

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

April 24

As always, at the

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215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM



FFI
Charter Club



The Dead Drift - April 2018

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By Larry Gibbs

I attended the Northwest Fly Tyer Expo in Albany in March. I try to go to this event every year when possible. They have a lot of fly tyers attending who come from all over the west. I bought many raffle tickets and won a number of fly tying supplies, plus I bid on a couple good looking necks and won them. I was a spotter during the live auction on Friday night. I couldn't resist bidding on a new TFO fly rod, the Axiom II. Won it.

I do enjoy meeting a lot of friends that I only get to see at events like these. Events like the Albany show, our own show in Ellensburg and the big show, the Fly Fishing Fair held by the FFI, (*which takes place in Boise, ID this year*), affords one the opportunity to meet and greet a lot of very good people.

Check out the article I wrote about the newest fly rod board on page 8. I have added a TFO reel to each of the TFO fly rods, plus I placed each of them in a rod/reel case. These will be great outfits for someone to have. Buy your squares over the next few months and maybe we can fill up this latest rod/reel/case board and pick a winner before summer really gets started. I figure the final rod/reel/case board will be finished this coming fall.

I do believe that spring is finally almost upon us over here. It is about time. The waters are warming up, the bugs are starting to hatch and the fish are hungry. A great combination. I do look forward to drifts down the Yakima River with the Worley Bugger Fly Co. Over in Montana, I am also looking forward to doing some drifts down the Clark Fork River and the Flathead River with the Clark Fork Trout fly shop. Lots of snow has fallen in the mountains so I hope the river temperatures stay decent this summer and that they don't warm up too much. I have a couple new fly rods that I have to try out and the best way to do that is with a fish on the other end.

Speaking of snow, I checked the snow levels for the mountains in Montana that pertain to the Clark Fork River basin. The levels are from 123% up to 155% of normal. Fantastic!! The snow level in the mountains around the Yakima River are not as high, mostly at 100%, but that is better than being really low. With the lakes that feed the Yak, the summer levels should be running good, cool and clear.

I want to thank Steve Worley, Aron Larsen & Nathan Schepker for traveling over from Ellensburg yesterday. Steve gave a very informative presentation on Smallmouth & Largemouth Bass fishing in eastern Washington.

Good fishing.



Larry

Fly Fishing International

Fly of the Month

April 2002

CHICKABOU SOFT HACKLE

" Standard" Chickabou Soft Hackle



By Bob Bates

" Full" Chickabou Soft Hackle



Several months ago the Oregon Council, Federation of Fly Fishers received a generous contribution of Hoffman Chickabou patches from a party on the East coast. They in turn sent boxes of patches to every council in the United States. There were no restrictions on how the patches were to be used. The Washington State Council, FFF gave four patches to each FFF fly club in the state. They can be used for fund raising, fly tying classes, etc.. Since some people haven't watched Henry Hoffman tie flies at the annual shows, I decided to dig two of his flies out of storage and write about them.

These flies were tied by Henry Hoffman at the 31st FFF Conclave and Show (1996). The one tied with all fluffy Chickabou is best for lake use. The other one tied with some fluffy Chickabou and the less fluffy fibers near the feather's tip works best in gentle streams. Henry tied the fluffy one, saved the feather tip and used it for the second fly. Henry had a fish tank to let people see how Chickabou moves in water. "Rods" (wooden dowels) with monofilament and flies attach let us move the flies through the water in various ways. When a Chickabou Soft Hackle was pulled straight through the water there was a little fluttering movement of the fibers. However, when a strip/pause retrieve was simulated there was a tremendous movement of the barbs and barbules. On the "strip" barbs would lay close to the body with a little fluttering and on the "pause" the fly would sink and the fibers would stand out from the body. Action like this attracts any curious fish.

Depending on the situation (and your inclinations) Chickabou Soft Hackles can be fished in lakes or streams with floating, sink-tip or full sinking lines. As always try different retrieves until you find what fish like.

