

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Will Be Tuesday

April 22

We will be meeting at the

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM



The Dead Drift - April 2014

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By Larry Gibbs

I spent a few days in Albany, OR at the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo. The Oregon Council FFF puts on a great program. I did a number of hours of volunteer work, helping out in the auction/raffle donation area on Thursday then working the Merchandise Booth for a few hours on Friday and Saturday. I talked a number of people, including a very close friend of mine, into buying some of the special custom built Bamboo Rod & Reel raffle tickets. Guess what? Yep, he ended up winning the rod.

I also took some classes. One was by Jim Teeny on fly line selection and presentation. A good class and it makes you realize it is wise to have a few different fly lines with you when you are out fishing. The other class was very informative. Denny Rickards doing an advanced, in-depth stillwater presentation. If you ever see this class being offered again somewhere I would suggest taking it.

One of the main reasons I attend these events, is for the camaraderie. Over the many years I have been attending various fly fishing shows I have met a lot of great people. It is good to see them again and sit down to talk. Some are fly tyers, some are casters and some are fly fishers like myself.

Our Fly Fishing Fair that we have in Ellensburg every year is much like the Oregon event, just not as big. But, Oregon has been doing this event for 26 years, so give us time. It is a short drive over the pass to get to Ellensburg so please see if you can attend our event this year. If you show up come by the auction/raffle area and say Hi! to some of the great volunteers we have working there, many of them are from our very own club.

If you haven't purchased an AFF hat better do so soon. Check out page 4 for a photo of one. I only bought a limited number of them and I will not be ordering any more of them so now is the time to buy one.

Steve Egge is having our Lone Lake/Whidbey Island outing on the 28th and 29th of March, right around the corner from when I send out this newsletter. For those of you who made it I hope you had a great time and maybe even caught some fish.

Go to page 5 and check out some of the Live Auction items we are going to have at the WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg.

Most of all, get out and do some fishing, it is going to be a great year!!!

Good fishing.

Larry

International Federation of Fly Fishers

Fly of the Month

~ GLORIFIED WOOLLY BUGGER ~

April 2007

By

Bob Bates



“Big Fish” was the answer to my question “What do you catch with this fly?” Dorothy Zinky from Los Altos, CA was tying this pattern at the 3rd Fly Tying Expo of the Boise Valley Fly Fishers in Boise, ID, March 2007. The red eyes are probably what attracted my attention just as it does bass and trout. It is not a complicated pattern to tie, and with the potential of catching Big Fish it is worth giving it a try.

Dorothy usually fishes it in moving waters, rivers and streams, using a floating line and a downstream quartering cast. She called it a Berry Beck style. Naturally the cast and even the line are varied a little depending on stream flow and desired depth. Strip it back after the swing. She didn’t say so but I sometimes let the fly hang below me for a little while before stripping. The main thing is to try different retrieves to hook those big fish. Water temperature and other factors influence the fish and their willingness to strike. For lake fishing vary the retrieve, location and depth to get the fish to strike. Once fish start hitting keep with that technique until they stop. Also explore structures where fish might hang out.

Woolly Bugger -- From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Editors Note: The Origin of the Woolly Bugger, often spelled Wooly Bugger: Although the original Woolly Bugger pattern was believed to have been created by Russell Blessing, Pennsylvania Fly Tyer as early as 1967 to resemble a hellgrammite, or Dobsonfly nymph, its precise origin is unknown, but is clearly an evolution of the Woolly Worm fly,[3] which itself is a variation—intentional or not—of the British palmer fly, which dates back to Walton and beyond.

Materials List:

Hook: Dai-Riki 730, No. 8

Thread: Black, 6/0

Eyes: Nickel dumbbell with red or yellow eyes.

Flash: Krystal Flash, peacock

Tail: Marabou, black

Body/Hackle: 3 to 5 black hen hackles and one red dyed grizzly hen hackle

Legs: Nymph Sili Leg

Head: Peacock herl

Tying steps:

1. Several hooks with the red dumbbells can be assembled ahead of time. Some tying instructions will tell you to hold the eyes across the shank and secure them with a figure eight thread wind. For me it is easier to hold the eyes parallel to the hook, put on a few thread winds, twist the eyes into position and then do the figure eight wind. Set the eyes with Crazy Glue.
2. Put thread on the hook at the bend. Take two strands of Krystal Flash and fold them in half twice. Tie the middle of the bunch of Krystal Flash onto the hook at the bend.



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3. Select a bunch of marabou that is about twice as long as the hook and secure it at the bend. Pull back the strands of Krystal Flash pointing forward one at a time, distribute them around the marabou and secure. Wind thread to hold them in position. Leave thread hanging at front of marabou tail.



