

Alpine Fly Fishers

*Our Next AFF Meeting
Will Be Tuesday*

April 26

*We will be meeting at the
Puerto Vallarta
215 15th St. SE
Puyallup at 6 PM*



The Dead Drift - April 2016

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

You will never guess what happens at the end of this month of April over in Ellensburg. Yes, that's right, it is the 2016 WA Fly Fishing Fair put on by the WA State Council IFFF. Unless you have been hiding under a rock or ignoring our newsletters you knew the answer already. Some of our club members will be working the event, come on over and say Hi! to them and look me up, I will buy you a cup of coffee. I will be wandering around checking in on the vendors and possibly helping out a little in the silent auction area if Peter asks me. I know there are a few trips that will be up for bid during the live auction including a day on the Clark Fork River over in Montana with Steve Temple, or how about a day on the Methow River up in the Okanogan with Rod Griffin? Great fishing and lots of fun.

By the way, I sweetened up the Albright fly rod deal for the March meeting. I included a floating fly line and backing and leader to go along with the rod/reel raffle board. All the squares were sold and Andy Anderson won the rod & reel. Congrats!

I just got back from Albany and the Oregon Council IFFF event, the Fly Tyer Expo. I had a good time, sat in on a seminar about one of the many Oregon rivers, won some neat 'stuff' in the raffle (look for it in future raffles) and a few items in the silent auction and picked up a new TFO Impact series 9 ft, 7 wt, 4 pc, fly rod for myself in the live auction. This will be a great rod for casting streamers. I also saw some of our club members down there, glad you were able to make the trip. One of my main reasons for going was to find at least three more vendors for our WA Fly Fishing Fair. Looks like I may have actually found six so I had to create a few more vendor booths for them.. This will give our WA Fly Fishing Fair a very nice and well rounded selection of vendors. Check them out when you are over there in Ellensburg.

As I have mentioned before, one of the other reasons for going to these is to meet up again with old acquaintances who come from all over the west. I sometimes tend to forget just how many people I know and how many know me at these events. It is good to talk with them, share a few fishing stories and just plain shoot the breeze.

I see the Western Rocky Mountain Council is having a Fly Fishing Expo on May 13 & 14 over in Coeur d'Alene, ID. If you are going to be over in that area it would be a show to attend. A friend of mine, Bud Frasca, is the president of the WRMCIFFF and he is organizing a good show for attendees. Lots of tyers and vendors and prizes.

We are very fortunate to have so many great fly fishing events that we can attend as well as so much really good fly fishing waters in the great northwest.

Good fishing.



Larry

International Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month

~ ZUG BUG ~

April 2012

By
Bob Bates



Opening Comments:

I mentioned before that many great fly tiers at TU and FFF shows are available to photograph for the FFF Fly of the Month. I just sit down in an empty chair in front of a tier. This is the second fly that Milt Jenkins of Taylorsville, Utah tied for me at the 2011 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo. He has only one hand. A prosthetic device served as the other hand. He still ties flies professionally, although he admits that he is a little slower than before when he turned out 500 dozen flies a year for Jack Dennis. Milt has been tying for 53 years. In *Flies for Trout* by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen say credit for this pattern goes to Cliff Zug. Then they go on to say that any fly tied with peacock herl will catch fish. Just about everyone agrees with them on that. I use it in both streams and lakes. Just use your favorite wet fly technique and go for it.

Materials List:

Hook: Daiicche 1180 10 -14 mostly 12

Thread: 6/0 black

Tail: Peacock sward fibers

Weight: Optional 0.015 lead wire

Rib: Oval silver tinsel

Body: Peacock herl

Beard: Pheasant tail fibers

Wing case: Mallard breast feather

Tying Steps:

Step 1. Put a thread base whole length of shank, and tie on a good clump of peacock sward fibers. Milt ties them long and then adjusts the length. Hold fibers and pull thread down so material doesn't move around the hook. If he wants lead, he puts it on now at mid shank and wraps it forward to within a couple of eye widths of the eye. If he had a bead on the hook he would take a few more wraps and shove them into the back of the bead.



