

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting
Will Be Tuesday

May 23

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



FFI
Charter Club



The Dead Drift - May 2017

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By Larry Gibbs

Finally, some early summer weather, more or less. It has been a strange winter but the mountains did get a good level of snow. Now for the melt. The high rivers tumble the rocks and limit the large weedy areas. I do like that about our rivers out west. With the exception of tailwater rivers, like the Missouri below Holter Dam, most of our rivers manage to stay relatively weed free. The Missouri on the other hand, just keeps getting weedier because it does not have the huge spring runoff. That is the nature of a tailwater.

In a few days the WA Fly Fishing Fair will be taking place over in Ellensburg. I will be there working with the vendors and working the FFI booth when time permits. **Peter** will be there working his fingers to the bone on the auction/raffle work. Some of our other club members go over there to help as well. I know **Bill Fox** will be there to work the Bidder # & Auction-Items-In table. **Brian & Sherry Miller** will be there frantically working at assigning numbers to donated items and filling out all the paperwork associated with that to load up the silent and live auction tables and assign items for the raffle tables. We really do appreciate all of the help we receive from our club members. We would not be able to do an event like this without all of the volunteers.

Speaking of the Fly Fishing Fair, **Kevin Gill** has a booth selling his wooden handled nets. Kevin's booth is over in the Umtanum portion of the building. Swing by and check out his selection of nets.

Stephen and Terry Neal will one again allow us to use their home and property for our annual picnic this June 27th. Thank you two so very much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We started the April meeting with 60% of the St. Croix fly rod board raffle sold. We had a very nice group at last night's meeting, and we sold out the rod board. I had hoped we would sell out so I had brought the two St. Croix fly rods with me along with the container for picking a winner. You will never guess who won the fly rod. Yep, he is such a lucky guy. Yes, **Guy** won the rod and he decided to take the 4 weight rod. That means that at the special free raffle drawing at our Christmas party meeting, the 7 weight St. Croix fly rod will be up for winning. Many thanks to all of you who purchased squares on the rod raffle board, that helps put some money in our club checking account.

Gene did an excellent job giving his presentation about the high mountain lakes around the Bend, Oregon area. Lots of great information about how to fish the various lakes and the flies that were effective.

Speaking of fishing, I think it is time to get out there and do some.

Good fishing.



Larry

Fly Fishing International

Fly of the Month

May 2013

CINDER FLY

Published by Bob Bates



Opening Comments:

Carl Sanders tied this pattern at the 2013 North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo, in Lewiston, Idaho. He uses it in a variety of places around Enterprise, Oregon where he lives. In stillwater (lakes and ponds) floating or sinking fly lines may be used depending on the depth. One technique is to let the fly sink a bit in hope that a fish sees it and gets aggressive. Then retrieve it with a variety of speeds until the fish tell you what they like. If nothing happens let the fly and line sink a little more. Many anglers use a count-down method to control the depth. They will start with 5 or 10 seconds, and if nothing happens they let everything sink a little more. When they dredge up weeds they shorten the count.

This fly, to me, looks like the idea and name came from the Cinder Worm Fly in the salt water world. Always keep your eyes open for ideas (patterns) that might help you be more successful.

Materials list:

Hook: Wet fly hook, heavy, 12-14

Thread: Pearsall, 14/0, black

Hackle: Partridge, dyed blue dun

Rib: Silver tinsel, small flat

Body: Synthetic Living Fiber (SLF) orange and black

Tying steps:

Step 1

Put thread on hook at about thorax location, wrap back a couple of times and then forward as shown.



Step 2

Pull off fuzzy fibers, and put hackle on hook with dull (concave) side up. Wrap backward over the stem



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Step 3

Trim stem and continue wrapping thread rearward. Attach rib at bend of hook.



Step 4

Wax the thread a little to help hold the dubbing. Put some of the orange SLF dubbing on the thread. Put it on thread by rolling dubbing between thumb and first finger. Make dubbing noodle tight on the thread.



Step 5

Wrap the orange dubbing to about mid-shank. Put black dubbing on the thread, not as tightly as the orange. Overlap the orange with the black so you get a nice transition.



