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## President's Message

Jerry Brask

Many of us joined CSF to become better fly fishers; improve our skills; meet new fishing partners; learn new places to fish; choose better flies; and catch more fish. All of that is reliant on the ecosystems and habitats of the streams, rivers and lakes.

Our Conservation and Education projects, funded by CSF Banquet & Auction proceeds, seem a great way to Give Back. It's Giving Back when we preserve and restore the very natural resources we rely on to fish. It's Giving Back to provide opportunities to kids, as well as men and women with cancer who find fly fishing eases their journey.

Please support the Banquet. Register today and Give Back.

**Jerry**



## Meet our 2024 Board of Directors

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## Welcome New Members

### Greetings & Welcome to February's New Member!

New members continue to discover CSF for access to education, recreation, and conservation activities, on and off the water.  
*It is with pleasure that Clark-Skamania Flyfishers welcomes:*

**Lauren Maxey — Seattle**

## Clark-Skamania Flyfishers

### NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

A general membership meeting is not held in March due to the annual banquet & auction

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

Founded in 1975, Clark-Skamania Flyfishers is dedicated to the 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.

For further information on Clark-Skamania Flyfishers, visit our website at [csfly.net](http://csfly.net).





# Conservation Report

by Dave Swank, CSF Conservation Director

## Grants Update

There are four organizations currently in various stages of requesting funds from CSF. They are:

**Reel Recovery**, which organizes retreats (one in Washington and one in Oregon in 2024) for men who are battling cancer, where they learn fly fishing. We have received a full grant application for \$3,000.

**Project Healing Waters**, which is similar to Reel Recovery but is focused on providing fishing trips for military veterans, using donated trips from local guides. We are awaiting a full grant application. They are asking for \$2,000.

**Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy**, which runs a fly fishing academy in Washington for children interested in learning about fly fishing. We are awaiting a full application. They are asking for \$2,000.

**Columbia Springs** has sent an email inquiry about Kids Fishing Fest in May 2024. They are seeking \$1,000 to help support that event. We are expecting a Letter of Inquiry.

## Club Conservation Project?

As part of the follow-up to the recent landslide at Merrill Lake, we are investigating current fish passage on tributaries to the lake. There are a couple of log jams that may be blocking passage that could be removed or modified, as well as a perched culvert that may be a passage barrier. We're planning a site visit and follow-up with the Washington DNR to see what might be done to improve access for the wild cutthroat trout of Merrill Lake. Stay tuned!



CLARK-SKAMANIA FLYFISHERS

2024 CSF Flyfishers  
*Banquet & Auction*

MARCH 23, 2024  
AUCTION @ 4PM | DINNER @ 6PM  
THE BLACK PEARL  
WASHOUGAL, WA

**All profits will go to conservation,  
education and outreach projects in  
the Pacific Northwest.**

Register using the QR  
code or at [csfly.net](https://csfly.net)





# How can I get involved?

## Outreach to Grantseekers

March & April

CSF awards grants for projects and initiatives aligned with CSF's mission to preserve wild fish stocks and the natural resources that sustain them, promote flyfishing as a method of angling, and inspire an understanding of and appreciation for the diversity of nature.

We need help getting the word out to local non-governmental organizations involved in conservation — CSF is still around and we have money to support conservation and education projects.

If you are interested in contacting at least two organizations (we'll supply the names) to let them know about our club, what we do, and that we award small conservation grants, please contact Dave Swank at [conservation@csfly.net](mailto:conservation@csfly.net).

## Beginning Flyfishing School Support

April 20

Volunteers are needed to help with the following at the Annual Bill Wiggins Memorial Introduction to Flyfishing School:

- Set up in the morning
- Assisting students with knot tying & casting
- Take down in the afternoon

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Peter Anderson at [pavanderson321@gmail.com](mailto:pavanderson321@gmail.com).

## Fly Casting 'Assistant Coaches'

April 21

The CSF Fly Casting Clinic is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 (the day after Beginning Flyfishing School). Blake Reimer of Discovery Fly Fishing is leading the clinic, and he is looking for a few good fly casters to assist in providing instruction to students. Many will be new to single handed casting.

