President’s Message
Michael Golob

Nick Wheeler gave an excellent presentation on shad fishing at the June meeting, and I wish I had known Nick before my own first shad outing. I had retired from the Army and relocated to Vancouver to start my second career. My son at the time was 11 and loved to fish. I had heard about the great Shad run on the Columbia River so, one Saturday morning, we headed to Bonneville Dam. To my surprise, hundreds of people were fishing and none of them were very friendly! I finally managed to squeeze between two older men while avoiding their glaring looks. I got my son set up, he made his first cast and, of course, tangled his line up with one of the old guy’s lines, leading to an unpleasant conversation. Even though I could not understand his language, I was sure he was cussing me out.

I explained to my son how you had to time your cast with the other people who were fishing. After 30 minutes without success, my son asked me to try. So, I stepped up to show him how it was done. I made my first cast, and I did not see my shad dart go out. I turned around, and to my dismay, had hooked my son through his right ear lobe with my shad dart! My son, who developed a dry sense of humor at an early age, said “Dad, I guess I will not need permission to get my ears pierced.” We finally did catch a couple shad, which I gave to the old guy next to me. He actually smiled at me as we left the bank.

For those unable to attend the June meeting, we are looking for volunteers to fill Board positions in 2024. John Geyer will be stepping down as the BROKEN BARB editor and wishes to spend time with his replacement this fall to make a smooth transition. I also will be stepping down as President. As the past President is still a Board position, I will be available to assist the new President with her/his duties.

Additionally, the club needs to start planning for the 2024 banquet, and we need someone to lead the banquet committee plus key subcommittee members. We do have volunteers to lead the Silent auction (Lee & Susan Dockstader), the Oral auction (Dave Swank), Baskets (Paula Golob) and Phil Gulling has agreed to oversee the payments. We need a banquet committee chairperson and volunteers to lead the Cup Raffle, Board Raffle, Table Decorations, and the back-office operations.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you at one of the outings, the picnic, or at our next meeting in September.

Michael
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The Clark Skamania FlyFishers
Next Meeting on
Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
Wet Fly Hour @ 5:30 Meeting @ 6:30
Black Pearl on the Columbia
There is no meeting in July or August.
There will be Broken Barb publication.

Pepper ... And Salt
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

“What really riles me is that he’s catching and releasing.”

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
Grants:

The club has not received any new grant applications and there are none pending. At our June meeting, we heard from Amanda Keasberry about the status of “Clark” and “Skamania”, the mother and daughter beavers that the Cascade Forest Conservancy named for our Club to thank us for the grant we gave them to help support their beaver relocation efforts.

Volunteer Conservation Outings:

The Manley Creek Workday was on May 28th. Six club members showed up, plus Gerry Engel, who grilled burgers and hotdogs for all of us. We removed plastic guards from trees that the Watershed Alliance had planted along Manley Creek, and weeded out invasive plants. There will likely be another work event at Manley Creek this fall.

Kalama River Clean Up

The Kalama River Clean-Up Day, organized by the Native Fish Society, will be on July 23rd, from 9am to 3pm. Meet at Haydu Park, which is on Kalama River Drive about a half-mile east of Highway 5.

As we pause for Summer Break, a personal word of appreciation and “THANKS!” goes out to all Club members who have participated in various Conservation projects this past year.

When, as Conservation Director, I tell other organizations that Clark Skamania fishers will support their programs and efforts and, then, volunteers DO show up, it builds our Club’s relationships and makes my own role easier and a pleasure. You make our volunteer world turn ‘round and ‘round, for all.

We are looking to expand our Club Projects in the coming year so your suggestions are invited and more than welcomed!
### 2023 CSF Outings Calendar

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

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CSF Annual Picnic – Saturday, August 12, 2023
Fallen Leaf Lake Park, Camas
2911 NE Everett St, Camas.

With no meeting during July and August and few club outings, this is your opportunity to see and socialize with fellow club members and families. There are always fishing and travel stories to share. Join us on Saturday, August 12 at Fallen Leaf Lake Park in Camas near 11:00 a.m. This is the same location as last year. The address is 2911 NE Everett St, Camas. A club sign will be placed at the entrance to the park. There is ample close parking for everyone and restrooms are located at the picnic area.

Plan on arriving any time after 11:00 ... or earlier if you would like to help set up. Our grill chefs will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs to eat around 12:30. SCSF will provide pop, water, and coffee, along with burgers and hot dogs with all the condiments. Since this is a potluck, members are encouraged to bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. The combination of foods brought to share is always amazing. There are electrical outlets available if you need one for heating.

