President’s Message  
Michael Golob

With loss of Don Grant’s leadership in December and calendar pages continuing to turn, this month’s CSF activity is focused on preparations for the March 25 FlyFishers’ Folly Banquet and Auction at Vancouver’s Heathman Lodge. After two years’ hiatus and a late start for this revived event, my remarks in this Broken Barb message will be limited to updating all on current planning status and To Do’s.

Banquet Planning Update

As of 1/27, we have 53 paid reservations for the banquet. We need a minimum of 120 reservations to break even on Heathman rental cost. The venue will hold up to 170 people so let’s sell it out! We are extending invitations to other clubs and conservation organizations so please get your reservations in as soon as possible and bring a friend. The response form to print, complete and mail (with check) is Page 5 of this newsletter.

To date, the 25-person Banquet Committee has collected over 300 auction items, plus 11 Theme Baskets and very special prizes for two “buy a square” raffle boards. We are developing an electronic list of all items which we will email to attendees, as an Auction Program, ahead of time.

Types of raffle and auction items still needed are: gift cards from any local business, fly tying tools, high quality fly-tying feathers, etc. We will also accept new or slightly used items. This is a good chance to donate quality items you have not used or no longer need — “spring cleaning”.

All donations to the banquet need to be received by Carol Kohler by March 15th for recording and documenting purposes. Carol’s contact information is 360-600-6590 or carolkohler98607@gmail.com. Carol can provide you with a tax-deductible donation letter and a copy of accomplishments by CSF.

Thanks to ALL for your support and I’ll see you at the banquet!  

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The Clark Skamania FlyFishers
Next Meeting on
Wednesday
February 15, 2023
Wet Fly @ 5:30
Meeting @ 6:30

Black Pearl on the Columbia
56 S 1ST STREET WASHOUGAL, WA 98671

CSF General Membership Meeting
February 15 Presentation

JIM COX
Yakima Canyon Ranch

In 2022, CSF contributed $5,000 to title and closing costs for gifting part of Yakima Ranch (above the canyon) to BLM for public management. February’s speaker from Yakima Ranch is Jim Cox, a regional leader of river stewardship and protection. He joined Western Rivers Conservancy as Director of Donor Relations in 2011 and is a member of Trout Unlimited, Flyfishers Club of Oregon, FFI, and the Native Fish Society.

Steve Jones will lead a CSF outing to Yakima Ranch on April 13-16. This overnight trip is wade or float fishing for trout or steelhead.
President’s Message continued

Lobby Day at Legislature—Ridgefield Pit Restoration Funding

On January 25th, Jan Bohrsen, Jane Traffalis, Charles Layton, and I attended a lobby event at the State Capital in Olympia regarding the Lower East Fork Lewis River Floodplain project (affectionally called “The Ridgefield Pits restoration project”) sponsored by the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership. We met with Senator Braun’s staffer (District 20), Representative McClintock (District 18), Representative Cheney (District 18), and Representative Abbarno (District 20).

The proposed reclamation project spans three river miles – from Daybreak Park to Ridgefield Pits. There has been significant habitat loss resulting from the former Ridgefield pits gravel mining operation and other impacts to salmon and steelhead. Additionally, private homes, Daybreak Regional Park, a Clark County Road maintenance yard, and an active gravel mining operation are at serious risk of flooding and erosion.

The main issues impacting salmon and steelhead are that the river now flows through the former gravel mining pits, eliminating what had been very high-quality salmonid spawning and rearing habitat. The pits become so warm during late spring and summer months that they can prevent the migration of salmon and steelhead into the upper portions of the East Fork Lewis River. The warm water also supports non-native fish species that prey on juvenile salmon.

This project is designed to restore the river and floodplain in former gravel mines that were captured by the river during the flood of 1996. The project also will restore the floodplain to reduce erosion and flood risk to homes, county facilities, and an active mining operation.

CSF has been supporting restoration efforts in this area for several years with work on Manley Creek, which flows into the East Fork of the Lewis River just down river from Daybreak Park.

Key take aways from the meetings:

The funding request for the project is $70.4 million dollars and the project would take 2-3 years to complete.

