

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

November 26

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Puyallup at 6 PM

  
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### President's Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

For those of you who were not at the October meeting, I will give a brief account of my two days of fishing the Columbia River up in British Columbia, Canada.

It is about 420 miles to Rossland, BC. Head for Spokane, turn north onto Division, continue north to Chewelah, then Colville, then Kettle Falls, make a right turn and head for Northport and then the border. You are in the middle of nowhere! On the way up I had to stop twice while flocks of hen turkeys walked single file across the road. On the way home a cougar ran across the road in front of me. The middle of nowhere.

I fished for two days, launching at Trail, BC and one day we went downriver the next day we went upriver. The river is a huge tailwater from a dam way up stream. The flow was fairly low, around 30,000 cfs. The water was crystal clear. I caught a lot of fish both days, adjusting to the eating patterns throughout the day. Mostly it was a variation of nymphing, and very little dry flying as there were few hatches.

I caught a lot of fish both days. There were many that were around 12 inches long, plus a nice number that were in the 18 inch range (and can they fight!!!). I did hook up on two that were in the 23-24 inch range, but they schooled me. One was a fair distance from the boat and when it made a 4 foot leap into the air, it was shaking like crazy and it threw the fly. The other was closer to the boat. As soon as it felt the hook, it headed straight for the boat and then made a 3 foot jump right at the boat, almost hitting the motor. It was still hooked and it made one more leap while I was frantically trying to strip in the line and he threw the fly. While I didn't get them into the boat, I had the thrill of the hookup and the fun of watching them as they flew through the air.

By the way, I fished with Kelly Laatsch of the St. Mary Angler fly shop.

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Our **November** meeting is on the **Tuesday, the 26th**, two days before Thanksgiving.

Our **December** meeting is on the **THIRD Tuesday, the 17th**, since we don't want to be having a meeting real close to Christmas. Don't forget, the December meeting is our main fund raiser meeting so we can have some really good guest speakers.

**Pat Blackwell** is our guest speaker for November, talking to us about some neat casting tips to hopefully help us improve our casting, hence fishing catch rates. :)

Good fishing.



Larry

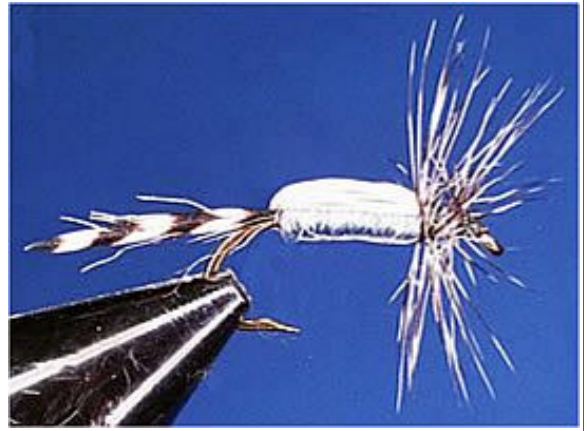
# Fly Fishing International

## Fly of the Month

November 2005

### Lady McConnell

By Bob Bates



Here is a pattern that every stillwater angler should have in the fly box. Brian Chan, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada developed this pattern in 1979 to represent an almost completely emerged adult chironomid (midge). He named it after McConnell Lake just south of Kamloops, B.C., Canada where he tested it. Trout in McConnell Lake and elsewhere have an eagerness to feed on adult chironomids. Just about every lake and many streams have chironomids, and fish willingly feed on the larva, pupa and adult stages of the insect. Some anglers note that fish seem to prefer the larva or pupa stages over the adult. However, you should always look for an opportunity to fish the adult. Best times to fish it are early morning and late evening. Chironomids are a nice insect for fly anglers as they might hatch any time there is ice free water. I have seen fish rising to chironomids in the only ice free water at the outflow of a lake. Unfortunately it was before the start of fishing season.

One late spring day a visitor to my part of the world talked me into taking him fishing. A difficult task to say the least. After dinner we went to a nearby quality lake. We drifted around a while enjoying the evening, but we were seeing only a few fish. When the evening rise started I had him put on a size 16 Lady McConnell, and he started catching fish immediately. He was amazed at how fast he hooked (and carefully release) so many nice rainbows.

