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Upcoming Events—Mark your calendars!

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- May 18 Kalama River Outing

President’s Message

by Jerry Brask, CSF President

Greetings -

Banquet The setup at The Black Pearl in the morning went smoothly and fast as many pitched in to help. We were ready to go in three hours. Again, in the evening, many volunteered, and we emptied The Black Pearl in 75 minutes! Thanks to all who volunteered on the day of the event. You know who you are!

165 people registered for the event. Many who could not attend made donations to CSF online. The cup and silent auctions went well downstairs, and all items were auctioned off except two. I noticed small groups socializing downstairs while scanning the floor for items to bid on. The food provided by Mad Hatter was excellent and plentiful. The live auction and paddle raise did very well thanks to the generosity of all who attended. Special thanks go to Dave Swank, Ben Nolte, Don Kohler and our auctioneer, Doug Quinn for their presentations following dinner.

Flyfishers of the Year Award was made to Michael and Paula Golub. Special Achievement Awards were made to our webmaster, Mark Masciarotte, and to Marv Yoshinaka for his work on Merrill Lake Fish-In.

Donna Newcomb received overdue recognition for her contributions to the 2020 banquet that was cancelled due to Covid.

Overall, reviews about this year’s Banquet and Auction are very positive. We did very well financially and will share more details shortly. Thanks to all who contributed to the effort from October to March 23rd! And, special thanks to the co-chairs, Debbie Crockett and Donna Glode for their hard work, talent, and commitment.

Dues Dues are due! Please use the web page for \$45.00 annual dues! March 31 deadline.

Board Retreat The Board will be meeting for a day in late April to consider Club issues. If you have ideas, suggestions, or criticisms, please send them to me ASAP.

Spring Spring is here! CSF outings are around the corner. Lenice Lake, Yakima River, East Side Lakes and the Kalama River are all coming up. I hope you can attend a Club outing, an outing on your own or outing with a friend.

Tight Lines!
Jerry

Meet our 2024 Board of Directors

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Welcome 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 Clark-Skamania Flyfishers welcomes:

Mark Romig — Washougal
Sean Hedden — Ridgefield
Corbin Bird — Lake Oswego
Ryan Russell — Wilsonville

Clark-Skamania Flyfishers NEXT GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Wet Fly Hour @ 5:30 | Meeting @ 6:30

Black Pearl on the Columbia 56 S 1st Street, Washougal, WA

At the April meeting, we will be serving **STARKIN'S LASAGNA & GARLIC BREAD**, along with the usual offering of **PIZZAS** and beverages.

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.

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CSF is a member club of Fly Fishers International.

For further information on Clark-Skamania Flyfishers, visit our website at csfly.net.



Conservation Report – April 2024

by Dave Swank, CSF Conservation Director

Grants Update

We are currently working with:

Reel Recovery - organizes retreats (one in Washington and one in Oregon in 2024) for men who are battling cancer, where they learn fly fishing. The board just approved a grant application for \$3,000.

Project Healing Waters - similar to Reel Recovery but is focused on providing fishing trips for military veterans, using donated trips from local guides. We have received a full application for \$2,000.

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy - runs a fly fishing academy in Washington for children interested in learning about flyfishing. We have received a full application asking for \$2,000.

Club Conservation Project

As mentioned in the March issue of the Barb, CSF is investigating fish passage on tributaries to Merrill Lake. The site visit to Merrill Lake was postponed due to deep snow around the lake, and will be re-scheduled for later this spring.

Conservation Outreach

If you've been tracking the club's conservation income vs grant spending, you've probably realized that the club has been taking in more money than we've been spending the last couple of years. While this would be great news for a private business focused on profits, it's not what we as a non-profit conservation-minded organization really want. The money doesn't do the fish any good just sitting in our bank account. That's why we're still planning an outreach campaign to local NGO's to let them know we are looking for worthy causes to support.

If you're willing to contact local conservation or educational organizations to let them know who we are, what we do, and that we are actively giving out grants to help with conservation and education projects. I've had two people volunteer so far; we could use a couple more. Just send me an email (conservation@csfly.net) if you're interested.



