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NW Beerwerks Street View

NW Beerwerks file photo



NW Beerwerks Aerial View

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Program Announcement

This month we are going to try something a little different and move away from our normal site. We will be meeting (same time) at the tent at Northwest Beerwerks (420 Steele St SE). Parking is in the rear and the Martin Way side of Northwest Beerwerks with additional parking across Steele Street on the Pacific Ave. side of the gravel parking lot is available. The entertainment and information sharing will be a little different but that is being saved as a surprise. This does bring new meaning to the social hour so come early and enjoy the surroundings. We won't have the traditional cooler and cookies but there are a multitude of libations available and I have been told some interesting low/no-octane drink as well. There is food nearby, via food trucks so if you want to grab a bite to eat that is available. Come on up, over, or down as the case may be and we'll have a relaxing evening sitting around tables instead of behind them. Hopefully you will enjoy the surprise.

TROUT UNLIMITED'S MISSION

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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Chapter Meetings:

The chapter holds a meeting, open to all members and the public, the 4th Wednesday of each month (usually) at the North Olympia (Fire) Station 83, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia, at 7:00pm. November 2017 meeting will be the 15th (1 week earlier) to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving Day. There is no December meeting due to holidays.

The chapter holds a Board meeting, open to all members, the first Wednesday of each month at North Olympia (Fire) Station 83, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia.

Memberships:

Become a member or renew your membership on-line at www.tu.org. It's the quickest and provides the greatest accuracy of information. No access to the internet? Bring your check to a meeting or mail it to the chapter address.

There are only TU National dues – no extra dues at the State or chapter level. Below are the membership types:

BU (Business) \$295/yr

FA (Family) \$55/yr

FL (Family Life) \$1,300

GC (Griffith Circle) \$1,000

LI (Life) \$1,059

MO (Magazine Only)

RE (Regular) \$35/yr

SE (Stream Explorer) \$12/yr

SP (Sponsor) \$100/yr

SR (Senior >61yr) \$20/yr

TE (Teen) \$14/yr

TR (Trial) 1st yr free

Currently, the Olympia Chapter has 345 members. Welcome new members: Lee Chambers, Mike Labreck, Howard Phillips, Olympia; Jeff Heins, Shelton; and Gerald Mullen, Yelm.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Pat Prichard

I attended the TU Western Regional Conference in late April, held in Scottsdale, AZ. It's more thought of for great golf courses than rolling rivers. Nevertheless, the Arizona Council is doing great work in recovery of Gila Trout and great fishing is a short distance away in the mountains. It was a helpful experience by way of meeting colleagues across the western states (as far east as Arkansas), and hearing from TU staff and members on a variety of topics.

I was impressed by the numerous accomplishments and the generally positive outlook for Trout Unlimited and trout in the west. There were concerns but there always are concerns. More importantly there was confidence that TU has the right approach: grassroots energy focused on people and the places we want to continue to conserve, protect and restore. This means working in local communities, respecting local traditions, and establishing teamwork with professional staff and volunteers.

We see evidence of this locally, with the Wild Steelhead Initiative gaining support for native fish by communicating the value of native species. Establishing a connection to conservation through youth engagement, in the classroom and in efforts like the Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Respectfully engaging elected officials to communicate your position on issues. Building sustainability in membership by reaching out to new communities like the Diversity and Women's Initiative and Veterans Services Partnership. Developing partnerships with Dept of Fish and Wildlife and other conservation organizations. Developing expertise at the grass roots level in angler science to augment efforts where funding for professional resources continues to be a constraint.

You will be seeing much of this in the events and activities we undertake at Olympia TU. There is opportunity for a variety of interests, advocacy, youth, veterans, and science to name a few. We will continue to develop our partnerships, both with conservation groups and fishing organizations. We are a geographically expansive chapter, covering several river basins and communities of interest, so you will see opportunities to lead and participate in activities at your local level. We are developing our expertise in angler science, supporting technical development but also working feet on the ground or in the creek. And we will continue our conservation efforts like Woodland Creek. We plan to reinvigorate our youth outreach with a bit of fishing skills and conservation.

We have a vast amount of opportunities that are entertaining and rewarding. I encourage you to join in the fun, contacts are listed in the newsletter and if you have any questions or ideas let me know.

YOU CAN BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

The Olympia Chapter has numerous activities throughout the year. Take the opportunity to make an impact. Just call the number. If you have an interest in other activities or projects, contact any Board member and discuss it. We are always seeking topics and speakers of interest to our members for the monthly membership meetings. Send suggestions to any Board member.