That evening all we had to do cast our floating lines, and let the flies sit quietly on the surface for a few seconds. The fish attacked them with abandon. At other times it helps to move the fly with a little jiggle or strip it at a moderate speed to imitate hatching or egg laying insects.

#### Materials List:

Hook: Tiemco TMC 100, Mustad 94840 or other dry fly hook, sizes 12-18

Thread: Black 6/0, 8/0 or 14/0

Tail: Grizzly hackle tip over white Zelon

Shellback: Deer hair

Body: Gray polypropylene, dubbing or tying thread

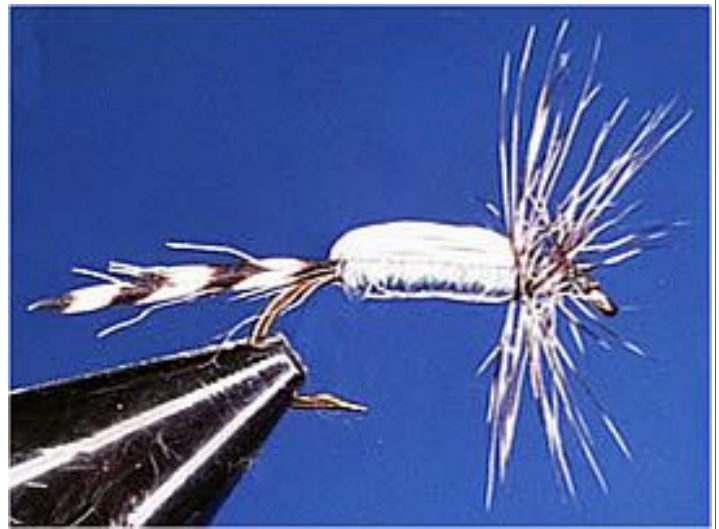
Hackle: Grizzly

#### Tying Steps:

1. Wind thread on rear 2/3 rds of hook shank, and leave thread at bend of hook (near barb). Attach a few strands of white Zelon on top of the hook, this is a new variation of the pattern that is not on all my flies. Make the Zelon about a shank length long. Tie a grizzly hackle tip on top of the hook longer than needed and pull it to make a shank length tail.

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2. Cut a small amount of deer hair. How much depends on hook size. A clump about the diameter of a wooden match stick is about right for a size 12 hook. Clean out under fur and short hairs, cut tips and place tips on hook at a point about 1/3 rd shank length back from the eye. (Butts should be pointing to the rear.) Bind the deer hair on top of hook without spinning it, wind thread backward to the bend of the hook, and spiral the thread to front of the deer hair.



3. Attach poly yarn, wind thread over it to the bend and spiral thread forward to front of deer hair. Wrap poly body to front of deer hair, secure and trim. Keep the body slim to be like a chironomid. (Or the body may be dubbed to match the color of local insects.)

4. Bring deer hair forward and bind it down forming a shellback. Take care to keep the deer hair on the top half of the body and that it isn't twisted out of position from thread torque. Trim excess hair and wind thread over butts. Return thread to front of body/shellback.

5. Select a grizzly feather with barbs that are about 1-1/2 gap widths long. Strip off the fuzzy fibers and other unwanted barbs. Attach it to hook with the dull side of the feather facing forward. Leave a little bare stem showing above the thread, bind down and trim excess stem. Leave thread about one eye width back from the eye. (Some tiers use two feathers to produce a fuller hackle.)

6. Pull hackle forward over eye to kink the stem. This and the bare stem help the hackle wrap properly. Wrap hackle forward to thread, secure and trim excess. Wind thread to make a small head, whip finish, trim and add a drop of head cement.

Closing comments: I tie this pattern with light poly and grizzly as well as the darker body and hackle pictured. It takes a lot less time to tie a Lady McConnell than it does to write or read about it. Those mean trout tend to shred them so tie a lot. I almost never leave home without a bunch of Lady McConnells in my fly box. It has been my consistent producer for many years. Now when the fish start rising and I don't have my Ladies with me I am lost and feel I should go home.

