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**Meeting Location**  
**Westbrook Club House**  
**14255 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of SW Murray)**  
**Beaverton, OR 97005**

**Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024**

## September Agenda

7:00-7:15	Welcome and Club business
7:15-8:15	Entertainment – <b>Guest speaker: Dan Dunham, entomology</b>
8:15-8:30	Raffle and adjourn

## ***September Meeting Entertainment***

For our September meeting, fellow club member Dan Dunham **will give a presentation on entomology in Oregon trout streams. Here's a brief bio from Dan:** "I am a financial planner by trade, not a professional entomologist, fly fisherman or fly tyer. I started fishing at very young age. My dad would take us to the California beach for surf fishing before I was in school. We moved to Oregon when I was four years old which started my trout fishing adventures. My dad is the one who got me interested in fly fishing and tying flies when I was in high school. That led to my interest in the life cycle of the bugs that fish feed on. It has been through reading and observation that I have gathered the information about entomology."

### **President's Message**

#### **September 2024**

Fall fishing is in full swing! Steelhead are moving through the Deschutes, caddis flies are numerous, occasionally you might find an October caddis, sea run cutthroats are entering the coast streams, and salmon are beginning to run! Fly tying is moving toward both summer and winter steelhead. I love fall. While I don't hunt birds any more, I still love the smells associated with the dry grass on the river and the crisp morning air. This is a great time of year!



Our August picnic went well. We had about 30 members and guests and food for about 60! Everyone took chicken and ribs home to enjoy. The auction yielded some great buys! The raffle also had some great items. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all.

Our yard sale had to be moved into September and is now scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at Chuck Cooney's front yard. So, if you are hooked on deals, you can reel in the savings and catch the fun! (enough of that!). There will be fly rods, fly reels, fly tying materials, camping equipment, tackle boxes, spinning rods and reels, flower pots, garden tools, dog bowls, and a lot of other useful stuff. It will all be priced to sell!!

Our guest speaker for September is Daniel Dunham talking about bugs. He has a great, in-depth presentation on all of the bugs we use in the Northwest. He has a casual presentation style and is a good teacher. Come to the meeting to brush up on your entomology.

Note, there is no pre-meeting demonstration this month.

Chuck has notified us that he will not be leading outings in 2025, so we need some volunteers to organize and lead an outing or two. It is easy to do and we can help you with the short list of how to organize one. But, if we want outings, we need your help!

We are also looking for a new program chair. This job is set-up well for 2025 as Marc Williamson already has speakers lined up through June and is willing to coach someone through the process. I have done this and it is not that difficult, especially if you know interesting people willing to present. They can be guides, authors, conservationists, shop owners or other interesting people.

We are continuing to look for items for the bucket raffle at the meetings. Consider bringing gently used items to the next meeting for future raffles. Anything would be appreciated.

Help support your club and make it grow!!

One final item, we have an opportunity as a club to fish with Rob Crandall next July on the Deschutes River. Either four or eight people (one or two boats depending on how many are interested) will fish out of jet sleds below Macks Canyon for trout. This will be a Friday/Saturday for 8 hours per day. You can fish one day or two with camping in between at Mack's or a motel in Maupin, your

arrangement. Cost, (\$200 per day plus tip) includes a river lunch. That is a screaming deal! I have fished below Macks for trout and it can be great! July is slightly post Salmon Fly, but skwalas, caddis, may flies and terrestrials are present. Dry fly, dry/dropper and nymphing all work. This is open only to club members and quests. Please contact me or Galen Flinn to let us know you are interested. If we can fill at least one boat, this will be a go!

Tight Lines,

Rick Pay, President



## Washington County Fly Fishers

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### Club Calendar

- September
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Daniel Dunham – Entomology
  - 14<sup>th</sup> – Club Yard Sale
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – Outing – Laurence Lake – Mt Hood
- October
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Steve Hawley – Author “Cracked – The Future of Dams in a Hot, Chaotic World”
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – Outing – Hagg Lake
- November
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Sara Jo Royalty
- December
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Christmas Dinner
- January
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Sneaker: Brian Light – Stonefly Hatches
- February
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Steve Schuttpelz – Fishing the mid-Willamette Valley

- March
  - 5<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting – Speaker: Jeff Morgan – Small Streams
- April
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Club Meeting – Speaker: Bob Woolf – Fishing Midges
- May
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Colby Olson (?) – Bass in the Willamette
- June
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Garrett Lesko – Fishing Coastal Cutt Throat
- July
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Club Meeting – Speaker: Water Watch – Discussing Dams



## FFI Fly Casting Fair

Tim Rajeff will be the premier instructor and demonstration caster Saturday Sept. 21 at the **FFI Fly Casting Fair** on the campus of Clark College in downtown Vancouver Wash.



