President’s Message
Michael Golob

Why do I fly fish?

A neighbor recently asked me why I fly fish. When I responded, “The tug is the drug,” he looked at me like I was on drugs. As I thought more about his question, I realized I have many reasons, and all of them are important to me. I got my first fly rod when I was 12 years old. I purchased it and the reel for $12.00 at the local Coast-to-Coast hardware store in Albia, Iowa, after reading a story about flyfishing in Field & Stream magazine. While there are no trout streams in southern Iowa where I grew up, there are lots of bass, panfish, and carp. There were hundreds of farm ponds, and many had never been fished. I had a blast catching bass and bluegills until one day I hooked what I thought was the biggest bass in the world. It turned out to be a large carp that spooled me and took all my fly line. No one told me about “backing” – probably a wind knot award.

Later in life, with family obligations and stressful work situations, I found that while I was fly fishing I only thought about casting, getting the fly in just the right spot, and outsmarting a wily fish. I could, for a short while, let go of all the pressures of everyday life and just enjoy the outdoors, the river, the wildlife, and maybe if I were lucky, catch a fish or two.

Can you think of any other sport with such therapeutic qualities? I recently read an article in Fly Fisherman magazine about a new film called Mending the Line that I highly recommend. Non-profit organizations are using fly fishing to help treat psychological and physical ailments. Quoting from the article, “It represents the reality of thousands of people who suffered in their lives and found that fly fishing gave them something to live for – a chance to heal and move forward.” While these non-profits have made a great contribution to society, I believe clubs like ours play a similar key role in the lives of our members. I constantly see members reaching out and helping others. Many friendships start with talking and sharing ideas about fishing, but quickly move to deep friendships that last a lifetime.

So, why do I fly fish? It is fun and belonging to our club has given me the chance to meet so many wonderful people that have enriched my life.

Michael
CSF General Membership Meeting
June 21, 2023 Presentation

Nick Wheeler
Portland Fly Shop
and Columbia Shad Guide Service
707-695-2951

As a Woodland, WA resident, Nick Wheeler has fished for shad on the Willamette River for years, acquiring the nickname of “The Shad Czar”. He has learned not only how, but where to fish for Shad, known for their aggressiveness and fight.

With its mild flavored flesh and roe that is considered a delicacy, this silvery fish has earned the title of “poor man’s salmon.” Once considered a “trash” fish by Western anglers, American shad is experiencing a resurgence among Columbia River fishermen.

This presentation will include a brief history of this fish, explain how it got to the West Coast, and go through recommended tackle, techniques, and potential spots to catch these fish.

Nick donated a guided Shad trip at CSF’s oral auction at this year’s banquet. The winner was Joe Gray and his trip is soon!
Conservation Report  June, 2023
David Swank, Conservation Director

Deschutes River Alliance Grant Application

The club has received a letter of intent (to submit a grant application) from the Deschutes River Alliance. The Board decided that we have some questions we would like them to address before they submit the full application.

Ridgefield Pits Restoration Update

The news from the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership is that they are busy with the contracts and permits needed to start moving dirt. They hope to start construction on the Pits in 2024, though they said 2025 may be more realistic. There is likely to be a fish salvage event at the Pits just prior to filling them in, which CSF should be able to participate in. This would likely involve using seines and electrofishing gear to capture and move fish.

Fish Passage Barrier Removal?

I’ve been thinking about a possible club conservation project that we could focus on, and one possibility is a fish passage barrier removal, such as replacing an impassible culvert with a small bridge. Thousands of small barriers to passage exist around the State of Washington. You can see a map here: https://geodataservices.wdfw.wa.gov/hp/fishpassage/index.html

I’ve spoken with a staff member at WDFW, and they said that the minimum cost for such a project is at least $100,000, and higher if it’s on public land. With costs that high, this would likely be something we would need find a partner organization to accomplish. I plan to reach out to our local Conservation Districts (Clark and Underwood), as well as groups such the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, to see what advice they can offer. At this point I’m still in the information gathering stage, but I think it has the potential to be a great project; opening up currently unavailable spawning and rearing habitat is one of the best things we could do to help improve a population of wild fish.