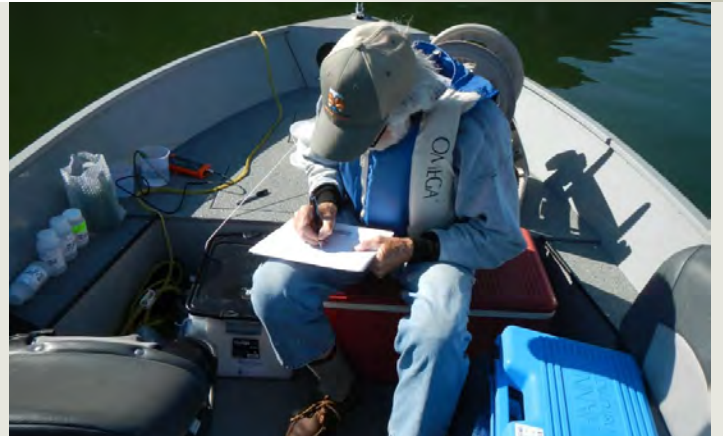
Dave Swank

CSF Impact in 2023

Deschutes River Alliance

Water Quality Monitoring

\$5,000



World Salmon Council

Salmon Watch
Environmental Education Program

\$3,500



Cascade Forest Conservancy

Stump Creek Restoration

\$6,000

[Click here](#) to read *Salmon Are Already Benefitting from Habitat Enhancement at Stump Creek* article.



Klineline Kids Fishing

Klineline Kids Fishing Event 2023

\$300



Klineline Kids Fishing

By Rich Bowers, CSF Member



The 2024 edition of the Klineline Kids Fishing Event is just around the corner. The event will be held on **April 12th and 13th**.

For many years, Clark-Skamania Flyfishers has been an integral part of the event, both with grants and volunteers, and your continued support is greatly appreciated. This year's volunteer opportunities included assembling the rod racks (March 16), assembling the rods & reels (March 20 – 22) and assembling 32 bicycles (March 26). Upcoming events will include event setup on April 10, the special needs event on April 12 and the main event on April 13.

With around 2400 kids and about 10,000 people in total over the two days, this is the largest children's fishing event in the state. There is a special thrill helping a child catch their first fish, and one year in the Special Needs event, we even helped an 84-year old wheelchair-bound blind woman catch her first fish! Now THAT was special!

The event is held at Klineline Pond in Salmon Creek County Park and you can sign up to volunteer at <https://klineline-kf.org/>

Check out Doug Anderson's report on the 2015 event in the May 2015 Barb!

Spring Fly Casting Clinic

by Mark Meyer, CSF Director

The spring casting clinic will be held at Lewisville Park on **Sunday, April 21**, from 9 am to 12 noon.

Blake Reimer of Discovery Flyfishing <https://discoveryflyfishing.com/> will be leading the instruction that will be primarily on the grass.

This will be an opportunity for new casters or experienced casters looking to learn new techniques. We could use some experienced members to help with the instruction. Please contact Mark Meyer at md.meyer@comcast.net if you are planning to attend and/ or able to assist.



Location: Lewisville Park

26411 NE Lewisville Hwy, Battle Ground, WA 98604
Park at the Dogwood/Evergreen parking area.

Clark County Parks charges parking fees year-round at Lewisville Regional Park. Both fee booths and self-pay stations accept cash, coin, debit cards, Visa and Mastercard. They do not accept checks, Discover or American Express cards.



The following article provided courtesy of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

A new approach to Lewis River steelhead production

WDFW, PacifiCorp, Cowlitz Public Utility District, partners rolling out changes to improve steelhead fisheries and support wild steelhead conservation.



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Achieving a genetically robust and self-sustaining population of winter-run steelhead necessitates a strategic shift in hatchery management approaches.

In the coming months, anglers are likely to notice changes to steelhead fishing along the Lewis River as fishery managers roll out a set of measures to improve fisheries and mitigate genetic risks for native fish populations.

These initiatives will establish a new winter-run steelhead hatchery program, strategically designed to extend angling and harvesting opportunities into the spring and cease an out of basin steelhead stock production. Additionally, fishery managers will reallocate 25,000 smolts from the early winter-run steelhead program to bolster the popular summer-run steelhead program.

