

2017 OFFICERS

President-Mike Wade 509 713-0859

Mike's email

1st VP-Membership:
Rich Holten
2nd VPPrograms:
John Strand
Treasurer:
Jeff Drowley
Secretary:
Denny Kreid
Directors at large:
Craig Anderson

Dennis Collins Ted Lewis

Newsletter Editor:

Ron Reed Past President:

Ted Poston

MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of every month except Mar, Jul, and Aug

6:00p -Wet Fly-no host

6:30p -Dinner-\$15

7:15p -Free Program

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25/yr Indiv&Family \$35/yr Business To update personal info please contact Rich Holten: 509 521-4291 or email

CBFC CLUB WEBSITE **CLUB PURPOSE:** Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, and encourage friendship and cooperation among all anglers.

NEXT MEETING: 12 September at CG Public House & Catering on Clearwater Avenue in Kennewick. Starts 6p.

PROGRAM:

Brad Trumbo will discuss: the Corps of Engineers' aquatic and terrestrial habitat work, what the Corps can do under various federal authorities, and describe specific examples, including the present work at Clover Island. Brad is a Fish and Wildlife Biologist, co-managing wildlife habitat on Corps lands at Lyons Ferry and eastward, and serves as Senior Biologist for Habitat Restoration.

Brad received a BS degree in Natural Resource Management, and a MS degree in Biology/Aquatic Ecology. In his free time, Brad flyfishes for trout and salmon, builds custom fly rods, chases mule



deer and elk, pursues upland birds over his pair of Llewellin setters, and volunteers with Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever.

DO YOU KNOW

Fish did bite during solar eclipse according to 27Aug issue of **Game&Fish**

UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

Canceled Sep 23

Oct 8

Lochsa River Outing Scooteney Reservoir Outing Casting for Recovery

Retreat at Red's

Mike's Musings by Mike Wade

Summer vacation time is over and Fall is just around the corner. This is the time of year when irrigation flows on our local rivers end and trout fishing picks up. Within a couple of weeks, wading the Yakima and Naches Rivers should get a lot easier.

And, with luck, the wild fires should lessen, the winds should change, and the air will be breathable again. Unfortunately that last part has still not happened, forcing cancellation of our Lochsa outing.

Another Fall activity that is coming up is the annual **Casting for Recovery** retreat. This organization enhances the quality of life of breast cancer survivors through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. Each year our Club makes a financial donation to CfR and provides "river helpers" to assist the ladies on the fishing day of their retreat. This year the retreat will be held on the Yakima River at Red's Fly Shop-Canyon River Ranch We will **need volunteers** for **Sunday**, October 8. I will provide more details and circulate a sign-up sheet at the September Club meeting.

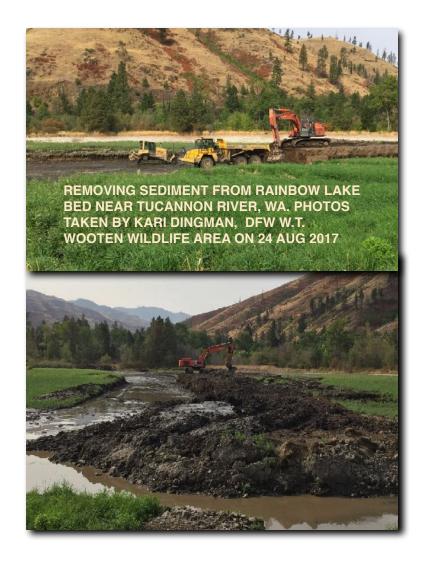
Scooteney Reservoir Bass Outing by John Strand

The Club's warm-water outing to the Bureau of Reclamation's Scooteney Reservoir near Connell is **still scheduled for 23 Sep**. See the June 2017 Newsletter for a description of the reservoir, its location, and fishing opportunities.

Bring a lunch and drinks, and we will meet at the campground, boat-launch parking lot at 8:30a for an update and advice.

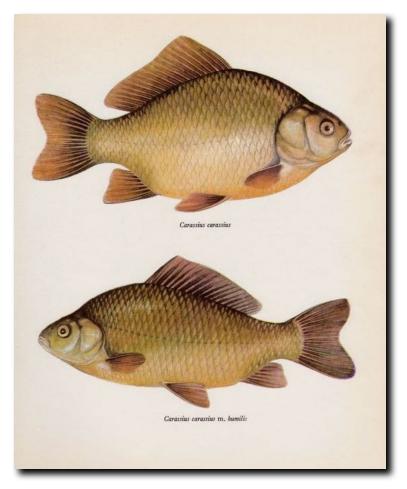
Remember, you can fish from boats, pontoon boats, float tubes, or from shore. We will meet again at noon for lunch and to swap lies.