All Representatives and Staffers whom we met with were very supportive of the project.

Representative Cheney, Representative McClintock, and Senator Braun’s staff assistant asked if we could break the project into phases so the request for funding would be less for this year.

Representative Abbarno was the most supportive of the project and wants to fund the entire project. He understands this is the only Floodplains by Design project in Southwest WA. He requested bullets points that would help him highlight all the different state and federal initiatives that would be addressed by the project as well as county and local business needs. Members of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership will respond to the data request.

Representatives McClintock and Cheney asked about attending our Beginning fly-fishing school. I will send them a formal invite with all the details of the class.

If you interested in helping or knowing more about this project, please contact Dave Swank (orret20@gmail.com) or me (mpgolob@gmail.com).
The FlyFisher’s Folly
Clark Skamania Flyfishers
43rd Annual Banquet and Auction
Saturday, March 25, 2023

Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive Vancouver, WA

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to enjoy fun, food and camaraderie! The funds raised at the banquet will go to support conservation, education, and community outreach endeavors. Through your participation and generous support, the club will continue to increase awareness of conservation concerns and work towards preserving and restoring wild fish and their habitats in the Northwest.

4:00  Wet Fly Hours: Silent Auction, “Super Silent”/Oral Auction, Cup, Basket and Board Raffles
5:30  Silent Auction begins to close
6:00  Dinner
6:00  Cup Raffle and Silent Auction close
7:15  Super Silent/Oral Auction
8:00  Awards Program, Board Raffle drawings; Basket Raffle Close
The Banquet Meal and Wet Fly hours

During the Wet Fly hours: complimentary wines and soft drinks; complimentary hors d’oeuvres, and a no host mixed drink bar will be available.

A plated dinner will be served to you at the table and will include a dinner roll, coffee and tea. Each diner will have an individual salad and dessert, plus a choice of three entrees.

**CHICKEN:** Herb Crusted Chicken Breast with fingerling potatoes, roasted cauliflower, charred green beans, port chicken jus.

**PORK:** Double cut pork chop with bacon jam, red wine sauce, creamy potatoes, braised greens.

**FIOCCHI PASTA:** Caramelized pears, dried cranberries, hazelnuts, brown butter and blue cheese sauce.

Registration and choice of dinner entrees:

**Mail this registration form (with a check payable to CSF) to:**

**PO Box 644 Vancouver, WA 98666**

**Total number of tickets:** ________ at $75 ($80 after March 10th) for a total price of__________

Please choose of one of the three entrees for each guest on the registration form:

**Name of Guest 1:** ________________ contact email ____________________________
Chicken    Pork    Pasta    (circle one)

**Name of Guest 2:** ________________ contact email ____________________________
Chicken    Pork    Pasta    (circle one)

**Name of Guest 3:** ________________ contact email ____________________________
Chicken    Pork    Pasta    (circle one)

**Name of Guest 4:** ________________ contact email ____________________________
Chicken    Pork    Pasta    (circle one)
CSF 2022 AWARDS NOMINATION

It’s time for nominations for 2022 awards which to be presented at Fisherman’s Folly in March 2023. Please help recognize members (or organizations) who have made a significant contribution in 2022 to Clark Skamania FlyFishers 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: 
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**Conservationist of the Year** – presented to a member for exemplary service in protecting and conserving native resources.

Nominee:  
Justification 
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**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
________________________________________________________________________
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**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.
Clark-Skamania Flyfishers Membership and Dues

Attached below is CSF’s 2023 membership application form which all paying members need to complete, sign and return. The form will allow us to update contact information for club records. It also has a liability waiver statement required by our new insurance carrier.

Please return the application with your dues if you have not paid them yet. For those who have paid their dues please fill out the form and return it. The application needs to be signed (first and last name)

The return address is:

Clark-Skamania Flyfishers PO Box 644 Vancouver, WA 98666

Annual Dues are $45.00 payable by March 31

New Membership (Y/N) _______ Renewal (Y/N) _______ Date ________________

Print Name ___________________________ Signature: ________________________________

(see Liability Waiver below)

2nd Member: (no Charge) __________________ Signature: ________________________________

(see Liability Waiver below)

Address: __________________________________________

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: ___________________ 2nd Member Phone: __________________

Email: ___________________________ 2nd Member Email: __________________

By signing above, I/we waive all claims and release Clark-Skamania Flyfishers (CSF) and all its members from any and all liability arising from CSF-sponsored activities.

