President’s Message
Michael Golob

Greetings,

2023 Banquet Results:

I am happy to inform you that our annual banquet was a great success! We raised $25,640 for conservation projects! The breakdown by auction events is as follows: Oral Auction $7,520; Silent Auction $8,033; Cup Auction $4,130; Raffle Boards $1,500; and Baskets Raffle $585. We also had donations during the event in the amount of $3,872.

As we look for ways to improve our banquet for next year, I will be conducting a “Lessons Learned” session on April 11th at the My Perks Lounge in the Vancouver Mall from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Anyone can attend if you have recommendations on improving the annual banquet, or you can email me your ideas at mpgolob@gmail.com.

For this year’s banquet, we were fortunate to have many donations that were collected in 2019 for the 2020 banquet that was cancelled due to COVID. Therefore, we will need to start the 2024 banquet preparations much sooner - especially the collection of donation items. Also, I believe it would be good to select the next banquet chairperson and committee leads as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition and enable advanced planning for next year.

I would like to thank all the committee members and those who helped with set up and tear down. I also want to recognize Carol and Don Kohler for being awarded “Flyfishers of the Year.” Carol and Don have been pillars of the club for years and were instrumental in the planning and execution of this year’s banquet.

Please think about 2023 awards (Flyfisher of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, Stream Guardian of the Year, Wind Knot of the Year, Special Achievement Award, and Denny Way CSF Ambassador Award of the Year) for next year and who you might want to nominate.

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Clark-Skamania FlyFishers (CSF) is a federally registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Washington.

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.

*Broken Barb* is a publication of Clark-Skamania FlyFishers, published monthly and free to members.

CSF is a member club of Fly Fishers International (FFI).

For further information visit our website http://www.CSFLY.NET
Strategy Session

The Board of Directors will be meeting the **afternoon of April 8th** to plan the future of the Club. I have received some great input from members so far but would like to hear from more members. This is YOUR Club … so let me hear your ideas.

So far, I’ve collected the following topics: how better to leverage social media; membership diversity; next year’s Banquet; General Financial Health of the Club; Conservation Grant form request update; a continuing, Club-led Conservation project; replacement of current Board Members who will be leaving at year end, and the Club’s mentorship program.

**We have some great outings planned this spring, so I hope to see you on the water.**

*Michael*

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**Carol & Don Kohler**

**2023 CSF FLY FISHERMEN OF THE YEAR**
2023 Fishermen’s Follies
Banquet Committee

Congratulations for a job very well done
and THANK YOU! to each and every one
who helped make CSF’s BACK FROM COVID event a great success.

| Michael & Paula Golob  | Carol & Don Kohler  | Phil Gulling |
| Banquet Chairs         | Donations’ Logistics| Administration|
| Linda & Warren Bieker   | Donna Newcomb & Roy DeRousie | Jerry Brask |
| Marilyn & Mike Seitzinger| Lauri & David Plunkett | Dan Green |
| Signe & Chris Strawn   | Carol Anne & Jim Olson | Steve Jones |
| Julie & Frank Berge    | Ron and Sally Karsten | Lynn Volz |
| Lee Dockstader         | Kathy & Forrest Koponen | Dave Swank |
| Peter Anderson         | Linda & Kuni Masuda  | Paul Smith |
| Jennifer Rhodes        | Susan & Dan Gauger  | Jan Holstein |
| Brian Heimbigner       | Sue & Roger Cox     | Marty Fish |
| Dan Ryan               | Lindsey and Eric Holt| Shirley Stewart |
| Gerry Engel            | Susan & Kent Gray   | Fran Bylsma |
| Joan Durgin            | Kathy & John Geyer  | Barbara Barnard |
| Ed Simpkins            | Helen & Anton Gavrilov| |

The high water mark of re-starting Clark Skamania FlyFishers’ programs and activities after 2-1/2 years of COVID’s break was our 2023 Banquet and Conservation Program Auction at the Heathman Lodge on March 25. Despite a late start, reformed committee and untimely loss of Banquet Chair Don Grant in December, all 180 seats sold out and most-ever donations in Oral (15) and Silent (80) auctions and Cup Raffles (365) made for a hugely successful event.