Those wanting to car pool should plan to meet at the north end of the Richland WinCo parking lot at 7:15a. It is about a 45-minute drive to the reservoir. At the September Club meeting, I will provide a sign-up sheet and a map of the better fishing areas. If there are questions, call John on 509-943-4347. On the day of the outing, you can reach John on his cell at 509-430-5589. (http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/ washington/140)



Planning to Go Carp Fishing? Try These Bait Recipes

Carp bait recipes



THE FISHING WAS SO BAD THAT EVEN THE LIARS DIDN'T CATCH ANY.





My Favorite Fly (or Flies) by YOU-CBFC Fisher

Hey Fishers! We are **Looking for short** articles by CBFC Club members for the Newsletters. Tell us what your favorite fly is, and why. Show us a picture of one all chewed up by BIG fish you have caught on it. Email article and photos to the editor.

ronaldwreed@gmail.com

WHERE IS YOUR FISHING REPORT?

Let us see your fishing report, BIG fish pictures, true or not, in future CBFC Newsletters. Please submit pictures and descriptions of trips or outings to the Newsletter editor. Contact the editor for questions or "how to" information.

ronaldwreed@gmail.com

2017 Salmon Booth

by Dale Schielke & Dave Myers

The 33rd Anniversary of the Salmon Booth at the Art in the Park Show was a BIG **SUCCESS!** This year our Club enjoyed the second highest income in 20 years. The "Salmon Sandwich", in its 19th year, continues to be a good seller. The fourth year of the Chicken Dinner provided a non-fish alternative that also contributed. A total of 325 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches or dinners; and, 103 pounds of chicken thighs and 100 pounds of breasts were barbecued for dinners. We estimate that we served about 300 salmon dinners, 550 salmon sandwiches, 300 chicken dinners, 420 bottles of water, and 500 fountain drinks. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners and sandwiches.

We would like to give **special thanks** to the **Shilo Inn** for providing refrigerated space for us to store the salmon and space to marinate the fillets. We also extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Griggs Ace Hardware** for the loan of their towable Traeger grill that we used for cooking the chicken. **John Pfeiffer** and **Rich** Holten, plus their "booth crew", again did a great job with the booth setup, tear down and storage - thanks. Thank you Frank **Scopa** for the loan of your Smoke Vault used for hot holding, enclosed trailer with freezer, and the Honda generators for supplemental power. We also appreciate the loan of the enclosed trailer from **John Prather** that was used for secure storage of supplies at the park – thanks! Thanks also to **Gaylord Pyle** for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Thanks to **Dennis Kreid** for coordinating volunteers and managing the volunteer sheet. Lastly, but not least, thanks to **Dave** Myers for being the co-chair for the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers which includes the following members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: John Pfeiffer(2), Paul Kison(2), Dale Schielke(8), Jack Pickard(3), Russ Wyer, Gene VanLiew(2), David Myers(8), Carol Myers(2), Mike Estes(2), , Larry Martin(3), Jeff Fulks(2), Margaret Fulks(2), Frank Scopa(3), Richard Santos, Dennis Collins(2), Jim Loomis(2), Terrell Finger(2), Mike Wade(4), Rick Libby(2), Bob Schultz, Ray Williams, Jim Saunders(2), Lou LaDouceur, Ben Burdett(2), Ron Ruth(2), Ben Webb, Gaylord Pyle, Ted Poston, Vince Pickering, Jeff Drowley(2), Marilyn Steele((2), Rocky Ross(2), Pam Anderson, Larry Dow, Mike McWethy(2), Wanda Shearer(2), Dennis Kreid(3), Sue Kreid(2), Rich Holten(2), Gerald Hayes, Rod Gilge(2), Jerry Ritenour(2), Bill Frier, Craig Anderson, Matt Cummings, Savannah Cummings, Elizabeth Cummings, Daxton Cummings, and **Richard Sharp(4)**. [The numbers in parentheses are shifts volunteered.1

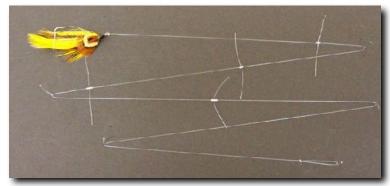


Thanks again to all the volunteers and contributors that made the Salmon Booth a success!