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3906B, 10-16

Weight: Small gold bead

Thread: Brown 6/0

Tail: Chickabou

Rib: Gold wire, fine

Body: Chickabou

Hackle: Chickabou

Tying Steps:

1. Smash down the barb if you wish.

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2. Slip on a gold bead. If you have beads with a small hole on one side and a large one on the other thread it onto the hook so the small hole is next to the eye. If, on the other hand, you have the misfortune to own beads with a big hole all the way through, then a little pre-work is needed. Thread the bead onto the hook, place a generous drop of thick head cement on the shank behind the eye and slide bead over it. Lay hook on a metal or glass surface so the edge of the hole in the bead touches the eye and let glue dry.
3. Put hook in vise, put thread on hook and wind it back to bend of hook.
4. You can break off the tip of a Chickabou feather for the tail. Squeeze the tip and tie it on so there will be gap-width long tail. Save the butt section and use it for hackle on this or another fly.
5. Secure fine gold wire at hook's bend.
6. Pick a longer feather, squeeze all the fibers together and secure it at bend with tip forward. Wind thread forward to a point about one-third shank-length back from the eye. Wrap a soft fuzzy body forward, secure and trim excess. As you wrap the body, lay one wrap next to the other without overlapping so the body doesn't get too thick.
7. Counter wrap wire rib over body to protect the delicate fibers.
8. Pick a feather with quite a bit of Chickabou (fluff) on it and trim off a little at the base. Tie the feather in by the butt and start to wrap it. The base of most feathers is thick and tends to twist. Place nail of the forefinger against the backside and hold it straight as you wrap. (This is a trick that Henry learned 40 plus years ago when tying dry flies with import hackles.) Keep wraps open so fibers will be able to move. Secure behind bead, trim (keep the tip) and whip finish behind the bead.
9. The tip of the feather, with little or no fluff, can be used to make the "standard" soft hackle version of the fly. You can see the difference in the pictures above. Chickabou Soft Hackle flies really have the movement to drive fish wild. So when you start using them in some of our quality lakes be ready to be towed around in your float tube or do serious battle from you boat.

Henry suggests: Use only tail, body and rib on a size 16 fly. Don't put on hackle. Henry took his time going back to Oregon from the Conclave. He fished 17 days using Chickabou Soft Hackle flies. On the Snake River he went after smallmouth bass with size 6 and 8 hooks. Caught 30 on the 1st day, eight the 2nd and on a side water caught 14 fish 10- to 15-inches long. He is one guy who has his priorities straight.

Back of Beyond

By *Stephen Neal*

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

Good and Plenty

The last stretch of our made-up trail, took all the starch out of me and my legs. Sean and I had not chosen wisely. We lost the main trail in a meadow, our searching failed to relocate it. (In the Pacific Northwest Rainforest, that happens, a trail may last for several years in a row, then in a few days the river will take it, or multiple fallen trees make it impassable. Lack of funding for trail maintenance compounds the problem.) We headed to our right, as the river was on our left, believing that we would find it cutting across our path of travel. No such luck! What we did find was thick rainforest undergrowth. It kept pushing us further Northwest, away from the river and camp. Even the elk by-passed the area we hiked, none of the usual interlinking elk trails were evident. Our cross-country route added time, distance and interwoven fallen tree traverses, to our expedition.



Distance in a rain forest is a different reality, one still tries to go from point A to point B, but you better have trigonometry in your back pocket. The coordinates of X, Y, and Z, will be used. In 50 feet of travel you will turn left, right, backtrack, crawl under, climb over and fall in a hidden depression. To keep in touch, we called out to each other often, just within feet of each other, we were completely out of sight. It not just the tress and undergrowth, there are holes. One-time Sean called out to me, I answered I'm here, his response was where? I revealed myself to him less than 20 feet away, as I emerged like the swamp thing, from the human swallowing hole, I had fallen into after stepping across a log. At least my landing was spongy soft, if a bit on the damp side. I pulled plant foliage off my waders and jacket and resumed our journey.