Step 2. Tie in oval silver rib. He also uses gold tinsel, it depends on the customer wants.

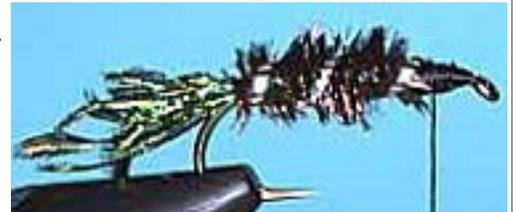


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Step 3: Pick a bunch of peacock herl. Milt doesn't count fibers, he just grabs enough to make a nice body, and double wraps the peacock herl. He stops the herl about two eye widths back from the eye. Milt also adjusts the amount of herl if there is lead on the hook. He secures it with a half hitch so he can use a loose loop to put on Beard.



Step 4: Reverse wrap rib so it isn't doesn't gets lost in the peacock herl. Also he doesn't like to use too much rib because it hides peacock.



Step 5: Tie the beard about two eye widths back from the eye.. It is easier to turn the hook over tie the fibers on loosely adjust the length, and then put on some tighter wraps. Trim excess. (He tied the beard in with the fly upside down, and I asked him to turn it over for the picture.)



Step 6: Use Mallard breast feather for the wing case. Strip off the real fuzzy stuff. Tie it on top of hook.



Step 7: Then cut it so it looks like wings are just starting to develop. Wind a small head, whip finish and put on a little head cement. (He makes his own glue with 50-50 Duco cement and acetone.)



Closing comments:

I have had Zug Bugs in my Fly box for more years than I want to admit. If you are not using them, shame on you. Get busy, and tie a few for your fly box.

There was no hackle on the flies he tied for me, but here is a little tip that he told me about. I will pass it on any way. Cut a piece of cardstock in a circle, use a leather punch to put a small hole in the center. cut a slot from the edge to the hole. Slide it on to the thread, put it over the eye of the hook to push the hackle back and whip finish.

Beaver Lake - Sammamish Outing

Date: Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

Time: 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Contact Name: Gene Jackson

Contact information: gene33124@yahoo.com, 206-618-8989

Outing Description: Come on out and join me for a morning on Beaver Lake. We will meet up at the WDFW boat ramp at 9AM and hit the water shortly after that. Bring your favorite vessel from your own personal fleet (kayak, canoe, float tube, pontoon, etc.) or just come out and fish from the bank. Bring a bag lunch so we all can meet back at the boat ramp to share stories and compare notes about what flies worked best!

Who is invited: Alpine Fly Fisher members and their guests are invited. Please shoot me an email if you are interested in attending.

Associated Special Events: Lake side bag lunch after a morning of fishing.

Type of fishing available: Bank fishing (via the City of Sammamish Beaver Lake Park), float tube, pontoon boats, kayaks, and non-combustible motor boats

Target Fish: Trout

Other Fish: Largemouth Bass & Yellow Perch

Special Requirements: WA Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass is required.

Directions: Take I #90 East from Bellevue. In Issaquah, take exit 17 (Front St.). Then turn left back under Hwy. and drive .3 miles and turn right (uphill) on SE Issaquah-Fall City Rd. Drive 3.3 miles and turn left on SE Issaquah-Beaver Lk. Rd. Then drive .5 miles and turn right on E Beaver Lake Dr SE. Follow and stay left to ramp on left.



Evergreen Reservoir Campout

Date: Tues – Thurs, May 10-12th, 2016

Time: All day

Contact Name: Gene Jackson

Contact information: gene33124@yahoo.com,
206-618-8989

Outing Description: Dry camping on the Evergreen Reservoir shores. For those that don't want to camp, Quincy is the closest city to the reservoir. I plan on heading over on Tuesday morning and will have camp setup in time to fish the afternoon/evening hatch! I plan to fish several of the lakes around Evergreen Reservoir including Stan Coffin Lake, Burke Lake, and Quincy Lake. If I can find another willing soul, I would like to hike down and try Dusty Lake. It is about a ¼ mile hike but that is supposed to be where the big trout hang out. I will likely spend Thursday night (for the evening hatch on Burke Lake) and head out on Friday morning.