Blake will lead the beginner oriented casting instruction on the grass. Assistants will work with students as Blake makes the rounds. If you are interested in assisting at the clinic, please contact Mark Meyer at [md.meyer@comcast.net](mailto:md.meyer@comcast.net).



Photo courtesy of Paul Dunlap

# Klineline Kids Fishing

Special Kids event - Friday, April 12

All Kids event - Saturday, April 13

Over a two-day period each spring some 3,000 kids, their families and friends, about 10,000 persons in all, from all over SW Washington and the greater Portland area, gather at Salmon Creek Park/ Klineline Pond in Vancouver, WA to help children experience fishing, playing outside, and learning about our natural environment and water safety. *The Klineline Kids Fishing Derby* is the largest event of its kind in the state of Washington.

CSF has in past years supported the event both with grants and volunteering at the event. Other opportunities to support the event include:

- Rod Rack Assembly—*March 16*
- Rod & Reel assembly—*March 20 - 22*
- Bicycle Build—*March 26*
- Net Set-up—*April 10*
- Event Staging and booth set-ups—*April 11*
- Event Tear-Down—*April 13 after the event*
- Net Cleaning—*April 14*
- Net Drying and Storage (*TBD - depends on a weather window...*)

All of this information, including additional details, is available on the KKF website: [klineline-kf.org](http://klineline-kf.org).



# The Fun Starts in April

As spring approaches so do the outings. CSF has three outings taking place in April.

First, is the Lenice Lake Outing which is an overnight outing, April 5 - 7. The Fishmasters are Dan Green and Jerry Brask. Lenice Lake is located in central Washington.

Second, will be the Yakima River Outing, April 12 - 14. This is also an overnight outing with Fishmaster Steve Jones. We will be camping at Big Pines Campground in the Yakima River Canyon about 25 miles north of Yakima, Washington.

Third, is the East Side Outing, April 30-May 4. We will be based in Ephrata, Washington at the Oasis RV Park. This is also an overnight outing. There are also motels available in Ephrata and Moses Lake. Fishmaster is Larry Pipes and he will be assisted by Jack Glode and Mike Butcher.

Look for detailed articles on these outings on the following pages.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	APRIL 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3	4



# Lenice Lake Outing, April 5 - 7

by Dan Green

**Why?** The lake has hard-fighting, 12 to 20-inch rainbows. At times you catch one and wait and wait for a repeat performance; other times it's red-hot action. 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?** The weather can be challenging at Lenice, or it can be just great. We have had years in which high winds have resulted in many members' cancellations and challenges for the remaining participants. **We will be monitoring the weather forecasts and will do our best to reschedule if the weather looks really bad. Another strong reason to send me (Dan Green) your email so I can update you.**

**When?** April 5 -7, Friday to Sunday. Come when you can. Many members will be arriving earlier, from Tuesday on.

**Meeting Point:** We will be camping at the Lake Lenice (primitive) campground. The campground is accessed from the town of Beverly on HWY 243 about 15 minutes south of Vantage on I-90. There are also several motels nearby.

**Camping / Lodging:** The campground at Lenice has no hookups or amenities other than a restroom without running water. Some do camp in tents, but it gets windy, so be sure your tent has extra tie downs and is suitable for windy conditions. More folks opt to stay in RVs. You can also stay in a motel; there is one in the town of George. (The motel in Desert Aire, of happy memory to many club members, unfortunately burned down a couple of years ago. I called and was told they are currently re-building it, but it won't be open by our outing.)

**Head-count:** If you plan to attend, please send an email to Dan Green at [dgreen066@gmail.com](mailto:dgreen066@gmail.com) so we can communicate to you any last-minute updates.

— outing details continued on next page —



# Lenice Lake Outing, *continued*

**Methods:** You will not find many wading opportunities at Lake Lenice. Some sort 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 the 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 the campground to the lake.

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

**Boating Equipment:** If boating, you are required to carry a life preserver (PFD) for each person on your boat, including pontoon boats. Also, you must carry a whistle or other signaling device. It is highly recommended that you carry a suitable anchor and line. Internal combustion engines are prohibited; electric motors are allowed.