[On behalf of the Club, THANK YOU Dale]

Streamer Weed Guard

Streams and rivers typically suffer from periodic grassy spells, during which **aquatic blooms can quickly gunk up streamers**. In such conditions, tie blood knots every foot or so along leader in front of your streamer.



Leave one-inch tags on the blood knots. The perpendicular tags will clear a path ahead of the advancing streamer, letting it swim free without getting covered in grass.

From Field & Stream Website:
http://www.fieldandstream.com/photos/gallery/2015/10/12-simple-ingenious-flyfishing-hacks?
image=5#page-9



You Can Do It

by News Letter Editor

Please consider submitting an article or photo for the CBFC Newsletter. Collectively, we have a veritable wealth of fishing knowledge and experience. Why not share some of that with other Club members?

We can use articles on: My Favorite Fishing Accessory; One of My Favorite Flies...and How to Fish It; A Magazine/Book/Website/ I Find Helpful; Fishing Trip Reports; How to Tie a Fly...and How/Where/When to Use It; How to Tie a Useful (Maybe New) Knot; How an Old Guy Can Avoid Sore Muscles after Fishing All Day; Why the Big One Got Away; Why the Big One Didn't Get Away; ???.

We can use photos of: Just about anything related to fishing; especially, pictures of your fishing trips or other fishing-related activities with Club members.

KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE CBFC MEMBERS?

Please forward a copy of this newsletter to them, and bring them to the next meeting.

tight lines and BIG fish.
Ron Reed, Newsletter Editor

DISCLAIMER

The opinions or endorsements of products or services expressed or implied in this Newsletter are solely the responsibility of the author, or the Editor if no author is listed; and do not necessarily reflect the consensus of CBFC members.

Likewise, website links are only for reader convenience and information.

Don't Miss the October Club Meeting

The program for the October CBFC monthly meeting will feature Club member's trip reports: Sheldon Coleman's trip to Alaska; a trip by a group of five Club fishing fanatics to Yellowstone and the Henry's Fork; and Rich Holten's trip to Silver Creek, ID, and the Missouri River in Montana.





Going Fishing Guide Service
Bruce Hewitt
Washington and USCG licensed and insured
Burbank, WA 99323
509-430-6448

Fishing eastern WA rivers and reservoirs for salmon, steelhead, trout, walleye and sturgeon.



A Few Benefits of Taking Kids Fly Fishing:

- Teaches patience to both you and kid
- Creates a love for the outdoors
- Encourages kid to stay active outdoors
- · Reduces television and electronic time
- Provides them with fly fishing skills at an early age
- Is a fun time for everyone
- Creates lasting memories
- Promotes family bonding

The Demise of the Blue Canoe

byJanjackson

My company was participating in the PIE Exhibition during 1991, which was at the Big Pasco Industrial Center. As I meandered through the exhibits I saw a blue canoe. So I ambled over to take a look, and ended up purchasing a 15-ft guide model. The owner and builder was Ken Hawk. He called his canoes, 'FishHawk'. So I started fishing and river running in my 'Blue Canoe'. I took it to several local rivers including the Yakima Canyon, John Day and the Columbia Reach plus several lakes. One day a buddy of mine and I hauled it over to Lenice Lake, dumped it in and paddled over to one of the islands right about the time a strong wind came up. As we paddled back against the white caps I remember thinking, 'this baby cuts through the water really well.'



One of the most memorable trips was on the John Day River. Four of us fishing fanatics were going to take two canoes and float the river. When I showed up at the meeting place in Richland, my other buddy with a canoe had chickened out and brought his raft. So, we loaded everything into two vehicles and headed off to Oregon.

On one of the Class II rapids my buddy, Norris, who was in the front of the canoe, got knocked off his seat and landed on his back. So, he's lying in the canoe looking up at the sky with a paddle in his hands. I remember yelling at him, "Norris, get up, I need you to paddle!" He eventually got back on his seat about the time we were through the rapid. It was a bit scary at the time, but now seems really funny.

The years ticked away, and eventually, I purchased a Buck's Bags pontoon boat and started running bigger rivers like the Deschutes. The canoe sat on top of our dog run cage for 10 years. I finally pulled it down, hauled it into my shop, and was going to wax it and get it ready for a trip to Jubilee Lake, OR. That's when I noticed it was severely distorted, had about six cracks ranging from tiny to eight-inches long. I suspect it was a victim of the winter's snow load; or, possibly the time I took it down the Yakima Canyon during the flip flop, and encountered very low flow and many rocks. After ruminating on what to do with the canoe for about a week, I fired up my reciprocating saw and sawed it into pieces. When I placed the blue pieces on the ground, water was leaking out between the fiberglass and the shell...it had completely delaminated. Still, as I lay awake at night thinking of some of the places I've fished and floated, I think of the Blue Canoe and smile.