I was one tired puppy when we finally made it back to our camp. The removal of my boots and waders took longer than usual, I husbanded what little energy I had left and with a little help from Greg, completed the task. My wadding staff was in pieces, my spey rod, thank God was OK, it earned a few assists in keeping me up-right. Sean and I felt blessed, Greg had the campfire going when we returned, its warmth eased the transition from exertion to ease. I let my sweat and weariness dissipate in our heated little oasis in the wilds.

The group of gentlemen I fish with, have developed a tarp precept. In rainforest camping, shelter comes first, then fire or the makin's thereof. Tarp deployment is one of the selection criteria when choosing a camp site.

Hanging a tarp over the table and fire pit begins upon arrival! Followed by fire pit cleaning, next comes firewood. Once those tasks are completed the other camp tasks can proceed. This oasis becomes the heart and soul of a campsite, this is where friends gather, food is prepared, consumed and savored. Light and heat are found here, pipes and cigars are enjoyed, beer and single malt whiskies are shared, soft music gives it texture, and stories fill in the crevasses.

The campfire moves through phases, like the moon transiting the night sky. The first fire of the evening is built for warmth, wood is added to increase the sphere of it comfort zone. For cooking, the fire is allowed to die back, the coals are pushed back under the grate. Foil wrapped potatoes are placed amongst the hot coals, alder kindling is added, its flavorful smoke infuses the chicken, it also adds a sweet and zesty smell to the camp air.

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After dinner the campfire takes on camp clean up duties; used paper products, crumbs and leavings, turn to ash and smoke amidst the coals. The campfire morphs again, the coals are now pulled forward, wood is added, its primary function has reverted to heating. Post prandial pipes are lit, sips of single malts scotch are sampled as storytelling resumes, we settle back into our chairs absorbing the heat radiating outward. Our settling in, marks the beginning of the end of the evening. As the day's journey catches up with us, fewer trips are made to the wood pile. The fire dies back, when its critical mass diminishes to the point where cold pushes us towards our beds, we leave the coals to flicker and die in the cold damp night air.

Activity in the oasis is choreographed like a Mark Knopfler song, each note and word twines together, strengthening each other, when words fall short the narrative is taken over by the music. The richness of the tapestry that is woven, deepens into the sublime. As a connoisseur, I observe, absorb and contemplate. The heat rising off the pulsating coals feathers the aluminum foil covering the chicken. The splitting of alder, is a counter point to the patter of falling rain on the tarp over our head's. Like a metronome, Greg's soft footsteps mark time, as he feeds the fire, alder sticks and tends the chicken. The hiss of the Coleman lantern as it's light pushes back the darkness, melds with the melody of the river's evening song. The River's deep base roar is reduced to a whisper by the surrounding forest.



The kettle drum sound of water logged tree limbs, shedding accumulated water, pounding the ground. The pop and snick of Sean's camper door as it opens and closes, when he checks on us to time the proper arrival of his salad and string beans. The musical notes of single malt scotch poured into a metal cup or the shh-nip of a beer cap removal emphasizes the melody. Added to all of this is our conversations about the day's fishing and life musings. All these individual acts weave together to creating music in our rainforest oasis.

The music composition I am enjoying, is supported by visuals. Each time I gaze into the fire, it has another picture displayed. Reds intermingle with blues, yellows, and black. Flames highlight or shade the story it is revealing. When I look beyond our camp-light, ancient trees take shape in the darkness. Their immensity pulls one's eyes toward the heavens, they stand tall, ancient guardians in this land of giants. Their size and breadth change the patterns of the falling rain.