Who is invited: Alpine Fly Fishers members and their guests. Please shoot me an email if you are interested in attending.

Associated Special Events: I plan on having a pot luck dinner on Wednesday evening.

Type of fishing available: Bank fishing, non-combustible motor boats, and motorized boats

Target Fish: Bass, Trout, and Walleye

Other Fish: Carp, Tiger Musky, & Black Crappie

Special Requirements: WA Discover Pass or WDFW Vehicle Access Pass is required.

Directions: Off of I-90, Eastbound, take Exit 149. Turn left on WA-281. After 3.6 miles, turn left onto Road 3 NW. Follow that road for 2.5 miles to Evergreen Reservoir (just past Burke Lake). This is the WDFW water access site, Evergreen East.

Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World "Henry David Thoreau"

Lone Lake Outing Two Bob's a Paul and a Pair of Stephens



Islay time, I sit in Steve's, Bells Beach island home, looking across Saratoga Passage towards Mount Baker. Below my eyes' horizon line, seagulls' strut proudly on damp sand while those at eye level and above drop clams from on high to the rocky beach below, dinner on the half shell. The shore line is expanding as the outgoing tide reveals more feeding grounds for the feasting feathered sea birds gathered out front. The evenings light is diffused, the sharp corners of the day have softened.

At Howards insistence that I get out of Dodge, I used up some comp time and left work early on this sunny Thursday afternoon. I'm getting an early jump on an Alpine Fly Fishers outing. My reward, quite time; to write and let the words flow from my mind to the keyboard of this new fangled electronic format called word processing. On the ride up, while my conscious mind piloted the car and dealt with traffic, time, space, moving objects and destination; my subconscious worked its way through life's' current turmoil and angst. The quest for power and greed is being played out for the entire world to see on Television and social media.

We live in a world where men scarcely know each other, and are at pains to fight endless wars to confirm this somber fact. And while I try to remain objective this election pains my heart. I know where I fit in this pattern, having chosen my life path very early in my life. While others seek gold, and power over others; I seek places where trout live and Steelhead swim. I seek the small magic, the inconsequential, over the perceived consequential. I've chosen quite conversation over sound bites and posturing. I'll take clear cool air, fast moving clean cool water, a good horse in a sage brush desert, a rain puddle, dew heavy branches, my wife's hand in mine, my son standing beside me in a river, my daughters laughter as her boys delight and horrify us at the same time. I puzzle over why anyone would seek the other; but each to their own.

Well enough about world angst let me take you on a journey of small wonders with two Bob's, a Paul and a pair of Stephens'. The four of us spent two days upon the waters of Lone Lake casting to unseen trout; each take was a gift from the fish to us. The take and the catch went to the fish; it was most definitely not due to our skills or prowess as fishermen. We pulled our yarn and feathered offerings through the water and the fish gifted us with a catch. Every take was a surprise, there were no patterns to the take, they were on or they were not. But when they chose to hook up with us, they gave it their all. We were rewarded with multiple jumps and strong determined runs and when the trout finally entered the net they were all between 16 and 20 inches and their rainbow marked sides literally glowed with color and brightness. Each one was a small wonder, gifted to us and I for one truly felt blessed.



On the water with us were about 20 other fly fishermen, they all had strategic spot on the lake and were anchored up bow and stern. These fishermen chose stillness as their method of bring the trout to the fly, they were very successful. Way more successful than our method. We all witnessed the effectiveness of chironomids fishing on Lone Lake, and while some of us dabbled we couldn't quite crossover to the dark side. I teasingly encouraged Bob Alston to emulate a very successful chironomid fisherman who was pulling a multitude of rainbow trout from the lake's waters. The fisherman was in a very old aluminum dory. The dories age and weathering made it look more like a galvanized bucket than aluminum.