[Read the full article.](#)

WDFW launches beta version of Fish Washington 2.0 app

A portion of this article provided courtesy of WDFW

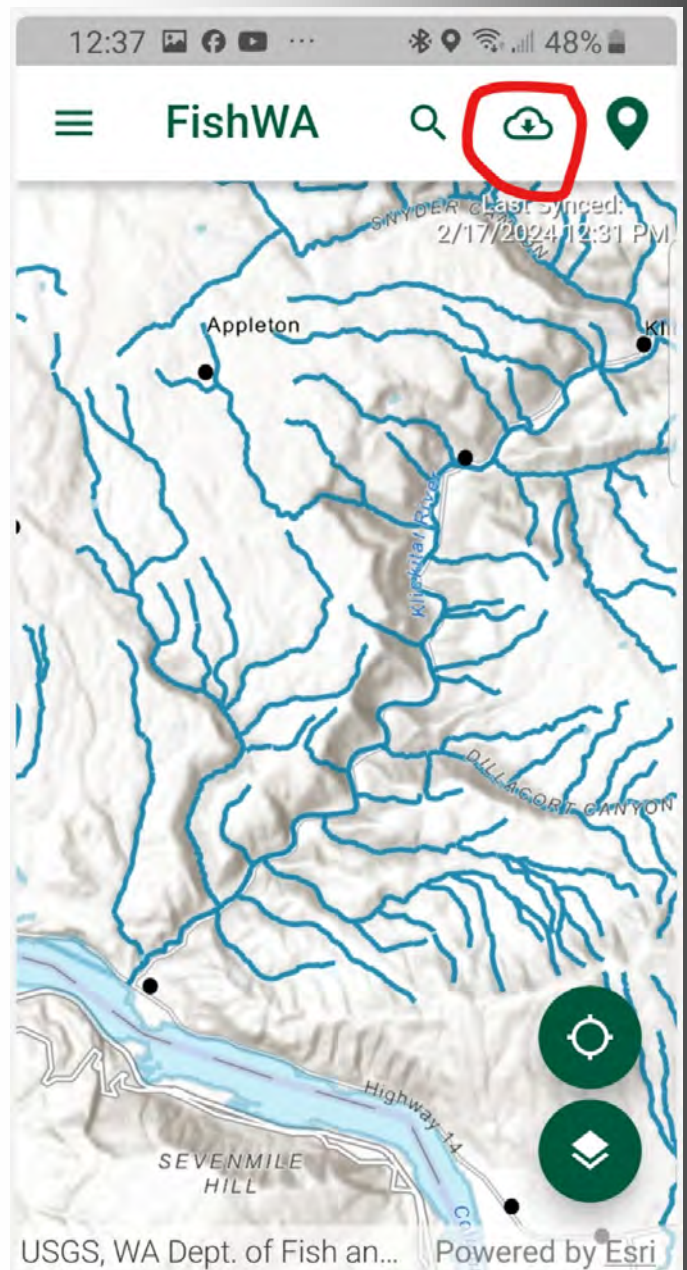
The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has launched an updated version of the Fish Washington app, Fish Washington 2.0, and invites the public to share feedback on the changes.

Fish Washington is a mobile application designed to convey up-to-the-minute fishing regulations for every lake, river, stream, and marine area in the state. Fish Washington 2.0 addresses issues reported by users on both iOS and Android platforms.

Fish Washington 2.0 has been completely rewritten and is less than half the size of the previous version. It is designed to run more smoothly while using less data and device memory. The new app has one code base for both iOS and Android platforms, reducing the frequency and size of updates. Other improvements are location enabled USGS river gauges and tide charts, more consistent emergency regulation delivery, and map upgrades. The new version is ad-free.

WDFW is in the final phases of beta testing and invites the public to share feedback on the new app. The application development team will use the feedback to fix issues and improve app features. Fish Washington 2.0 is currently available for users to download on the [WDFW website](#) for both iOS and Android devices. The public can leave comments at MobileAppDev@dfw.wa.gov. Fish Washington 2.0 will officially launch in spring 2024.

Note from a CSF member: you still have to click on whatever body of water you are interested in to see if you can fish it for the species you are interested in. It would be a great feature to have it show you all the places you can fish for "trout" for example.



Lenice Lake Outing, April 5 - 7

by Dan Green and Jerry Brask

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 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. Tippet 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.

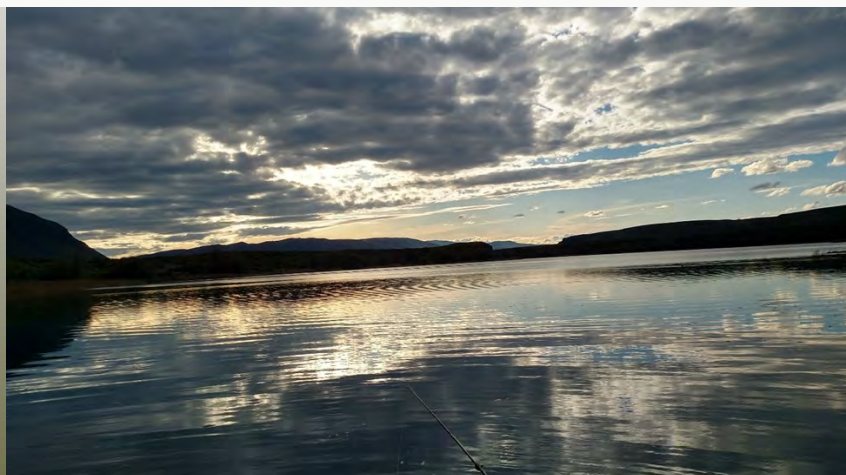
Licenses, Permits, and so forth: Required to park or camp at the Lenice parking lot is EITHER a state of Washington Discover Pass OR a WDFW Vehicle Access Pass.

