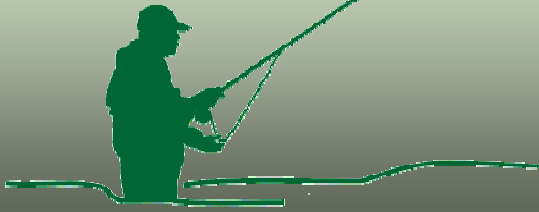


Alpine Fly Fishers



Meeting Location:

Niftys Sports Bar
8924 Canyon Rd E
Puyallup, WA 98371
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Socializing begins at 6:30

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December Meeting Date Change!

**Because the normal meeting date will fall on
Christmas Day,
the meeting date has changed to:**

Tuesday, December 18th.

Normal Time & Place

**This meeting is also our main
Club Fundraising Event!**

Annual Auction & Slide Show

**Bring , spouses, visitors & anyone else that you
can drag to the meeting!**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED ARTICLES!
WE STILL NEED MORE NEWS AND STORIES ABOUT OUR CLUB!
FISHING STORIES, TRIP PLANS, OR PICTURES, EMAIL TO
DOUG@NWOUTDOORLIVING.COM AND SHARE WITH THE REST OF
THE CLUB. ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR STORIES, TOPICS OR IDEAS
FOR THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Wild Trout Are Topic of Discussion

Federation of Fly Fishers at the Wild Trout Symposium

Taken from FFF Clubwire

FFF President R.P. Van Gytenbeek kicked off the first panel presentation of the 33rd year Wild Trout Symposium on October 10, 2007. Past FFF VP Communications and Roderick Haig-Brown Awardee Paul Schullery moderated the plenary session and did the WT-IX Symposium Wrap Up. There were over 180 registrants and the facilities and service at the West Yellowstone Holiday Inn Convention Center were probably the best ever. Fishery conservationists and working biologists gathered from across the nation as well as from Canada, Japan, Norway, and Scotland to present papers on the state and significance of wild trout management. Past FFF Conservation Coordinator Kasja Stromberg moderated panels on Native Species and FFF COO and Symposium Program Committee member Bob Wiltshire moderated the Contributed Papers Panel that included presentations on the Henry's Fork, hydroelectric impoundment effects, the use of isotope markers to track fish and wild trout management lessons. It was also great to have FFF leader Dick Brown and his wife of Flagstaff, AZ as well as Maggie Merriman attend WT-IX.

Former FFF Conservation Coordinator and Symposium Funding Development Manger Kiza Gates present a paper on angler transport of aquatic nuisance species and Leah Elwell, our current and dynamic FFF Conservation Coordinator presented the impacts on trout from the pervasive Didymo algae.

Marty Seldon, who has been the FFF Representative to the Symposium since 1979 and Awards Committee Chairman since WT-VII-2,000 did a PowerPoint show of past awardees that included FFF's Gardner Grant, Van Van Gytenbeek, Ernie Schwiebert, and himself. Aldo Starker Leopold Wild Trout Medals at WT-IX were conferred to Nathaniel P. Reed, the former Assistant Secretary of the Interior that approved and first funded these symposia and to Nick Lyons in the nonprofessional category. The Committee outlined a new Stewardship Award made to clubs or groups for the implementation of significant wild trout plans or projects that it is hoped will be FFF and TU sponsored. Marty Seldon was specifically honored by the establishment of the Marty Seldon Wild Trout Symposium Travel Scholarship that will provide two \$500 fishery student stipends to help them attend future symposia.

Wild Trout-IX was an outstanding success in all aspects. We were pleased to have such excellent Federation of Fly Fishers participation and would like to encourage more FFF members and fly fishing industry participation in future events. Wild Trout-X will be held in 2010. More information will be available at

www.wildtroutsymposium.com

Wild Trout IX

October 9-12, 2007

Holiday Inn

West Yellowstone, Montana



"Sustaining Wild Trout in a Changing World"

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AFF Website Makes Change!

By Steve Egge

The website has been moved from it's former hosting site to a GoDaddy hosting site ...

The move will save the club about \$25 a year. You shouldn't notice any changes, however, I have spent some time updating the weblinks page. I have added links to BLM maps, boaters passes for the Deschutes, BLM agencies, as well as the Native Fish Society and the Wild Steelhead Coalition. I'm trying to make it a "go to" page for information on fishing in the northwest. If there are other sites you would like to see on the page let me know.

webmaster@alpineflyfishers.org

Thanks Steve Egge!
For all your work on
the web site!

December Fly Of The Month

Skykomish Bee
Submitted By Bill Fox



Materials

Hook: Mustad #4 (9671)
Verigated Yellow & Black Chenille
Red Saddle Hackle
#2 Saddle Grizzly Hackle
2.5 Lead Wire
3.0 Black Monocord

Wrap thread on hook & then wrap 16-20 turns of lead & secure. Add red hackle tail, then grizzly hackle to palmer. Tie on chenille & wrap forward then secure leaving adequate head space. Palmer grizzly hackle forward & secure. Form small head with thread & then 5-6 half-hitches, cut thread & apply head cement.