Step 6

Spiral the rib forward, secure it and trim.



Step 7

Pick the hackle up 90 degrees to the hook. Park the thread about two wraps of hackle behind where the hackle is tied in. Make two to three wraps of hackle back to the thread. Tie down the hackle; wiggle the thread through the hackle to the front. This strengthened the hackle. Then whip finish the thread in front of the hackle. Before the whip finish there was a little empty hook shank between the hackle and the hook eye. Normally Carl does not put head cement on the thread winds.



Closing Comments:

This fly is easy to tie and the materials are available in most fly shops. Tie a few and try them out in your favorite waters.

Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

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

Transitions

In between dusk and dawn the night sky filled with dark, weighty, water-laden clouds. In the wee hours of the new day, the clouds let down their potent bounty of liquid gold, scrubbing the air clean. When I stepped over the threshold this morning I took a hit of pure sweet fresh air. Oh man! What a delightful experience, my lungs tingled from their immersion in fresh air. The feeling is still with me as I sit here gazing out my front window at Mt. Rainer. Well not really, Rainer is there, but she is revealed in tiny glimpses as the departing storm clouds allow. Her presence is felt, if not always seen. My spotting scope is ready to explore distant vistas as the clouds reveal them. My writing is interspaced with quick looks at the mountains enchanted views.

Since the last time we visited, I have formally retired, my break was not clean. My last day was supposed to be April 1st, I did leave on the 1st and took a ten-day break, then returned for four days on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th to cover Randy's shifts while he was on vacation. But now my formal work patterns are in the rearview mirror.

As I wound up the daily grind, I was also preparing for my time after. On March 24th through the 26th I joined our club host, Steve Egge at his Bells Beach house on Saratoga Straight. This event is an annual affair. We meet at Steve's to fish with other members of the Alpine Fishing club for trout on Lone Lake. In the evenings, we supped on hors d'oeuvre's, home prepared meals (mostly), while sipping scotch or nursing beers and swapping tales of life's happenstances. Out on Lone Lake Steve, Paul, Brian, Peter, Kevin, Ron, and I played with the wind, waves, dodged sail boats, trailed Wooly Buggers in our wakes, as we finned the lakes surface in search of elusive planters. The planter trout we sought, are the result of manmade



problems, (fertilizer runoff, caused massive aquatic growth), that led to more manmade problems in the search for a solution, (introduction of Grass Carp), the solution resulted in another manmade problems, (no vegetation), which resulted in a fish die off. Sounds familiar doesn't it. Man believing that he can do better than nature. But those problems did not diminish our efforts in pursuing trout, nor did they interfere with our after-fishing stories either. Steve was the ultimate host as he fished the lake he would drop by on his circuits and drop off adult liquid beverages to keep everyone on a level playing field. Irish Death is a great beer and it is a perfect complement to a day on the water while waving a stick in the air.

Paul was the high stick with nine landed and released. I admit that my attention was split between catching fish (three landed) and experiencing the energy on the lake. Waves, wind, rain and hail, I embraced it all, as it altered my course and my fishing efforts, I have learned to go where it directed and to open my mind to what is given not what I wanted it to be. Small magic in a big magic world. The trips events led to discussions on how to have more club outings as we enjoyed each other's company.

On Tuesday April 4th, we held a family outing to Northwest Trek, this is a trip that the boys and I have been attempting since the Christmas break. But NW Trek schedules, snow, and rain kept the trip postponed until the boys Easter Break. The day broke with a promise of mild spring changeable atmospheric conditions. My daughter with her entourage of boys picked Terry and I up and we drove south towards Eatonville and Northwest Trek. We were on our way to view and visit with members of the animal kingdom whom call the Northwest their home.

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While we saw lots of wild life the bears, river otters and grey wolves provided the closest man and animal interaction. The bears feeling spring in the air were busy digging and exploring their enclosure. Providing much viewing activity for the boys to enjoy. The otters were playful, the waters of their pond and stream habitat were splashing with otter powered waves. The otters swam with spirited energy, diving at and towards the kids shoes through the glass as they chased each other through their water world. Our closest encounter with the energy of the natural world



though was with the Grey Wolves. Colin caught up in the moment began to howl, first one, then two, then all three wolves answered back, it was quite the conversation as the 3 wolves and boy spoke at length. Soon a large group of park visitors, drawn by the howling, gathered at the viewing area to witness the call of the wild. The encounter sent chills up and down my spine and sparked the boy's imagination and the need to know more, the topic of wolves was discussed for the rest of our day. Small magic.