# Back of Beyond

*By Stephen Neal*

*In Wildness is the Preservation of the World*

*“Henry David Thoreau”*

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

*Without wilderness, we will eventually lose the capacity to understand America. Our drive, our ruggedness, our unquenchable optimism and zeal and élan go back to the challenges of the untrammelled wilderness. Britain won its wars on the playing fields of Eton. America developed its mettle at the muddy gaps of the Cumberland's, in the swift rapids of its rivers, on the limitless reaches of its western plains, in the silent vastness of primeval forests, and in the blizzard-ridden passes of the Rockies and Coast ranges. If we lose wilderness, we lose forever the knowledge of what the world was and what it might, with understanding and loving husbandry, yet become. These are islands in time — with nothing to date them on the calendar of mankind. In these areas it is as though a person were looking backward into the ages and forward untold years. Here are bits of eternity, which have a preciousness beyond all accounting. -*

*“Harvey Broome” Co-founder, The Wilderness Society*

## ***Rivers Do Not Run Past Us, They Run Through Us\*John Muir***

Dawn was expected soon, but at the moment there was zero contrast between sky and earth. Knee deep in Oregon's Deschutes River, my feet searched for stable fishing footholds, amongst slick river rocks. The river's current sucked my waders tight to my calf's. At this hour of the morning, sight is of little value, sound, sense and feel is what connects you to the world. The river's reverberation is the bass notes in the canyon's morning song. Cy is below me and Steve wades above me, as we await dawn. Their silhouettes revealed by the red light creeping over the crest of the canyons rim. Red sky at night sailors delight red sky in the morning sailors take warning, that thought passed through all of our minds as we began swinging flies on good water, to the promise of Steelhead. But what we caught that morning was a pure and natural light show. It made all three of us wish for our cameras, we had brought the wrong equipment to catch what was swimming in front of us.

As we cast to the rivers flowing dark mass, the clouds above became infused with a spectrum of red light. Dark red to shimmering pink. The red light added a dark rust color to the hills and the basalt outcroppings that stair stepped towards the canyons rim. Tree trunks and limbs of the desert shrubs revealed themselves as their light gray bark emerged against darker leaves. The crest of the waves was dark silk, but the trough between waves, stretched drum tight by strength of the current, became a thousand mirrors framed by dark silk frames. The river's mirrored surface reflected the inverted image of the hills, rocks, trees and the crimson of the morning sky. Scarlet danced in the water around our waded encased legs and in the heavens above our heads.

John Muir said it best “Rivers do not run past us, they run through us”. We cast into Sunday's dawn, our fly lines drew graceful arcs in the spreading reddish light of morning and the approaching storm. We had no hook ups this morning, but we were at peace with our efforts. We had landed the biggest gift of the day, its beauty. With hearts full, we left the river as the sun's beams hit the water's surface, we needed to pack for our final push to Heritage landing on the Columbia River. We were running before the storm.

We had entered river time early Thursday morning, a little after midnight. Steve, Cy and I had four days of river time ahead of us, we were chasing summer steelhead dreams. We had a new plan; Steve had fished with a guide two weeks earlier and had landed 5 steelhead by fishing their way down river. It would mean moving camp every day, but the hope was that it would put us on to fish as the number of steelhead in the system were still extremely low. As per our normal routine we got



up before dawn, loaded the raft and departed. There had been a rain storm the day before and the river was muddy when we launched, about three inches of visibility. Not an auspicious start, but you take what you get.

We headed down river to the ledges from hell on river left. Steve had caught fish there on his last trip and on previous trips. It is known as a good fishing spot but also for this one rock that everybody has tried to wade around, it always



results in a swim lesson. Steve has gone swimming there twice. In talking to other Deschutes fly fishermen when you mention ledges from hell, that one particular rock and swimming is always part of the conversation. Luckily for me, Steve's knowledge helped me avoid the swim.