A Club Members Fishing Experience

Summer Run Steelheading

By Steve Egge, AFF Member

Well it has been a good fall for standing in the rivers fishing for steelhead.

I had quite an eventful exploratory float on the Wenatchee river where I “donated”: my sage 6126 to the River while getting into my raft from a precarious mid river stop. By the time I was able to free the raft and “chase my floating rod” it was long gone over the next riffle and out of sight. Phil Fravel saved the day in trusting me to treat his 10 foot eight weight rod well enough not to loose it as we shore fished. I didn’t touch a fish that day or the next. I revisited the river 2 weeks later and still didn’t touch a fish nor recovered my rod. I figure I’m due to get one next year. Hope the river opens again.

I visited the Deschutes twice with fellow fishing partners Bob Alston and Kevin Bulley, once fishing out of Maupin, and once on a float trip from Mack’s Canyon to the mouth. I did hook up with fish on these trips and had a great time. The nicest part was getting my older brother into Spey rods and he managed to be standing in the right place at the right time and hooked and released 3 steelhead in 45 minutes. He is now a believer in Spey rods for Steelhead. One highlight of the lower Deschutes trip was watching Al Lind smoke a cigar which retained its ash for the entire session of Scotch consumption one night. Al used the Winston Churchill trick of placing a wire down the center of the cigar but neglected to sink it deep enough into the body so the last ¼ inch of the wire was sticking out the end, revealing his deceptive practice!

The John Day River was its peculiar self and didn’t give fish up easily but cooperated with all participants. It is always daunting to head out to the John Day in November but Bob, Kevin, John Peterkin and I experienced fairly mild and pleasant weather, despite some times of serious wind. The river is MUCH more crowded than it has been in years past. I don’t know why exactly, other than other rivers are getting so crowded that the John Day seems to get the overflow. Some of this is attributable to a new takeout that opened up mid float between the Cottonwood Bridge and Rock Creek at Starvation Point. The John Day is one of the few undammed rivers with no hatchery system left in Columbia system. I hope it stays that way.

Now on to winter runs ... Hopefully the next 5 months will yield something.

Mark your calendar

The 43rd Annual FFF International Fly Fishing Show / Conclave. The dates are set for July 22 – 26, 2008 and the location is Whitefish, Montana. Whitefish is a small town located on the shore of Whitefish Lake. Just a few miles from Glacier National Park and International airport.

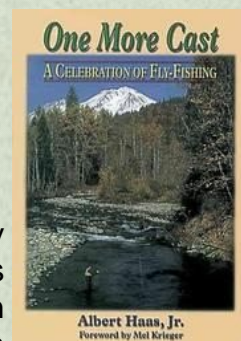
DVD & BOOK REVIEW

One More Cast

by Albert Haas, Jr.

Frank Amato Publications, Inc. - Portland, OR, 2001

150 pages, hardbound - not illustrated - suggested price \$24.00



The author provides the reader with a book of wit and humor with a fly fishing backdrop. This isn't about fly fishing so much as about author's views of both fly fishing and those, past and present, which participate in this great sport. The reader will learn of fishing on streams both famous and unknown where the discoveries about self, fishing and the outdoors in general are the topics of remembrance. In addition, you will learn some secrets like the Dot.Com fly guaranteed to catch more and bigger fish for high pressure executives requiring "quality time productivity". This is a wonderful read when fishing conditions are so bad even a steelheader will not venture forth. This is another out of print book that is worth the effort to track down and spend time with.

NW FLY FISHING EVENTS FOR 2007 – 2008

by Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

January 23-27, 2008

Washington Sportsman Show @ Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA

February 1-3, 2008

The Fly Fishing Show @ Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA

February 6-10, 2008

Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show, Portland, OR @ Portland Expo Center

Feb 21-24, 2008

Evergreen Sportsman's Show – Monroe, WA

Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2008

Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, Redmond, OR

Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2008

Idaho Sportsman Show – Boise, ID

Feb 29 - Mar 2, 2008

Great Western Sportsfishing Show – Spokane, WA

March 7-8, 2008

Oregon Council FFF – Northwest Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo, Albany, OR (www.nwflytyerexpo.com)

March 22, 2008

Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Expo @ Port Townsend, WA

March 29 – April 1, 2008

Great Alaska Sportsman Show, Anchorage, Alaska

May 3, 2008

Washington State Council FFF Event – "Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave" – Ellensburg, WA (www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

July ???, 2008

7th Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing & Bamboo Rod Fair @ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR (www.campshermanstore.com)

July 22-26, 2008

FFF 43rd Int'l Show and Conclave 2008, Whitefish, MT (www.fedflyfishers.org)

December 2007/January 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 <i>AFF HOLIDAY CLUB MEETING!!!</i>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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20	21	22 <i>AFF Club Meeting Nifty Fifties</i>	23	24	25	26
PUYALLUP SPORTSMAN SHOW!						

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