

# Flyline

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## **Guest Speaker Rick Hafele will present his Super Hatch Almanac - January 9, 2018**

In this program Rick describes the West's best "super" hatches as they occur throughout the year. Information on when and where you will find them, important behavior, and how to match and fish them will be covered. Use the Super Hatch Almanac to help plan your 2018 fishing trips!

Rick Hafele has a Masters degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology, and has worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 30 years. As a fly-fishing writer Rick has authored or co-authored seven books and has produced seven instructional DVDs. Few fly fishermen have Rick's knowledge about the world in which trout live. For many years he has been sharing that knowledge with fly fishermen through books, articles, slide shows and seminars.



## *President's Message*

Happy New Year! Connection

Beauty

Presence

Thoughtfulness

Appreciation

Love

Acceptance

Kindness

Wonder

Letting Go

Nature

Rocks

Resilience

Playfulness

Laughter

Water

THIS IS FLY FISHING

Forgiveness

Commitment

Tradition

Peace

My best to you,  
Teri



## *Member Matters*

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another exciting year with the club and your dues will help pay for great programs, outings and other opportunities to share stories, lies and flies! Your dues notice will be arriving by email in January, so watch your inbox.

We are currently at 189 members and would really like to hit 200 or more in 2018. If you have any fishing buddies that should join, give them a hint to consider membership. Better yet, give them a gift that will help them become a better and more worldly fly fisherman. See you at the meetings or on the rivers/lakes.

Rick Pay



Shortly after the first of January, you will be receiving your dues notice for 2018. As always a portion of the dues goes to the Foundation while the rest is used to help support our programs and other activities. Be sure to renew early as we already have several activities and outings on the calendar. You may pay either with a check or a credit card via our PayPal account.

As we move through the holiday season, we wish you and yours a very happy new year. May 2018 bring more days on the water and more fish to the fly.

Tight lines, Rick Pay, Membership

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## **Second Notice - Board Slate for 2018**

Please take note of the upcoming annual election of your Flyfisher's Club Board and Officers for the 2018-2019 year. The election will occur at the Annual Meeting, February 13, 2018 at the University Club at 7pm. Your club is run by a dedicated group of volunteers that monitor the health of the club while trying to increase membership and providing world-class programs. Each year at this time, the officers are elected to one-year terms along with two at large board members that serve three-year terms. For 2018, the proposed slate of officers is:

- President- Teri Beatty
- Vice President- Open
- Secretary- Janet Arenz
- Treasurer- Ken Betschart
- Past President- Rick Pay

There are two Board members entering into a new three- year term ending in Feb 2021:

- Steve Willhite
- Open

There are four other Board members whose terms are continuing and thus are not up for election:

- Ross Beatty
- Lisa Hansen
- Jim Hillas
- Harold Weight

We will call for nominations from the floor at the February meeting if anyone is so inclined.

Please contact our FCO President, Teri Beatty at [teribeatty@windermere.com](mailto:teribeatty@windermere.com) If you are interested in serving as Vice President or as an at-large Board member. The commitment is not onerous and you have opportunities to positively shape the future of your Club.

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## **Crispy Christmas Tree Still Sitting in Your Living Room?**

Or is it on the back porch. Or ceremonially tossed off the deck to the yard below? Then think about Christmas for Coho! Remember, trees will be collected this coming Saturday, January 6 and again on January 13th at two locations: Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters on NE Halsey in Portland, and the decommissioned Bolton fire station on Failing Street in West Linn (near Royal Treatment Fly Fishing). The trees will then be transported and offloaded at a collection site on the following Sundays. If you want to get involved in gifting the trees to Coho habitat, please contact Mike Gentry of Tualatin Valley TU at [michaelgentry04@comcast.net](mailto:michaelgentry04@comcast.net).

## *Literary Angler*

### **Belizean Dreams**

Lazy coconut palms gently fanned the light tropical breeze, beaconing eager anglers to the rustic dock. Our local guides, Eloy and George, leaned easily against the dive shack, patiently awaiting their day's charges. Eloy was a lanky, wise looking Belizean with skin as weathered as his frayed shorts and shirt. George appeared to have had more meals and fewer years baking on the ocean, but his keen eye for fish was apparent from the start. We headed out on flats boats to the outer reef, on the hunt for bonefish and permit.

After days of brisk sub 80 degree weather (the locals shivered in their fleece hoodies – lacking anything but shorts in their closets) the sun shone bright and spirits were high as we sped out past innumerable cays. Ninety minutes later we could make out the breakers crashing on the outer reef. Eloy had made a beeline to a comma-shaped cay encircled by spectacular fan and brain coral. Inside the "comma", Eloy set us up with the light breeze at our backs and my fishing buddy and I took turns at the bow. Schools of bones swept through and I would feel the take before I saw the fish. Even my novice friend hooked fish off his 25 foot casts. Runs into the backing were common. Suddenly, the water appeared to swirl with larger, darker ghosts. "Permit!" shouted Eloy. Fish ON! This fish didn't run toward the next cay. Instead, it raced in different directions – back and forth, all around the inside of the comma. Then – off!

Later we approached a cay right up against the outer reef. Eloy nudged us toward the very edge and we began hunting bones in ankle deep water. OMG! They were coming in groups of 20, 30, maybe 50! Their backs shining, dorsal fins and tails wriggling as they swept across the hard coral. The bones were hypervigilant in their shallow forays. Even a well-placed cast could spook if the strip wasn't just right. No worries! Another school would emerge and head into the casting zone. My challenge with these close up opportunities was to control excitement and calmly place the cast. Here they come again! Tailing! Lollygagging! Place the cast, slow gently strrrrip (not spooked!). Strrrrip. Strrip. Stripstripstripstrip – got 'im! Saw the take! Oh! Off. "You set too hard," admonished Eloy. Lesson learned. Meditation needed.

Eloy urged us to the boat. "Dis wind coming up." He set his course – we tourists clueless – and headed directly back to shore. Schools of dolphins joined at one point and showed off their playful acrobatics. Flats boats take rough water with equally rough bounces and we held on as the boat bucked like a bronc for most of the run in. Yet visions of sneaky takes, patient observation, and vanishing backing are etched in our angling memories – and heighten our anticipation for our next saltwater adventure.

Tight saltwater lines,  
Lisa Hansen



## *Conservation Corner*



**In 2018  
Ask not what fish can do for you,  
Ask what you can do for fish!  
Then take action!**

Learn about the issues affecting fish on your favorite rivers.

Review any proposed legislation that can improve or degrade fish habitat and write to your state or national representatives to let them know your opinions in support of fish.

Talk to fellow anglers, biologists, and local experts to understand what is happening on the ground along your favorite rivers.

Attend an ODFW Commission meeting.

Join a non-profit organization that fights for wild fish and their habitat.

Come to the May FCO Auction, buy lots of items, and contribute generously to the Keith Hansen Memorial Paddle Raise that supports a conservation cause.

Volunteer for a habitat improvement or streamside clean up event.

Teach a kid how to fish, catch, and carefully release.

Pinch down those barbs – well.

Recognize redds and never walk over them.

Go camping along a river and fall in love with it.



Follow all fishing regulations.

Love the river gently and with respect. Leave it as you found it – or even more pristine.

Lisa Hansen