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder... he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." – Rachel Carson

As I mentioned in my last visit, I have been modifying my truck for retirement adventures. I admit it, I am planning to take my grandchildren on camping and fishing trips. And some of those trips will be with friends as well. Terry and I will camp on the Washington coast as her days off permit. Well to meet those expectations I have purchased a truck canopy, ladder rack and roof top tent. On April 8th Darren, Colin and I spent the night trying out the new accommodations. My boys were excited, we trundled out of the house in pajamas, dodging rain drops, after much laughter and high jinx, they settled down as I told a tale of adventure involving make believe characters and camping. Now we just need to go camping and fishing together, and let the real adventure begin.



Hope to see you on the water soon, and always enjoy the small magic in this big magic world. Take your children or grandchildren outside and share with them the excitement and mystery of our world.

Stephen

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after"

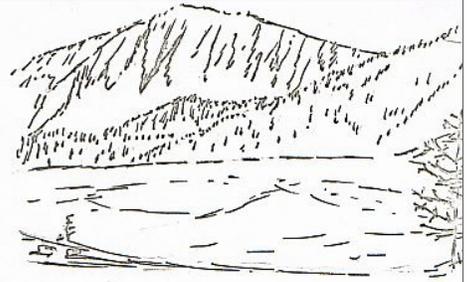
Henry David Thoreau

~ *In The Past* ~

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Next Meeting: Date : June 4, 1973

Place: Noels Restaurant

Time: Social Hour 6:30

Dinner 7:30

Program: A real treat, Fellow Alpiners Steve Raymond, author of the book, "Kamloops" will present a slide show on Atlantic Salmon fishing in Hosmer Lake, Oregon, and talk a little bit about the FFF. This is a "Must See". Enos Bradner, author N.W. writer, will also attend.

Added Treat: Bring a few extra Sheckles and try for a couple of draw prizes that are sure to please.

Last Meeting: Held at Noels. Sal announced who he decided to railroad into the standing committees. We also decided to have our May 19 and 20 fishout at Lake Merrill. Since Noel's had everything we could desire for a meeting place, it was voted to continue to meet there.

Editor's Note: In case you haven't noticed, I'm doing the typing on this newsletter instead of Rose Marie, who is on vacation. Have patience with my errors.

Lake Merrill Fishout: This was a well attended event. Fishing success seems to be a function of who you talk to, but I hear a few nice fish were taken. The Needlefly Nymph apparently was the key to success.

Sea-Run Cutthroat: Our Good Old Game Department seems to finally be doing something to improve the sea-run cut throat fishing in this area. According to Game Department biologists, the sea-run is not as faithful and predictable as the steelhead in its migratory habits, so the department's approach to sea-run management now is to plant them to provide both a resident and migratory fishery. Streams in this area receiving plants are the Mashel and Little Nisqually Rivers in Pierce County, Deschutes, Skookumchuck rivers and McAllister Creek in Thurston County and the Newaukum River in Lewis County. You might get into some good fishing in these streams in the next few weeks as this year's low snowpack has resulted in low early season stream flows.

Fly Patterns: Due to its success on the Lake Merrill fishout, the Needlefly Nymph is this month's pattern.

Needlefly Nymph: Hook: #8 or #10, long shank. Body: Silver tinsel, thin. Hackle: Mottled gray-brown pheasant rump. Head: Three turns of Peacock Herl. This fly is intended to represent the damsal fly. It should normally be fished deep with an erratic retrieve.

President's Message: Your president wishes to thank those of you who picked up litter at the fishout to improve the appearance of the area and in accordance with our by-laws. For those of you who didn't, I think the Ghillie will rise to the occasion.