Rajeff will headline a range of expert casters including Mary Ann Dozer of Sisters, Ore. who will lead women's casting, Don Simonson of Camano Island Wash. who will lead the walk-in casting clinic and Dwight Klemin of Salem who will teach single-handed spey techniques. All four, including Rajef, are FFI Master Casting Instructors and make up the core of an experienced group of instructors offering classes and demonstrations throughout the day Sept. 21. The Washington State Council of FFI is hosting the event with the volunteer help of Clark-Skamania Flyfishers. For a complete list of classes that will be offered during the day go to [WWW.WSCFFI.ORG](http://WWW.WSCFFI.ORG). You can reserve your space in a class beginning Friday, Aug. 2.

In addition to casting instruction, the event will feature the FFI Casting Skills Development Course where throughout the day participants can work through a range of casting challenges and skills. FFI will award Bronze, Silver and Gold levels to recognize participants achievements. Participants also can step over to the Walk-in Casting Clinic to iron out a wrinkle they discover in their cast. Casting classes are 90 minutes and range in price from \$25 to \$50. There is no charge for the Skills Development Course and Walk-In Clinic, donations are welcome.

Casting classes will be held on the expansive lawn at the center of the Clark College campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Parking is free. Around the edges of the casting areas, rod makers including Sage, Reddington, Echo, Burkheimer, TFO and others will have booths set up offer participants a hands-

on experience to try out the latest in rod design. It's a great opportunity to meet the people behind some of the iconic brands in our sport like Erik Johnson of Sage/Redington and Dick Sagara of TFO.

And casting is only the half of what will be happening Sept. 21. Inside the Gaiser Student Union FFI will host a rotating series of the most skilled fly tiers in the Northwest. Aaron Culley, FFI's Hall of Fame tier for 2024 and a member of the Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild will be demonstrating his tying skill in the afternoon. Gaiser Hall will also have a 30-seat tying theater where participants can watch selected tiers at work on a big screen.

To top it off, a Clark-Skamania tying trio of Forrest Koponen, Dean Potter and Russ Flaskerud will offer a beginning tying class in the afternoon. Invite your friends, wives, neighbors, kids, brothers, grandkids and learn how to tie a fly. All materials and tools are provided and there is a \$25 fee.

The event is open to the public and there is no charge for Tim Rajeff's noon presentation about rod design and how to pick the best rod for your casting ability. There is a \$50 charge for Tim's afternoon Advanced Distance/Performance casting. 90 minute classes for beginning casting, women's casting, intermediate, single-hand spey and advanced casting cost between \$40 and \$50. Registration for all classes will open Friday Aug. 2 and space is limited.

Lunch will also be available. For a menu and pre-order go to [WWW.WSCFFI.ORG](http://WWW.WSCFFI.ORG) for details and to purchase in advance.

CSF members need to mark their calendar for Sept. 21 and join Washington FFI at the Fly Casting Fair. We couldn't pull this off without all the volunteers from Clark-Skamania that are helping with set up and take down for the day. Thanks from all of FFI's 700 members in Washington and Alaska.

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## September 14 Yard sale

763 SE 61Ave, Hillsboeo OR.

Sale starts at 9 AM Saturday Sept. 14



## September 17 Outing

Laurance Lake (South on Hood River, 4 miles from Parkdale)

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: West Boat Launch

Fish - Trout



Note: I missed everyone at the picnic due to Dr. care. That this time I am still not able to do a lot of things. I am looking for someone to take the lead on this event or just show up and fish with other members. The plan is to just have fun at Laurance lake.

\$10.00 day use fee, no exceptions

## September Additional Fishing

There will be other places that I will be fishing in September also. Lost Lake, Goose Lake, Cold Water and maybe Merrill Lake. All good places to fish and if I don't fish them in September I will try to get to them in October before the trout season closes. The water cools off in September and can get back to fishing the way we like.

Note: There are Steelhead in the Deschutes also.

Chuck Cooney  
WCFF Outing Chair



No Fly of the Month this month. Next month, maybe two!

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