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JANUARY MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2016 @ Farm House Rest

Wet Fly / Social Gathering: 6:00PM

Dinner / General Meeting: 7:00PM

From The President!

By: Jim Paget

My first introduction to the Fidalgo Flyfishers was with the class at Skagit Valley College. I was amazed at just how smoothly everything went and how well organized the entire class was. Then I attended a monthly meeting and I continued to be impressed. I have been involved with a number of non-profit and service organizations over the years and know that things do not always go so well.

So what was the secret? I know that there are a lot of very magic things about fly fishing, but the meetings too? As I continued to be involved with the organization I learned that it really is something magical. The magic was what happens when a large number of very talented and committed people each contribute something to make the organization a success.

Well the officers, both individually and collectively contribute a great deal to the success of the organization, the real secret of Fidalgo Flyfishers is the work of the committees. As all of you know, each of us commits to serve on one or committees when we join the organization.

Over the next few weeks, many of you will be called and asked what committee you would like to be a part of. If you have a particular committee that you would like to serve on, please call or email me.

In addition, we need a greeter, a gillie, and two people to sell meals at each meeting. Each of these tasks only reveal a commitment during the meeting. For these tasks we ask that one serve two consecutive months.

Please help be part of the magic that makes The Fidalgo Flyfishers such a success.

This Months Presentation:

By: Ryan Johnson

Troy Dettman

Raised in Gilpin County, Colorado, Troy learned to fly fish, bow hunt and play basketball early in life. In LaGrande, Oregon, he earned his BS in Geography and Political Science from Eastern Oregon State College and played hoops. While there he co-owned the Grande Ronde Angler fly shop and began his full-time river guide gig on Hells Canyon, the Lower Salmon, Grande Ronde, Clearwater, John Day, Deschutes, Methow, Wenatchee and the Olympic Peninsula. In 1988-89, Troy worked for Senator Mark Hatfield on wild and scenic river designations in Oregon. With the Bureau of Land Management's River Ranger program, Troy floated 1680 river miles on the Grande Ronde alone. He's been a fixture on the Grande Ronde every year since. Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor since 1994 and Spey Cast Instructor since 1997, Troy has taught countless numbers of anglers in his self-designed courses and clinics. Troy's also guided Bristol Bay, Alaska for Katmai Lodge from 1993-96. No stranger to the warm water species either, he has stalked and caught bonefish, tarpon, snook, snapper and permit. He's been an owner and the face on Northwest Angler since 1997.

Troy's Favorites:

Rod - Sage

Fly - Intruder

Place - Most any River

Book - The River Why, by David James Duncan

Restaurant - Every Taco Bus in Washington and Oregon

His talk will include discussion on fishing Steelhead , Trout , & bass in the NW and also some Alaska and Mexico favorites as well.

Fly of the Month:

By: Ryan Johnson / **Troy Dettman**

The 12th Man !

Its a double hackle Intruder . Tied on a shank , with red rubber legs ,small spun white deer body hair , over lay with schalpin and then marabou, followed by some lady amherst or equal . body with any tinsel , body material , you could put a small hackle through the body , optional . then repeat on upper portion of shank, then add about 6 strips of osterich , small lead eyes and tie off !



We NEED Your Feedback!

By: Bruce Freet

Do we pay to stock Pass Lake in 2016 with a Kamloops variety of rainbow trout or not? For the details, please refer to the November 2015 issue of the Wahoo, there is an article entitled, "Kamloops Trout for Pass Lake?". The lowest numbers of rainbow trout are scheduled to be stocked by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in 2016 and 2017 --- 2,600 fry.

Instead of stocking 10,000 to 12,000 rainbow fry per year as in the past, the amount of fish stocked will vary as shown in the table below. The objective is for Pass Lake to produce larger, healthier rainbow trout and to maintain a larger minnow population for trout forage.

Year	Rotation	Fish / Acre	Rainbow 67% Spring Fry	Browns 33% Fall Fingerlings
2015	Mod	75	5,000	2,500
2016	Low	39	2,600	1,300
2017	Low	39	2,600	1,300
2018	High	150	10,000	5,000
2019	Mod	75	5,000	2,500
2020	Low	39	2,600	1,300
2021	Low	39	2,600	1,300
2022	High	150	10,000	5,000

If we want to experiment in hopes of getting larger rainbows that jump into the air, we can get a permit from WDFW to purchase and stock a Kamloops rainbow variety into Pass Lake in 2016 or 2017 or both years. It will cost us between \$1,500 and \$2,500 per year. We could purchase fish this year and ask other clubs to purchase fish in 2017. If we planted them in 2016, they would begin to show in our catches in 2017 and should be large in 2018 and 2019. Ideally, we can get their adipose fins clipped before stocking, so we can determine which are WDFW rainbows and which are Kamloops rainbows through our catch and release fish census. This could ultimately give us enough information to decide whether stocking this rainbow variety is worth continuing in the future.