(rev. 2021)
### 2023 CSF Outings Calendar

**Don Kohler, Outings Director**  
moabman07@gmail.com  
(503) 891-5486

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### Sandy River

at

Stark Street Bridge
Sandy River, Oregon
Saturday, February 11, 2023, 8:30 AM

Oxbow Regional Park, www.oregonmetro.gov
3010 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham, OR 97080 · Or call (503) 663-4708

Fish Master: Ron Karsten
ronkarsten@comcast.net
Mobile (503) 701 1010 (VM or TXT)

Steelhead: Winter steelhead average 7 to 10 pounds and are scattered from the mouth to the hatchery. Plan on targeting the fish in the lower Sandy River as they move upriver to reach the faster water above Oxbow.

River: Many depths and speeds will be encountered in each run. Expect to be working with water that is two to six feet deep. See: USGS Data on Bull Run BLW for flow and stage info.

Rods: Recommend 6 to 9 weight Spey Rods or 7 to 9 weight Single-Handed rods.

Line Tips and Flies: You will need sinking tip line to get to the bottom and attract fish as they tend to hug the bottom of the river and are difficult to locate near the surface. Carry several sinking rates to cover each new stretch of water as you move. Leaders attached to sinking tip lines should be short and stout. Be prepared to use larger, deep drifted flies for off colored water and smaller, brightly colored flies for low clear water.

License Note: 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

Shuttles for Hire: Grant Brown: (503) 312-9204

Self-Shuttle Option: Dabney Parking at the Take Out for the Self-Shuttle option: Please note you will need either an Oregon State Parks pass or $5.00 for your vehicle to be parked at the Dabney State Park takeout.

If you plan on self-shuttling vehicles, please be aware that the entry/exit gate to Oxbow Park closes at legal sunset which on the date of the outing will be about 5:30 PM. Plan on allowing enough drive time from Dabney to Oxbow to retrieve vehicles. It will take approximately 20 minutes from Dabney to the boat ramp at Oxbow. Plan on allowing for the time it will take to get your boats out of the water and packing your gear and equipment into the shuttle vehicle.

If you do find your vehicle locked in Oxbow Park after the gate closes, pull within two feet of the exit gate and it will open just wide enough to let vehicles out. Do not back up as there are spike strips at the exit.

Coordination: Please let me know if you plan to attend this outing or would like more information. Let me know if you intend to float the river and I will try to put you in contact with other members planning on doing the same.
Olympic Peninsula Outing  March 10 -12, 2023  
Forks, WA  
FishMaster: Dave Swank  Orret20@gmail.com  734 255 9253  
(RSVP FishMaster if you will attend)  

This is a return trip to the OP with a central location at The Olympic Suites Inn in Forks (880-262-3433; www.olympicsuitesinn.com). RV space and guest cabins are available at Three Rivers Resort (7 miles from Forks). Call Three Rivers at (360) 374-5300 to book your spot at Club/Sportsman rates.

Wading opportunities abound but, for those with boats, preliminary plans are to float the Sol Duc at least one day. Other plans remain subject to weather(!), how many attend and what each person is comfortable doing. Final details will be undated in March’s Broken Barb. Note: The Queets River is closed to fishing.

Sol Duc River  Quileute River
Why Go?: The lake has hard-fighting, 12 to 20-inch rainbows. At times you catch one and wait and wait for a repeat performance; other times it’s red-hot action. These trout are the big attraction at Lake Lenice. Also, enjoy excellent camaraderie around the campfire, stark landscapes during the day, and breathtaking skies at night.

Weather?: The weather can be challenging at Lenice, or it can be just great. We have had years in which high winds have resulted in many members’ cancellations and challenges for the remaining participants. We will be monitoring the weather forecasts and will do our best to reschedule if the weather looks really bad. Another strong reason to send me your email so I can update you.

