President’s Message
Michael Golob

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and Santa was good to you. I find this is a great time to reflect on all the things we accomplished in the past year, and some of things we didn’t accomplish that will get moved to the 2023 to-do list. I personally have two main goals for the coming year: work less and fish more!

I am really looking forward to 2023 as we already have lots of activities planned. Starting in January, we have two fly-tying sessions. In February, 2023 outings begin on the Sandy River with 18 more outings planned throughout the year. Don Kohler will provide details on the outings at our January General Membership meeting. Also, in February Richard Bowers will be leading our rod building class. After a three-year hiatus, our annual banquet is back on the schedule for March 25th. Please check our website CSFly.net for updates regarding Club events.

All club activities and fund raising are a direct result of club volunteers. Some have done extraordinary work these last few years, keeping the club running and thriving despite the COVID epidemic. In this edition of the Barb, you will find an award nomination form. Please take a few minutes to reflect and submit someone for one of the awards. A short write up on the nominee’s contribution and why you think they deserve the reward is required. A committee of club members will select the winners in late February, so the deadline for submitting the forms is February 20th.

If you haven’t yet been involved in club activities, I highly encourage you to do so in 2023. It is a great opportunity to learn about our conservation efforts, learn some new skills, and meet some very interesting people.

Starting in January we will be changing the time of monthly General Membership meetings. They will still be the third Wednesday of each month, but we will start the wet fly hour at 5:30 PM and the general meeting will start at 6:30 PM. This will allow us to finish a little earlier and clean up the meeting facility by 9:00 PM. We have secured the Black Pearl location for 2023, so our location will remain consistent.

Wishing you all the best in 2023. Let’s make it a great year for the Club!

Michael

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BANQUET COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Please plan to participate in a special ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, January 4 to discuss needs for the March 25 Banquet & Auction.

Zoom Meeting information:
Date: 1/4/2023 Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83845878408?pwd=UGZLZEcrbXQ0ck9CL2JPSG5sRGJLdz09
Meeting ID: 838 4587 8408 Passcode: 011793

General Membership Meeting
CSF January Presentation

2023 CSF Outings’ Preview and
Meet Your FishMasters
Don Kohler, CSF Outings Director

In his 4th year as CSF Outings Director, Don and volunteer FishMasters have prepared 18 adventures across Washington and Oregon for CSF Members and Guests. Make your Plans!

The Clark Skamania FlyFishers
Next Meeting on
Wednesday
January 18, 2022
Wet Fly @ 5:30
Meeting @ 6:30
Black Pearl on the Columbia
56 S 1ST STREET
WASHOUGAL, WA 98671
## 2023 CSF Outings Calendar

**Don Kohler, Outings Director**  
moabman07@gmail.com

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<td>(503) 891-5486, <a href="mailto:moabman07@gmail.com">moabman07@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>John Day River - Cottonwood Canyon State Park - Oregon</td>
<td>FishMaster: Phil Gulling</td>
<td>(360) 281-6272, <a href="mailto:gullingphil@q.com">gullingphil@q.com</a></td>
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<td>FishMaster: Al Wood &amp; Diane Schmitt</td>
<td>(360) 904-7797, <a href="mailto:alanstanleywood@gmail.com">alanstanleywood@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>(360) 606-5947, <a href="mailto:sjones022@comcast.com">sjones022@comcast.com</a></td>
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<td>Klickitat River – Washington</td>
<td>FishMasters: Don &amp; Sherri Starkin</td>
<td>(509) 637-4405, <a href="mailto:dstarkin@msn.com">dstarkin@msn.com</a></td>
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<td>Merrill Lake Fish-in – WA (In conjunction with WDFW)</td>
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<td>(541) 728-7496, <a href="mailto:marvyosh@gmail.com">marvyosh@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>November 4 or 10</td>
<td>Kilchis River-Oregon (Tillamook)</td>
<td>FishMaster: Dennis Hite</td>
<td>(503) 849-5649, <a href="mailto:dhitel@yahoo.com">dhitel@yahoo.com</a></td>
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(2023 CSF Outings Calendar, Continued)
Upper Lewis River Outing Reservations
July 7-9, 2023

This mid-summer outing is at Lower Falls Campground in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. It is one of CSF’s most popular outings so reservations go early, often within minutes or hours of availability.