If our club decides not to buy a Kamloops rainbow variety, WDFW will continue to stock their generic rainbow hatchery variety in Pass Lake using the above plan at no cost to us.

So, are you in favor of our club paying \$1,500 to \$2,500 in 2016 to stock a Kamloops rainbows variety in Pass Lake as an experiment or not? Go to our website Bulletin Board and vote yes or no on the poll survey. We need to know how you wish us to proceed! **You can find the Survey here:**

<http://www.fidalqoflyfishers.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1452430837>

Christmas Party Recap 2015

By: Bruce Freet

There were 80 members and guests that attended our Christmas Party on December 17, 2015 at the La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib Restaurant. After an hour of buying and distributing raffle tickets, Dan Farmer started the evening with a drawing for the 50/50 educational fund and Sharon Cooley promptly won \$260. The other half will go to the education fund.

After our buffet dinner, half of the raffle "bag" items were drawn. We had over 20 items total.

Ken Futrelle lead us with the live auction: the Fetha Styx switch rod with Rio fly line, reel, and case went for \$310; the winning bid for Selway River airplane wilderness trip was \$650; the annual fly plate with flies tied by 2015 guest speakers went for \$330; the top bid was \$340 for the "Roadhouse Taste of the Pacific" salmon dinner for six

people; Rod Griffin of Griff's Fly Fishing Adventures donated a guide trip on the Methow River or to a private lake and the winning bid was \$375; the Waterworks-Lamson 5/6 wt. reel set with two extra spools donated by our club went for \$130; the R.L. Winston 7 wt. fly rod winning bid was \$450; the 1993 Wild Trout Stamp print, "Canyon Cutthroat" by Guy Jacobson sold for \$200; and the high bid on a special Christmas cake was \$50.

Don McKeehen of the Awards Committee led the awards presentations. The 'Award of Excellence' went to Danny Beatty for his years of work on behalf of the Fidalgo Fly Fishers, and particularly for his recent efforts on the fly fishing museum collection at Western Washington University. Russ Asbury received the 'Fly Fisher of the Year Award' for generously donating his time and talents to help others with their casting and his work on the Casting Subcommittee. The 'President's Award' went to Bill Brodie for his tireless work to improve our website. Bruce Freet received the 'President for 2015' Award.

A special thank you to the Christmas Party Committee for their work in making the evening a success: Cathy Schaeffer, chair; Allen Rhoades; Sheila Tomas; Tony Ingham; Boshie Morris; Steve Thompson; and Scott Hook. Everyone liked the table arrangement for 80 people.

Up Coming Events:

- Spey Casting January 30th, Mount Vernon on the Skagit river with Scott Willison
- 2016 Fly Fishing Show, Lynnwood, WA Feb. 13-14th. Contact Carl Hendricks trying to carpool down.

Note: Please check the Outings and Event page on the web site, things get added from time to time.

Spey Casting Outing with Scott Willison!

By: Bill Brodie

Spey Casting Events

On Saturday, January 30th, we can potentially have both CND and Echo fly rod vendors at Young's Bar on the Skagit River at Mount Vernon from 10 am to 2 pm (or the Railroad Bridge if the water is high). It will be an exclusive event for our club unless we don't have a good turn-out. Only eight members signed-up on our earlier Outings survey. Please let us know if you plan to attend by completing our website bulletin board poll survey before our club meeting. **The link to the Survey is:**

<http://www.fidalgoflyfishers.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1452430837>

Scott Willison from The Confluence Fly Shop will organize the event for us. If both vendors can join us, you will be able to cast a variety of new CND and Echo spey and switch rods with different reels and fly lines. Casting tips will also be provided. It is 'pretty cool' to have all of this new equipment available to use and be able to ask questions of the vendors ... at no cost to you! The Skagit River will still be open to steelhead fishing too. Complete the website survey; mark your calendars; and be there. We will try to arrange parking on the north side of the Memorial Highway near the Mount Vernon Bridge immediately across from Edgewater Park.

Dinner Survey:

By: Jim Paget

Please visit http://www.fidalgoflyfishers.com/DINNER_SURVEY/ or for Android users http://www.fidalgoflyfishers.com/DINNER_SURVEY/android-chrome.php All you need to do is click on the email link, enter your information on the survey form, click Review to make sure it is correct, and then click Submit and you are done. The survey will ask if you are coming, what you wish for dinner (or no dinner), and if you are bringing a guest and what they wish for dinner. It will only take a couple of minutes to complete. If you are not planning to attend, we need you to tell us on the survey. The survey will end by 4:00 PM on Monday January. 18th, so we can give the Farmhouse plenty of notice for our Thursday night, January 21st meeting. **The Farmhouse Dinner Options will be available later by a reminder email.**

Photo of the Month:

By: Dan Farmer



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