WEB HOT-LINKS to FISHING STUFF

FLY TYING

Fly Tying Forum -Free access to over 6,000 patterns

OTHER FISHING CLUBS
Fly Fishing Clubs in
Washington

Fly Fishing Clubs in Washington that belong to the International Federation of Fly Fishers

REGULATIONS
Idaho Fishing Seasons & Rules

Oregon Fishing Regulations

Washington Fishing Regulations & Seasons

Washington Emergency Rule Updates

Links to Regs & Licenses for all 50 States

FISHING INFORMATION
Idaho Fish & Game Fishing
Information

Oregon Fishing Resources and Information

Washington Fishing & Shellfishing Information

Columbia Basin Bulletin's
Significant developments related to salmon and steelhead recovery and other important Columbia/
Snake River Basin fish and wildlife issues.

River and stream data USGS current and historical data for Washington State.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Columbia Basin Fly Casters

Post Office Box 791 Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date:
Name
Street Address: City:ZipCode:
Primary Phone:
Work Phone: Email:
Name(s) of Family Member(s) or Business
ANNUAL DUES: (Please Check One) Please make checks payable to CBFC Family Membership (\$25) Business Membership (\$35) Includes business-card size, fishing-related advert in newsletters. Send artwork as xxx.jpg digital file to editor
Who can we thank for referring you to our Club?
To be completed by Treasurer:Cash Check # Membership Database updated:

Get to Know Club Member Wanda Shearer

Tell us about your first fish.

I am not sure just when I caught my first fish. My father worked in the woods, and was a fisherman. So, on week-ends we spent a lot of time in the mountains of North Idaho. I really started to fish in the late 1980's with a friend from Eastern Idaho. He took me fishing in his boat, and I spent most of my early fishing time on Henry's Lake, ID, and Hebgen Lake, MT. I enjoyed fishing some of the river's in Eastern Idaho as well as around other parts of Idaho. Those fishing trips mean a lot to me. Being a part of the fishing world is the best.



Who taught you to fish?

When learning to fish, it was brought to my attention that making a fly rod would be something to do in the winter. So, I went to the community education people and signed up for a rod-building class. After two trips the instructor would not let me in his class again. So, I became an instructor in the education program, and from there I was hooked. I had to make use of the rod's that I built!

What are some local venues you like to fish?

In the late 90's early 2000's, I joined the Women's Fishing Club in Boise and things just got better. We fished the Boise River, the

Owyhee River, South Fork of the Boise and many more. This Club encouraged women in the Boise area to learn to fly fish. Learning to fish from a boat and to fish from a float tube is an interesting part of fishing. I have a belly boat and love to fish lakes, and to just sit back and relax. It is not possible for me to count all of the lakes and fish that I have caught. But, the friends that I have gained while learning this great sport will be with me always.

What are some destination venues you like to fish?

There are far to many things for me to mention here as I have fished and been involved with a lot of great things. About 7 years ago, I also joined the Fly Fishers of Idaho Club and worked and fished with them. Again, we had fun and learned a lot. I helped with their Expo for a couple of years and found it to be a lot of fun. Just getting to know new places to fish and to share ideas and events between the two clubs helps a lot to grow and to learn new things.

What are some trips of interest? The train trip to Minam, OR; a trip to fish the reservations in Idaho and Nevada; a Spey Cleve on the Clearwater River; hiking into the mountain lakes near McCall, ID; fishing and golfing at Hagerman, ID. The list goes on and on and on. Each place has a special spot in my life and in my heart because of the people I have met and fished with.

What are some of your Go-To flies for still water? ...for creeks? ...for rivers? When it comes to fly and equipment I use what catches the fish. Different places and different times makes for what is in the bag. I use a lot of elk hair caddis, woolley buggers, and about anything with color that will catch a fish.

What kind of fish do you target most often?

The fish that I really like to catch is the brook trout. They are small, but mighty. And, they

do fight so well. It makes for a fun time. And, they just seem to keep coming back no matter what you have on the end of the line.