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The fisherman was wearing a reed patterned camo fishing jacket and sporting long white hair. He had the science and concentration of chironomid fishing down. I implored Bob to adopt the fisherman's dress and style, sure that the template would increase Bob's catch rate exponentially, he reluctantly declined.



To us hyperactive fishermen the dory crowd appeared asleep between catches and we kept looking over our shoulders to see if they moved. We hold our glasses high to their success rates and their attention to detail. But to escape the boredom of watching a stationary float in placid waters, we finned away, trolling with streamers and wooly buggers and a slow retrieve. This became our refuge from what we perceived as hypnotic boredom.

Earlier between catches I overheard the two Doctors discussing in dispassionate clinical detail the possible drug combinations that would make chironomid fishing palatable, something that would enhance your attention and awareness and something else that would slow you down so that you don't crash from the boredom of not moving. Un-pronounceable chemical drug compounds rolled off their tongues and then, mucho laughter rolled across the water. Ah, Doctor humor!

There where two chironomids fishermen who broke the mold they were anchored up about two boat links apart. While they fished they drank beer and carried on a very lively discussion punctuated with much laughter and good cheer; I do not know if they were catching fish but I know they were enjoying their time on the water.

In our evenings we sipped good scotch, drank assorted beers, and watched various basketball games from the March Madness lineup. In the mornings we drank Steve's fresh roasted and brewed coffee and watched the news. We swapped life stories, discussed politics, and shared antidotes from living and hobbies. Our conversations moved with us from living room to porch, out to the beach and then the kitchen. We surrounded tables and supped on casseroles, salads, ribs and scalloped potatoes. Snacks were laid out and grazed on while, visiting with each other. We kept ourselves well fed.



We watched and enjoyed sunrises and sunsets and absorbed the quiet and peace into our souls. Bob Koehne shared stories of his life in the Air Force, his travels with his wife around the world and their fishing trips to Canada and beyond. Bob Alston and Steve Egge told stories about Canadian fishing adventures, travels and un-named patients. Paul Watanabe told stories of fishing, hobbies and Boeing. Bears, lost lakes, pee, flipping planes, mats of flies, self inflating PFD's, frozen guides, dirt roads, border crossing and customs, and fish caught, lost and pursued; these were just part of the magic we shared with each other. Each of our lives is rich in wonder and discovery. We enjoyed our time together and felt enriched by the experience of being with each other.

I will always choose the magic of small things, power and greed is not a path I want to walk. Thank you, Steve Egge, Bob Alston, Bob Koehne and Paul Watanabe for a wonderful time.

Until next time,

Stephen

“Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after” Henry David Thoreau



The Fly Fishing Enthusiast's Online Magazine

'The Fraternity of Fly Fishers'

Recently I have been reviewing some fly fishing literature; historical and contemporary and I came to the conclusion that, logically, everything that one can say about fly fishing has been said in one form or another.

Let's take fly casting for just one example. Fly casting consists of a rod, which is nothing but a tapered flexible lever. This flexible lever is used to propel a line which, in the modern situation, is tapered and specifically weighted to be used with a specific lever. When timed properly the flexible lever transmits energy to the line in such a manner as to propel the line toward at a specific target. The skill with which this is performed is primarily caused by the individual flexing the lever. If we go back to the very earliest recognized documents that address the issue of fly fishing we find that the rods were tapered levers that were used to propel a tapered line constructed of horsehair and deliver it to a specific target. While this form of casting was fundamentally different than what constitutes fly casting today the basic concept remains unchanged. Since those earliest descriptions of fly casting reams of paper have been consumed describing this basic act. Over the intervening years the equipment has changed and the form has been refined but the basic principles of physics behind the act of casting have remained the same. [Force equals Mass times Acceleration] In reality we are not "casting the fly" we are casting the line and the fly goes along for the ride.