4. One at a time wrap hen hackles to build a thorax. The last hackle should end very close to the eyes.



5. Attach the red hen hackle between the last black hackle and the eyes. Take two wraps only, secure and trim.



6. Tie legs on in front of eyes, pull them back and secure them behind the eyes so two legs are on each side of the thorax. Attach a strand of peacock herl in front of eyes.



7. Put the herl in a thread loop, and twist them together. Wrap between the eyes, top and bottom, around behind and secure in front of eyes. Trim excess peacock herl.. Whip finish between the peacock herl and the hook eye.



Closing comments: Dorothy considers this pattern just another form of Woolly Buzzer. Certainly there are hundreds if not thousands of different Woolly Buzzers, and they all catch fish, even sometimes big fish. However, your chances might be better if you tie a few Glorified Woolly Buzzers and head for your favorite big fish waters.

AFF Hats On Sale Now!!!

By Larry Gibbs



I purchased some baseball style hats for the club. They will be on sale starting at our February club meeting.

Cost is \$12 per hat.

All funds collected will go into the AFF treasury and will be used as the club decides.

Supplies are limited. This is a one time offer. When these hats are all sold, there will be no others.



Head for Montana this Summer

Great Fishing

Great Fly Fishing Fair

August 5 - 9 in Livingston

A Fly Fishing Quote:

"His love of streams, of fishing, seemed so complete and pure and mysterious. He knew something I didn't... I wanted to learn how to find fish, how to tell a good stream from a bad one, how not to frighten trout in the water, what fly to use. I wanted to experience that, too, to love something so utterly you assumed everyone else was as fascinated with it as you."

*-- from an essay by Gretchen Legler --
www.alabiff.com*

WSCFFF & IFFF Events in 2014

The Washington State Council Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg will be on **Saturday** & **Sunday** in 2014, not Friday and Saturday. That is the first weekend in May. **May 3 & 4, 2014.**

The International Federation of Fly Fishers' Fly Fishing Fair will be **August 3rd thru the 9th** in 2014, at Livingston, Montana.

Alpine Fly Fishers Meetings in 2014

April 22 — May 27 — June 24 (Picnic)

July & August (No Meetings) — September 23 — October 28

November 25 — December 16 (Fund Raiser Raffle)

WaterMaster Raft For Sale

By Larry Gibbs

ALPINE FLY FISHERS CLUB FUND RAISER

I am donating this used Grizzly model WaterMaster raft to the Alpine Fly Fishers club as a fund raiser.

It has the upgraded oars. There is a motor mount that was never used. I used this raft for a few years then bought a pontoon boat then ended up fishing mostly guided trips on the rivers of WA and Montana. I only used this raft on the lakes, never on the rivers.

I decided to sell the WaterMaster since I am not using it. There is no air pump.

Our resident WaterMaster expert (PJ) estimated a value of \$500 to \$750.



I am offering this at \$500 - OBO



Some Live Auction items we will have in Ellensburg

Steve Pennington Bamboo Fly Rod: This is a Pine River model Trout Rod. It is an 8', 5 wt, 2 piece, with a spare tip section. There is an aluminum rod holder and a cloth sleeve. This is a fantastic bamboo fly rod. Steve Pennington has been making excellent bamboo rods for around 30 years. Donated by Larry Gibbs.

