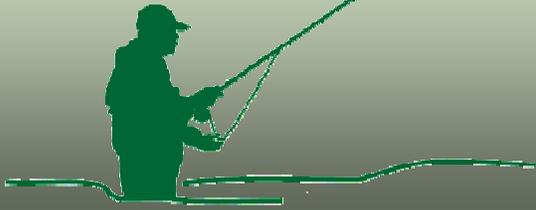


Alpine Fly Fishers



Don't miss the June program!

Al Lind
Will present a program on
The Dean River

Tuesday, June 26th, 6:30 p.m. @ Nifty Fifty's

M A Y 2 0 0 7 / N E W S L E T T E R

J u n e P r o g r a m

Al Lind is a retired airline pilot who fishes all over, including Canada, Argentina, Mexico and you name it. He has a passion for Steelhead and spey casting and fishes the Dean River in BC yearly. He is a member of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and tests fly rods for custom makers such as Bob Meiser from Oregon

F l y S h o p N e w s !

By Bill Aubrey

I stopped by the Puget Sound Fly Company in Kent to line up some spey reels. As always, the inventory and service were tops. Anil and Clark picked up some fixtures from The Morning Hatch and have even more flies and supplies now. There is also a rumor (confirmed) that our friend, Gary Sandstrom, stopped by and is doing great.

Bill Fox and I checked out the new shop in Poulsbo a couple of weeks ago on the way to Teal Lake. It is a nice shop convenient to Hwy 3 but does not open until 11:00. They HAD an Orvis midarbor on sale. The other danger here is that by continuing down the road about a mile, you are smack in the middle of three great bakeries. Check out the cinnamon buns.

N e w s l e t t e r N e e d s Y o u r S t o r i e s !

IF YOU HAVE 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!

In this issue:

- June Program
- Fly Shop News
- Send Your Stories
- Get Your Tickets!
- Conservation
- Fly of the Month
- Book Review
- Calendar

Of March's Program

Larry G. Writes:

"I would like to thank Pat & Jim for showing us the knots of leader making the other night. Anytime I can come away from a meeting having learned something new, I am happy. "

GET YOUR TICKETS!

*There are still lots of Trophy Lake tickets.
Anyone interested can see Duffy or me at the meeting, or give us a call.*



Conservation

Western Rivers Conservancy protects outstanding river ecosystems in the western United States. We acquire land to conserve critical habitat, provide public access for compatible use and enjoyment, and cooperate with other agencies and organizations to secure the health of whole ecosystems.

IN EVERY CORNER OF THE AMERICAN WEST is a stream that cries out for protection, because it is habitat for endangered fish and wildlife, because it is the scenic centerpiece of a community, or because it is a favorite haunt of boaters, anglers, and hikers. Western Rivers Conservancy answers those calls for help with one of the strongest tools for river protection: land acquisition.



**WESTERN RIVERS
CONSERVANCY**



Founded in 1988, Western Rivers Conservancy is the Nation's only conservation program dedicated solely to the protection of riverlands. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, we operated for many years as a program of River Network but in 2001 took our place as an independent non-profit organization.

Western Rivers Conservancy has helped protect more than 50,000 acres of significant riverlands - on such rivers as the Snake, Smith, Hoh, Sandy, Madison and Chetco. River conservation requires sensitivity to the resource, respect for landowner's needs, flexibility to adjust to the situation, persistence and expertise. Western Rivers Conservancy has set the professional standard in dealing with issues unique to river corridors - issues of resource assessment, valuation, title, funding and management.

"Wild Fish Conservancy works for the preservation of genetic integrity of wild fish stocks"

Hook: Tiemco 103BL, sizes 9-15 (or any standard dry fly hook)
Thread: 8/0 Uni-Thread, Rust Brown
Abdomen: Rabbit fur, rust blended w/some rust goat hair
Wing: White Calf tail
Hackle: two furnace or brown saddle feathers, slightly oversized
Legs: Brown rubber, medium
Head: same as abdomen



The Tiemco 103BL is a light wire dry fly hook. Whatever hook you choose to use, make sure it's not too heavy.

Try to use rabbit fur with plenty of guard hairs and mix with a little goat hair. "Spikey" is good.

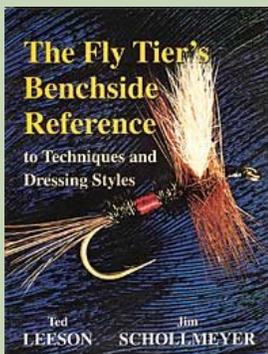
The best hair for the calftail wing comes from the base (as opposed to the tip) of the tail. This becomes especially important on smaller sizes.

