President’s Message
Michael Golob

Greetings,

The Board met for a strategy session on April 8th to plan the remainder of the year, to address issues impacting the club, and to look ahead to next year. Below is a matrix of the topics that were discussed. I have highlighted items in red font where we need club members to help work on the issue.

Leveraging social media: Three Accounts – Instagram and two Facebook accounts (clarksamainaflyfishersclub.com and clarksamainaflyfishers.com). Eliminate clarksamainaflyfishersclub.com and take ownership of the other Facebook account.

Need volunteers to help manage the accounts and drive usage by club members.

Club Financials: The club is in good financial shape at this point. Dues haven’t increased since 2012 while club costs (Insurance, storage, etc.) continue to go up. The Board discussed asking members to donate unused equipment to the club and developing an estate planning option for members.

Credit Card Process: The club needs to move to a more efficient credit card vendor. Phil Gulling and I are researching alternatives.

We would appreciate help if you have experience setting up a credit card payment process.

Storage of Key Club Documents: The club currently uses Google drive for document storage, but it is not organized efficiently and is based on club members’ individual accounts. Carol Kohler and Lynn Volz have volunteered to organize the site, and the Board is reviewing purchasing a business account for the club. Looking for one member experienced with Google Drives to help.
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The Clark Skamania FlyFishers
Next Meeting on
Wednesday
May 17, 2023
Wet Fly Hour @ 5:30  Meeting @ 6:30
Black Pearl on the Columbia
56 S 1ST STREET WASHOUGAL, WA 98671

CSF General Membership Meeting
May 17 Presentation

Mike Sturza
Lost Creek Fly Shop
2069 State Highway 508
Onalaska, WA 98570  (I5-North, MP 63)

Mike Sturza owns and runs Lost Creek Fly Shop and Sturza’s Fly Fishing Guide Service. Being nearby CSF’s Cowlitz outing location, Mike provides shuttle service to members. A Lewis County native, Mike has fly fished since the early 1980’s, first for trout in the High Country then swinging for summer steelhead in the Cowlitz River and trailing 14” flies for tiger muskie in Mayfield Lake. Mike donated a tiger muskie guide trip to CSF’s 2023 Auction and still gets excited when a client hooks his or her first steelhead or has a 3-foot tiger come from 80’ out to eat the fly 5 feet from the boat! He looks forward to meeting our successful 2023 auction winner.

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
Club Conservation Project: The Board discussed taking on a large-scale multi-year conservation project. The Board is looking for suggestions for a project.

*Please send suggestions to Dave Swank ([orret20@gmail.com](mailto:orret20@gmail.com)).*

Conservation Grant Review Process: The Board formed a committee to review how conservation grants are reviewed and approved to ensure the grants meet the criteria as outlined in our by-laws.

Membership and Mentoring Program: The Board discussed how to get more members to renew and getting more diversity in the club. The new member mentorship program seems to be working well.

*Jerry Brask ([jerrybrask51@gmail.com](mailto:jerrybrask51@gmail.com)) could use a few more mentor volunteers.*

Retiring Board Members: We will be looking for a new Broken Barb editor, Treasurer, President and potentially one Director at Large for the 2024 Board. Change over will be in January, 2024.

*Please let me ([mpgolob@gmail.com](mailto:mpgolob@gmail.com)) know if you're interested so we can start job training early.*

50th Anniversary Celebration 2025. The Board would like a few volunteers to start a planning process for our 50th year celebration.

*We need 3-4 people to volunteer to set up a planning committee.*

*Michael*

“Volunteers are the life blood of all non-profit organizations, so I ask you to consider helping when and where you can.”
Ridgefield Pits Restoration Update

Success! While the final WA State Budget was “only” $67M instead of the full $70M requested, it’s because the total wasn’t needed in the end. This is because the total the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership was awarded a $7.5M grant from NOAA for the Ridgefield Pits Restoration.

This means the project is fully funded!

Thanks to all who traveled to Olympia for Lobby Day, wrote letters, and submitted comments in support of the project.

CSF will send “Thank You” letters to legislators who met with club members at April’s Lobby Day.

Volunteer Opportunity at Kalama River Hatchery

WDFW is looking for volunteers to help sort adult steelhead at the Kalama River Hatchery. It would be on Wednesdays or Fridays, 1-4 hours per day, year-round. You would essentially be on call if they needed some extra help. Contact myself or Michael Golob if interested.