Special thanks go to Carol and Don Kohler for leading collection and organization of auction and raffle goods and to Treasurer Phil Gulling and his team, for running the business end of this fund raiser. Banquet Chairs Michael and Paula Golob kept tight lines on assignments, information and planning meetings. Auctioneer Jordan Cerminara entertained guests while drawing top bids for guide trips and key donations.
Conservation Report
David Swank, Conservation Director

April 2023

Ridgefield Pits Restoration Update

We just got some late-breaking good news! The Washington State House has released its draft budget, and it includes $70.4 million for Floodplains by Design, which is enough to fully fund the Ridgefield Pits Restoration Project. Since the Senate’s budget did not include funding at that level, the two draft budgets will need to be reconciled, which means we will be continuing to submit comments in support of funding Floodplains by Design at the full $70.4 million level. This is the only restoration project on the list that would occur in southwest Washington, and is critical to fixing a major impediment to restoration of wild salmon and steelhead populations on the East Fork Lewis River.

Cedar Potting Event – April 7th

We have an upcoming conservation event with the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group (the same organization that coordinates nutrient enhancement). We will be helping them to pot cedars at their native plant nursery in Brush Prairie (11104 NE 149th St, Brush Prairie, WA 98606). These trees will eventually be planted along the South Fork Toutle River. The event is on Friday, April 7th, 10am to 2pm. The work will be done at potting tables, so no heavy lifting or digging into hard ground required for this one. They will provide light snacks and gloves for those who need them, but you should bring your own water and lunch.

Jesse is asking each club member to send an email to lcfegtech@outlook.com so they can get a head count.

Stump Creek Restoration Event

Registration is now available on the Cascade Forestry Conservancy website for an event to help improve instream habitat along Stump Creek, a small tributary to the South Fork Toutle River: https://www.cascadeforest.org/volunteer/.

They are doing this as an overnight camping trip, from 10am on a Saturday to 2pm on the following Sunday. There are two dates available (August 19th-20th, and September 9th-10th). I’ve signed up for the September date.
Bill Wiggins Memorial Beginner Fly Fishing School
April 22, 2023
Peter Anderson, Course Leader

The 24th Annual Bill Wiggins Memorial Fly Fishing School will take place on Saturday, April 22. This 08:30 to 4:30 pm session is designed for people with little or no fly fishing experience and will include rods and lines, knot tying, fly casting, bugs and fishing flies, other necessary gear, etiquette and fish safety, and tactics and strategies. Classes will be taught by club members assisted by volunteers.

All 40 seats are filled by a diverse group of future fishers and promises to be a fun day for all involved.

The school will be at the Vancouver Fire Fighters Union Hall, 2807 NW Fruit Valley Road, Vancouver, WA 98660. This is 3 blocks north of Fourth Plain Road, near Mill Plain Road junction. (CSF signs mark the location on Fruit Valley Road). Casting classes will be on a grassy field behind the union hall. In case of rain, participants should bring light rain gear and footwear suitable for wet grass.

Volunteers are asked to arrive for 8.00am set-up and stay for 4.30pm tear-down, as well as 1-on-1 helpers with knot tying and casting classes in the afternoon.

Lunch will be provided for all students and volunteers, courtesy of our very own Todd Gerhardt. If you wish to volunteering as a teaching aid, contact Peter Anderson at csf.fly@gmail.com.

Canyon Creek Fly Fishing School
Thursdays, April 13 - May 25
Steve Jones sjones022@comcast.net

After a successful 2022 program, Clark Skamania FlyFishers has been invited back to Washougal’s Canyon Creek Middle School to put on a second 7-week, after-school Fly Fishing school.

Last year, a dozen CSF members put on the club’s first ever class in cooperation with a local school district. The effort grew from acquaintance of Dave Christensen and his neighbor Brian Amundsen, then principal at Canyon Creek. This year, new principal Jake Healea has invited us back. The goal is the same: the school wants more after school programs for students, and teachers and students all applauded last year’s Fly Fishing Club and Class.