All of this to say that whatever we can say about fly casting has already been said. Nothing coming in the future will change the basic physics of fly casting. We have books, videos, and diagrams ad nauseam describing how to use a flexible lever to propel a weighted line toward a target. Logically speaking it has all been said.

The same could be said about leaders that are used to connect the weighted line to the fly. The materials have changed but the basic principles of physics have not and will not change with the discovery of some new type of material. Tapered horsehair and silk gut leaders used the same principles of physics as modern nylon leaders. We can change the formula for the taper, use stiff or limp material [and there are scientific reasons behind that as well], but the principles behind what makes it work remain unchanged.

One of the more interesting things that I realized in my review of fly fishing concerns the fly. Pick up any fly pattern book and critically look at the various flies; nymphs, emergers, wet flies, dries and streamers. If you spend enough time looking through the various pattern books one thing will start to emerge; there are only so many ways to tie the same type of fly. Flies still consist of a hook, thread, and various types of material that is secured to the hook using tread. The materials and methods have changed but basically there is little difference between the modern fly and the first one tied by someone name Aelianus. Near the end of the 2nd Century he described the practice of Macedonian anglers on the Astraeus River using artificial flies to catch fish.

"They fasten wool round a hook, and fit on the wool two feathers that grow under a cocks wattles, and which in color are like wax. Their rod is six feet long, and their line is the same length. Then they throw their snare, and the fish, attracted and maddened by the color, come straight at it, thinking for the pretty sight to gain a dainty mouthful; when, however, it opens its jaws, it is caught by the hook, and enjoys a bitter repast, a captive."

Sounds very much like the description that one might find in a modern fly tying book about how to tie a fly and what material to use but this description was written nearly 2,000 years ago.

Each new generation of fly fishers presume that they have discovered something new when they tie a fly on the end of a leader and drop it into the water but they are really only repeating something untold numbers of others have done before them. Fly fishing is really a tale as old as time.

The 2016 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

Applications are being accepted until **April 15th** for the 2016 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. To qualify for The Academy, the applicant, boy or girl, 12-16 years old, must write an essay explaining why “they” want to attend the Academy and a letter of recommendation is required from their school counselor or science teacher. The dates for the WSCIFFF and WCTU supported event are June 19-25, 2016. The Academy will be held at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. To learn more about The Academy, go to www.nwycffa.org. The application is available on the website or contact Mike Clancy @ nwycffa@comcast.net. This is a life rewarding experience for our youth to learn conservation and the basics of fly fishing. We are also on Facebook. No youth will be turned away because of funding.



The Fly Fishing Enthusiast's Online Magazine
'The Fraternity of Fly Fishers'

There are several of us at AFF who belong to FAOL. It is a great site for fly fishers, lots of helpful information and many fly tying recipes and articles about all aspects of fly fishing and fly fishing gear. Check it out.
www.flyanglersonline.com

A Fly Fishing Quote:

“The traveler fancies he has seen the country. So he has, the outside of it at least; but the angler only sees the inside. The angler only is brought close, face to face with the flower and bird and insect life of the rich riverbanks, the only part of the landscape where the hand of man has never interfered.”

~ Charles Kingsley — 1819 - 1875 ~

Alpine Fly Fishers Meetings in 2016

May 24

June ?? (picnic) TBD

July & August (No Meetings)

September 27 — October 25 — November 22 — December 13

Andy won the Albright fly rod / reel / fly line & backing at our March meeting. Congrats Andy!!!

Club Fundraiser — New Fly Rod Raffle / Reel Board!!!

I had considered holding off on our next fly rod / reel raffle board, but since the last board closed and was won at the March meeting, that gives us three more meeting before our summer hiatus. So here it is:

I have three (3) brand new St. Croix fly rods. **The winner of this next fly rod raffle board will have their pick of one of the three fly rods.**

The fly rods are:

St. Croix Avid – 9 foot, 4 weight, 4 piece. (moderate action)

St. Croix Avid – 9 foot, 7 weight, 4 piece. (moderate action)

St. Croix Imperial - 10 foot, 6 weight, 4 piece. (fast action)

The reel won with one of the above rods will be matched in size to the rod.