When?: March 31 - April 2, Friday to Sunday. Come when you can. Many members will be arriving earlier, from Tuesday on.

Meeting Point: We will be camping at the Lake Lenice (primitive) campground. The campground is accessed from the town of Beverly on HWY 243 about 15 minutes south of Vantage on I-90. There are also several motels nearby.

Head-count: If you plan to attend, please send an email to Dan Green at dgreen066@gmail.com so we can communicate to you any last minute updates.

Methods: You will not find many wading opportunities at Lake Lenice. Some sort of watercraft is essential. Kayaks, pontoon boats, and car-top boats are all good options. Float tubes are not safe at this time of year due to the ice-cold water.

Please note: The lake is 1/3 mile from the campground area and you must carry/ handwheel/ hand-trailer your boat from the campground to the lake.

Look for more details in the next Broken Barb newsletter.

_Hope to see you there!_
Lobby Day for Ridgefield Pits Restoration Project

You may have seen a recent article in the Columbian (January 21st) or the Reflector (January 16th) about the Ridgefield Pits Restoration Project. CSF has been working with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership on plans for a trip to Olympia on January 25th to meet with state legislators and staff to talk about how important this project is. This will be the first of several events around a campaign to convince the legislature to fully fund the project, which will fill in the old flooded gravel mine pits as well as protect the current Storedahl gravel mine from a future flood. So stay tuned for future events if you can't make it on the 25th.

Hantwick Trail Success

A few years back CSF was involved with lobbying the State to reconsider a timber sale along the Hantwick Trail, which runs along the East Fork Lewis River near Lucia and Moulton Falls. The Washington DNR recently announced that they have completed a land swap which allowed them to transfer the land along the Hantwick trail to Clark County, and it will now be designated for public parkland. Thanks to all the club members who lobbied the state to achieve this small victory!

Manley Creek Workday

We have a volunteer work event scheduled for 9am, Saturday, February 18th, on the Manley Creek Restoration Project. We will be planting seedlings in the lower reaches of Daybreak Park (as long as they arrive in time). I will send out a confirmation email as soon as I hear that it’s a go.

Fishing for Science!

We had a visit from Steven Gray of WDFW at our last club meeting. WDFW is asking for our help in collecting scale samples from wild winter-run steelhead from rivers in Region 5, including the East Fork Lewis, the Washougal, the South Fork Toutle, and the Green. They do not need them from rivers with large hatchery programs such as the Kalama, the North Fork Lewis, or the Cowlitz. The scales will be analyzed to determine the age at smolting and the age at first maturity of each fish, as well as noting any repeat spawning. They are offering training from 5pm to 7pm on January 25th at their Ridgefield Office. You can contact Steven at 360-906-6726 or Steven.gray@dfw.wa.gov. If you are unable to make the training, please contact me and I can give you some tips and some sampling gear, as taking scale samples from wild adult steelhead was a large part of my Ph.D. dissertation. You can now tell your spouse/partner that it’s your scientific duty to catch several steelhead this winter!
Greetings & Welcome to January’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:

Dan Ryan  
Ridgefield, WA

Charles Layton  
Vancouver, WA

Randy Garner  
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.

IN-PERSON Banquet Committee Meeting
Feb. 21, 2023  Heathman Lodge  6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Group Leaders only (or representatives)

Deschutes River  June 9-11 — New Location on Hwy 26, near Warm Springs

The Deschutes River Camp is starting to fill up so now is a good time to make reservations. The camp has been upgraded and expanded, with full hookup (sewer, water, elect), partial hook ups (water and power) and tent sites (some with power & water)  

[http://www.deschutescamp.com](http://www.deschutescamp.com)

They offer CSF a discount ... Just enter “Fly Club” when you check out.

2023 Rod Building Class

- Dates: Starts Feb 9th and runs for 6 consecutive Thursday evenings
- 1 slot is 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

OPEN- PARTICIPATION “BREW TIE” NIGHT RETURNS
February 14 - Feral Public House, Vancouver

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 and to enjoy time with friends.