On our morning float we seemed to be escorted by a crop duster spraying the hills on river left. They were spraying to control noxious weeds that establish themselves after range fires. The spraying is part of the ongoing struggle to restore the land after last year's destructive wildfires. We pulled into camp before noon and reconnoitered camp and the fishing water. Behind our camp is one of the few remaining rock bread ovens from the Railroad war. We walked around its perimeter and stuck our heads in the opening. One can easily imagine a work crew in 1908 seated on rough wooden benches, scraping clean, well-used and abused metal plates, while wolfing down fresh baked bread from the basalt stone oven. Time, fire and storms are slowly erasing the physical remains of this part of man's history here.

Just below ledges from hell on river right is Steely Flats. This particular water was made famous by Lani Waller in his Steelhead Legacy tapes produced for Scientific Anglers 3M in 1984. If you get a chance these tapes are worth a watch. Steele Flats is beautiful holding water, it was made for Steelhead and the fly fishers that pursue them. Large boulders strewn on this broad flat give excellent shelter and feeding grounds for these magnificent anadromous fish. While the whole Deschutes river system is seeing declines in the numbers of steelhead, this stretch of water still entices the fisherman to try. Its past glory has faded, but it still holds the promise of a possibility and I always give it a try.



On Friday morning the river had cleared that brought a smile to our faces. We fished ledges from hell, during the twilight and in the morning before the light hit the water. Nothing responded to our flies, we hit ledges and Steele Flats just after breaking camp and heading down river, again no takes, but we knew we were fishing good water. The numbers game was stacked against us, but there was more water to cover so we moved on. Our luck was about to change that evening at our next camp Steve landed a buck and Cy connected. The fight was quick and strong, the steelhead won and was soon free, Cy had felt the power of a steelhead on his line. The next morning's fishing provided no hook ups on the same stretch of water. The fish had come and gone. Steve, Cy and I packed up and headed to wagon blast our last camp before leaving. That evening Steve landed a nice hatchery Steelhead just above Colorado rapids; we were all excited about our Sunday morning prospects. As you already know we did not catch any steelhead, but the light show was remarkable. As the river ran through me, I was filled with a melancholy of knowing that I am witnessing a major shift in our environment, that which I hold dear is passing before my eyes. It seems that every generation has to fight this battle to protect our environment from the greed of men. Teddy Roosevelt fought these same battles at the turn of the century and his words are as authentic today as they were when he served as President from 1901 to 1909.

"The United States at this moment occupies a lamentable position as being perhaps the chief offender among civilized nations in permitting the destruction and pollution of nature. Our whole modern civilization is at fault in the matter. But we in America are probably most at fault ... We treasure pictures and sculpture. We regard Attic temples and Roman triumphal arches and Gothic cathedrals as of priceless value. But we are, as a whole, still in that low state of civilization where we do not understand that it is also vandalism wantonly to destroy or permit the destruction of what is beautiful in nature, whether it be a cliff, a forest, or a species of mammal or bird. Here in the United States we turn our rivers and streams into sewers and dumping grounds, we pollute the air, we destroy forests and exterminate fishes, birds and mammals, not to speak of vulgarizing charming landscapes with hideous advertisements." – Theodore Roosevelt

"If in a given community unchecked popular rule means unlimited waste and destruction of the natural resources—soil, fertility, waterpower, forests, game, wild-life generally—which by right belong as much to subsequent generations as to the present generation, then it is sure proof that the present generation is not yet really fit for self-control, that it is not yet really fit to exercise the high and responsible privilege of a rule which shall be both by the people and for the people. The term "for the people" must always include the people unborn as well as the people now alive, or the democratic ideal is not realized." -Theodore Roosevelt

"No nation can be really great unless it is great in peace, in industry, integrity, honesty. Skilled intelligence in civic affairs and industrial enterprises alike; the special ability of the artist, the man of letters, the man of science, and the man of business; the rigid determination to wrong no man, and to stand for righteousness— all these are necessary in a great nation." – Theodore Roosevelt

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Just before noon we made Heritage Landing, the anticipated rain began to fall heavily as we headed home. Perfect timing. It was a magnificent voyage into wilderness. Those of us who stand in rivers and feel them run through us, understand the connection between man and nature, we know that we are not separate, that what is done to the land is done to us. Take a rod into your hands and fish the waters of life. I hope to see you on the water soon.