Ghillies Fine News: I now have a firm policy on fines. It is this: Any word or phrase related to any aspect of fishing is permitted at any meeting or gathering of our club. No exceptions. But, any mention of "salmon eggs" is subject to a 10 cent fine. (Note: still permitted, however) Words such as "worms", "nightcrawlers", "lures", etc. are also subject to fines of varying size depending on the circumstances (eg. Topic under discussion, time of night, number of drinks credited to the ghillie, etc.)

Further qualifications: 1. Guests will not be fined. 2. Their host will be! 3. Officers fines are 5 cents more than anyone else's. 4. Violations are encouraged to build the reasury. 5. Fines may be levied for any other whimsical reason. Any question about this statement is hereby referred to Brian Ogden. (Got a fishing license yet?)

Footnote: All of the above is subject to modification without notification.

- Frank -

That's it for this month. See you June 4. Bring a friend and make this our biggest turnout ever.

Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2017

Our club meetings are on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month except for December (the third Tuesday) and there are no meetings in July or August.

May 23; June 27 Club Picnic; ~~July~~ (No Meeting); ~~August~~ (No Meeting);
September 26; October 24; November 28; December 19 (3rd Tuesday)

2017 WSCFFI Fly Fishing Fair

Ellensburg on Friday and Saturday, **May 5 & 6**

The **Washington State Council** FFI will be having their 11th annual Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds in Ellensburg. As you know, Peter and I are both heavily involved with this event, as are some of our club members. Steven Fernandez is going to be our featured fly tyer. We will have many great fly tyers at our event and some of the best fly casters in the northwest. This is a fun show to attend. We have lots of vendors so you can do some shopping and Peter runs a really good silent auction, raffle & live auction. This is the closest event of the three listed, just a hop, skip & jump over the mountain to Ellensburg. Plan to attend on the first Friday and Saturday of May, the 5th and 6th.



2017
International
Fly Fishing Fair
August 1 - 5, 2017
Livingston, MT



A Fly Fishing Quote:

“The indications which tell your dry-fly angler when to strike are clear and unmistakable, but those which bid a wet-fly man raise his rod-point and draw in the steel are frequently so subtle, so evanescent and impalpable to the senses, that, when the bending rod assures him that he has divined aright, he feels an ecstasy as though he had performed a miracle each time.”

*G.E. M. Skues ~ Minor Tactics of the Chalk-Stream (1910) ~
The Quotable Fisherman - Nick Lyons*



May Guest Speaker

Ben Paul of OPST (Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics) regarding fly fishing the Olympic Peninsula.

TFO FLY ROD PURCHASES

Here are the three Temple Fork Outfitters fly rods that Peter and I bought for our future fly rod raffle boards.

Impact Series Fly Rod - Model TF 06 91 4 I - w/ Fighting Butt - 6 weight, 9 foot, 4 piece

Get Ready to Make an Impact.

Rod design has always been a game of compromises...until now. Several years ago we introduced our RPM™ (Rod Performance Matrix) to better define what a rod – or rod series – has been designed to do. Presentation, distance and lifting are the three attributes by which all rods can be measured. Emphasis in one of these has always meant a deficiency in another. The new Impact™ rods, through an innovative fusion of fly rod functions designed to achieve the pinnacle of performance, have made this compromise a thing of the past.

Impact™ rods are unbelievably smooth and powerful, loading and unloading with maximum efficiency affording an effortless feel and level of performance that will impress the most accomplished angler along with the easy loading fish-ability newer fly casters need. Their action, in conjunction with a unique combination of the latest materials, merges the attributes of all your favorite rods in such a way that there's no trace of any of the familiar limitations you've had to put up with. Impact™ rods are designed to exceed every angler's expectations with a level of excellence that will set new industry standards. That's making an Impact.

Each blank offers a very slim profile finished with our exclusive Tactical Series Stripping Guides and ultra-lightweight chromium-impregnated stainless snake guides. Their reduced profile burl cork handles are both handsome and durable - plus they retain their superb feel under all fishing conditions. The handsome blanks are matte black with black thread wraps and emerald trim. Smoke-gray machined aluminum reel seats with gray carbon fiber inserts adorn the larger models.