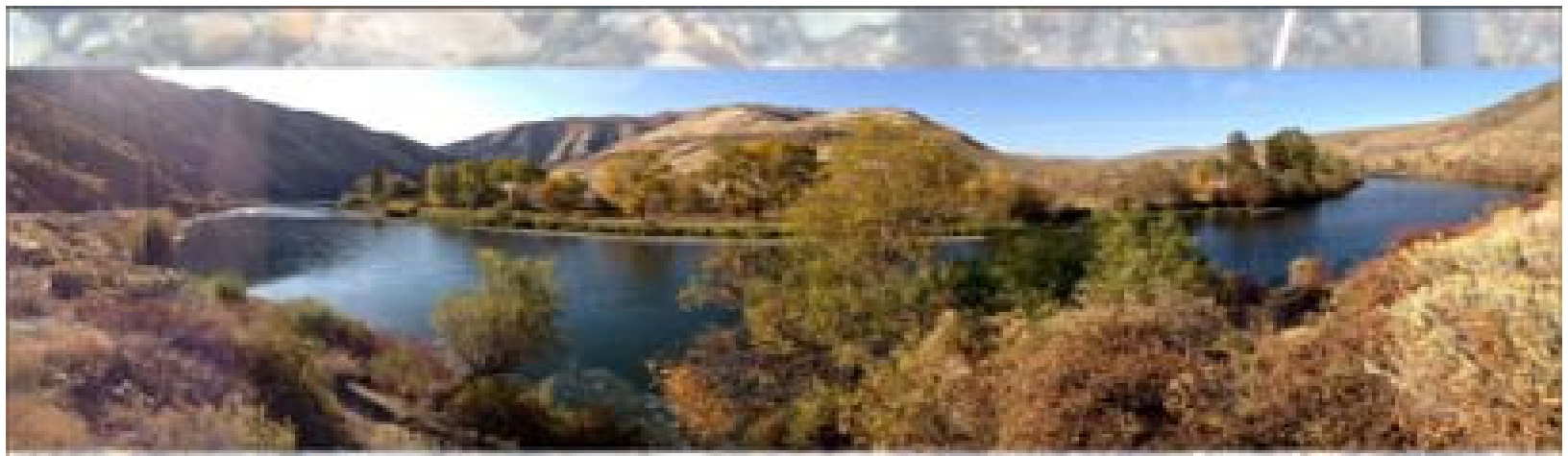
Two nights over looking the Spokane River living in a Yurt! Donated by Len & Dawn Zickler. Two nights at the Village at Little Falls - our Bed and Breakfast retreat on the Spokane River. The offer is for two nights in our 16' Pacific Yurt - the "Steinbeck". The property includes a bath house and picnic shelter and access to 750 feet of Spokane River. This is a magnificent retreat property. The location is secluded and ideal for fishing, hiking, mountain biking, bird watching or just relaxing. We are located 30 miles west of Spokane. Dates will be arranged based on availability. The offer includes two Dutch oven breakfasts.

Custom made fly tying bench! This is a black walnut custom made fly tying table with handmade tools, Dubbing maker and a Flashabou holder. Donated by Gilbert Biles

One Day Guided Drift Boat Trip on the Yakima River: Steve Worley is offering a one day guided drift boat fishing trip on the Yakima River in the Ellensburg area. This is for one or two people. Flies and lunch are included. This trip is good for the 2014 fishing season.

Clark Fork River Super Trip!! Dawn to Dusk: This will be an 18 mile float on the Clark Fork River from dawn to dusk. You will drift from St. Regis, MT all the way to the Cascade ramp. Dinner will be served and a new guide will take over from there. Guides will be owner Steve Temple and Brooks Sanford. The earlier the better and subject to a time when both guides are available. All flies are included. Trout/Smallies/Northern Pike!

Pick a Vise: Dean Childs is offering your pick of one vise from his collection of 20 vises. The winner of this item will be able to choose from a great selection of 20 vises that Dean has in his collection. Most are new, some used only by Dean. Pick from vises like: 2 HMH's; Vosseler (German); Marryat MP Swiss; 3 Regal's; Dyna King; and others. He will mail your choice to you or you can come to his place and pick the one you want.



The Washington State Council
of the
International Federation of Fly Fishers presents the 8th Annual

Fly Fishing Fair

“Explore the Art of Fly Fishing”

- * Workshops and Programs
- * Fly Casting and Demonstrations
- * Fly Tying Demonstrations
- * Vendor Exhibits
- * Raffles and Silent Auctions
- * Live Auction
- * Awards Banquet

General Admission \$5

IFFF Members & Youth Under 16 FREE!

(to register in advance visit www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)



Exhibit Hall Hours:
Saturday May 3, 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday May 4, 8 AM - 3 PM
Kittitas County Fair Grounds, Ellensburg, WA



Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

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

Co
or

Yesterday a Child came out to Wander

The night holds many treasures folded within its enveloping embrace. I lightly danced around our small mobile home's living room in my stocking feet, my two and half year old daughter lightly held in my arms. The stereo held a stack of LP's as we sashayed round and round the room to the music and lyrics of musicians of the 60's and seventies. Terry was attending a well deserved ranch wife's night out, square dancing with others in the small ranch community of Wellington NV. Being people shy I had begged off, she need her time out, but I was where I needed to be holding my daughter in my arms listening to, John Stewart, the Eagles, Tom Rush, Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young and Fred Neil. Those simple evening weren't many maybe six or seven in total but I hold them in my heart for all time, I know in those moments that God moved, the angels cried and a memory was born.