Dave Christiansen was joined by Peter Anderson, Carol and Don Kohler, Roger Cox, Don Starkin, Chris Strawn, Jerry Brask and Steve Jones as instructors. If you’re interested in helping this year, you must submit to a background check by Washougal School District. It’s painless and easy. First, send a note to Steve Jones (sjones022@comcast.net) .. Then follow this link: Background-Check-Instructions-and-form-2022.pdf Fill it out and file it with julie.ferguson@washougalsd.org

Classes are every Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. from April 13 through May 25 (7 weeks). All meetings will be at Canyon Creek Middle School, 9731 Washougal River Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. It’s a 25-minute drive from Washougal so carpooling is a good idea.

Contact last year’s volunteers for their opinion or contact Steve Jones with questions at 360 606-5947.
2023 Rod Building Class Concludes
Richard Bowers, Instructor

After 6 weeks of effort and hands-on assistance of Dan Gauger, Dean Potter, Jim Olson, Kuni Masuda, Phil Crochet and Forrest Koponen, nine students built eight new flyrods and finished a spinning rod.

Pending final guide wraps and epoxy, they'll be ready for the water. There are Trout Speys, 6-wts, 5-wts, and even a 3-weight. Per individual interests, there were lots of variety and levels of experience. Work space was courtesy of Vancouver Fire Department.

CSF’s Spring Casting Clinic will be at Lewisville Park from 9-noon. Watch CSF signs to guide you.

Coffee and donuts will be provided. Bring your rods and reels. Yarn will be provided yard for casting on the lawn.

Welcome to Wiggins Class participants from the day before. Coaching will be by CSF members. If you wish to cast/fish on the water, don’t forget your 2023/2024 WA. License.

After the clinic, we will find a brew pub in Battleground to have lunch and share our casting victories.

Entrance to the County Park is $3.00 per vehicle. We will meet at Central Commons in the Park.
# 2023 CSF Outings Calendar

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

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| March 31 - April 2 | Lenice Lake - Washington | FishMaster: Dan Green, (360) 907-0032, dgreen066@gmail.com  
FishMaster: Jerry Brask, (503) 502-4283, jerrybrask51@gmail.com |
|              |                           | Overnight, Float, Trout          |
| April 14 -16 | Yakima River, WA  
Umtanum Campground & Launch | FishMaster: Steve Jones, (360) 606-5947, sjones022@comcast.com |
|              |                           | Overnight, Wade or Float, Steelhead, Trout |
| April 30 - May 4 | Eastside Lakes - Washington | FishMaster—John Geyer  360 281 3721 or jgeyer@jgainc.com |
|              |                           | Overnight, Wade or Float, Trout |
| May 20       | Kalama River – Washington | FishMaster: Mike Carroll, (360) 953-3310, mudler.mike@gmail.com |  
|              |                           | Day trip, Wade or Float, Steelhead, Trout |

## MAKE YOUR OUTINGS’ CAMP OR ROOM RESERVATIONS SOON!

Winter is ending (REALLY!) and early season fishing has arrived. That means NOW is time to plan ahead so you don’t miss out. Set calendars and make camp or motel reservations … soon!

Clark Skamania Fly Fishers’ will host 10 outings in the next four months. Four of these are “first ever” events for the Club: mid-Yakima River, Laurance Lake, Deschutes River Fly Camp and Central Cascade Lakes (South and North Twin Lakes, west of La Pine).

### Eastside Washington Lakes Camps and Rooms  
**April 30 – May 4**

RSVP to FishMaster: John Geyer  
RSVP  jgeyer@jgainc.com

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### Deschutes River Fly Camp  —  Warm Springs, OR  
**June 9-11**

RSVP to FishMaster Dan Gauger  
(360) 984-8127  
dbgauger@gmail.com

7228 NW Highway 26, Madras, OR 97741  
(1 mile east of Deschutes River Bridge~93.8 mile)

The Discount code is Fly Club. Enter it when reserving a site on-line.

