

EFFC Membership News - The Next Meeting is October 27, 2026

October Program - Fishing in the Methow Valley



Join is for a *Year of Fishing in the Methow Valley*!

This month, we welcome Leaf Seaburg for a presentation on what a year of fishing looks like in the Methow Valley and surrounding waters.

Leaf was born and raised in the Methow Valley. After attending Bellingham Technical College, he began a career in fisheries and stream management. He spent 10 years with the Washington Department of Fish and

Wildlife and has spent the past 12 years managing the Yakama Nation's Steelhead Kelt Reconditioning Center in Winthrop.

Leaf has owned and operated Methow Fishing Adventures for 15 years and has more than 35 years of experience fishing the Methow River. His adventures include the Methow River and its lowland lakes, as well as trips to nearby destinations such as alpine lakes, the Stehekin River, and the Upper Columbia.

Come learn about the extensive fishing opportunities throughout the year, hear from a local expert, and bring your questions for a Q&A session!

We look forward to seeing you there!

2026 Annual Auction and Christmas Gala - November 28

Our annual auction is coming up November 28, and tickets are on sale now for $50 each!

This is more than just an auction—it's an opportunity to discover unique fly-fishing gear, bid on one-of-a-kind items, and find fishing trips and experiences that could inspire your next adventure. You never know what treasures you might take home or what exciting fishing opportunities await! A wonderful gourmet lunch will be served as well as beer, wine and soda.

Just as importantly, it's a chance to spend an enjoyable afternoon with fellow anglers and friends while supporting Evergreen Fly Fishing Club and its conservation efforts.

Tickets are $50 each, so don't wait to reserve your spot! Invite your spouse, partner or friend, and join us for an afternoon of great finds, good company, and support for the club we all love.

Cash, Check or Card will be accepted at EFFC monthly meetings. **No ticket sales at door!** Payment must be received by November 21st.

To pay by phone: Call Suzanne Livingston [redacted] r Tom Freeburg, 4[redacted]

To pay by mail: Send the RSVP using the EFFC 2026 Auction Banquet Invitation form and mail checks to Evergreen Fly Fishing Club, P.O. Box 221, Everett, WA 98206

Important details!

- Located at Carl Gipson Center: 3025 Lombard Avenue, Everett, WA
- Saturday, November 28, 2026 12:30 to 7:00 PM
- Doors open at 12:30 pm, auction starts promptly at 1:00 pm, and the auction closes at 6:00 pm
- The donation cutoff date is October 27th, the last general club meeting of the year

- The deadline for ticket sales is November 21st
- Bring cash for the Fly Box and Bucket Raffles

A sampling of items available

We certainly have a lot of great donations this year! For example, you could win your choice of several Sage fly rods, an assortment of reels, fly lines, vises and tying materials. We have had four donations for float trips, several donations of professionally hand-tied flies, fly boxes, dry and wet bags, backpacks and more. For the ladies, we have a handmade quilt, pillow shams, Christmas decor, a bake sale and more. All donations are excellent quality, many items have never been used.

There is still time for your donations

More donations are needed, so please bring them to an upcoming meeting. *Donations are not accepted the day of the gala.* The one exception is perishable items, but please notify the auction committee ahead of time.

We are also in need of non-fishing and holiday related donations to provide a wide variety of items of interest to all guests. Of course cash donations are welcomed and our auction committee will use the money to purchase new items to be auctioned off.

You will find CASH DONATION bags at each table during the general meeting (no pennies please!!!) or you can always donate cash or check to the Treasurer Tom Freeburg indicating that you want your donation to go towards the Auction.



Want to get real-time fishing reports and plan your next fishing trip?

For those already using WhatsApp, you were able to see some great fishing reports for August.

Contest Fly of the Month - Midge/Gnat Dry Fly

Tie up your version of a small midge/gnat dry fly and be in the running for a $25 Cabela's gift card.



Don't forget to report your fish…



Club members can win rewards (such as gift cards) in a variety of categories each year. Be sure to make note of your nicest fish and report them to Bret Livingston, the Awards Chair.

Memorial for Don Bayes

Doug Bayes contacted us and asked that club be informed of Don Bayes's passing on Saturday 10/17. There will be a remembrance of Don at the Stanwood High School Auditorium on Saturday 10/31 at 1:00 pm.

Don Bayes was a fixture of our club auctions for many years, encouraging us to keep EFFC well funded as a wonderful, enthusiastic auctioneer. Don was also an agriculture and environmental science teacher at Stanwood High School for over 30 years who established the Church Creek student monitoring and salmon-planting program.

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