Stump Creek Restoration Event

Registration is now available on the Cascade Forestry Conservancy (CFC) 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/.

CFC is doing this as an overnight camping trip, from 10 am on a Saturday to 2 pm on the following Sunday. There are two dates available (August 19th & 20th and September 9th & 10th). I’ve signed up for the September date. It would be great if we could get a group of CSF members to take part.
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**Eastside Washington Lakes Camps and Rooms April 30 – May 4**

RSVP to FishMaster John Geyer  
RSVP  jgeyer@jgainc.com  
(360) 892- 9077

Oasis Resort RV & Golf,  
2451 Basin St, Ephrata, WA 98823  509-754-5102 oasirsvandgolfcourse.com  $33

The Best Western Rama Inn,  
1818 Basin St SW, Ephrata, WA 98823  509-754-7111.  $109 + tax

Ten Pin Inn in Moses Lake (20 minutes east of Ephrata),  
(509)764-7500 or www.tenpininn.com.  $99 + Tax

**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  
andylily99@gmail.com

recreation.gov at South or North Twin Lake Campgrounds (USFS)

**Coldwater Lake, WA June 23-25 Mt. St. Helens Monument**

RSVP to FishMasters Julie & Frank Berge,  
(360) 798-6757  
swatberge@gmail.com

Rather than our usual 1-day event, this year offers extended camping at a nearby private campground west of Coldwater Lake. Saturday lunch at the Coldwater Picnic Area remains a draw for 1-day visitors.

Watch Google Groups, CSFly.net and June’s Broken Barb newsletter for reservations and other details.
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.

KALAMA RIVER

May 20, 2023

2 miles up Kalama River Road, I-5 North M.P. 32
(360) 953—3310 Mike Carroll, FishMaster mudlermike@gmail.com

Driving Directions: From Vancouver, take I-5 N to exit 32 (Kalama River Road). Turn right 2 miles to Modrow Bridge. CSF Signs mark destination. A Discover Pass will be needed at this launch site.

Scheduled Events: 8 AM at parking lot beneath Modrow Bridge. We will discuss access, safety, floats and shuttles, with maps. Michael Golob will host a barbeque at his cabin at 2:00 (14.5 miles up-river, Road 8100, 1/2 mile on left).

Area Description: The Kalama River has about 16 miles of fishable water with variable access (some steep). A wading staff or trekking pole is needed. Float distance from ‘Red Barn’ is about 7 miles / 5hours. Modrow or Slab Hole are recommended take-outs.

Fishing Methods: 6 to 8 weight rods of 9 to 10 feet with fast-sinking tips work “low and slow”. Flies may be leeches in purple and black or traditional patterns such as Green Butt Skunk, Purple Peril, Springer Green, Freight Train, Ferry Canyon and Deep Purple Spey, along with muddlers such as After Dinner Mint. Hook sizes 6 to 2 are commonly used for steelhead. Pink beads may also produce on this river.

Cutthroat Trout may be found from Upper Hatchery to Summers Creek. Use similar flies and rods, scaled down (6 to 10-sized hooks and 5 to 6 weight rods).

RSVP to Mike Carroll, 360-953-3310, mudler.mike@gmail.com

Merrill Lake Spring Clean-up

Friday, April 28

(SHORT NOTICE; concurrent with release of this Broken Barb Edition)

We need a few more volunteers for the annual clean-up scheduled for this Friday, April 28th from 9 until about noon. We’ll meet at the lake. If you have a leaf blower or a rake, please bring them. We will partner with representatives from DNR.

Please contact Warren Bieker at ljbieker@comcast.net or 360-687-5475 to sign up and so you can be notified if there are any changes in plans.

Bring your lunch and fishing gear if you’d like to stay and fish. The water’s high, so you will need a floating device. The gate will be open.

Warren Bieker (360) 687-5475 ljbieker@comcast.net
Laurance Lake    June 1, 2023
Day Trip, Trout

FishMasters: Jerry Brask      jerrybrask51@gmail.com      503-502-4283
Peter Anderson      pavanderson321@gmail.com      360-606-7013

Laurance Lake: At about 3,000’ (about 160 acres) is on the north slope of Mt. Hood near Parkdale. On a clear day, great view of the mountain. Primarily a flyfishing lake (use of bait is prohibited), with rainbow, brookies, cutthroat and wild bull trout. Both dry fly fishing and nymphing can be productive.