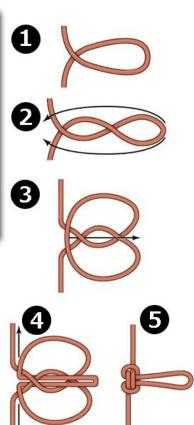


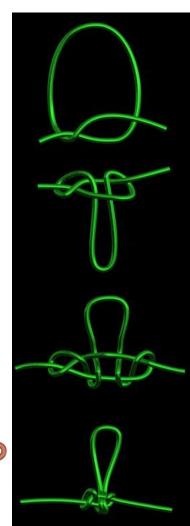
What is it about the sport of fishing that keeps you involved?

One of the things that I find interesting is that a lot of people need to know how many fish did I catch. The answer is "Ohhhhh, am I suppose to put a fly on the line and really catch something?" The enjoyment and pleasure of just drifting on the water is as great an experience as catching the mighty fish. (I still hope to land the great Steelhead, but other fish are also just as good.) Thank you for taking the time to get to know me. I wish you all tight lines!

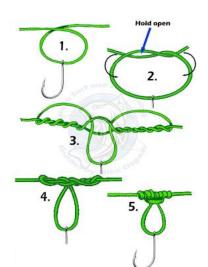
WHY I FISH THE FISH DON'T CARE IF I'M RICH OR DOOR OR HOW BIG MY HOUSE IS. THE FISH DON'T CRITICIZE OR ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS. THEY DON'T CARE IF MY JOHES AREN'T FUNNY, OR IF MY CLOTHES DON'T MATCH. THE FISH CHALLENGE ME. RELAX ME. CAPTIVATE ME. COMFORT ME. THE FISH HELD ME CONNECT WITH NATURE AND REMIND ME OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT. THEY HELD ME SLOW DOWN AND ADDRECIATE TIME WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY. THE FISH MAKE ME A BETTER DERSON. THE FISH MAKE ME HAPPY.

Dropper Loops





Here's three versions of a dropper loop you can tie in the middle of your leader. Either



attach the hook directly to the loop, or attach a short piece of dropper leader to the loop, with your fly on the end. Grab some monofilament or leader and try each knot to see which one works best for you.

Pleasant Evening at the Annual Club Picnic



Wanda Shearer's Teriyaki

Chicken Wings were a big hit at the picnic buffet table. Several folks asked for her recipe. Here it is:

15 wings, or more if for large group

1/2 tsp garlic powder

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup lemon juice

1/4 cup water

Mix well and pour in a gallon-size, *Zip Lock* bag, add Chicken wings, and marinate overnight turning a few times to coat all pieces of meat. Bake at 250 degrees for 3 to 4 hours until tender with a nice dark color. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Enjoy!

What About Catfish?

by Ron Reed

Instead of whining and sniveling about very poor steelhead runs and fishing closures, this may by the Fall to target a couple other abundant fish species in the rivers near the Tri-cities. How about bass, catfish, and walleye? For starters, here is a recipe for Catfish "Flies"!

Cut chicken thighs into thumb-size pieces and place in a plastic bowl. Pour liquid WD-40 over chicken and seal the bowl to let stand overnight. To give the bait a stronger odor, sprinkle the mixture liberally with garlic powder before sealing.

Check out this interesting article about reasons for this year's low steelhead returns: Why are Idaho steelhead runs so low?

What Fish Is That?

by Dennis Dauble

[Question: is from CBFC August Newsletter]



This red-meated fish does not normally bite flies. Hint: it respires through its skin.

[Answer:] What kind of fish butts heads and rubs chin whiskers with a mate during spawning? Makes a nest burrow in mud banks and hollow logs? Can taste food with its sides? If you guessed squaretail, horn pout, creek cat, minister, or brown bullhead, then go to the head of the class.

The brown bullhead is one of several members of the **catfish family** found in local waters; but, are not native to the Pacific Northwest. According to "Coming of the Pond Fishes" by Ben Hur Lampman, the first planting in Washington occurred around 1880 in Cowlitz County's Silver Lake, the nursery of the catfishes. Similar introductions were made to Oregon's Yamhill and Willamette Rivers from a mixed bag of fish transported by rail from the eastern U.S. The taking of bullhead catfish was once a commercial enterprise in the Sauvie Island area of the lower Columbia River. Over 100,000 lbs of dressed catfish were harvested during 1895 at the peak of the fishery before it waned.

The brown bullhead catfish has meat "the color of raw beef" said to be "unsurpassed for gastronomic delight".

There's a **trick to preparing bullheads** as table fare.