*Reservations can only be made through Recreation.gov.*

*Recreation.gov opens at 7 AM on January 9, our time so be ready.*

Reservations for Lower Falls C.G. can be made six months in advance. This means to reserve a site in July you do so in January. We have found that to get the site you want, you need to reserve as soon as reservations open. Recreation.gov does not take reservations until January 9 so this is the earliest date that reservations can be made.

**To make reservations, follow these steps.**

[https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/250032](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/250032)

The link will take you to Lower Falls Campground

This will open the Availability Grid. [Forward calendar to July](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/250032)

Most CSF members will camp on the Lower Loop. [Look on map for the site you want](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/250032).

[Click dates you wish to reserve on the grid for that site](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/250032); Reserve those dates

**Remember to use your federal Senior Pass at check-out. (50% price reduction)**

Reservations can be cancelled later for a small fee

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Founded in 1975, CSF is dedicated to preservation of wild fish stocks and the natural resources that sustain them. CSF is further committed to the promotion of fly fishing as a method of angling and, through it, an understanding and appreciation for the diversity of nature.

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CSF is a member club of Fly Fishers International (FFI).
January Conservation Report
David Swank

**Nutrient Enhancement**

We’re near the end of salmon tossing season on the Lewis River with one more event. The exact date depends on fish numbers and condition. I will send out an email as soon as I hear. **We are still in need of club members who have a sturdy pickup truck to haul a tote of carcasses to the East Fork Lewis.** I am also investigating the possibility that WDFW might actually make pickup trucks available to volunteer organizations, but I doubt that will come together in time for this season.

**Ridgefield Pits Restoration**

The governor’s initial budget request for 2023 to 2025 did not include funding for Ridgefield Pits Restoration Project. However, it is the Washington State Legislature that actually sets the budget, so we’re not giving up yet. Floodplains by Design (FbD) has organized a lobby day in Olympia on January 25th that CSF should attend to try to convince our representatives to fully fund the project. I will send out an email with more details about the lobby day. Also, the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP), which would lead the restoration project, has asked if we can help out by writing letters to the editors of local newspapers, and possibly lobbying the Clark County Council to write a letter supporting the project.

**Ascot Mine/Green River Valley Alliance**

CSF just signed a letter written by WA Wild and Trout Unlimited that calls for Washington State to designate the Green River and two other state rivers as "Outstanding Resource Waters". This designation would effectively make mining off-limits within those areas by stipulating that there could be no degradation of water quality. This is related to the opposition to the proposed Ascot Mine in the Green River watershed of the Toutle River Basin.
East Fork Lewis River Outing
January 28, 2023
Fish master: Mike Hoover
mokypu@yahoo.com

Outing: East Fork of the Lewis River
Date: Saturday January 28, 2023; 8:00 AM
Location: Daybreak Park, East Park, at 82nd Ave. and NE 264th St.

Traveling north or south on I-5 take Battle Ground exit to 219th St. and follow east to 72nd Ave. at Dollars Corners.
Turn left on 72nd Ave. (north) to Daybreak Bridge, approximately 2.5 miles. Enter park on east side of 82nd Ave.

Organization: Coffee and donuts as well as maps of the river will be available for participants that arrive that day.
The meeting will focus on safety, fishing opportunities, gear and wade float access. We will be looking for volunteers
that know the river and have fished the river to group up with fisherman that are new to the river.
Wade/Float: This river can be floated or waded. If floating it will be your responsibility to find a shuttler from Lewisville Park to Daybreak Park. However, some of our group would probably be willing to shuttle. Outing attendees will be responsible for coordinating their own shuttle/transportation.

Fishery: The East Fork is a local water and one of the fourteen wild steelhead gene bank rivers in the state. All steelhead/salmon captured must be released. Hooks must be barbless and live bait or scents are prohibited.
Sporting Opportunity: Fish usually start showing in December with overlapping of summer run fish. Returns are small but mostly wild winter run. Wild winter abundance peaks in February and fishing opportunities continue through March and into April.
Methods: Productive methods include dead-drifting or swinging streamers, muddlers or beads (not really fly fishing.) These are methods that are benefited from supplemental weight or sink tips to achieve a deep presentation. No matter the method stout leaders should be used.

