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## **OCTOBER MEETING**

**Thursday, Oct 19, 2017 @ Farmhouse Restaurant**

**Wet Fly / Social Gathering: 6:00PM**

**Dinner / General Meeting: 7:00PM**

### **President's Message:**

**By: Ryan Johnson**

October normally marks the time of year that many of us are on the Skagit River or the beaches of Whidbey Island in pursuit of a grab from a feisty searun cutthroat or a bright coho salmon. Unfortunately for us this year, many of our favorite spots were closed as a result of small returns due to ocean conditions and other factors that reduced the run to sizes below season opening levels. On a bright note however, these closures have forced many of us to try other options for fall fishing including local stillwaters and road trips to new places both in and out of state. With November member presentations coming up in just a few weeks, I hope that many of you will share the stories of this year's adventures with fellow club members. Please contact Tim Cooley to get on the schedule for November to share your stories.

As we enter the holiday season, it's also time to think about the club's Christmas party. Please get your donations to Cathy Schafer at either the October or November meetings. We hope you plan on joining us for this event as it's the club's only fund raiser to help support club activities and conservation grants for the coming year.

Finally, please consider helping the club out in the coming year as a member on a committee. The club only functions through the efforts of dedicated individuals. A little time invested by several people can go a long way in making the club an active and supportive organization in the promotion of fly fishing.

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Tight lines,  
Ryan Johnson

## **This Months Presentation: Mike Dickson**

**By: Tim Cooley**

As the son of a fisheries biologist and fishing guide, Mike started fly fishing at an early age. Mike is a NW native who grew up living on the Stillaguamish River in his home town of Arlington, WA. In 1995 Mike started his guiding career helping his dad with day trips. Before college Mike also went to work as a fly fishing guide for the Tsui River Lodge in Alaska. After college Mike was working as a graphic artist but after sitting at a computer for a year, and guiding on the weekends, Mike realized he had to make a change, and in 1999 he became a full-time guide. Chasing steelhead and local game is a fun & strategic game that he passionately plays. Mike admits he loves the outdoors and particularly this type of work. He enjoys the people and lifestyle and plans on guiding, teaching and fishing his whole life. Mike is excited that there are so many great fisheries in the Northwest and around the world. Exploring new fisheries, preserving existing fisheries, and providing anglers with new ways and places to fish, are all part of the fun.

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## **Fly of the Month: Information is unavailable**

**By: Tim Cooley**

## **Meeting Date Change:**

Per Terry Abrams, the date of the February 2018 monthly meeting will be Friday, February 16 instead of Thursday, February 15, in order to accommodate our presenter who is traveling from Terrace, B.C. and will also be participating in the Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood on February 17 and 18. Please mark your calendars.

## Upcoming Events:

**Note:** Please check the Outings and Events page on the web site; things get added from time to time.

Go to: [fidalgoflyfishers.com](http://fidalgoflyfishers.com) Outings and Events



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**Photo of the Month:**

**Submitted by Editor**



**A “wee brownie” caught on the River Liffey near Hazelhatch, County Kildare, Ireland**

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## Fly Shops:

### **The Confluence Fly Shop**

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Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 312-7978

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FFF member suggested fly fishing services:

Holiday Sports, Burlington  
Cabela's Sporting Goods, Tulalip  
Pacific Fly Fishers, Mill Creek  
Orvis, Bellevue  
North 40 Fly Shop, Omak  
Carlton General Fly Shop, Carlton  
Headhunters fly shop, Craig, MT

Please see: <http://www.fidalgoflyfishers.com/fidalgoflyfishers/links.html>

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