Earth, water, fire and air. These four elements entwine us all, they are saturated into our DNA. Like mankind that came before us, we too huddle near a fire as it's light punches a hole in the dark. On one hand we feel insignificant, as if we can do nothing to change the world. But mankind is not separate from the world, we are the music also. Our efforts ill or nil change the world around us. We need to be ever vigilant in how we treat this ball of life we inhabit. Earth, water, fire and air it is what we are. Take time to appreciate what has been bequeathed to us, unwrap yourselves from your cocoons, shut off your electronic devices and step out into the night and embrace the stars. Join your ancestors around the campfires of life. Listen to its song of the world, it was written just for you

My sincerest appreciation to Greg McDonald and Sean Gallagher who freely shared their knowledge, wisdom, experiences and love of the Pacific Northwest's Rainforest with me. They allowed me to walk with them in this field of the Lord. This article is dedicated to them and as promised I called this trip Good and Plenty.

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

Stephen

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

~ *In The Past* ~

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers
'The Fly Line' -
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May of 1974



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1974. The information it contains is 44 years out of date and is not accurate. This is a historical document only.

Next meeting:

Date: Monday, May 6, 1974

Program: A slide and tape show on "Saltwater Fly Fishing" by Lefty Kreh

Door Prize: 1. Hand Vise
2. Thermometer

Fishouts: Consult your calendars! The next scheduled fishout is May 25 - 27 at Dry Falls Lake. Our early warning system indicates enormous crowds of campers and fishermen over Memorial Day at Dry Falls Lake. Be prepared to discuss a possible change of dates. The most likely alternatives appear to be May 18 and 19.

Opening Day: Fun for all in spite of mixed success. Those of us who fished Price's Lake labored mightily to carry boats to the water's edge. The reward for our efforts was meager indeed: few fish spotted and fewer caught. Price's Lake has not been stocked this year.

Gary Strodz reports a successful outing to the Snoqualmie Falls Tree Farm. Cutthroat to 14 inches! He notes that the area contains numerous small lakes. Beaver ponds and streams are also abundant and will open in May. A quick glance at the map reveals a tremendous amount of fishable water relatively close to home.

Liars' Reports: Let's begin to build a better record of fishing places that will be useful to club members in planning future outings. Attached is a blank copy of the Liar's Report. When completed, these reports can be returned to Reed Miller or **Jim Higgins**. Additional blanks can be obtained from Jim or Reed.

New Members And Guests: Keep up the good work! A full third of those in attendance at our last meeting were guests. The club also welcomed new members Bruce Nakamaru, Gary Ritchie and Phil White.

Fly Fishing Tip:

In place of the usual fly pattern **Gary Strodz** offers the following useful hints with the next fishout in mind.

DRAGON FLY NYMPH

A good nymph pattern for lakes such as Dry Falls is the Dragon Fly Nymph. Many good patterns of this nymph may be found in Roy Patrick's book "Flies of the Northwest" and in the "Northwest Fly Patterns" by the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club. Your choice of patterns is not nearly as important to productivity as to how you fish your Dragon Fly Nymph. Your Dragon Fly Nymph should be fished deep and slow with sporadic, erratic jerks. The living nymph propels itself through the water by means of expelling small spurts of water through its posterior anal cavity. This means of locomotion is used to cover about 18" to 2" in one spurt. At other times, the nymph moves along the weed beds by crawling. It is this behavior that we are trying to imitate. Any good nymph representation acting like a natural can do wonders, unnatural can turn the trout off.

Classified Ads: Reed Miller Flies!!

Wets - 35 cents each or \$3.50 / doz
Dries - 40 cents each or \$4.00 / doz
Sizes 16 - 22 - 50 cents each or \$5.00 / doz

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING

PAY YOUR DUES

Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2018

April 24; May 22; June 26 (picnic)
September 25; October 23; November 27; December 18

A Fly Fishing Quote:

*“A line must always be fastened securely to the inside of the spool.
If you forget once and a fish strips the reel naked, you deserve several kicks.
If you forget a second time, you are not worth kicking.”*

*Eric Taverner and John Moore
“Thoughts”
The Angler’s Weekend Book [1949]*

Thanks to the Quotable Fisherman by Nick Lyons

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY - 2018

by Mike Clancy

The deadline for the 2018 Academy is closing in – **April 15, 2018** is the deadline for the Academy. Those that apply and are accepted, will be notified by the middle of May. The Academy this year is again the last full week of June 24-30, 2018. The Academy is held on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. Applicants need to write an essay explaining why “they” would like to attend. They also will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor, science teacher or responsible person. The applicant, boy or girl, 12-16, should not be 17 at the start of the Academy. Cost is \$300 and there are sponsorships available. No one will be turned away because of lack of money.