The Avid Series: Moderate-action rods featuring IPC® technology, they load progressively down the blank, making them ideal for protecting light tippets. Their beautiful pearl green finish makes them equally as pleasing to the eye

Imperial Series: Handcrafted at our factory in Park Falls, Wisconsin, its dynamic blend of two graphite materials provides a lightweight and fast-action rod built for a

This will be a 60 square fly rod raffle board with each square selling for \$5. A winner will be picked when the board sells out.

IFFF Youth Fly Fishing Camp 2016

Livingston, Montana

August 2 & 3, 2016

By Mike Clancy

Do you know of any youth that are interested in learning about fly fishing? If you do, then plan on signing them up for the annual International Fly Fishing Fair Youth Camp. We are excited to be in Livingston, MT. for our 51th anniversary and have the opportunity to teach youth about our sport of fly fishing!

This year's Youth Camp will be an exciting two-day program, full of learning, fun, and fishing. It is designed for ages 8-17 and will offer a wide variety of angling and aquatic education topics. The first day classroom portion of the Youth Camp will be held at the high school in Livingston, the casting will be conducted on the school grounds. We have reserved a pond and a shelter for the fishing day of the camp.

Folks interested in volunteering for this event, please go to the Fly Fishing Fair tab at our website www.fedflyfishers.org to sign up. Volunteers will be needed to insure the youth are safe and having fun. A number of the youth will be new to fly fishing and guidance will be appreciated.

The camp will begin both days at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 pm, with a lunch break (lunch included) around noon. Anyone with special dietary needs please attend to those individually. Please make mention of any food allergy or diet restrictions when registering.

Instructional topics will include entomology, fly tying, equipment and accessories, explanation of the balanced system, angler ethics, fishing safety, abeyance to regulations, catch and release, fly casting and last but not least, FISHING! I am a registered Fly Fishing Merit Badge counselor with the Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Any scouts interested in obtaining credit for requirements, please bring your own blue card and I'd be happy to sign off those that are earned.

Be prepared for inclement weather. Rain may not prevent continuing the program, but should high winds or lightening be present, we may have to make alternative arrangements. Participants need to bring a good hat/cap, sunglasses, sun screen, safety glasses for eye protection and a water bottle, along with any rescue medications needed. Be sure to indicate any health issues or concerns also when registering. I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility to adapt to whatever conditions exist. I'm sure we'll have a great time and a good experience.

Class will be limited to the first 20 registrants for each day. All youth 11 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Plans for transportation are being looked into, kids will ride via private vehicles to the fishing. Everyone will be notified of transportation plans prior to the camp.

If anyone has any questions of me in the meantime, feel free to email me at mtclancy39@comcast.net or call my cell phone 253-278-0061. I'm looking forward to meeting our participants and another great IFFF Youth Camp experience.

Tight Lines

Mike Clancy, Life Member IFFF
Member WSCIFFF Council
Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy

2016 WA Fishing License

As of April 1, you need to have a new fishing license to go fishing.

Make sure you buy one before you go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Important Changes Coming to the IFFF

April 5 - An Important Date!

Effective April 5 important changes are coming to the IFFF. They include a launch of the new IFFF website, a new version of the electronic Flyfisher and changes to the membership categories. Please read the following information carefully. As a council/club officer or contact person you are being notified today. We will send a notice to all members the week of March 28.

At our Board of Directors meeting in Bend, Oregon several important Federation initiatives were unanimously approved. Some of those initiatives included simplifying operational processes, making sure we cover our operational costs and improving service to members.

Over the last several months, a committee of the Board of Directors (BoD) and Council Presidents diligently studied ways to simplify membership categories while improving service. That membership committee was led by Tom Gadacz and included myself, Burr Tupper, Carl Johnson, Bob Shirley and Rhonda Sellers as staff support. Subsequently the recommendations of the committee were approved at the January BOD meeting.