Dan Green will set up a Gillie with excellent offerings. Rare, exotic and coveted fishing items will be for sale. Remember to bring cash or a check.

There will be a mini fly-casting area set up to test your accuracy skills on your own. If you want to practice your spey casting, bring your own rod and practice on the lake.

And, bring your appetite! We are under the trees and have covered picnic seating areas so there will be shade. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Carol Kohler at 360-600-6590 or at carolkohler98607@gmail if you have any questions.
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 in 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.
COWLITZ RIVER FLOAT – September 15 -17

FISHMASTERS:  Al Wood and Diane Schmitt, 360-904-7797.
alanstanleywood@gmail.com
Dan Gauger (360) 984 8127  DBGauger@gmail.com

Float or Wade for steelhead, Coho or sea-run Cutts

Please RSVP via email if attending.

Cowlitz float is a seven-mile drift from Blue Creek Trout Hatchery to Mission Bar that takes 3 to 5 hours, depending on how much you stop to fish. Floating is optional as there is good wading water near the boat ramp. There are no hazardous waters on this float. We can self-shuttle or Mike Sturza of Lost Creek Fly Shop will provide service for a $20 fee per person on Saturday.

Expect jet boat traffic for the first third of the drift which is the most fished and is the most productive for steelhead and sea run cutthroats. Depressions on the bottom are particularly important in this stretch.

After a mile long straight stretch, the river makes a sharp left turn. A house and outbuildings on the left looks like a Cabela’s catalogue cover. Mission Bar take-out is 1/4 mile downstream, on the right side. A brown bulletin board can be seen from the water at the boat ramp.

7:30 AM Saturday— We will meet and set up gear at the Blue Creek Trout Hatchery boat ramp and shuttle cars will take floaters with vehicles to Mission Bar. Cowlitz Trout Hatchery, 165 Osprey Lane, Toledo, WA 98591

Driving Directions:
Take I-5 North’s exit 63 (WA 505) , toward Winlock/Toledo. Go 0.3 miles -> Turn right onto WA-505. Follow for 2.4 miles
Turn left onto Jackson Hwy. Go 1.2 miles -> Turn right onto Spence Rd. Go 5.5 miles
Turn right at the Cowlitz Trout Hatchery sign (0.9 miles past Classe Rd) -> Follow the road around the hatchery to its end

METHODS, TACKLE, & FLIES

FLY LINES: Floating & sinking tip lines, 5-8 weight (5 wt if after sea-run Cutts) (7/8 weight for steelhead and Coho). A fast action 6 wt. or medium action 7 wt. is a good compromise.

WET FLIES: Black, blue, purple, red, and orange stinger/intruders; bright flies on sunny days and dark flies for cloudy skies. Smaller flies if the water is clear (6-14).

DRY FLIES: October caddis and muddlers. Swing fly with sink tip or skate fly on surface with dry flies for steelhead, Coho, and sea runs. Nymphing the drop offs has proven to be effective for both fish also. If you are fly fishing for cutthroats try targeting slower water and back eddies next to fast water.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMPING: Cowlitz Trout Hatchery parking lot. Outhouse only … no running water or hookups
Motels: Castle Rock, Mossy Rock, Salkum

SOCIAL GATHERING:

Dinner on Saturday night will be a potluck buffet. CSF will provide the main course. Bring your own beverage of choice. Dutch oven treats are encouraged.

A-L provide salads or side dishes; M-Z provide hors d’oeuvres or desserts

WHAT TO BRING:

PFD and whistle for each person in a floating device
Fishing license
Discover Pass for each vehicle
Bring snacks and drinks for the river trip.
Skagit River Outing, Sept. 22 – 24

Fishmaster: Steve Jones, 360 606-5947, sjones022@comcast.net
Glacier Peak Resort  (360) 708-3005

In odd-numbered years, Puget Sound enjoys a run of pink salmon that is estimated to be about 4 million fish in 2023 and about 800,000 of those fish are headed to the Skagit River. You can target these 2 to 5 pound fish beginning in late August in waters in the Sound, but some of the best fly fishing for these feisty salmon is on the upper Skagit between Marblemount and Rockport in late September. Home base will be Glacier Peak Resort at 360 708-3005, Glacierpeakresortandwinery - Resort, Restaurant, Lunch a few miles upstream from Rockport. Tent sites start at $35, RV hookups at $45 and cabins around $150. It’s best to check the Web site for options then call for reservations. There are convenience stores in Rockport and Marblemount and restaurants, including a nice café at Clark’s 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The nearest grocery is in Concrete about 30 miles west on the North Cascades Highway.