Tactics: Weather and water conditions as well as fishing pressure can induce fish to be selective in this fishery. Some ideas to consider at these times are: 1) stay persistent and optimistic, and 2) carefully fishing one section at a time. Slowing down your presentation is imperative. Steelhead this time of year are more lethargic and slow moving. Work the same water over if you feel there should be fish in a certain location. It’s not uncommon for the East Fork to reward you on your third pass down the same section.
Gear: Nymphing and swinging with 5-7 weight single hand is common or swinging a two handed 6-7 weight rod (10-13.5’) is also common.

Dress: Dress in layer for warmth and have a post-immersion plan: dry clothes as back up. It’s always prudent to wear a PDF, both wading and water crafting.
Sandy River, Oregon  
February 11, 2023

FishMaster: Ron Karsten  
ronkarsten@comcast.net  
503-701-1010

Outing: Sandy River, Oregon  
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023, 8:30 AM  
Location: Oxbow Regional Park, east of Portland: Information can be found at: www.oregonmetro.gov Or search 3010 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080 · Or call (503) 663-4708

This will be a wade or float outing.

The recommended float for this trip is from Oxbow Park to Dabney Park. This is a straightforward class I or class II run. You may also float Dodge Park to Oxbow Park for additional exposure to good water. The upriver stretch is an advanced run.

The Park opens at 7:30. We will meet at Oxbow Park boat ramp at 8:30 AM for a Briefing/Safety overview before we launch. Pastry and hot coffee will be available during the briefing.

Entry fee is $5 per car or $7 per motor coach at Oxbow Park. There will be a $5 parking fee for shuttle vehicles staged at Dabney Park.

Washington Residents will need a one-day Oregon freshwater license for this outing: Go to Oregon DFW - Login (huntfishoregon.com) and select One Day Angling License

Please note that Oxbow Park does not allow dogs and they will not bend on this rule.

Oxbow Park has numerous bank-fishing and wading spots within walking distance from the boat launch ramp.

Maps will be distributed and a short orientation will be given highlighting noteworthy information when we meet on the morning of the outing.
Hook: Gamakatsu SC15, Size 4 or 6.
Bead: 1/8" gold or brass (optional).
Thread: Black flat-waxed nylon.
Body: Silver holographic mylar tinsel.
Ribbing: Silver wire.
Wing: Fox squirrel tail with two to four strands of peacock herl.
Collar: Peacock herl.

Hook: Heavy wire, 1X Long (standard Nymph hook) Size 8 and 6
Bead: Black, gold, copper or silver in 5/32" for Size 8 and 6 hooks
Thread: Three-Ought, 6/0 or 8/0 in body’s color (white thread for a pink body)
Tail: Grizzly hen neck hackle-feathers
Body: Black, red, pink or yellow dubbing of rabbit w/Lite Brite or Angel Hair (fine Mylar strips) in silver, pearl and color similar to rabbit
Hackel: Undyed Grizzly, hen-neck hackle-fibers

CAROL ANN MORRIS will be our Guest Tier for January’s session. She will tie two sea-run cutthroat flies for this CSF session.

Carol is a fly fisher, photographer, videographer and artist who partners with her husband, fly designer and author Skip Morris on his fly fishing books, articles and instructional videos.

Bob Triggs Chum Baby

Skip’s Raccoon (Yellow)
OPEN-PARTICIPATION TYING NIGHT RETURNS

JANUARY 10 - Feral Public House, Vancouver

CSF will resume monthly fly-tying nights on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in January and running into May. This event for all members is separate from CSF’s hosted Second Wednesday Guest Tyer Program, one evening later.

What’s new with this effort is that it will be a group tying event without a leader and the event will be held at the Feral Public House, 1109 Washington St. in downtown Vancouver.