We believe these recommendations, implemented over the next few years, will result in operational cost savings and a net revenue increase to the Federation. Most importantly, the recommendations will ultimately result in improved service to our membership.

The changes are significant. We have reduced the number of membership categories from 17 to 7 and general memberships will include the primary member, spouse or cohabitating partner and children under 18 years of age. Lifetime memberships may include a spouse or cohabitating partner. All Federation members, domestic and international will pay the same \$35 membership fee. Senior members will still get a discounted rate of \$25 and students 22 and younger will pay \$20. The membership category simplification will include an upgraded, electronic copy of the Flyfisher magazine.

The IFFF staff has been working hard to not only update the website, but also reformat the Flyfisher magazine to make it easily accessible and readable on tablet and mobile phone devices. A printed copy of the Flyfisher will remain available to all domestic members for a subscription rate of \$10 per year to cover printing and mailing costs. International members who want a paper copy of the magazine can subscribe for \$20 per year. All members will be given the opportunity to subscribe to the printed magazine during their regular renewal cycle. If you are a lifetime member, you will still receive a printed copy of the magazine unless you opt for an electronic copy. We will continue to provide paper copies of the magazine to all Councils and clubs for special-event distribution.

In the spirit of conservation, I want to reduce the amount of paper I consume and believe this is an important goal for the Federation to strive toward. Therefore I choose the electronic copy even though I'm a lifetime member and was entitled to a paper copy.

There are a few other important changes. We all celebrate our veterans' service to our country! The Federation will now offer a significant discount to ALL veterans who served honorably. The new subscription rate for all veterans will be \$25. The Federation will continue to support annual, free electronic subscriptions for special outreach programs offered to disabled veterans. We thank all veterans for their service and want them to know it!

Lifetime members will now be allowed to include their spouse or cohabitating partner in the membership category. The lifetime membership fee will now be \$1000. For a \$1500 contribution, lifetime members will receive a custom fly rod of their choosing!

We are very happy to announce the Federation has reinstated the affiliate club category. Already, we've received interest from a number of clubs who left the Federation when the affiliate club category was dropped several years ago. A new fee schedule has been developed for new affiliate clubs. The goal here is to broaden our reach and encourage relationships with those who love to fly fish!