The support from the fly fishing community again this year is nothing short of spectacular. Applications are coming from all over the State. In the past years, we have been supported by over 50 volunteers each year. We will need volunteers again this year as guides to take the kids fishing in the morning and evenings. We will be fishing a local pond and the Deschutes Rivers in Thurston County. The Academy has a Facebook page loaded with pictures from past years and our website www.nwycffa.com You may download the application off the website or call Mike Clancy @253-278-0061, Jim Brosio @ 360-943-9947 or Tom Van Gelder @253-261-8890.

The Academy will be a life experience for these youth, they are the future of our sport of fly fishing.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future.” FDR

April Guest Speaker

Ben Paull

Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics

Steelhead fishing on the Olympic Peninsula

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI)

by Mike Clancy
FFI Representative

There were some wonderful things that happened with the FFI in 2017 and more fly fishing events are coming up in 2018.

May 4-5, 2018

The 2018 Washington Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA. at The Kittitas Valley Event Center (Ellensburg Fair Grounds). This is sponsored by The WSCFFI. There will be Fly Tying, Fly Casting Workshops, Casting Demo's, Fly Casting Challenge, FREE Tying Lessons Saturday, Seminars, Awards & Auction Banquet and a Beginners' Material Dyeing Class. Please go to www.wscffi.org for more details. Camping on the Fair Grounds property for tents and RV's with water and electric hookups.

June and July are for fly fishing

August 6-11, 2018

Annual FFI Fly Fishing Fair, Boise, ID. The program will be held at the Boise Centre in the heart of downtown Boise. The event, The Grove Hotel for lodging, and parking are in the same block. There are many great restaurants within walking distance. I am conducting the Youth Camp, my wife and I drove to Boise to learn about the venue, didn't want any surprises in August. Folks, this place is amazing, The Boise River runs right through the city with wonderful fishing opportunities. I know if you attend this event, you won't be disappointed. It's still in the planning stages, so more to come. It's a great vacation area. www.flyfishersinternational.org

Remember the special free drawing at the end of 2018 during our Christmas meeting & fundraiser raffle.

This year, every time a club member who attends a meeting you must check off your name off on a sheet of paper over by the raffle tickets. This is the only way you will be counted as having attended that meeting.

I will keep track of the attendance over the course of the year and at our Christmas club meeting next December, we will have a drawing for at least three (3) very nice items, most likely there will be a few more.

One item will be a brand new St. Croix Avid series fly rod donated by Duffy. This is the 7 weight, 9 foot, 4 piece model and I will include a new TFO reel.

Another will be an aluminum fly box with our club name engraved on top and containing dozens of flies.

During the year, I will come up with one or two more items to be included in this free drawing.

I want to point out that the more meetings you attend, the more times your name will be in the drawing. There are nine meetings, including the picnic, where you will gain another chance to win a prize. 😊

You must be present at the December meeting to win and you can only win one of the special free drawing items.

Larry

New Rod / Reel / Rod Case Raffle Board

We started a new raffle board at the March meeting. I call it the Rod/Reel/Rod Case raffle board. There will be two rods to pick from.

One rod is a TFO Impact 9', 6wt, 4pc w/ a fighting butt. Attached to that is a TFO reel, the NXT LA II. These are contained within a rod/reel rod case. The total Fair Market Value for this outfit is over \$500.

