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The Evening Hatch Post

Welcome to The Evening Hatch Newsletter. Your reliable monthly e-mail update on Washington fishing.

The Evening Hatch is your personalized fly fishing guide service to the fantastic outdoors of Washington State and Patagonia, Chile. We are the largest guide service on the Yakima River & in Central/Eastern Washington and provide our clients with what they want most exciting, fun, fly fishing adventures plus unequaled personal attention. The Evening Hatch is proud to offer world class catch and release fly fishing for Rainbow, Brown and Cutthroat Trout, Steelhead and Salmon from **Our Home Waters** of Central Washington's spectacular **Yakima River** to the lush jungles and high pampas of Patagonia, **Chile**.

Its Almost Here!

Spring is beginning to rear its beautiful head in the Kittitas Valley and with spring comes our favorite time of year to fish. It all starts with our beloved **Skwala Stonefly!** The Skwala Stones are beginning their annual migration from their homes in the fast boulder strewn water in towards the shore where they will soon crawl out onto the bank to metamorphose. In the process, these tasty creatures get intercepted and devoured by savage trout. The actual hatch usually begins around the first week of March and goes pretty steady through mid April. This latter period can truly be the ultimate experience in casting dry flies. The water is low and clear

Guide Pro Shop – Coming Soon!

The Evening Hatch is very excited for the grand opening of our Pro Shop that will be conveniently located on Canyon Road just 200 yards south of Interstate-90 from exit # 109. We are working very hard on ordering the finest products and hand picking all of the best fly patterns to meet your discriminating needs. The shop is set to officially open May 1st and we welcome everyone to stop in and have a mocha, talk fishing, and browse our selection of rods, reels, and more!

One Great Winter

The second half of our winter on the Yakima River was a spectacular encore from the great fishing of December and early January. Not every single day was good, but some were absolutely incredible. The Kittitas Valley received some unseasonably warm weather late this winter and our trout became ravenous. We were fortunate enough to have clients out on January 26th and they were able to capitalize on this awesome fishing. An epic day! Over 100 fish hooked.

Feeding on the Fringe

February is what we at the Hatch refer to as a fringe month. Its almost spring, but not quite. The symptoms of spring are starting to show however, the sunny days are getting longer and warmer, bald eagles are abundant, and our waters are beginning to warm up rapidly. This slight raise in water temperature is the highlight of an angler's spring because it raises our trout's metabolism and sparks some aggressive feeding. This combined with low and clear water can produce a pleasantly volatile combination!