Stump Creek Restoration with Cascade Forest Conservancy

Stump Creek is a small tributary to the S. Fork Toutle River where the Cascade Forest Conservancy is planning to install wood structures in the stream to help create complex habitat for salmon and steelhead, which volunteers will help to build. This event is a Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon event, with dispersed camping at the restoration site. I’ve signed up for September 9th-10th. It would be great if we could get a small group of club members to take part. You can sign up at: https://www.cascadeforest.org/volunteer/.
## 2023 CSF Outings Calendar

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

| June 1 | Laurance Lake, OR  
FishMaster: Jerry Brask  (503) 502-4283  jerrybrask51@gmail.com  
Day trip — Float for trout  BRING YOUR CAMERA FOR MT HOOD PIX |
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| June 9-11 | Deschutes River, Warm Springs, OR  
FishMaster Dan Gauger  (360) 984-8127  dbgauger@gmail.com  
FishMaster Greg Kuypers  (360) 600-1641  greg.k139@gmail.com  
Overnight, Wade or Float, Trout |
| June 16-18 | Cascade Lakes, OR  
RSVP to FishMaster—Bob Shimane  andylily99@gmail.com  
Float for trout, bank fishing access but shallow edges |
| June 24 | Coldwater lake, WA  
FishMasters Julie & Frank Berge  (360) 798-6757  swatberge@gmail.com  
Day trip, Float, Trout  Mid-day Picnic |

### 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](http://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), 15 miles west of LaPine  
Fishmaster Bob Shimane has two camp sites at South Twin Lake available for the outing. You need to contact him to obtain the reservations.  
Contact Bob at (408) 314-0645 or andylily99@gmail.com

### Coldwater Lake, WA  June 24  Mt. St. Helens Monument

RSVP to FishMasters Julie & Frank Berge,  (360) 798-6757  swatberge@gmail.com  
This has been changed to a 1-day event, with Saturday lunch at the Coldwater Picnic Area at noon.  
A landslide on the highway east of Coldwater turn-off and may or may not be fixed by our date. Updates will be posted on Google Groups. Alternative location on that date would be Goose Lake with no Pot Luck lunch.

### Upper Lewis River, WA  July 7-9

FishMasters: Don & Carol Kohler  (503) 891-5486  moabman07@gmail.com  
Call FishMaster or reservation or site availability.
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 weather; 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.
Deschutes River, OR       June 9 - 11
Deschutes River Camp, Warm Springs OR
FishMasters:
Dan Gauger    (360) 984-8127    dbgauger@gmail.com
Greg Kuypers  (360) 600-1621    greg.k139@gmail.com

Saturday Pot Luck—Chili
A-K           Side Dish or Appetizer
L-Z           Dessert

Deschutes River Fly Shop and Camp
Reservations at deschutescamp.com
1/2 miles east of Warm Springs Bridge
(541) 553—2589

Alternative Accommodations:
Madras Motels, 10 miles east
Mecca Flat BLM Campground

Fly Shop River Talk
6:00 Friday, June 9
Vail Borne, DRC Owner

♦ Float or Wade — trout
♦ Newly refurbished camp units with water, power, pull through, fire pits, grass for tents, shower
♦ Abundance of bank fishing and “safe” wading near camp—Wading Staff Necessary
  - 1/2 miles of river near camp
  - 7 miles of easy-access bank trail near Mecca Flat
♦ Short 2-mile float option to Meccas Flat or 10 miles to Trout Creek - CSF shuttles TBA
  - a few Class 1 rapids en route — easy float in pontoon boat or larger
♦ $60 shuttle to Trout Creek available — opportunity exists for carpool/ ride sharing
♦ FISHING FROM FLOATING DEVICES IS PROHIBITED ON DESCHUTES RIVER
♦ WEST BANK FISHING REQUIRES TRIBAL PERMIT — available at Deschutes Camp Fly Shop
♦ Near end of Salmon Fly hatch — #6 to 12 dries and nymphs on 6 wt. rod w/ and w/o stimulators
  - Fly Shop has local favorites; FRIDAY PRESENTATION AT 6:00 TELLS SECRETS
  - a fly tiers’ seasonal spreadsheet is available from FishMasters