Fishing the pink run on the Skagit may be the closest thing to Alaska fishing in the lower 48. All species of Pacific salmon swim to the Skagit but Pinks dominate at this time of year. Coho, late-run summer chinook and bull trout are also in the river at this time. The Skagit is large but not dangerous. The day-long float from Clark’s to the take out at Rockport is calm water with no rapids.

This is Stop & Wade fishing but you will need a floatation device to get around the river to the best water. Pontoons are ideal but float tubes will not work. We will put in at the primitive boat ramp at the Glacier Peak Resort. From there down to Rockport we will cover some of the best holding water for pinks on the upper river and be able to fish the south bank away from walk-in anglers from the highway along the north bank. Nearly a dozen beaches and bars with schooling pools are en route.

THE GEAR

Bring big equipment because of the big water, big flies and big fish. I fish with 7wt. to 10 wt. rods as Pinks fight hard and long. After landing 8 or 10 of these brutes you’ll be glad you’ve got a strong rod. I fish a Rio clear, intermediate sink tip with a 4 ft. 8 lb. tippet. These are schooling fish. The key to consistent hook ups is to work the edges of the schools by quartering a cast downstream, aimed at the edge of the school and stripping the fly in with a quick, short, staggered retrieve. The flies imitate krill and the right presentation gives the fly a pulsing motion. Takes are sudden and strong. Flies are pink and my favorites include the humpy chaser and humpy special. Watch the Google group for postings when I’m tying and I can show you how to make these simple flies.

Getting to the Skagit isn’t easy. Seattle is in the way. Plan 5 hours and, if you’re lucky, may make it in 5. Otherwise, anticipate 6 hours. You have your choice of bad roads: traffic in Tacoma, downtown Seattle and Everett can make I-5 problematic at any hour. The case is similar on I-405 with Bellevue and Redmond. I’ve found that leaving Portland around noon to time my arrival in downtown Seattle on I-5 around 2 to 2:30 works best. That way I can catch the northbound express lane that carries me through the heart of the city to Northgate with the least problem. There is no way to avoid Everett where shifts of Boeing workers come and go throughout the day building those 787s .
Greetings & Welcome to June’s EIGHT 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:

- Bruce Lincoln, Olympia, WA
- Ryan Hildon, Vancouver, WA
- Steve Allen, Stevenson, WA
- Michael Toalson, Ridgefield, WA
- Linda Lewis, Vancouver, WA
- Ronald Napier, Vancouver, WA
- Melanie Halstead, Vancouver, WA
- Robert Heslop, 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.

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**No Host BREW TIE at Feral Pub**

IS SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

No gatherings in July or August. — Stand By for re-start news.

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**John Day River Outing, back on the calendar**

By Don Kohler

Evidently, there is more interest in the John Day outing than I had originally thought. Mark Meyer has offered to serve as Fishmaster for this outing scheduled for August 26. Mark will keep a close watch on river flows on river and will make changes if needed. The flow rate is most important in choosing a date for the outing.

It is important to contact Mark [ (360) 713-7287 md.meyer@comcast.net ] if you are interested. Your contact information will allow Mark to keep members up to date on any possible outing changes.
Community Rewards at Kroger stores

There is an easy way you can generate donation dollars to CSF with minimal effort and at no cost to you. If you shop at Fred Meyer or QFC you can make a difference to CSF. They both offer rewards for shopping.

It is easy to sign up, listing Clark Skamania Flyfishers as the non-profit you would like to support. These organizations will make donations to CSF based on purchases that you make. While your individual purchases may not seem like much, if we all sign up, then it does add up. Every little bit helps.

You don’t even have to be a member of CSF to help! Ask you family and friends if they would like to add CSF as their non-profit of choice to their Fred Meyer Rewards account. You can sign up on either computer, laptop, cell phone or tablet, through their website or app.

Fred Meyer or QFC

In order for your purchases to qualify for donations to CSF, you must have a Fred Meyer Rewards card and use it with each purchase you make. Log into your account, sign in and then go to “My Account”. From there you can go to “Community Rewards” and add Clark Skamania Flyfishers as your donation organization of choice. That’s all you have to do.

Remember that Fred Meyer is owned by Kroger so if you use your card at any Kroger-owned store, your purchases qualify. QFC is also owned by Kroger so you can use your Fred Meyer or QFC card there, also. In 2022 CSF realized almost $400 in members’ rewards from Fred Meyer.

If you have questions or need help getting set up, you can contact Carol Kohler at 360-600-6590 or at carolkohler98607@gmail.com
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)