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

Hope to see you there!

FISHMASTERS

Dan Green, dgreen066@gmail.com



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 BWOs, 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

Steve Jones, sjones022@comcast.net



Eastside Lakes Outing

April 30 - May 4

by Larry Pipes

The Eastside Lakes Outing is set for April 30 thru May 4th. The headquarters will be the Oasis RV Park & Golf Course in Ephrata, Washington.

Let's plan on getting together around 6:00pm on Tuesday the 30th for an orientation. If you can't make this meeting we usually assemble each morning around 8-9 to plan the day's fishing. If you haven't been on this outing, we usually break up into small groups each morning and head off in various fishing holes. In the evening we compare notes, so we cover a lot of water. Fishmasters are listed below if you have questions. Let one of us know if you are interested in attending in case we have any last minute updates.

FISHMASTERS

Larry Pipes, larry.pipes@gmail.com 360-880-5875

Jack Glode, jeg_63@hushmail.com

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



Dry Falls Lake



Deep Lake



Lake Lenore



Visit Rocky Ford to meet some well educated fish

Kalama River Outing

May 18

by Mike Carroll

Driving Directions: From Vancouver, take I-5 N to exit 32 (Kalama River Road). Turn right onto Kalama River Road. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on Kalama River Road. Go approximately 1 mile and turn right onto Modrow Road. CSF Signs mark the destination.

A Discover Pass is required at this launch site.

Meeting Time: 8 AM at parking lot beneath Modrow Bridge. We will discuss access, safety, floats and shuttles, with maps.

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 / 5 hours. Modrow or Slab Hole are recommended take-outs.

Fishing Methods: 6 to 8 weight rods of 9 to 10 feet with fast-sinking tips to 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).

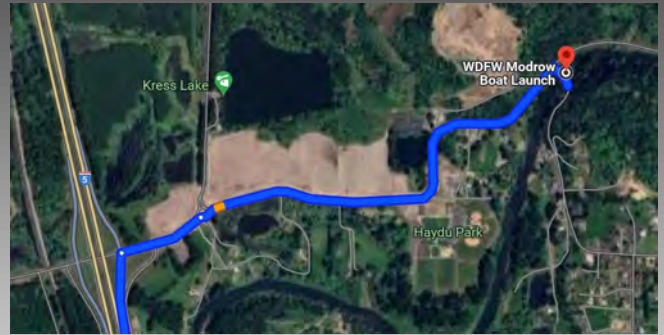
Dinner: Michael and Paula Golob will host a barbeque at their cabin at 2:00 pm. (14.5 miles upriver, Road 8100, 1/2 mile on left).

RSVP: If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Mike Carroll.

FISHMASTER

Mike Carroll, mudler.mike@gmail.com

360-953-3310



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2024 Outings

Page 1 of 2 (April — June)

April 5 - 7	Lenice Lake - Washington Fishmaster: Dan Green, (360) 907-0032, dgreen066@gmail.com Fishmaster: Jerry Brask, (503) 502-4283, jerrybrask51@gmail.com Overnight, Float, Trout
April 12 - 14	Yakima River - Big Pines Recreation site- Washington Fishmaster: Steve Jones, (360) 606-5947, sjones022@comcast.net Overnight, Wade or Float, Steelhead, Trout
April 30-May 4	Eastside Lakes - Washington 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	Kalama River – Washington Fishmaster: Mike Carroll, (360) 953-3310, mudler.mike@gmail.com Day trip, Wade or Float, Steelhead, Trout
June 5	Laurance Lake - Oregon 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	Deschutes River, Harpham Flat BLM Campground Maupin, Oregon 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	Coldwater Lake – Washington 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

2024 CSF Banquet and Auction



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Brew Tie

Tuesday, April 2
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.





2024 CSF DUES

Effective January 1st, 2024

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check or online**

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

Thank you!