**Weather and Clothing:** Be prepared for cold and windy weather.

**Equipment:** Best to have available both a floating line and a full-sinking line. A mid-weight rod such as a 4 to 6 weight will do the trick. Tippetts ranging from 3x to 5x.

**Flies:** Chironomid patterns are popular - Chromies, Red and Blacks, Frostbites, Zebra Midges, etc. The old standbys Woolley Bugger or micro leeches work when sunk deep and retrieved. Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tails and other popular wet flies can be effective.

**Saturday Night Get-together:** We are planning on a Saturday evening get-together to include a 5PM Wet Fly Hour followed by a 6 PM meal. All the rest of the meals - we are on our own.

The club will provide the main dish. We ask that people bring a side dish, but we will recruit a person to serve the side dishes to minimize the spread of germs. The Wet Fly hour will be, as usual, BYOB.

**Licenses, Permits, and so forth:** Required to park or camp at the Lenice parking lot is EITHER a state of Washington Discover Pass OR a WDFW Vehicle Access Pass.

Don't forget to get your new Washington State Fishing license!!! Your old license expires March 31!!

***Hope to see you there!***

## FISHMASTERS

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# Yakima River Outing, April 12 - 14

by Steve Jones

The 20 miles of canyon water on the Yakima River are the most promising trout miles on the most promising trout river in Washington. That's the location of the CSF outing for April 12-14. We will be camped at the Big Pine Campground operated by BLM and where sites are first come first served.

Year-round, fishers are banging hoppers tight into the banks, dredging the bottom with nymphs, or swinging the tail outs with streamers all in pursuit of the red-side rainbow that WDFW last estimated at more than 1,000 fish every river mile through the Yakima Canyon. **That's one trout every 5 or 6 feet all the way from Ellensburg to Roza Dam!**

Now that I've got your attention, the best time of year to target this hungry hoard is March 1 to May 15 when the river enjoys a steady pace of daily hatches of insects including the Skwala, a type of golden stone fly. That bug is the biggest meal on the river that early in the season, but not the only one. Depending on temperatures and sunlight the Skwala will be joined by BMOs, March Browns, caddis and PMDs. The pre-spawn rainbows feed aggressively on all of those insects throughout the day. Five and six weight rods with floating lines are best to target these fish.

Like the Salmon Fly on the Deschutes, the Skwala is the highest calorie meal a trout will find on the

Yakima early in the season. Fish Skwalas tight to the bank, around tributary mouths and anywhere there is a seam that concentrates food. Like Salmon Flies, Skwalas are clumsy in flight. Trout know it and are always on the watch for a crash landing. By mid-April, Skwala will be in all the bank trees and brush. March Browns will also be out but in fewer numbers. Caddis hatches kick off at mid-month so bring both adult, emergers and larvae patterns in greens and tans.

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. There is a boat ramp at our Big Pine campground. The river is also paralleled by State Highway 821 that provides numerous pull offs for wade fishers.

## FISHMASTER

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# Eastside Lakes Outing, April 30 - May 4

The Eastside Lakes Outing is set for April 30 thru May 4 and will be centered in Ephrata, Washington. Now is the time to start making reservations if you are planning on attending. The following are the most popular locations to stay.

## Oasis Resort RV & Golf

- 2451 Basin St, Ephrata, WA 98823
- 509-754-5102 oasisrvandgolfcourse.com
- \$33 (we get a 10% discount, let them know you are with Clark-Skamania Flyfishers)



## The Best Western Rama Inn

- 1818 Basin St SW, Ephrata, WA 98823
- 509-754-7111
- 154 + tax



Ten Pin Inn, Moses Lake (20 minutes east of Ephrata)

- 157 Stratford Road, 98837
- 509)764-7500 [www.tenpininn.com](http://www.tenpininn.com)
- (only have 4 suites left for \$185 + Tax)



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Dry Falls Lake



Deep Lake



Lake Lenore





# In Memory

Cal was with us here at the club for only one year, but his presence was known by many of us. He attended meetings, fished with members at several club outings and made a presentation at the December meeting about one of his trips. And, he agreed to serve on the Board within his first year to help new members entering the club.