Make reservations at deschutescamp.com  
(541) 553-2589

### Cascade Lakes, OR  
(South Twin Lake, 15 miles west of La Pine, OR)  
**June 16-18**

RSVP to FishMaster Bob Shimane
recreation.gov  
Bob Shimane (andylily99@gmail.com ) may still have 2 CSF reservations available
LAKE LENICE MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2023
FishMasters: Dan Green, dggreen066@gmail.com; Jerry Brask, jerrybrask51@gmail.com.

Why? The lake has hard-fighting, 12 to 20-inch rainbows. 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: Weather (wind!) can be challenging at Lenice, or it can be just great. We have good years and not so good ones. We will monitor forecasts and re-schedule if necessary. RSVP with email to receive updates. Come when you can. Many members will be arriving earlier, from Tuesday on.

Meeting Point: We camp at the Lake Lenice (primitive) campground., accessed from the town of Beverly on HWY 243 15 minutes south of Vantage Bridge on I-90. Desert Air Motel 11 miles away is a popular option.

Head-count: If you plan to attend, RSVP to Dan Green at dggreen066@gmail.com for updates.

Methods: There are few wading opportunities at Lenice so some form 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 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 campground to lake. Teamwork by twos makes carrying possible.

Fishing Regs: Selective Gear Rules: Gear is limited to artificial flies with barbless single-point hooks or lures with barbless single-point hooks. Up to 3 hooks may be used. Bait is prohibited and only knotless nets may be used to land fish.

Boating Equipment: Life Preservers (PFDs) are required for all. Same for whistles or other audible signaling device. Wind potential favors use of an anchor. Electric motors are OK but no ICE motors.

Weather and Clothing: Be prepared for cold and windy.

Equipment: Best to have available both a floating line and a full-sinking line on a 4 to 6 weight rod. 3X to 5X tippets.

Flies: Chironomid patterns are popular - Chromies, Red and Blacks, Frostbites, Zebra Midge, etc. Wooley Bugger or micro leeches work when sunk deep and retrieved. Hare’s Ear, Pheasant Tails and other wet flies can be effective.

Saturday Night Get-together: We are planning a Saturday evening get-together to include a 5PM Wet Fly Hour followed by a 6 PM meal. COVID awareness may influence plans, if needed.

Barbequed salmon burgers and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a side dish, but we will recruit a person to serve the side dishes in order to minimize the spread of germs. The Wet Fly hour will be, as usual, BYOB.

Licenses, Permits: EITHER a Discover Pass OR a WDFW Vehicle Access Pass are required. Don’t forget to get your new Washington State Fishing license!!! Your old license expires March 31!!
General Plan: East Side Lakes is an As-You-Wish-It outing with 3 or 4 places to stay and a dozen or so lakes and streams to fish. Communities of Ephrata, Soap Lake and Moses Lake offer full-service accommodations. Oasis RV and Golf in Ephrata serves as an unofficial “base camp” with a social gathering at 5:00 on Sunday evening: BYOB and Snacks. WDFW Regional Biologist Mike Schmuck will brief attendees on fishing conditions and answer questions at the Sunday evening social. Informal evening groups gather frequently at Oasis campsites.

Camping and RVs: Oasis Resort RV and Golf, 2451 Basin St, Ephrata, WA 98823 oasisrvandgolfcourse.com or (509) 754-5102. The Oasis has showers, tent and trailer sites and an RV dump. Water and electricity are available but no sewer or TV. Daily fees are $33 for RVs/tents and $35 for Pull-through units.

Motel Reservations: The Best Western Rama Inn, 1818 Basin St SW, Ephrata, WA 98823 509-754-7111. The Best Western offers ‘Double-Queen’ rooms’ until April 15 at group discount: $121.43 incl. tax. Identify yourself as “Fly Fisher” for this $40 discount. Hot breakfast is served daily.

Ten Pin Inn in Moses Lake (20 minutes east of Ephrata), 1157 Stratford Road, 98837. (509)764-7500 or www.tenpininn.com. Rooms are not so fancy but rates are less than at the Best Western ($98.50, incl. tax). Excellent food and lounge are next door at the Ten Pin Bowl; motel guests receive coupons for their first beer or soft drink. Location is about 20 minutes from The Oasis in Ephrata.