Lefty Kreh Finesse Rod Series - Model TF 03 89 4 F - 3 weight, 8'-9", 4 piece

Branches everywhere and grass up to your ears. The perfect spot for this rod.

Lefty Kreh Finesse Rods complement the TFO line by offering a more "traditional" taper and action for those who fish small flies and fine tippets on light lines. These are the ideal rods for meadow streams, limestone creeks, and spring creeks. At short to medium distances, Lefty Kreh Finesse rods cast effortlessly, turning over long leaders easily. The shorter lengths are perfect for tight quarters, while the longer length rods will keep a back cast well above tall grasses. Lefty Kreh Finesse rods are handsomely appointed with rosewood inserts on an up locking reel seat, which nicely accentuates the deep olive finish.

BVK Series - Model TF 06 10 4 B * - 6 weight, 10 foot, 4 piece

*Components include full wells grip and fighting butt

A finely tuned instrument — lightweight and highly responsive.

That's what experts are saying about our BVK series of fly rods. Engineered to the highest performance standards, the BVK utilizes new materials that dramatically reduce weight while creating an aggressive blend of power and strength. The result is amazing performance and an incredible price.

BVK rods are fast action rods designed to excel in Presentation and Distance. The rich translucent olive blanks are topped with matching braided carbon fiber reel seats, our exclusive Tactical Series Stripping Guides*, ultra lightweight chromium-impregnated stainless snake guides and Flor grade grips that are comfortably contoured and uniquely contrasted.

Why these particular fly rod choices:

I asked for your TFO fly rod choices. I compiled all of the data, using two main categories: Rod/line weight and length of rod. The majority of the votes were for a 5 or 6 weight rod. The next choice was a 3 weight rod. After that the choices were scattered all over. As for the length of the fly rods, the 9 foot in the 6 wt size had the most votes. For the 3 weight rod, most votes were for something under 9 feet but over 8 feet, so that means an 8'9" rod. Tied with wanting a 3 weight rod were the club members wanting a long rod, 10 feet or over.



2017 Special End Of Year Free Drawing



Remember the special **free** drawing at the end of 2017 during our Christmas meeting & fundraiser raffle.

This year, every time a club member who attends a meeting can fill out one special drawing ticket. The ticket can only be filled out at that meeting and must be turned in at the end of the meeting.

All of these tickets will be collected over the course of the year and at our Christmas club meeting next December, we will have a drawing for **at least** three (3) very nice items, most likely there will be a few more.

One item will be a brand new **St. Croix Avid** series fly rod, the 7 weight, 9 foot, 4 piece model.

Another item will be a brand new **Sage 1850 Large Arbor** reel (5/6 wt).

During the year, we will come up with a few more items to be included in this free drawing.

I want to point out that the more meetings you attend, the more times your name will be in the drawing.

Larry



Flyfisher Online!

www.fedflyfishers.org

The Fall 2016 edition of the Flyfisher magazine is online. Read about the grayling as well as industry leaders Tom Morgan and Wapsi Fly who are highlighted in this issue. Found out what's happening in the Home Waters and meet Kuni Masuda, a member from Washington who has worked tirelessly to promote the IFFF to the international community in Japan .

The Spring 2017 edition of the Flyfisher should be out shortly.

FFI - Fly Fishers International New Logos

You may have noticed the new FFI Logo on the front page of this newsletter.



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INTRODUCING: FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

A letter from the President

Len Zickler

For most of us, fly fishing is more than just a sport. It's been central to our lives in many ways, providing a much-needed break from the daily grind, and giving us time on the water we'll never forget, as well as friendships that will last a lifetime.

That's why I'm especially excited to announce that our organization is undergoing a significant evolution that I believe will better reflect the importance fly fishing plays in all our lives.

The new name of our organization is Fly Fishers International (FFI), and with it comes a reinvigorated approach to our programs, mission, and purpose.

As president of FFI (formerly known as the International Federation of Fly Fishers, or IFFF), I wanted to give you a little background into this change, which is a tremendously exciting new chapter in our group's storied history, and for the future of the sport.