Over the years I have written many stories that have alluded to or featured my son as a participant in my outdoor adventures; but before my son was old enough to participate in my outdoor pursuits I had another companion who walked the path beside me until her path diverged into other ripples and river channels. Nicole, PT (Precious Treasure) or Co as I affectionately call her came into my life in the wee hours of a Sunday morning in late May. I knew love with my wife Terry but when Co entered my world my heart grew bigger than the sun. While she and her mother recuperated in the



Hospital, I recuperated in a hay meadow in the Ruby Mountains falling asleep on the handle of a shovel while tending the first irrigation of spring. I remember dreaming of the poem that starts with, "Sunday's child is full of grace, Monday's child is fair of face" and feeling filled with peace as the gentle spring sun struggled with a cool down canyon breeze to keep me warm and comforted as I slept slumped over that hand worn shovel handle.

"We cannot return we can only look behind from where we came and go round and round in the circle game."* Co and I shared many early adventures as her legs grew strong enough to walk her own path in this world we call home. Co expanded her world from the very beginning, her crawling took her to our ranch trailer cabinets, and she would happily empty the pots pans and canned goods onto the kitchen floor and climb on in to discover what else was hiding within its small dark recesses. She made her first discovery of mouse traps and was dismayed to find it clamped tightly to her middle and pointer fingers when she grabbed it. Now Co doesn't like pain but she had an amazing ability to not

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share her pain with crying or verbal hysteria, her eyes showed her surprise and her face screwed up in a grimace and then she carried on with her explorations.

She loved to climb and she experimented with cabinets, couches, fireplace grates, barbwire fences (bouncing on barbwire fences in point of fact), and cattle gates, she was always asking to climb up on roofs and or the steepest path up a bluff or hill. She wandered in a calf herd, rode between my legs on tractors and backhoe's. She was waiting when I came home for lunch and at the end of the work day always ready for a new adventure.

As her legs grew longer and steadier, her ideas of how the world was supposed to work became stronger as well. She was not afraid to experiment with life, she took to a bicycle like she was born to ride and she flew until she crashed and then she wouldn't touch the bike; it was month or more before she forgave it for betraying her. In a foot race with her Mom she lost, when Terry explained that sometimes in life you lose, Co exclaimed "my life is not like that", indignant at the age of four that she had lost to her mother. In another fit of impatience with life she punched out a pane of glass when she could not go with me to mow a house lot. I deemed that our old rotary lawn mower and the rocks on the vacant lot was a bad place for my bonny wee lass to be, she just knew that she wanted to be with me. I will gladly patch a million panes of glass just to know she wanted to be with me. God again moved in that moment and the angles cried!

As she grew, whenever I could, she accompanied me on travels; she spent two weeks with me at a Christian Brothers retreat in the High Sierras, while I worked on repairing and rebuilding a dining hall roof and several cabins damaged by heavy snowfall. In the evening she would join in my philosophical discussion with the bothers on life, spirituality and the meaning and symbolism in Catholic services. I was very impressed with the bothers as they never talked down to her but answered her question with warmth and joy at her insightful questions.

It was during this sojourn that she and I hiked into Dinkey Lakes for an overnight backpacking trip. She and I sat out a thunder and lightning storm in a basalt slot canyon on my backpack, while lightning rippled through the storm darkened summer afternoon, striking the canyon's rim multiple times just 20 feet over our heads. I know I was the one the most afraid, just wanting to protect my PT and she just felt protected, if Dad was there everything was OK.

The carousel of time continued to turn, we now sat together in an old brick warehouse converted to an Art Institute in the port area of San Francisco Bay, it was her entrance interview and we discussed the use of light, color, shape and texture to create living space and display with the dean of interior design. The wheel turned again and my eyes leaked excessive amounts of water when I responded to the minister's request, who gives this bride to be married and I responded her "Mother and I."

My PT is now 37 with four sons of her own; the season they go round and round and the carousel of time keeps on turning, the painted ponies go up and down and bicycle wheels have given way to car



wheels, now she and I walk with her boys on adventures together. The carousels turning has brought with it small changes, I no longer follow her up the rocky outcrops, she and I now follow her boys through the tangles and boulder strewn fields and river plains and warn them away from barbwire fences. We still talk about music, life, color, light, spirituality and the meaning and symbolism of life, art and movies. My hands no longer carry her rocks and sticks, now they are filled with her son's rocks and sticks and whatever else they can convince us to carry for them. God moves in these moments, the angels cry and new memories are born to carry with me for all time.

Through touch we know the world, all the knowing is in the air surrounding us, we need to let go so that we truly hear it speak to us. For me my greatest knowing and joy comes when I hold my wife, children and grandchildren to my chest, heart to heart, that is when I merge with the universe and am held in the hands of god. Those simple dance steps with my daughter held in my arms opened up a world of knowledge and peace that helps me walk through this world with grace. She may never hold a fishing rod in her hands but she will always stand with me on the stream of life, she is a child of grace.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

* Thank you to Joni Mitchell for the use of her lyrics from the Circle Game.

