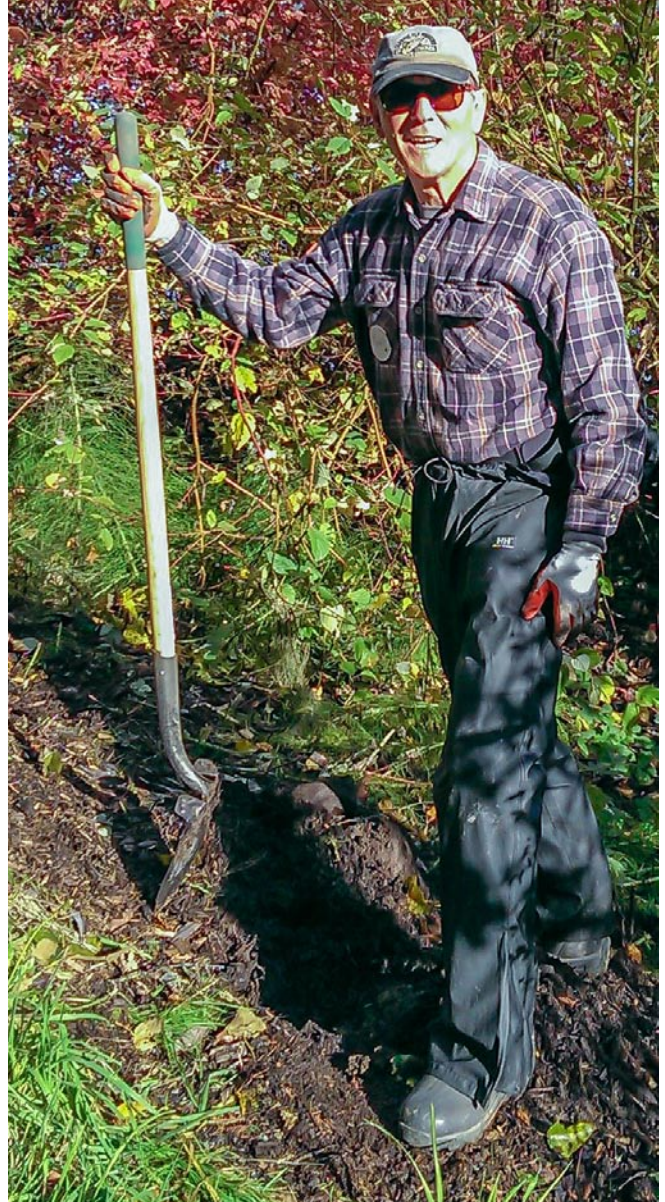
The class is designed to teach students how to tie 11 of the Northwest's best flies. The skills and

techniques one learns from mastering these 11 flies will allow the tier to churn out hundreds of other patterns (and even invent some of your own imagining). There will be enough instructors for students to get individual attention. The course is designed so that easy flies and basic skills are taught first. Extra material is given out allowing students to tie flies as homework. Students need to bring their own tools (a list is sent out before the first class).

The class is offered only once a year, there are only three slots available, so sign up and become a fly tier.



Karen Gilbert (left) smiling as she digs a hole for her last plant. Scott McCracken thinking about his next cup of coffee.



Seward Park Conservation Outing

This is the first conservation outing of the year that Conservation Chair, Tom Beaulaurier, did not attend. There was not one sign-up by Friday, the day before the outing, so instead he decided to go fishing on the Yakima River (the fishing was quite good according to Tom).

Anyway, on Friday Helen Bottcher was contacted by Karen Gilbert (Wayne Balsiger's partner) about the outing and they both decided to go. Scott McCracken, a regular at most NFA conservation outings, decided to go at the last minute instead of going duck hunting.

Scott, who has a hard time functioning without

his morning coffee, was excited that the pre-meeting place was at a coffee shop in the Seward Park neighborhood. Due possibly to low levels of caffeine in his navigational system, Scott ended up at a coffee shop in Columbia City. If you check a Seattle map and see where Columbia City is in relation to Seward Park, you will understand why he was late getting to the outing.

However, the three representatives of the NFA finally did meet up, and they planted native trees and shrubs along the Lake Washington shoreline so quickly that the project was completed by noon.

All three had a wonderful time in the sun.

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January 6

Beginning Fly Tying Class

6:30 to 8:30 at Recycle Cycles in Fremont.

January 7

Steering Meeting

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January 13

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January 15

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