Our core values remain unchanged—to continue to serve as a strong advocate for fly fishing in all waters for all fish, to preserve and promote the arts of fly casting and fly tying, and to help ensure that future generations can enjoy these same one-of-a-kind experiences.

So why the change?

Change can be difficult, and we want you all to know that the process leading up to this evolution involved hundreds if not thousands of hours of in-depth discussions and thoughtful debate among board members and dedicated volunteers.

Rebranding and a potential name change was originally identified for consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee when it first met in May of 2015. Why was it being discussed? Certainly, one key issue revolved around the name: based on research, fly anglers do not find the name "International Federation of Fly Fishers" appealing, nor did it sound like a modern organization. Looking at the average age of IFFF membership, organizational goals for growth, and a perceived lack of relevance among some fly fishing groups, we knew it was time to ask some hard questions.

The process of exploring potential rebranding began with the hiring of a marketing and branding agency, which was tasked with evaluating current recognition of the organization within the fly fishing community, and to document and analyze the thoughts and opinions of our members regarding our current brand presence.

Early on, questionnaires were sent to three sample populations: the general fly fishing community, current IFFF members, and members who had allowed their IFFF membership to lapse. Although the three sample populations were diverse in terms of their demographics and relationship to the Federation (members versus non-members), their comments were consistent. One of the most jarring results was that up to 88% of non-member fly anglers had never even heard of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (and we've been around since 1964). Another result made it clear that, while our core mission was still very relevant, there was a disconnect between what we do in the context of our mission, and what people think we do.

Overall, the survey results were quite clear: our organization needs to do a much better job of informing both members and the general public of what we do, and why that mission is critical to ensuring our opportunity to fly fish doesn't vanish. From protecting public access to passing on the art of fly tying, or teaching two-handed casting to addressing overcrowding and habitat degradation, there is a clear need for the voice of the fly fisher to be heard.

Therefore, leadership agreed a name change was central to this rebranding—and to signal, in no uncertain terms, a fundamental evolution was underway. Through further research and discussion, Fly Fishers International was recommended as the strongest name choice. The name incorporates elements of our current name, but is reconceived in a simple, straightforward way that emphasizes our primary market target—people who fly fish—while embracing the international presence that we continue to nurture and expand.

Finally, Fly Fishers International is also already echoed in the name of our organization's long-time publication, Flyfisher Magazine, offering another level of recognition among our current members, corporate partners, and the fly fishing community as a whole.

As many of you have rightly pointed out, organizational change will not simply occur with the change of our name. A great deal of hard work lies ahead. We recognize the need to do a much better job of increasing public awareness for the great work our organization continues to accomplish, and for taking better advantage of the partnerships, potential projects, and other opportunities that could benefit from FFI's help in making positive impacts.

But these efforts won't be nearly as effective without your help. Please join Fly Fishers International as we work together to cultivate conservation, education, and community within the sport of fly fishing.

2017 WASHINGTON FLY FISHING FAIR

Tying and Casting Seminars

Featured Fly Tyer: Steve Fernandez

Featured Casters: Al Buhr and Molly Semenik

WORKSHOPS & FREE SEMINARS

Youth Workshop Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM

Friday & Saturday May 5 & 6, 2017

Kititas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA



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2017 Washington Fly Fishing Fair

Ellensburg, WA

May 5th & 6th, 2017

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday

Admission is free to IFFF members!

Registration is now OPEN!

Please join us at the 2017 WA Fly Fishing Fair, on May 5th and 6th (Friday and Saturday), in Ellensburg, at the Kittitas Valley Event Center and Fairgrounds. It's going to be a great event! The Fly Fishing Fair runs from IFFF members and kids under the age of 16 get in free, for everyone else the entry fee is \$5.00.

This year's 2017 Fly Fishing Fair will feature:

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS - On Friday and Saturday, there will be over 75 fly tiers demonstrating their favorite patterns. You'll not only see some beautiful tying, but you may also get a lesson on the habits of the critters they represent. All of our talented fly tiers are excited to share their love of fly fishing and fly tying with you. There isn't a bad seat in the house!

CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAMES - On Friday and Saturday, there will be casting games, casting competitions, casting demonstrations, and instructional seminars on casting one and two-handed rods.