Start by making a shallow cut through the skin along the dorsal ridge from behind the adipose fin to the back edge of the dorsal fin. Then make a deeper cut to the backbone perpendicular to the body immediately behind the pectoral fins. Bend and twist the head downward to break the backbone. Next comes the "critical" part. Insert your forefinger over the end of the broken section of backbone and under the ribcage. Slowly, and forcefully, pull the head toward the tail to peel the skin, viscera, and head free. Don't expect your first attempt to be perfect. You'll get better with practice. Worst case, you can peel the skin off with pliers. After rinsing the body cavity clean, bullhead can be salted, rolled in cornmeal or flour and fried in hot grease. A close friend who fished Sprague Lake in its heyday recommends using "Crisco."

Skeena River Trip Report by Rod Gilge

My son Clay and I fished the **Skeena River** in northern British Columbia for 4 days the week of August 20. The river was high and off-color due to







heavy rains. But, we did catch lots of fish including: five **steelhead**, many **coho** salmon, a half dozen **sockeye** salmon, and several **pink** salmon. We wanted to fish a number of the other rivers in the area; but, they were too high and muddy to be fishable.

We were fishing with Stan Doll's Skeena Wilderness Fishing Charters.

August 2017 Board Meeting Minutes by Denny Kreid

Call to order 29Aug, 2017, 7:00 PM by President Mike Wade

Board members present: Mike Wade, Ron Reed, Craig Anderson, Dennis Collins, John Strand, Rich Holten, Ted Stevens, and Denny Kreid

President **Mike Wade** asked if there were any concerns on the part of the board with regard to Conflict of Interest. None were identified and the meeting proceeded per the agenda provided.

Secretary Report - Mike Wade prepared and reported on the June report for Denny Kreid who was absent at the May and June meetings. Lacking any comments, the Secretary Report was approved by the Board

Treasurer Report - Jeff Drowley provided the updated Profit and Loss Statements for June and July by email prior to the Board meeting. It was noted that profit shared by CBFC and RRGC was the second best in the past 20 years! Details will be noted elsewhere. Following brief discussion by the Board the financial statements were approved as presented.

VP Membership Report – **Rich Holten** reported that current paid up memberships in CBFC stand at 99, which is probably final for 2017. Rich also reported that Go Fishing list has about 20 sign ups and is out there for interested folks to use in finding fishing partners.

Programs - John Strand reported that the September program will be provided by Brett Trumbo from the Corp of Engineers. The subject will be habitat improvements for fishery management. The October program will include "what I did last summer" presentations by CBFC members Rich Holten, Ron Reed and Sheldon Coleman. The program at the November meeting will be provided by Craig Schuhmann who is the Editor of The Fly Fishing and Tying Journal.

News Letter Editors Report - Ron Reed is preparing the newsletter For the Sept 11 meeting. Ron currently has a good collection of material but always welcomes more, by Sept 3 please.

Conservation Committee Report - Committee Chair **Dennis Dauble** was unable to attend so there was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Safe Harbor Charity Event – Craig Anderson reported on his plan to provide fly tying demonstrations a Safe Harbor for Charity event that will generate funds to support disadvantaged children in the Tri City area.

Annual CBFC Banquet - Craig Anderson reported that the Meadow Springs Country Club has booked us for the Annual Banquet on March 17, 2018. The speaker will be Phil Rowley. More information will be provided in future Newsletters.

Youth Conservation Camp - Darius Grogan, who was the only candidate this year for support by CBFC, attended the camp at Orcas Island. Darius enjoyed the experience so much that he has volunteered to be a counselor at a future camp.

Salmon Bake - The Annual Salmon Bake managed jointly by CBFC and RRGC was very successful. The booth was busy from the start to the end we sold out almost everything. As noted above the Clubs did very well financially. Congratulations and gratitude are due to everybody in both clubs who contributed to the success of this event.

Outings - The annual Anthony Lakes outing scheduled For August 16-18 had to be cancelled due to ongoing fires in the region. The Lochsa river outing is planned for September 7-10, but there is some uncertainty at this time due to fires in that region. Craig will monitor the situation and let everybody know if there is an issue. **John Strand** reported that the outing at Scootney Reservoir is still planned for Sep 23. However, there is currently a problem with excessive algal growth. Hopefully that will clear up as the weather cools. John will monitor the situation and will provide an update when available.

Casting for Recovery - Mike Wade reported that the Casting for Recovery event is still on for Oct 8 at Reds Fly Shop on the Yakima River. Mike is in contact with the organizers to determine how many volunteers will be needed from CBFC.