Methods: Kayaks or Pontoons are best and recommended. Float tube could work, but it would be challenging to reach as much of the lake as you might like. A few wading opportunities.

Fee: $5 at registration. Non-waivable. Annual or day Oregon fishing license required.

Meet between 8-9 am at the boat ramp area. PLAN FOR: 1 hour and 45 minutes to 2 hour drive from Vancouver. Final mile of road is very rough - truck or SUV with clearance is recommended.

Head Count: RSVP if planning to attend. Parking can be tight, so vehicle count may be helpful.
Equipment. Life preservers required; whistle strongly advised. Anchor, if windy. Electric Motors only.
Clothing: Usual clothing for chilly and maybe windy with showers possible. “Dry Bag” advised.
Fishing Gear: Both a floating line and a full sink or intermediate sink line on 4 to 6 weight rod. 3X to 5X tippets.
Flies: Wooly buggers, pheasant tails, streamers, dry flies, soft hackles trailing, and your favorites.
Lunch: BYO. We can plan a time to break for lunch if there is interest.

Driving Directions:

I-84 east to Hood River exit #64 - turn right towards OR Hwy 35 / Government Camp
Go south on OR-35 about 14 miles to OR—281 N, Turn Right.
Go about 2 miles to “Baseline” stop sign. Turn Right.
Go into Parkdale and to Clear Creek Road. Turn Left.
(It is the first left after RR tracks with a sign to “Library.”)
Go about 3 miles to right hand Fork with sign to Laurance Lake. Turn Right.
Go about 4 miles to Laurance Lake. Register $5.
Go down the short road to the boat ramp after Registration.

There is some parking near the boat ramp. We may need to unload gear at the boat ramp and park vehicles back at Registration. Short walk.
Greetings & Welcome to April’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:

Roger Kelso          Camas, WA
John Bauman          Vancouver, WA
Logan McGuire        Portland, OR
Mathew Jones         Ridgefield, WA
Ann Schwartz         Vancouver, WA

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

OPEN- PARTICIPATION “BREW TIE” NIGHT

May 9       6:00 to 8:00 -  Feral Public House, Vancouver
            1109 Washington Street (downtown, free night parking)

This monthly no-host DIY fly tying with nibbles, brews and camaraderie 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.)
Bill Wiggins Memorial Beginner Fly Fishing Class
April 22, 2023  Peter Anderson, Organizer

Peter Anderson and cadre of 8 instructors presented a very well received 7-hour Beginner Fly Fishing class on Saturday, April 22. Venue was the Vancouver Fire Fighters’ Union Hall on Fruit Valley Road. Special thanks go to Dean Potter for arranging access to the Union Hall and to Todd Gerhardt for providing 68 box lunches to all concerned.

The 44 students were a well-mixed blend of men and women, young (under 20) and others keenly interested in the wizardry of fly fishing. An overview and sessions on gear, line types, Bugs and Stuff, etiquette, water safety, reading water, basic line knots, casting principles and an introduction to other Clark Skamania Fly Fisher activities made for a briskly moving day. Box lunches were provided by member / caterer Todd Gerhardt.

Misty morning weather moderated by noon so afternoon casting instruction by Steve Jones was comfortable for all. About 20 CSF members assisted 1-on-1 with knot tying and casting lessons.

Saturday’s day-long class was followed on Sunday morning (next day) with CF’s Spring Casting Clinic led by Lynn Volz and three FFI-certified instructors.

CSF Spring Casting Clinic  April 23, 2023
Lynn Volz, Organizer

On Sunday following the Wiggins Beginner Fly Fishing Course, 23 individuals including CSF members and Wiggins students met at Lewisville Park for extended, 1-on-1 casting lessons. Instruction was by three FFI–certified instructors Beth Jappay and James Gruetzman from the Salem area and Jonathon Connelly from Oregon City. After 3 hours, 18 of 23 were still present and working hard on their technique. Instruction quality and personal progress excelled on all counts.
Clark-Skanmania 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-Skanmania 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-Skanmania Flyfishers (CSF) and all its members from any and all liability arising from CSF-sponsored activities. (rev. 2021)