CASTING WORKSHOPS - On Friday and Saturday, there will be special casting workshops, taught by some of the best casting instructors in the Northwest. These workshops are designed to be informative, fun, and to enhance advancement along the path to becoming a better fly caster and fly fisherman. The workshops cost \$40 each.

PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS - Private 30-minute casting lessons, taught by some of the best casting instructors in the Northwest, will be available on Saturday. These private lessons can be reserved online, or by signing up at the event; the cost is \$20.00. All instructors are certified by the IFFF Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP). Biographies of the individual instructors are available on the Fly Fishing Fair registration site and on the WSCIFFF website. To register for the casting workshops and the private lessons please go to the 2017 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site (listed below). You can also get to the registration site by going to the WSCIFFF website (also listed below).

FREE FLY FISHING SEMINARS - Free seminars will be offered on both Friday and Saturday. Spend some time listening to the experts talk about how to succeed fishing familiar and exotic fly fishing waters.

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TROUT FLY TYING WORKSHOP WITH STEVEN FERNANDEZ - On Saturday, Steven Fernandez, winner of the 2012 IFFF Buz Buszek Memorial Award, will show you how he ties Trout Flies. You will tie several of Steven's flies such as his Tutti Frutti, Ben Franklin, and Western Coachman. Rather than crank out numerous flies, the workshop will concentrate on teaching basic techniques in a precise way. Think Wayne Luallen. He is a brilliant tyer, able to teach and very entertaining. Steven is known for his radically different way of doing things. He is an example of a fly tyer that isn't afraid of introducing anarchy, extreme order, art, hysteria or any other concept into fly tying. When Fernandez ties, no step is wasted or undertaken without a purpose. The result is always food for thought. He is internationally-renowned for his salmon flies and Catskill-style dry flies. This workshop has an 8 student maximum, and you should be of at least intermediate skill level. The Trout Fly workshop will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 AM t 12:00 Noon. The fee is \$75.00.

YOUTH FLY FISHING WORKSHOP - For kids ages 12 through 16, there will be an Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The workshop will cover the basics of fly fishing and will include tying and casting instruction. The Workshop fee is \$40.00 and includes a fly rod and reel outfit. Lunch will also be provided. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

AUCTIONS & RAFFLES - There will be some great auctions (both silent and live) and raffles on Friday and Saturday. Items include: fly selections; bamboo rods; custom built rods; rod and reel outfits; reels, lines and leaders; fly tying materials; fly tying tools; specialty baskets; fly fishing books; fishing trips; rare fly plates; plus our Legends Fly Plate.

DINNER BANQUET & LIVE AUCTION - Friday evening, May 5th. Tickets can be reserved online until April 28th. The cost is \$40.00.

ON-SITE CAMPING - There is limited camping (wet and dry) available on site. To reserve a spot go to the 2017 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site (listed below).

MOTELS & HOTELS - Many of the motels and hotels in the Ellensburg area are offering special Fly Fishing Fair rate packages. For a list of the motels and hotels providing discounts, and their contact information, please go to the WSCIFFF website (listed below)

To register, click on the link below to go to the 2017 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site:

<https://www.regonline.com/2017washingtonflyfishingfair>

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We look forward to seeing you at the Fly Fishing Fair. Best regards,

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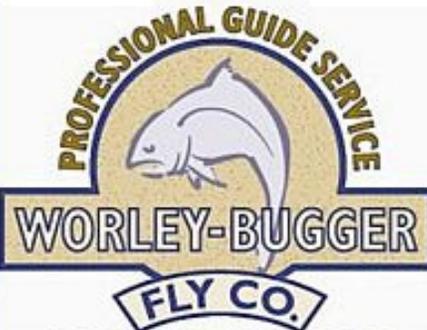

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"Spring - an experience in immortality." - Henry D. Thoreau	1 May	2	3	4	5 WA Fly Fishing Fair	6 WA Fly Fishing Fair
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Club Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<i>"Fly fish while it is spring, and enjoy the best anticipations. It is not much matter if things do not turn out well."</i> Charles Dudley Warner 'Variation on a theme by Larry'		

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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