My sincerest, thanks go to Steve Egge and my son Cy for a wonderful trip full of wonder, companionship and a love of wilderness.

Stephen Neal

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

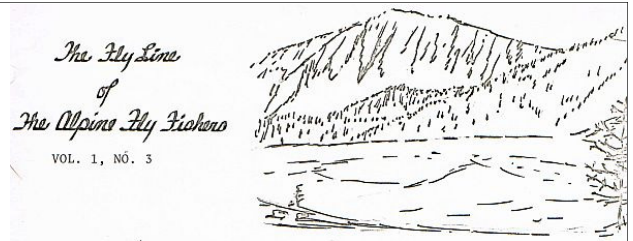


~ *In The Past* ~

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**January of 1976**

Reed Miller, Editor



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1975. The information it contains is 44 years out of date and is not accurate.

***This is a historical document only.***

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**Program:** Cal Cole, charter president of the club, is coming up from Portland. He'll show slides of a float trip on the Oregon Deschutes, fishing Henry Lake, and Henry's Fork in Idaho, and a very special stream in Yellowstone Park where it might be possible to join the 20-20 club. (A 20" trout on a size 20 fly). Cal's photography is excellent, so don't miss this one.

**Pre meeting fly tying:** During the wet line session, Reed Miller will show how to tie soft hackle wet flies. Hopefully, this pre-meeting fly tying will become a regular feature of the meeting.

**Last Meeting:** The published list of nominations was elected (or rail roaded). I feel we have a very capable set of officers and that the club is in good hands. Give them your support.

Darrel Martin did his usual interesting bit. His slides and description of Idaho's Silver creek really turned me on. It's only 11 hours away and ..... Also, many thanks to him for the exquisite print he donated to the club.

**New Member:** Pam Brynson is the latest addition to the club roster. Pam lives in Puyallup and is the owner-manager of the "Book and Botique" gift shop. If you need to buy someone a gift or want to buy a book, drop on in. Welcome to the club Pam.

**Fishing Reports:** Steelhead fishing has been pretty good after the floods. Most rivers have fresh fish and have been producing as well. As always, though, conditions change rapidly, so you take your chances. The total effect of the high water probably won't be felt for 2 or 3 years, though, since it is the eggs and juvenile fish as well as the insect life that suffers most from such disasters.

**Dying Blue Dun:** Since natural blue dun necks start at about \$25 for a not-so-good and go up from there, most blue dun hackle is the result of dying other necks. "Blue Dun" is not a specific color, but rather a whole range of colors from nearly black to pale dusk, so you can hardly make a mistake.

You'll need an old pan that'll hold at least 2 quarts of liquid, some Rit Charcoal Gray dye, maybe some Rit Tan and 1 or more necks. You should also have some tongs unless you don't mind scalded fingers.

If you want dry fly hackle, don't start with a white neck. Instead use cream, cream variant, ginger variant and chinchilla necks. These all have stiffer hackles and will give varying degrees of bronze, which is highly desirable. The variants also give a lifelike color breakup effect. Wash the neck thoroughly in warm water and detergent before dying.

Heat your water to about 150 degrees and turn the stove down to its lowest heat. Dissolve no more than 1 teaspoon of dye in 2 quarts of water. For blue dun, use all charcoal gray; for rusty dun use 1/2 teaspoon each of charcoal gray and tan. Test the solution with a single feather before sacrificing the entire neck. The strength of the bath can be varied by adding more dye or by dilution, depending on the effect needed.

Immerse the neck quickly and agitate it against the grain to insure even color down to the base of the feathers. When the desired color is reached, rinse the neck in cool water until all excess dye is removed.

Dry the neck by pressing it between a couple of old newspapers. When it is dry, fluff up the feathers. If the skin is dry and stiff, rub in a little glycerin or hand lotion to soften it up. Have fun.

Bring a guest.



