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OCTOBER MEETING - CANCELED

Thursday, October Canceled @ Farmhouse Rest

Wet Fly / Social Gathering: 6:00PM

Dinner / General Meeting: 7:00PM

The President's Corner:

By: Bill Keeler

Technology is Not My Strong Suit

I am writing to you from this device called a laptop computer - welcome to the 21st Century Bill. After years of working on these darn things, I sure miss the lads in my Information Technology (IT) group. We have these iPods, iPads, Airpods and iPhones – a virtual alphabet soup of amazing devices. You throw in stuff like programs and apps (I think this is short for applications) and I really start to TILT like the old pinball machines. This year I have been introduced to things like Zoom and Survey Monkey and I think I am a better person because of it, right?

As the Fidalgo Fly Fishers (FFF) takes a hiatus from face to face meetings and gatherings, we started to use some really cool technological tools. The Board has conducted meetings via Zoom and managed with the support of some really smart folks. We sent out and received some valuable feedback from the members using Survey Monkey. For instance, the Fly Tying Subcommittee asked for your input on how they progress virtual fly tying sessions and leverage the skills we have in our members. With that feedback, they have now set out to conduct their first Zoom fly tying session very soon (you'll see more on that separately). They have tested cameras, phones and laptops and come up with some really cool plans. We hope to use some of our normal time slots to reconnect with you and try to find ways to stay in touch, gets some chores done and meet some new people that want to join us.

Thank goodness not all of the things we have been working on require cool technology. We will soon fill the shelving with much of the Club's gear and gain a better understanding of what we have and what we need. We will also find ways to learn more about people that want to join our Club and share that new

found knowledge with the membership. The Board has been and will be working on the things that impact the budget – our expense and income entries have changed and are likely to be much different in the coming months. One thing I am happy to announce, the Board recommends that those members in good standing as of 1 Oct'20 will not be required to pay membership dues in 2021. If new members join this year, they will pay prorated dues in 2020 and full membership dues in 2021. The Nominations Committee has been shaking the bushes for Executive Board candidates, Robin will communicate their findings.

So, be on the lookout for some Zoom and Survey Monkey stuff headed your way. My children would be so proud of me for using technology. After all, I'm the guy that still writes the SKU number and price on the back of his hand (the kids want me to take a picture with my iPhone or Airphone or something).

Upcoming Events:

All Fidalgo Fly Fishing outings and events are cancelled until further notice.

Nominations for 2021 Club Officers:

By: Robin LaRue

The Fidalgo Fly Fishers Executive Board met via a Zoom meeting on October 1st, at this meeting a slate of Club officers for 2021 was submitted to the Board. 2020 has been an unusual year for our Club with only one (1) meeting being held and this year's remaining meetings and the Annual Christmas Party have been cancelled. With this in mind the current officers have agreed to continue in their current club positions during 2021.

The slate of officers presented for 2021 are:

President – Bill Keeler

Vice President – Steve Thompson

Secretary – Pete Cossette

Treasurer – Mark Gilmore

Past President – Robin LaRue

Phil Latendresse has agreed to assist Mark Gilmore with the Treasurer duties, with the thought that Phil would take over the Treasurer's office at a later date.

The Club's By-Laws state the Nomination Committee shall present a slate of officers at the October general meeting, and individual Club members can make additional nominations from the floor at the October general meeting. In an attempt, in these difficult times, to adhere to the By-Laws additional nominates can be submitted to Robin LaRue (Past President). Additional nominations we be presented to the Executive Board at their November meeting. The slate of Officers will be finalized at that meeting, and a ballot will via "Survey Monkey" will be sent to each Club member. A final tally of votes will be held at the December Executive Board meeting, and the results will be published in the December issue of the WAHOO.

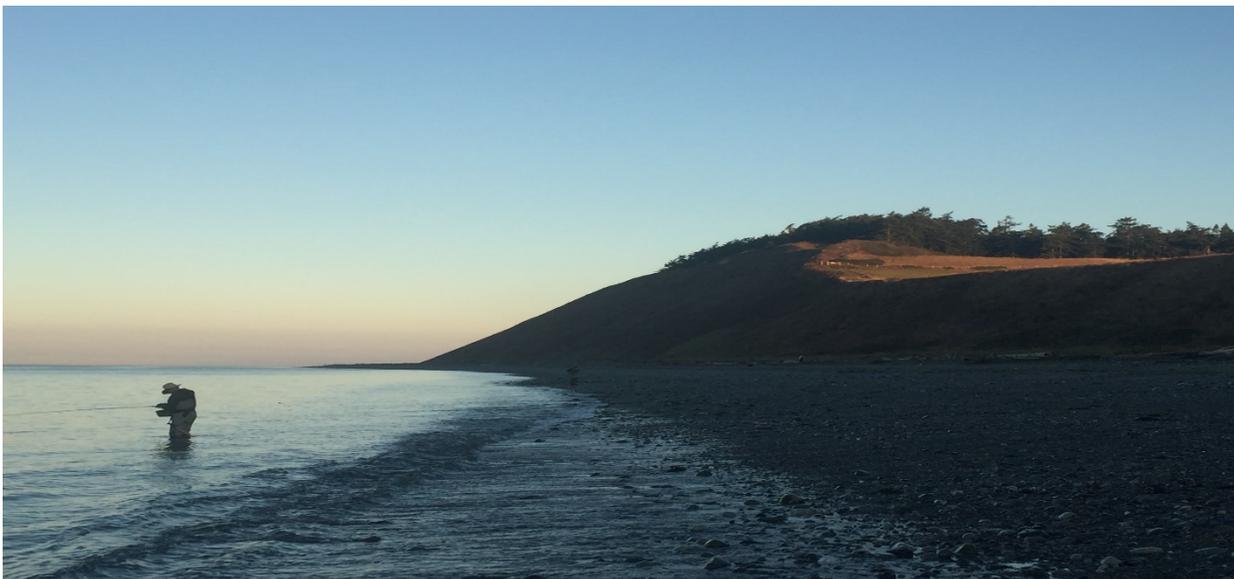
Beach Fishing:

By: Robin LaRue

In February, Scott from the Confluence Fly Shop, wrote an article about beach fishing for Coho Salmon for his blog/newsletter. The article got me “all jazzed up” about trying a new to me fishing possibility. I made several trips to Ebey’s Landing, near Coupeville, and fished the beach....., alas I did not make any connections with the Coho. However, I enjoyed the early morning sunrises and did meet some club member there. The following pictures capture some of my time on the beach.



“Sunrise on the Beach”





John Freeman



The Arsenal



Richard Raiser showing it can be done



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Pictures of the Month:

By: Bill Keeler



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