- May 24** Veteran's Fishing at American Lake
Ron Holtcamp, 360-943-8269
- May 24** Chapter General Meeting
Pat Prichard, 360-491-0879
- May 25** Hops & Hackles
J. Michelle Swope, 360-349-0743
- May 27** Woodland Cr Preserve Restoration
Kim Malcom, 360-456-8424
- May 27** Celebration of Life for Jim Wilcox
Kim Malcom, 360-456-8424
- Jun 3** Lacey Rotary Duck Dash - Duck Roundup
Kim Malcom, 360-456-8424
- Jun 12-15** Cole's Pond Barrier Free Fishing Week
Ron Holtcamp, 360-943-8269
- Jun 18-24** NWYC&FFA
Mike Clancy, 360-753-1259
- Jul 29** Puget Sound Fly Fishing Fair
J. Michelle Swope, 360-349-0743

Our Project Committee may use an electronic "News Flash" approach to notify you of opportunities to participate. E-mailings go to about 2/3 of our members. Those folks all provided emails in their profile with Trout Unlimited. **Don't Miss Out! Update Your Profile!** Go to tu.org and click on MY TU then follow the path to Edit My Profile. If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved in any of our areas of focus let us know.

WILCOX STONE PUT IN PLACE

by Kim Malcom



K Malcom w Wilcox Stone at Friends Landing photo from K Malcom

As of **May 8** the memorial stone for Jim Wilcox is installed at Friends Landing on the banks of Chehalis River. Eric Anderson did all the site prep work for no charge, and Gary Cobb operated the tractor to place the 400 pound stone on the concrete pillar for no charge! Celebration of Life will be **May 27**! So bring your favorite

potluck dish at 10 am & I will cook salmon, steelhead, pork, hot dogs and hamburgers on the BBQ grill there! We will also provide non-alcoholic beverages.

Note from Bruce Treichler: The address is: 300 Katon Rd, Montesano. We will begin the ceremonies at noon. There will be opportunities for all to speak of Jim and our experiences with him. Any and all stories are welcome.

We have installed a memorial to Jim. The cost is more than \$1500 and Kim Malcom has paid for everything to this point. If you are willing to contribute you may either give Kim a check at the event on the 27th or mail it to him at 6410 Sierra Drive SE, Lacey, 98503.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me, Bruce Treichler, via email, climber22@earthlink.net, or cell at 360-951-7514.

IRELY CREEK CUTTHROAT REDD SURVEY - PART 2

By Ron Holtcamp



A, Foster (l) and B Vadas Jr (r) at Irely Cr

photo by R Holtcamp

The 2nd Irely Cr cutthroat spawning survey of 2017 got underway the morning of **May 9**. Bob Vadas Jr. (WDFW and TU), Alex Foster (USFS), and Ron Holtcamp (TU) met at the Mud Bay Park'N'Ride at 7:30 am, consolidated gear into one vehicle and headed off to the Upper Quinault River Basin in the Olympic National Park. It is over 110 miles to get there, and that was the easiest part.

Arriving at the Irely Lake trail-head about 9:45am, we separated the gear and verified that the walkie talkies worked. Since all of us had done the survey before, Bob decided that he would start at the upper end of the research area; Alex and Ron would start at the downstream end; and all would meet about in the middle.

Irely Cr is a separate drainage (sub-watershed) that flows into Irely Lake, the outlet of which enters Big Cr, which is a tributary of the Upper Quinault River. It is in the Olympic National Park, which is to say it is undeveloped and 'natural'. Though there is a 1.1 mile (up, across, and down) 'maintained trail' to Irely Lake, our starting point for the survey is just under a mile - it took 40 minutes to get there. That was the second easiest part of the trip.

For the next 4 hours Alex and I walked upstream, climbing over, under, and around BIG blown down old-growth trees. We covered a little less than 1 mile of stream. Crystal clear water allowed us to identify 3 cutthroat redds and 2 more possible redds. Coho fry were throughout the section. Alex had installed an automated hourly air/water temperature recorder in June 2016 and we downloaded its 7,741 recordings to a storage device. We met up with Bob and took measurements of stream flow. Then we had to hike out - without a trail!

The hardest part of the day lay ahead of us. After nearly 1 1/2 hours stumbling through the 'undeveloped and natural' park, we made it back to our vehicle. And at 7:00pm we pulled into the Mud Bay Park'N'Ride; almost 12 hours after we had left! Bob and others (but not me) will do a 3rd survey by the time you get this newsletter.

COLUMBUS PARK FREE KID'S FISHING DAY by Bob Leingang

Under the threat of rain all week it was a decent **May 13** for the fish in. Approximately 355 kids under 14 years of age fished either in the netted section in Black Lake or in the small above ground fishing pond manned very ably by the Puget Sound Anglers. Mike Silvers, Allen Morrow and other PSA members did a tremendous job setting up the pond and helping put the fish in. They also managed the kids fishing all day. What a great job. The kids enjoyed working with them. We really appreciated all they did to make this day a success.