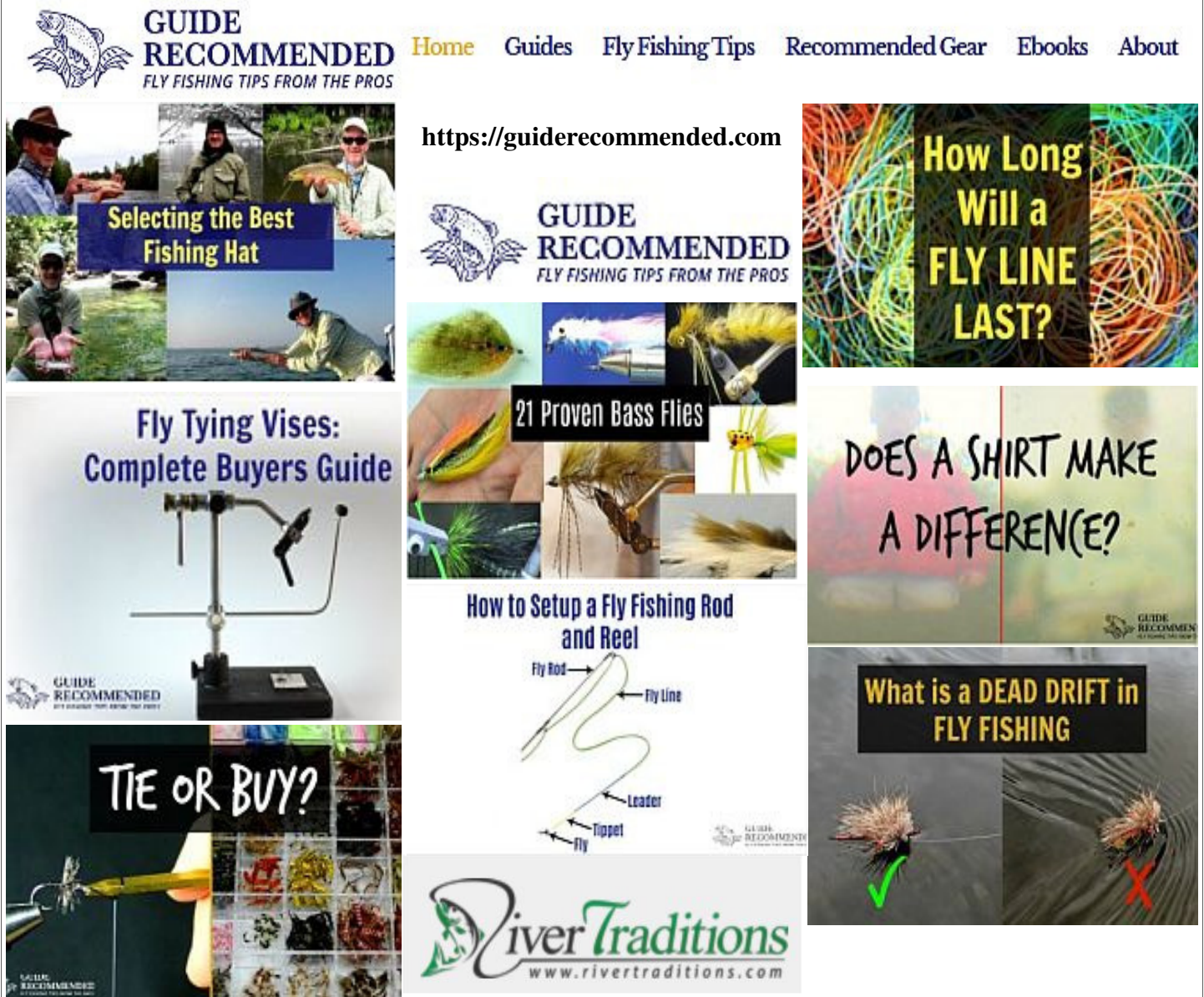
## Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2019

**November 26**; December 17

## Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2020

January 28; February 25; March 24; April 28; May 26; June ?? (Picnic)

July/August (no meetings); September 22; October 27; November 24; December 15



Note from the editor:

David Humphries of River Traditions has created the Guide Recommended site. I have been buying items from David for many years at his River Traditions website. His Guide Recommended site offers many helpful tips about fly fishing. Each one of the pictures is a link to some great tips and suggestions.