Cal loved to fly fish. And, he was a good man. He wanted everyone to know that in life we can find joy by giving of ourselves, and our time, to others - especially those who are struggling.

And, as noted in his obituary, *"He will be remembered for his smile, his laugh, his unconditional love, his generosity and his perseverance."*

Cal is and will be missed. We wish we'd had more time.



*In Loving Memory*  
***Calvin Lee Schimpf***



**May 28, 1955 – January 28, 2024**



# Fly Tying Class a Resounding Success



The CSF Beginning Fly Tying class has wrapped up, and 12 students are ready to hit the waters with their new collections of flies. Participants included: Dan Gauger, Susan Gauger, Ann Abbruzzese, Carlo Abbruzzese, Carol Mitchell, Noel Stephanos, Henry Wood, Mitch Martin, David Moss, Ben Nolte, Tracy Hokanson and Lisa Peterson.

The class met five times on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm. One class was rescheduled due to icy roads. Students learned a different fly each week: Woolly Bugger, Parachute Adams, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, and Soft Hackle.

This is the first time the class was offered since 2019. The class was coordinated by Jerry Brask. Special thanks to Dean Potter, Forrest Koponen, Peter Anderson, Al Wood, Don Starkin, Byron Suomi, Chris Strawn, Russ Flaskerud, Joe Smith, Don Kohler and Jack Glode for sharing their fly tying skills and tricks with the students.





# Rod Building Construction Zone

This year's rod building class, led by Rich Bowers, has 8 builders and 5 helpers. The class began February 13 and concludes on March 7.

Rod building involves 9 major stages:

1. Lining up the blank
2. Attaching the tip top
3. Assembling the reel seat
4. Affixing the reel seat to the blank
5. Attaching the handle
6. Spacing the guides
7. Attachments (winding check; hook keeper)
8. Wrapping the guides
9. Applying finish



Richard checking the static load guide position to ensure proper guide spacing and placement.

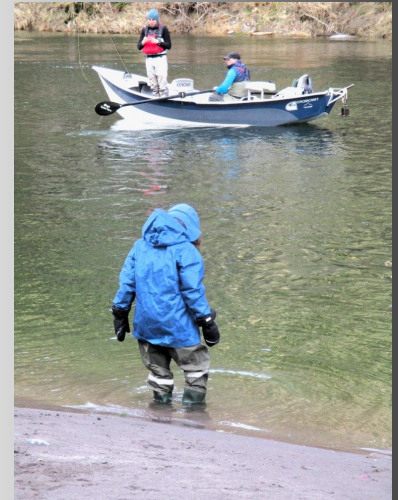




# Sandy River Outing Report

Conditions were better than anticipated for the February 17 Sandy River Outing, led by Fishmasters Todd Gerhardt and Ron Karsten. Twelve people joined Ron and Todd at the outing and temperatures were the low to mid 40's, with winds averaging 30 mph. The flow was perfect and fish were in the river.

Todd Gerhardt, assisted by his daughter Katelan, landed two steelhead— one native and one broodstock, using a black intruder with red flash. Todd's secret to selecting the right fly . . . *"use whatever one you're not going to change."*





# Membership Renewal



## 2024 CSF DUES

Effective January 1st, 2024

**\$45 is payable by  
check or online**

Send a check to CSF  
PO Box 644  
Vancouver, WA 98666

Pay online at  
[csfly.net/  
become-a-member](http://csfly.net/become-a-member)

Thank you!

# Brew Tie

**Tuesday, March 5th  
6:00 to 8:00 pm**



**Ghost Runners Brewery and Kitchen  
4216 NE Minnehaha Street, Suite 108  
Vancouver, WA 98661**

This monthly no-host DIY fly tying with nibbles, brews, and camaraderie is “a must” for CSF tyers. Come one, come all to tie some flies and drink a couple beers. Non-tyers are welcome.

**There will be table available if anyone would like to display their hand-tied flies.**

Bring a towel or other cover for the tables to make it easier to gather your tying waste and to prevent glue spots from reaching tabletops.



Ghost Runners is hidden inside a small industrial park so scout the access in daylight. Once found, it's easy to locate but first search can be tricky. It's located between St. Johns and Andresen, set far back on the north side of Minnehaha Street. Bring your fly tying stuff, non tyers are also welcome.