For years Clark-Skamania hosted a monthly fly-tying night. It switched online during pandemic and was led by Gary Bevers. (Thanks, Gary!) Since that ended, Forrest Koponen and Steve Jones have been talking about a reboot that would gather individual tiers, rather than an event focused on one tier teaching one fly or one technique. The thinking is that there are lots of good tiers in CSF and the evening would give many the opportunity to both share and show off.

We still needed a space. Then, Forrest thought of Feral Public House with its large, well-lighted meeting room downtown. The manager was enthusiastic about the idea. The only expectation is that tiers buy a beverage and cleanup after themselves. Pretty simple.

We have reserved the Feral Public House for the second Tuesday of each month, January to May.

Jan 10    Feb 14    Mar 14    Apr 11    May 9

To reach the meeting room, tiers will have to enter through the main door of the business, so keep your tying kit compact. Something you can carry in your hands. Also, bring a towel or other cover for the tables to make it easier to gather your tying waste and prevent spots of glue from reaching the tabletops. Other than that, bring whatever tools and materials you need to tie a favorite fly.

Join us on January 10 for the inaugural Brew Tie.

2023 Rod Building Class:

• Dates: Starts Feb 9th and runs for 6 consecutive Thursday evenings
• 3 slots still available; contact Richard Bower ASAP if interested
• rod materials must be ordered soon (to be available on the 9th)
• Time: 6 PM – 8 PM
• Location: Fire Station #11 – 9606 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver
• Instructor: Richard Bowers – BowersRichard@msn.com; 360.609.2794

New CSF Website is “Open For Business”

Since October, 2022, CSFLY.Net has become Clark Skamania Flyfishers’ public portal.

Our past URL has been automatically re-directed to CSFLY.NET

People seeking organizational information can find it available at this new site.
CSF 2022 AWARDS NOMINATION

It’s time for nominations for 2022 awards which to be presented at the Fisherman’s Folly banquet and auction in March 2023. Please help in recognizing members (or organizations) who have made a significant contribution to the club in the following categories.

**Flyfisher of the Year** – presented to the member who exemplifies the club’s overall goals of conservation, education, etiquette, participation, and service.

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Justification: __________________________________________________________

Conservationist of the Year – presented to a member for exemplary service in protecting and conserving native resources.

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Justification: __________________________________________________________

Stream Guardian – presented to a member, non-member or group that has made significant difference locally to protect and preserve water quality and wild fish resources.

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Justification: __________________________________________________________

Special Achievement Award –

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Examples: ____________________________________________________________

Denny Way CSF Ambassador Award – This award is presented to members who exemplify the friendly welcoming attitude to visitors, new members and new fishers the way Denny Way did.

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Justification: __________________________________________________________

Nominations can be given to any board member at a meeting or mailed to:
CSF, PO Box 644, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Envelopes should be marked to the attention of the Awards Committee.

Nominations must be received before the February 2023 general membership meeting.
Greetings & Welcome to October’s New Members!

New members continue to discover CSF for access to education, recreation and conservation activities, on and off the water. It is with pleasure that we welcome:

Cam Dahdouh of Vancouver, WA

As a tip to new members about how to “fit in” and make the most of CSF membership, it’s simple: *Become Active: follow communications, join into organized outings & activities and volunteer for whatever needs doing. Attend monthly meetings to become known.*

All members were new once, themselves, and offer fellowship in many forms.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to our beloved friend DON GRANT

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Don Grant on December 21st. Don had a very distinguished career. He graduated from the Naval Academy with a degree in nuclear engineering and served on nuclear submarines, including three strategic deployments. After leaving the Navy, he went to Harvard Business School and graduated at the top of his class. Don was a very respected senior business executive who worked both in the US and Japan. He was also one of the most active members of our club. Don had just been elected to be our new Treasurer and was also leading the 2023 banquet committee. We have big shoes to fill with Don’s loss.

I will be setting up a special Zoom meeting on January 4 with the banquet volunteers to assess what needs to be done to continue with banquet preparations. I will be looking for a volunteer(s) to take over the leadership for the banquet. Phil Gulling has graciously agreed to temporarily pick up the treasurer duties, but I need a volunteer to take over the permanent role of Treasurer.

If you can help with the banquet or filling the Treasurer position, please reach out to me (mpgolob@gmail.com).