While you are at it, go on over to his River Traditions website at <https://rivertraditions.com> and check it out.

Larry



# **FFI Charter Club Benefits**

## **MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE & INDUSTRY PARTNER PROGRAMS**

With FFI's Membership Incentive Program, for every 12 new FFI members your club recruits, your club receives \$75 towards the purchase of merchandise in our Industry Partner Program. Our industry leading partners provide products at discounts for club fundraisers, educational events, and member recruitment and encouragement in local projects.

## **CHARTER CLUB INSURANCE PROGRAM**

FFI Insurance Program offers a significantly reduced premium on club insurance for FFI Charter Clubs. The master policy purchased by FFI provides Directors & Officers coverage of \$1M, Commercial General Liability of \$4M aggregate/ \$2M per occurrence, \$1M hired/ nonowned auto, and \$1M Umbrella liability. Open enrollment forms are sent with the annual report, but clubs can join any time during the year.

## **LEARNING CENTER**

FFI's Education Committee has published learning modules for 4 major areas: Casting, Conservation, Fly Fishing Skills, and Fly Tying. Clubs can use the materials to teach and help your members enhance their skills. These comprehensive presentations will soon be accompanied by instructor/ teaching manuals. Try it out at one of your club meetings!

## **CONSERVATION & EDUCATION**


FFI provides grants for conservation and education projects to councils, clubs and other organizations that are furthering the mission of the organization. Habitat restoration and education activities are a top priority for FFI. In addition, we offer scholarships for graduate students who are focusing on fisheries or conservation type degrees.

FFI also recognizes our members, through the Awards Program, for their work in conservation and education. Call FFI HQ for more information on grants and awards. Applications are due April 1 each year.

## **OTHER BENEFITS**

- » No club fees.
- » FFI HQ files club federal taxes.
- » Inclusion in FFI's 501(c)3 (optional).
- » Legal advice from FFI's attorney.
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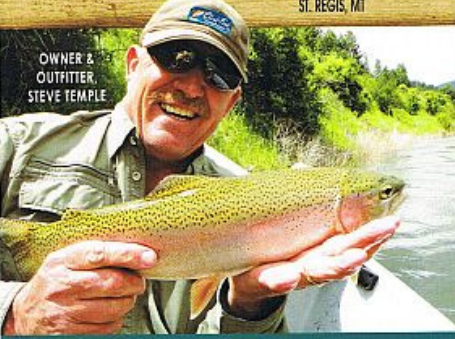


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# TFO Fly Rod / Reel Raffle Board

We have a great rod/reel/rod case raffle board starting up at our March meeting. Check it out!

## TFO **IMPACT** Fly Rod 9 foot / 6 weight / 4 piece / Fighting Butt

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## **NXT LA II REEL**

Lighter, higher-performance and now large arbor – the new Temple Fork LA NXT II reel is the definition of value in a fly reel. Lightweight cast aluminum, adjustable disc drag, and interchangeable spools make these reels a necessity for every freshwater angler. The NXT LA II reel is for 6/8 weight rods.



There is also an Adams Built rod/reel case to protect and carry this great outfit around.



## Pasayten Wilderness for July 2020

**At the meeting, Walt said all he needs is one more person to sign up for this and the trip is on. Any takers?**

I am interested in trying to organize a trip to the Pasayten Wilderness for July 2020. In order to find out if there is enough interest in pursuing this, I would like to put the following notice in to the next club newsletter:

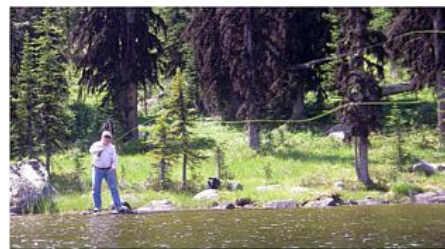
**"Anyone Interested in a Fly Fishing trip, via horseback, to the Pasayten Wilderness in July 2020?"**

The itinerary would be the same or similar to the one in 2009. A detailed description of what to expect for the trip, is on the Club's website, under Outings >Pasayten Wilderness. It would be a 6 day, 5 night trip. In order to have a private trip specifically for our Club, we would need a minimum of 6/maximum of 8 participants. The cost is approximately \$1500 + tax per person. This price includes everything except sleeping bag and pad, your personal stuff, and your fishing gear. My wife and I went on similar trip this past July to the Sawtooth/Lake Chelan Wilderness, and had a great time, with some fantastic fishing. The total cost for our trip was \$1625 per person.