**If anyone would like to tie a fly for the group, let**

**Forrest Koponen know at:**

**360-772-5081; [aobdnr@gmail.com](mailto:aobdnr@gmail.com).**

# Clark-Skamania Flyfishers

## 2024 Outings

Page 1 of 2 (April — June)

April 5 - 7	<b>Lenice Lake - Washington</b> Fishmaster: Dan Green, (360) 907-0032, dgreen066@gmail.com Fishmaster: Jerry Brask, (503) 502-4283, jerrybrask51@gmail.com Overnight, Float, Trout
April 12 - 14	<b>Yakima River - Big Pines Recreation site- Washington</b> Fishmaster: Steve Jones, (360) 606-5947, sjones022@comcast.net Overnight, Wade or Float, Steelhead, Trout
April 30-May 4	<b>Eastside Lakes - Washington</b> Fishmaster: Larry Pipes, (360) 880-5875, larry.pipes@gmail.com Assistant Jack Glode (307) 630-9612, jeg_63@hushmail.com Overnight, Wade or Float, Trout
May 18	<b>Kalama River – Washington</b> Fishmaster: Mike Carroll, (360) 953-3310, mudler.mike@gmail.com Day trip, Wade or Float, Steelhead, Trout
June 5	<b>Laurance Lake - Oregon</b> Fishmaster: Jerry Brask, (503) 502-4283, jerrybrask51@gmail.com Assistant Peter Anderson, (360) 606-5947, pavanderson321@gmail.com Day trip, Float, Trout
June 7 - 9	<b>Deschutes River, Harpham Flat BLM Campground Maupin, Oregon</b> Fishmaster : Todd Gerhardt, (503) 793-9022, toddgerhardt1315@gmail.com Assistant Bob Harrison, (360) 798-6220 bobnjeana@yahoo.com Float, walk and wade, trout
June 21 - 23	<b>Coldwater Lake – Washington</b> Fishmaster: Julie & Frank Berge, (360) 798-6757, swatberge@gmail.com Assistant Larry Morris, (360) 253-1646, lcmorris 1250@gmail.com Day trip, Float, Trout



# Clark-Skamania Flyfishers

## 2024 Outings

Page 2 of 2 (July—November)

- July 12 - 14      **Upper Lewis River – Washington**  
Fishmasters: Don & Carol Kohler, (503) 891-5486, moabman07@gmail.com  
Overnight, Wade, Trout
- July 18 - 20      **Crooked River-Oregon**  
Fishmaster: Bob Shimane, (408) 314-0645, andylily99@gmail.com  
Overnight, Wade, Trout
- August 3          **John Day River - Cottonwood Canyon State Park - Oregon**  
Fishmaster: Mark Meyer, (360) 253-7273, md.meyer@comcast.net  
Day trip, Wade, Bass
- September 6 - 8      **Cowlitz River - Washington**  
Fishmaster: Al Wood & Diane Schmitt, (360) 904-7797 alanstanleywood@gmail.com  
Overnight, Float or Wade, Steelhead, Trout
- September 11      **Laurance Lake - Oregon**  
Fishmaster: Ben Nolte, ben@bigamazonfish.net  
Day trip, float, trout
- October 4 - 6      **Klickitat River – Washington**  
Fishmasters: Don & Sherri Starkin, (509) 637-4405, dstarkin@msn.com  
Overnight, Wade or Float, Trout and Steelhead
- October 12      **Merrill Lake Fish-in – WA (In conjunction with WDFW)**  
Fishmaster: Marvin Yoshinaka, (541) 728-7496, marvyosh@gmail.com  
Fishmaster: Jim Hutchison, (360) 837-8011, wilandhutch@gmail.com  
Fishmaster: Warren Bieker, (360) 687-5475, ljbieker@comcast.net  
Day trip, Wade or Float, Trout
- November 9      **Kilchis River-Oregon (Tillamook)**  
Fishmaster: Dennis Hite, (503) 849-5649, dhite1@yahoo.com  
Day trip, Float or Wade, Chum Salmon