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

April Speaker — Stephen Neal

Fishing in Northern California

I caught some fish in 2013

Had good times in Montana on the Clark Fork River, the Missouri River, the Flathead River and in Washington on the Yakima River.



20 inch Smallmouth on the Flathead



21.5 inch Brown on the MO



Yakima River
Steelhead



Nice Missouri River Brownie

Clark Fork River
Rainbow



IFFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SPRING 2014

April 3-5, 2014 Missoula, Montana

CI Preparation Clinic and Orvis Guide Rendezvous Prepare for the casting instructor test with IFFF top instructors during this one day clinic on April 3 and enjoy seminars, presentations and workshops during the Orvis Rendezvous April 3-5th.

April 4-6, 2014 Norfolk, Arkansas

White River Fly Fishing School The school is for anglers who are brand new to fly fishing up to those with intermediate skills who want to make their time on the water more productive. Casting instruction, 2 1/2 days of guided fishing, 2 nights lodging, and all your meals included.

April 5-6, 2014 Redding, California

Northern California Fly Tying Expo Featuring over 50 tiers from Northern California and Oregon with morning and afternoon tying sessions, hand-on fly tying and casting, and several outstanding speakers.

April 12, 2014 Brighton, Missouri

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo Join us for the largest fly fishing / fly tying event in Missouri. Fly tying demonstrations, fly casting, youth events, and a lot of fun! Free and open to the public. Contact lwegmann@sbcglobal.net for more information.

April 12, 2014 Downey, California

Downey Fly Fishers Annual Fundraiser Help support the DFF and get great deals on fly fishing gear. Contact zino@essentialsupplies.com for more information.

April 12, 2014 Grand Junction, Colorado

Western Colorado Fly Fishing Expo Join the Grand Valley Anglers for their 16th Annual Expo. Activities include special youth programs, hourly fishing programs, casting and tying instruction for youth, demonstrations of the latest fly rods and reels, and vendors. Free and open to the public.

April 12-13, 2014 Waynesboro, Virginia

Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival The Chesapeake Council will be staffing a booth at the show with free casting lessons and more. Come joining us.

April 24-26, 2014 Idaho Falls, Idaho

Eastern Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo Opportunities at the 21st annual East Idaho Expo include workshops, women's programs, fee programs and free youth activities.

May 3, 2014 Livingston Manor, New York

Wild Trout Fly Rodders Catskill Flycasting Rendezvous, This will be the second annual rendezvous on the grounds of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. The rendezvous will be open to the public for casting demonstrations, lessons, and group classes in fly casting or fly tying.

May 3, 2014 Natchitoches, Louisiana

Cane Country Fly Casters Expo The Cane Country Fly Casters will be holding their 2nd annual expo this year. Presentations on freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, adventure fishing, fish senses, youth activities, casting games and instruction. Fun for the whole family!

May 3, 2014 West Point, New York

US Military Academy - Boy Scouts of America Camporee The Chesapeake Council will be providing casting instruction at this event. For more information please contact fordrr@hotmail.com.

May 3-4, 2014 Ellensburg, Washington

Washington Fly Fishing Fair There have been major changes to this event this year. The 8th annual event will be open to public on Sat and Sun with workshops, tying demos, casting demos, a free Fly Fishing 9 Hole Casting Course, private casting lessons with a CI, free seminars, and much more.

May 16-17, 2014 Cullowee, North Carolina

Southeastern Fly Fishing Festival A fun-filled weekend of programs, presenters, exhibitors and numerous (mostly free) presentations and classes. Please join us in Cullowhee for the best fly fishing education event in the Southeast.

May 17-18, 2014 Renton, Washington

Atlantic Salmon Fly International A celebration of the passion and art of the Atlantic salmon fly. Fly tying demonstrations and presentations.

May 31, 2014 Pylesville, Maryland

Youth Fly Fishing Camp The program includes instruction in fly tying, entomology (insects), fly casting, basic equipment & knots, and on the water instruction.

May 31-June 1, 2014 Malaysia (International Event)

United Fly Anglers IFFF Mini Fly Fishing Fair Activities will include fly casting clinic and demo, fly tying workshops and demo, and certified casting instructor tests.

April / May 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Your 2013 WA fishing license EXPIRED on March 31		1 April	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Club Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Come to E'Burg, Enjoy the Show		

Just in case you haven't heard, the WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg is going to be held on Sat/Sunday, May 3 & 4				1 May	2	3 WA Fly Fishing Fair
4 WA Fly Fishing Fair	5	6	7	8	9	10
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