If anyone is interested in this type of adventure, or have any questions, please let me know. If enough interest is shown by the **end of November/early December**, a non-refundable 30% deposit (about \$550) would be required by the end of December. This is needed, so we can secure the dates we want in July 2020. The balance would be due, two weeks prior to the beginning of the trip.

If interested please contact **Walter Ayers** at the club meetings or by email at **sabbatus2002@yahoo.com.**"

Thanks, Walter Ayers



## Grande Ronde Land Purchase

At the start of September, during a Board of Directors meeting, the **Washington State Council** Fly Fishers International voted to become involved in the purchase of some great steelhead land on the Grande Ronde so the people using the fishing area will have some place to park and camp. The WSC voted to donate **\$2,500** towards securing a PSA to place a hold on any other people from trying to purchase the land. The PSA has been secured. We now have 3 months to come up with the rest of the money so the WSC can purchase the land and donate it to the WDFW.

The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club (IEFFC) brought this matter to our attention. They have been working with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Wild Steelhead Coalition (WSC) to purchase an 8-acre parcel of land on the lower Grande Ronde River. The land, next to a couple of very popular steelhead angling spots - the **Shadow Hole and Turkey Run** - is currently being used by hundreds of steelhead anglers each year for access to the river and for parking/camping. Every steelheader who regularly fishes the lower Grande Ronde is familiar with this area and has most likely used it. Due to the generosity of the land owner, he has not posted the land however he has now decided he would like to sell it. He would prefer that it remain open for public use rather than having a private entity purchase it and then potentially block public access. The WDFW owns the shoreline easement so there would always be a narrow trail available but no parking/camping area that users have become accustomed to.

We need to raise at least \$30,000 to cover the land purchase, closing costs, and the WDFW environmental evaluation. We also plan to install a memorial to honor everyone who contributed to the project. Along with the IEFFC contribution for the earnest money, we have already received commitments from individuals.

The State will do an environmental impact study (EIS) for this action which may up to a year to complete. Hopefully the land purchase will move quickly which will leave some amount of time when the WSC will be the new landowners and can then donate it to the WDFW. The state has offered to lease the property from the WSC until such time as they can receive the land donation in order to cover the WSC in the interim for liability issues and operating expenses.

## 2020 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2020 Academy. Again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 21-27, 2020 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to teach them the basics of fly fishing and conservation. The event is one full week with some staff and all youth living in clean, warm cabins at the Gwinwood Center. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fly fishing gear.

The event is supported by WCTU and supported by WSCFFI, and members of TU and FFI fly fishing clubs of Washington.

The cost to each student is only \$300 for the week, sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, FFI fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funding.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2020 until April 15, 2020. Applications may be downloaded from our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) via email to [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net) or call 253-278-0061. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why **THEY** want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor. We have a Facebook page listed under our name for viewing pictures from previous events.

The 2020 Academy will be Jim and my last year as Directors for The Academy. It's time we passed the reins on to folks interested in carrying on with The Academy, while we can. The new folks are welcome to attend the 2020 Academy, to shadow us and we will help for as long as it takes to counsel the new Directors thereafter. The event is a two person task. Jim and I have enjoyed our time with the Academy. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact Jim or me. Jim's #360-943-9947.

We are very proud of The Academy; this has been a life changing experience for many of our youth.

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# November / December 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows. With night coming early, and dawn coming late, and ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires burn and the kettles sing, and earth sinks to rest until next spring." - Elizabeth Coatsworth					<b>1 November</b>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	<b>26 Club Meeting</b>	27	<b>28 Thanksgiving</b>	29	30

<b>1 December</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	<b>17 Club Meeting</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	<b>25 Christmas</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31	"Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!" - Charles Dickens			

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