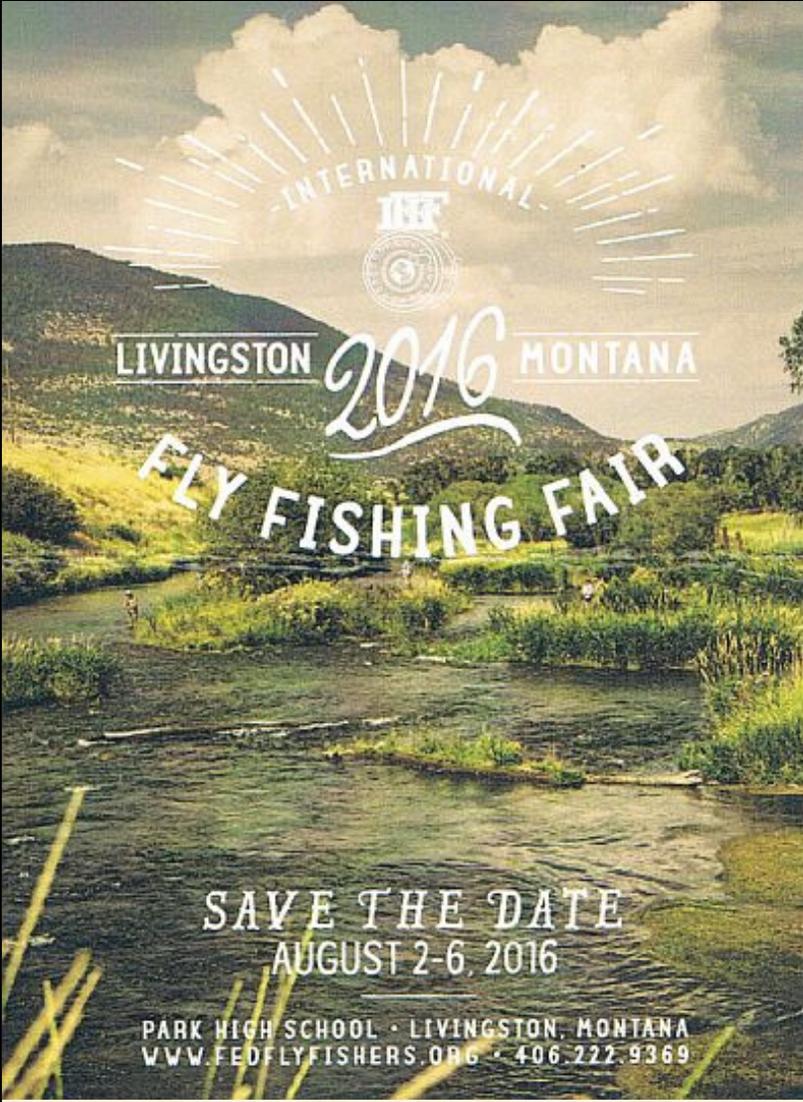
The most important issue we must address is improving service to our membership. A common refrain when I reach out to clubs and councils is the question "what is the Federation doing for me?" This is an important question and we believe The Fly Fishing Academy will be a step toward improving the depth and quality of service to our members. We have several members working very hard in developing the Academy with Molly Semenik leading this effort. Molly and her team have developed a business plan and have committees defining curriculum in four areas - fly tying, fly casting, conservation and fly fishing skills. The goal is to develop a world-class curriculum and training, including instructors' guides, all easily accessible to instructors around the world.

Additionally, the Federation will regularly provide news articles for all councils to distribute to clubs for their newsletters, websites and Facebook pages. We also want to develop a "speakers' bureau" that clubs can access to identify qualified fly fishing or conservation presenters for club meetings. Again, the idea is to develop an easily accessible, electronic system where local clubs can identify a range of possible speakers for club meetings. We will also be taking steps to provide more assistance to Council-sponsored, fly-fishing events.

Change is not always easy but we think these are very exciting times for the Federation. We certainly appreciate your support as we move forward. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have other ideas on how to improve service to the membership.

Sincerely,

Len Zickler
Spokesman
IFFF Chairman of the Board Committee



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2016 WA FLY FISHING FAIR

SAVE THE DATE

Ellensburg, WA April 29 & 30

Western Rocky Mountain Council of the I.F.F.F. Presents

2016 Coeur d'Alene, ID

Fly Fishing Expo

FREE ADMISSION

May 13th & 14th at the Best Western, Coeur d'Alene
Friday 10am - 5pm • Saturday 9am - 4pm

**Western Rocky Mountain Council's
2016 Coeur d'Alene
Fly Fishing Expo
May 13 & 14**

SAVE THE DATES

2016

2016 WSCIFFF WA Fly Fishing Fair

April 29 & 30

2016 IFFF Fly Fishing Fair

August 2 - 6

April / May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>"When the April wind wakes the call for the cast, I grip the rod as my only hold upon the earth, and, as I follow through with each swing, I am planted with growing hope, for the feel of the take and the singing of the line through the water." <i>My variation on a poem by Dallas Lore Sharp, 1870-1929 - Larry</i></p>					April 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Beaver Lake Outing	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Club Meeting	27	28	29 WA Fly Fishing Fair	30 WA Fly Fishing Fair
1 May	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Evergreen Reservoir Campout	11 Evergreen Reservoir Campout	12 Evergreen Reservoir Campout	13 FF Expo CdA	14 FF Expo CdA
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Club Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>"It was such a spring day as breathes into a man an ineffable yearning, a painful sweetness, a longing that makes him stand motionless, looking at the leaves or grass, and fling out his arms to embrace he knows not what." - John Galsworthy</p>			

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