You could certainly use neck hackle instead of saddle, but it will increase bulk at the hackle tie-in point. Use plenty of hackle. Try to get 5 or 6 turns on each fly. Slightly oversized hackle will aid floatation.

DVD & BOOK REVIEW

Book Review: The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference

The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference was written by Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer, and published in 1998 by Frank Amato Publications. It contains 444 pages of which 7 make up the index.



When this book first came out (I honestly thought it was just a couple of years ago) it cost exactly \$100.00, now I have seen new ones for \$68.00, and used ones for less than that. The book was billed as the holy grail of fly tying and with good reason.

The book simply covers every technique known to fly tying, and usually gives you more than one technique to accomplish a fly tying feat. For example, if you want to have a woven body (something I avoided in my twelve years of commercial fly tying), Leeson and Schollmeyer show you in great detail, 'The Banded Weave', 'The Parallel Weave', 'The Mossback Weave', 'The Overhand Weave', 'The Pott's Weave', 'The Half-Hitch Weave', 'The Criss-Cross Weave', 'The Spotted Strip Weave', 'The Mottled Weave', and 'The Crochet Weave'. Not only does the book describe how to do them, with very clear descriptions and more importantly pictures, but it will also tell you what the purpose of each technique is, including the materials it is used for, and the effects of each different weave.

And so it goes detailing each technique, how to tie parachute hackle, how to mount the posts, how to tie split hackle tails, biot bodies, hair wings. Nine pages on spent wings, 33 on downwings, 17 on legs. You get the idea. If there is ever a daunting fly tying procedure that you have never attempted or

have attempted only to be frustrated so much you went straight back to the first fly you ever tied for reassurance your coordination hadn't left you altogether, then this book WILL help you. And it will help you immensely.

The book is different than many fly tying books, in the way it is organized. Not by fly or type of fly. In fact it isn't a book of patterns or about insects or even frankly about flies. It is a book of techniques and it is organized as such. It has 15 chapters and begins with a very brief summary of fly tying materials. Something that the reader of this book should already have well versed. However it does have a few handy charts and pictures. And gives a very brief explanation types of hair and feathers etc. . It then goes on to give you several methods of de-barbing hooks and then sharpening them, (yes even chemically sharpened hooks need to be honed at some time.) Then Leeson and Schollmeyer go into thread handling, again it seems perfunctory. But finally the fun starts. With 21 methods of mounting and trimming materials. One thing about how-to books, I always find interesting is the author's ability to breakdown and name procedures you probably discovered all on your own, and never thought twice about them. This books is no different, but it does force you to think about fly tying, taking it off auto-pilot here and there is always a good way to question and improve.

The book takes us on a journey following the same map you follow when tying a fly. From thread handling to trimming heads. Along the way we look at bodies, tailing, wings, hackling, and legs. The organization is nice, so when you are referencing a particular technique, you can find it quickly in the book, by where you are in your fly.

Which brings us to the best part of the book, in that is it will be undoubtedly the most referenced book in your library. You will use it no matter what types of flies you tie. Whether they be #26 Tricos are #2/0 Saltwater patterns, or the whole gamut, there is stuff in here for you. It rarely will make it back on your shelf.

The only real drawbacks to the book are #1, price, although more affordable now if you shop around, it will still set you back. And #2 it is not for beginners, nor does it pretend to be., While it does give plenty of basic advice, one must have a general working knowledge of fly tying to really get use out of this book.

It also adds to the growing trend of spelling tyers, tiers. I wonder if the magazine will ever switch, I have always preferred tyer, but I seem to be in a shrinking minority. And it always comes up as a mistake in my spell checker.

Club correspondence can be sent to:

Alpine Fly Fishers
PO Box 3486
Federal Way, WA 98036

If you have an email address allow us to send this newsletter via the internet. If your email address has changed recently, please share your new address. Visit our website at www.alpineflyfishers.org.

Club Officers:

President:	Bill Aubrey	253-678-3683
Vice President:	Bob Jacobs	360-897-8733
Treasurer:	Duffy Christy	253-568-7965
Secretary:	Doug Smith	253-864-0674
Ghilly:	Bob Alston	253-848-6884
Librarian:	Bruce Everett	253-278-0164

June/July 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				21	22	23
24	25	26	AFF Meeting 27	28	29	30
			6:30 p.m. @ Niftys Fiftys			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	MEETING?	25	26	27
29	30	31				