Oly TU members who assisted were Wayne Marion, Mike Hargrove, Kim Malcom, Bob Leingang, Lee Dudley and his granddaughter Olivia. All were tremendous! Wayne and Mike helped put together over 100 poles for the kids to use and take home. Kim Malcom ordered and delivered the donuts for the morning, and the lunch sandwiches for the volunteers on Saturday.

Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) members Bruce and Mel volunteered and assisted in so many ways. Bruce was especially valued for his setting up and monitoring the fishing supplies at the lake. He also stayed to help us pull the nets after the fishin and pull the hooks out of the nets.

Cabela's donated fishing poles which the kids were able to use and then take home for future fishing experiences. Bob Jenner, Roo and about 10 other Cabela's employees volunteered to help us and were outstanding in helping with so many of the different functions the entire day.

About 12 Tumwater Rotarians were involved in so many ways it is hard to mention them all. They cooked 400 +/- hot dogs for the kids who were fishing as well as the day's volunteers. In addition, some of the Rotarians helped the kids at the lake fish. [My daughter Carrie and I are also Rotarians.] Several members of the Knights of Columbus also volunteered; including Fred Iverson and Mrs Rommel handling all the registration process.

My son-in-law Davin Lerud again 'slept' with the fish Friday night and then worked so very hard problem solving and helping wherever he was needed on Saturday. He was incredible. My 3 kids, Tony, Carrie, Joshua and my grand kids also helped near the end of the day Saturday. They all pitched in and made it happen.

We must say thanks to John Pahutski with the WDFW for providing the nets and the fish for the kids to catch.

Carrie Lerud and Columbus Park staff did an outstanding job of putting this on and making it work. Columbus Park employees were all paid during this week.

In addition to the kids fishing, there were about 24 booths for the kids to interact with either before they went fishing or after. Lots of great community support for this function. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Timberland Bank for their financial support. Thanks also to Cabela's, Costco, the Home Depot, Tumwater Rotary and all the volunteers who made this a success. Everything was free for the kids.

TERRY TURNER REMEMBERED

A celebration of Life service was held for Terry Turner on the afternoon of **May 13** at the First Christian Church, 701 Franklin St in Olympia. Family, neighbors, friends, prior students, and TU members shared their experiences over Terry's 75 years. Most knew he was a high school band director; but he also played trumpet, had a good tenor voice and was a member of a college barbershop quartet.

His passion for fishing lead him to TU. He handled many 'administrative' duties, including Olympia Chapter newsletter editor, Board of Directors, and President. At the State Council level, Terry served on several committees and was council V-P in 2003, and President in 2004. Several of those speaking agreed with the Pastor about Terry's 'strength of conviction'. TU members would agree as well.

COLE'S POND READIED FOR BARRIER FREE WEEK

Adding to an already busy **May 13**, Jerry Allard, Noel Cole, and Ron Holtcamp began prep work on Cole's Pond for the June Barrier Free Fishing Week. Heavy rains and high winds resulted in a tree falling into the pond area. Ron sawed, Jerry hauled, and Noel ferried supplies. With the pond portion of the tree removed, the sides and top perimeter of the pond got weed whacked. Flood debris cleanup and pump maintenance are still to be done to be ready for the usual guests. Call Ron if you can help.

THE DUCKS ARE COMING-THE DUCKS ARE COMING

Lacey Rotary's Annual Duck Dash is Saturday, **June 3**, at Tumwater Falls Park. Check Lacey Rotary's website for race and event details. Kim Malcom and a volunteer crew staff the finish line and round up thousands of rubber ducks after the race. Give Kim a call, 360-456-8424, to help. There's \$100 for the person rounding up the most ducks!

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY by Mike Clancy, Co-Chair, www.nwycffa.com

The 2017 NWYC&FFA is set and ready to go. We have amazing boys and girls registered for the event. All their essays and letters of recommendation are in and it appears we have another great group of kids. The Academy is **June 18-24** on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. We have a fantastic instructor lineup with FFI/CCI casting instructors, fly tying professionals and conservation experts. Last year we had over 50 volunteers. The 2017 Academy would not take place if it was not for the generous support from the Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters, corporate and private donors.

The kids will be fishing at new ponds in Graham, and the Deschutes River in Thurston County. Everyone is welcome to visit during the week to learn what is happening (please call 1st to insure we are available). If you are available for guiding, we could use your help, especially in the evenings on the river. Please contact Jim Brosio, 360-941-9947 or Mike, 253-278-0061. Seriously folks, we could really use your help in the evening on the river. It's really not guiding, it's being there to make sure the kids are safe, but you could share your experience on fishing a river with them. We will provide the transportation to the sites.