RSVP to FishMaster by June 5 to assist Saturday’s Potluck planning
Reserve camp on line at deschutescamp.com. Enter “Fly Club” code for –10%
CASCADE LAKES OUTING
JUNE 15 - 17, 2023
SOUTH TWIN LAKE CAMPGROUND
(15 mile west of LaPine on Century Drive)

FishMaster: Bob Shimane  andyklily99@gmail.com

This outing accesses several productive lakes in the Central Cascades. CSF’s main camp will be at South Twin Lake off South Century Drive in Deschutes County (15 miles west of LaPine). There are three other USFS campgrounds in the area. Warning: the USFS has announced that the water system at South Twin will be turned off for the season for needed repairs. The system should be turned on by mid June, but no guarantees. South Twin Lake Resort (next to USFS campground) has it’s own water system. Updates will be posted on CSF’s Google groups email.

The Club originally reserved four sites at South Twin Lake CG and resort but only one remains. It is site15, a double site costing $158 (split between two parties). There is two of everything for co-camping. If there are no takers by June 5, it will be released. As of May 30, 9 or 10 people have RSVP’d this outing.

South and North Twin Lake are non-motorized craft only. Pontoons and float tubes are fine. You’ll need floating, clear intermediate, Type 3 and Type 5 lines. Hover lines work.

COLDWATER LAKE
June 14

FishMaster  Julie Berge  (360) 798-6757  swatberge@gmail.com

TENTATIVE & SUBJECT TO CHANGE !!!!

Originally scheduled for June 23-25
This outing has been changed to a one-day event on June 24

A landslide across State Route 504 in the Coldwater Lake area has closed upper lake and Johnston Ridge access. The gate near the Picnic Area junction is closed and re-opening date is unknown. In the event the road reopens, CSF members will be notified via email from CSF-Anglers. Watch for news!

The Coldwater Lake outing will not be rescheduled this year if the road does not open prior to the 24th. If the outing does get cancelled, we can still go fishing as a group. If cancelled, we’ll meet at Goose Lake on the 24th. There will be no potluck at Goose Lake.
Upper Lewis River Outing
July 7-9
FishMasters Don and Carol Kohler
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carolkohler98607@gmail.com  360-600-6590

CSF will be returning to the Upper Lewis River with an outing at Lower Falls Campground in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Often referred to as the most beautiful setting for an outing, this area has much to offer both for the fisher as well as those who just enjoy a pristine camp location.

Fishing access to the Lewis River can be found near camp as well as ion tributaries within a 30-minute drive from camp. This outing provides an excellent opportunity to fish for wild trout on miles and miles of river in a beautiful setting. With a trail network starting from the campground, there is something to do for all who attend.

At this year’s outing we will be having a potluck on Saturday evening at site #14. We need to have an idea of how many members will be attending the outing, so we ask that you contact us if you have not already done so. Also, let us know if you are willing to share your site with another club member who does not have a reservation. If you would like to attend but do not have a reservation, please contact us and we will try to find space for you. You will need to request space no later than July 2nd.

Again this year, campground entry is limited to those who have reservations (bring your rec.gov paperwork). Also, from June 15 through September 6, Parking Reservation Tickets are required to park at trailheads and day use sites within the Lewis River Recreation Area. The LRRA is a 10-mile corridor along FR 90 that begins at FR 9075 and ends just east of the Speed Trail. The only day use area that we fish in this stretch is located at Quartz Creek, which is upstream from Lower Falls Recreation Area.

Parking reservation tickets can be obtained at recreation.gov.

If you are camping at Lower Falls, you do not need a parking reservation in the campground.
Greetings & Welcome to May’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:

Andrew De Veux     Portland, OR
John McGuire       Battle Ground, WA
Don Thebo          La Center, WA
Greg Felton        Stevenson, WA
Paul Mansur        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.

OPEN- PARTICIPATION “BREW TIE” NIGHT
June 13   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 table tops.

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)