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MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Gleneagle Country Club
Board Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Village Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: October 28th, 2008 @ Gleneagle Country Club
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



President's Message

By Mark Edson

Three things this month.

First and foremost, it's auction time at EFFC. Our October meeting is the auction, so we're counting on your support with donations, attendance and bringing guests. The auction will be at the Gleneagle resort on Tuesday the 28th.



"Sold to the gentleman with the hysterical wife."

Second, we've had a number of inquiries about the club library. The library is definitely something we miss when it's gone. The board had a number of false starts getting library moved to the Gleneagle, but our latest reason for not moving it there is that we are concerned about our financial arrangement with the Gleneagle. We've been told that our current deal with last through the end of the year (i.e. one more regular meeting) then we'll be

renegotiating. The starting negotiation position we've been given is unlikely to be acceptable for long, so we'd like to get a workable contract in place before we spend the time & effort to move the library. We will keep the club posted.

Third, there are still positions available in the club, so be sure to talk to Eric Nordstrom any time if you'd like to help out the club with some volunteer time.

Hope to see you all at the Auction.

Auction Dinner News By Mike Schutt

This year's dinner will be an Italian-style buffet, with lasagna, spaghetti, chicken fettuccine, garlic bread and salad for \$14.

Dinners must be reserved no later than Tuesday October 21 - contact Rob Gamage; 360-691-9997.

Bring your friends, your wallets and any new or gently used donations to help support the club's functions throughout the rest of the year. Approximately 60% of the club funds come from the auction.

We will have discount certificates from some well known equipment manufacturers, books, member-tied flies, world-famous member guided trips, Al Knudson flies, home-made crafts, and there's even rumors of Hardy reels and Sage rods showing up on the auction block.

Doors will open at 5:00 pm. for previewing, dinner will start at 6:30 and the auction will start at 7:00. If you are planning to bring items to donate that night, please try to get there early so that we can get your donations cataloged in and set out on the display tables before the auction starts.



If you have any questions, contact Mike Schutt 425-346-3148 - see you there.

Fly Tying Contest By John Gattinella

Last month we only had a few flies entered, and our scud/shrimp pattern was won by George Richardson. Nice fly, George! This month we won't be having a fly contest, but instead, you can take home the past months' winners at our annual auction. I'll look forward to seeing you there. Thanks Jesse, for handling the contest last month.

Boat For Sell

Hey gang,
Al Vavra has his Walker Bay boat for sale for \$300. It's at my house here in Brightwood, and is in good shape. No oars or motor come with it. 8 Ft boat with mounted swivel chair.

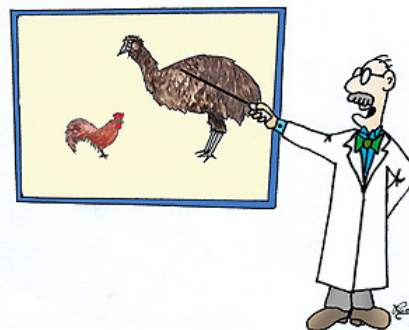
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"If we breed a chicken with an emu, we not only end up with offspring resistant to avian flu but dry fly quality hackle feathers 4 feet long."

Blue Lake By Reed Miller

Blue Lake? Which Blue Lake? In Wolcott's "Lakes of Washington, Volume 1, Western Washington" there are 14 Blue Lakes listed. The one I am writing about is in Whatcom County, south of Mt. Baker, at an elevation of approximately 4000 ft., with a surface area of 13 acres.

But, back to the start. In a book about day hikes in the North Cascades, my son read about a hike to Dock Butte. This old lookout site at 5200 ft. elevation affords beautiful views of Mt. Baker, Twin Sisters and many other mountains. A trail forking off the Dock Butte trail drops down to Blue Lake. He decided to go on a picture-taking hike to Dock Butte. I decided, since it was only 0.7 miles, to go to Blue Lake.

According to Wolcott, Blue Lake held rainbows and Montana black-spot cutthroats. This sounded good to me.

So, on the last Monday in September, we drove to the trailhead, which is about 3900 ft. elevation. I put my gear into a day pack and took off for Blue Lake. It was a pretty level trail, but full of boulders and exposed tree roots.

The lake was calm and the water was very clear. A lack of weeds indicated a rather sterile environment, but I saw an occasional fish cruising near the surface and taking floating insects. They weren't large fish, maybe 8"-9", but they were fish. However, I'd left my dry flies at home.

The calm surface and clear water made the fish very spooky, but I finally got a fly to float. Eventually, a fish came along and took it. I set the hook, and after a short but spirited tussle I landed it, a 9" brown trout. Brown trout????!!!

I had never landed a brown trout in a high lake anywhere, be it WA, OR, ID, MT or WY and Blue Lake was no. 99 or 100 on my list. I took a picture of it and released it.

The lake seems to be self-sustaining, as I saw many fingerlings feeding near the inlet stream. The stream itself held many fry. So, add brown trout to the list of what Washington's high lakes can produce.



Washington Dept. Fish and Wildlife Seeking Help

ATTENTION SNOQUALMIE RIVER ANGLERS

In 2004, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission renewed the operating license for the Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Project owned by Puget Sound Energy. Terms of the renewal require Puget Sound Energy to fund resident trout research, conducted by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in the upper Snoqualmie Watershed above Snoqualmie Falls.

One of the research objectives WDFW wants to investigate is angler effort, catch, and demographics in the upper Snoqualmie Watershed. Since the upper Snoqualmie Watershed covers such a large geographic area and has several angler access points, conducting a traditional access-point creel survey would be very difficult and expensive to complete. Instead, WDFW is seeking the help of anglers who fish the upper Snoqualmie Watershed.

WDFW has installed several angler creel boxes throughout the North Fork, Middle Fork, South Fork, and main stem (above the falls) areas of the upper Snoqualmie Watershed. Attached to these creel boxes are catch cards that request information from anglers about their fishing trip. WDFW respectfully requests anglers who fish the upper Snoqualmie Watershed to please fill out and submit every completed fishing trip. Even if your fishing trip was unsuccessful, WDFW requests that anglers still fill out and deposit a catch card. Submitting catch cards for unsuccessful fishing trips is just as important as submitting catch cards for successful fishing trips.

For those anglers who fish the upper Snoqualmie Watershed routinely, WDFW has developed an angler diary program. Angler diaries contain several catch cards and request some additional information about your completed fishing trip. For anglers interested in maintaining a diary please contact Nathanael Overman (Lead Research Biologist) at 425-379-2308 or Chad Jackson (Project Manager) at 425-775-1311, ext. 113.

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