Day Outings for non-Fishers: Ad hoc trips are available to a local winery with lunch (Kathy Koponen), to Dry Falls Interpretive Center at Sun Lakes State Park and tourist features across Grant County (museums, quit shop, etc.). Most are within 30 minute drives. Details will be shared at Sunday’s social gathering at Oasis RV Park.

Weather in Ephrata this time of year is usually very pleasant: 70s and sunny. Afternoon winds in the coulees (canyons) are common. Most lakes have improved launch sites. Some require a Discover Pass. Pontoon boats, kayaks, and small boats work well. Most lakes are too exposed to wind for Float tubes. Rocky Ford Spring Creek is limited to bank fishing without wading.

Ephrata Services: There are several gas stations, a Safeway and Walmart, a Fly Shop and quilt shop in Ephrata. There are a dozen restaurants in Ephrata and Soap Lake, plus more in Moses Lake.

Yakima River Outing, April 14-16
FishMaster Steve Jones sjone022@comcast.net

LOWER UMTANUM CAMPGROUND
(This is CHANGED LOCATION from March Broken Barb and CSFLY.com info)

The Yakima River outing April 14-16 will be based at the Lower Umtanum Campground on the Yakima River. This is upriver from Red’s Resort, near the Swinging bridge. All other details in March’s Broken Barb remain the same. Western Rivers Conservancy controls both pieces of property and is our host. There will be no fees for camping and no reservations are necessary. There will be signage on the highway clearly pointing the way to the campsite.

Drift boats and pontoons are ideal watercraft to float the Yakima. There are six boat ramps over 16 miles from Ringer to Roza that give fishers the ability to create floats of various lengths. The river is also paralleled by State Highway 821 that provides numerous pull offs for Walk & Wade fishers.

Jake Campbell of Western Rivers will be our host and will make a presentation about Western Rivers at dinner on Saturday. CSF will have a beef stew dinner Saturday night at 6, with the usual wet-fly hour before. Please bring a side or dessert to contribute to the group dinner.

The Conservancy will have toilets on the site, but no fresh water. There is ample parking and level ground for both tents and trailers. There are no picnic tables. Campfires are usually permitted in the canyon during April but will depend on conditions at the time.

Send Steve Jones an email at sjone022@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Kalama River May 20
FishMaster Mike Carroll (360) 953-3310 muddler.mike@gmail.com

This close-to-home day trip begins at 0800 at Modrow Bridge Parking lot, 3 miles east of I-5 exit 32. Pontoon float access is 5 miles upstream at the Red Barn and several Walk & Wade access points exist on River Road. A 2:00 gathering and BBQ is offered 14 miles up-river at Michael and Paula Golob’s cabin.

Laurance Lake, Oregon June 1
FishMaster Jerry Brask (503) 502 4283 jerrybrask51@gmail.com

NEW CSF Outing—Day Trip, Trout
North side of Mt. Hood on West Fork Hood River
About same drive as Goose Lake

South of Hood River (via Hwy 35)
and west of Parkdale (about 10 miles)

Watch for details in May’s Broken Barb.
Greetings & Welcome to March’s FIVE 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:

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.

Steve Allen
Michael Martin
Paul DiNapoli
Ron Kennedy
Sarah Cloud

Stevenson, WA
Camas, WA
Portland, OR
Washougal, WA
Portland, OR

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**OPEN- PARTICIPATION “BREW TIE” NIGHT**

April 11  5:30 to 8:00  -  Feral Public House, Vancouver
1109 Washington Street (downtown, free night parking)

The monthly no-host DIY fly tying with nibbles, brews and comradery is becoming “a must” for CSF tiers.

Come share techniques, your favorite flies de jour and a beverage. To reach our meeting room, enter the main door and go back and to the right. Pub business is ongoing so keep your tying kit to 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 you need to tie a favorite fly and enjoy time with friends.

(The pizza is good, too.)
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)