

September 2006 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting -

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Niftys Fiftys Pub and Grill,
8924 Canyon Road E, Puyallup
Telephone 253-531-8202
Wet Line 6:30 P.M., Dry Line 7:30 P.M.

Program: Puget Sound Cutthroat & Salmon

Craig Coombs, Puget Sound searun cutthroat and silver salmon guide, will share his expertise.

Casting Expo: There's still time ... Saturday, **September 23**, the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers is hosting its annual Northwest Fly Casting Exposition at Tolt MacDonald Park in Carnation. Morning classes are from 9 to 11 and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3. Classes offered include "30 Days to Better Fly Casting" with Berris Samples.

Wanted: Program Chairman

Alpine Fly Fishers needs one, says President Bill Aubrey, who has been shouldering much of this club's organization and events the past year or so. There's a need for program ideas as well as someone to organize events, Aubrey says. Volunteers gladly accepted, he adds.

Washington Sportsmen's Show

Believe it or not, this year's show is just around the corner, Jan. 24-28, at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. Pat Blackwell is heading up the booth for the three area clubs – Puget Sound, South Sound and Alpine – and will be looking for volunteers to make the show another success.

Wounded Veterans Fly Tying Program

Here's a note from Jesse Scott, an Evergreen Fly Fishing Club member who lives in Edmonds, who has been instrumental in setting up the following program:

Madigan Army Medical Center at Ft. Lewis has introduced fly tying into their Occupational Therapy Clinic programs. The effort was initiated by Lt. Col. Warren Perry, a Battalion Commander and avid fly fisherman. He, and a few fly fishing friends, donated enough materials and tools to get the program started. It is now in its third month and is being well received by both the hospital staff and, more importantly, the wounded veterans.

The tying sessions are conducted in the Occupational Therapy Clinic every Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Individual instruction is paced to match each unique injury. Normally, we need three tiers for each session. So far, the majority of the volunteer instructors have been from the Seattle area. Ideally, if we could recruit volunteers geographically it would facilitate carpooling. The idea is to have enough volunteers so that each individual only goes to Ft. Lewis once a month or less.

The volunteer instructors have all been veterans, and most with combat experience, but this is certainly not a requirement. What we need are people who are interested in helping these young heroes. If you are interested, please contact Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 or "gardenfly@comcast.net".

Chatter:

Tuesday's meeting promises many fishing stories from summer months. Be there to get in on the fun and surprises. Don't forget to view the club's web site at www.alpineflyfishers.org and subscribe to the club's "yahogroups."

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