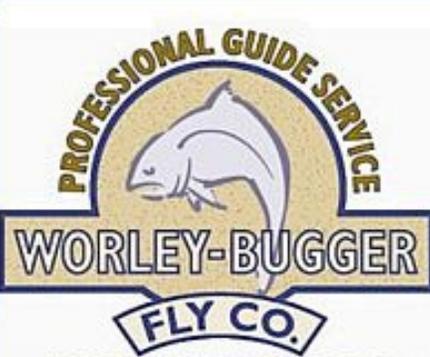
- Or -

A TFO Finesse 8'9", 3wt. 4pc fly rod. Attached to that is a TFO reel, the NXT LA I. These are contained within a rod/reel rod case. The total Fair Market Value for this outfit is over \$340.

This will be a 60 square rod/reel/case raffle board with each square selling for \$5. Once they have all been sold we will pick a winner and that person will then decide which rod he or she wants.

Once that rod is selected, we will have our third rod/reel/case raffle board for whichever rod remains.

This is a great way to contribute to the club and to get a really nice fly rod and reel.



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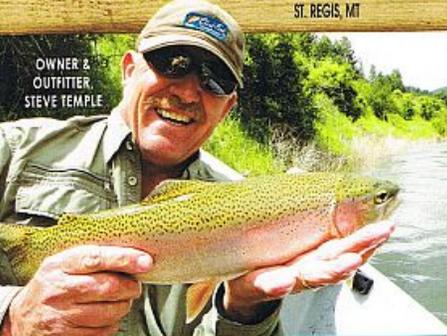
Steve Worley has some great guides and he has put together the best fly shop filled with a massive amount of fly tying materials and equipment. You really need to stop by the shop and check it out. Just take the Canyon Road exit off I-90 and turn north towards town, the Worley Bugger Fly Co. shop is on the left or west side of the road.

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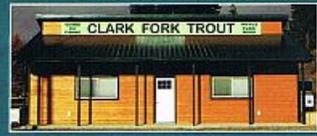
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Steve & Peggy Temple have their fly shop just on the north end of St. Regis, right across the street from the road down to the boat launch.

Check it out!!!

For a really good guided drift boat fishing trip, you should check out the Clark Fork Trout.

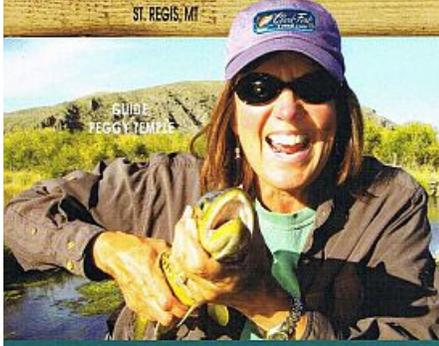
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Invite to the 2018 WA Fly Fishing Fair

May 4 & 5 in Ellensburg

By Chet Allison

I am inviting each of you to the WSCFFI Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg May 4th & 5th 2018. You may attend as a tyer or just as an interested fly fisher in seeing the latest of equipment, places to fish, or just watch dozens of fly tyers ply their wares.

You may register on line beginning Feb 15, 2018 through our website www.wscffi.org. If you are only signing up to tie flies and will not be making any purchases (i.e. dinners, shirts, workshops etc.) register with me directly at jochetallison@msn.com I will email back to you the tying registration form. Also please join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wscffi.org>.

Volunteer (FREE) Dinner and Auction for CFR, PHW, OPFI Thursday May 3rd, Social hour with no host bar 5:00-6:00 PM., dinner at 6 PM. Please make sure you mark the registration sheet, or if doing on line to mark the volunteer dinner box, we need a head count.

There will be casting lesson for \$40 for a half hour lesson. There will be casting demonstrations by the Gazebo, free seminars, and 75-100 tyers to visit with to see how to tie your favorite fly or to see how to use the latest materials.

If you want to test your casting skills try the Fly Casting Challenge Course with 5 stations available to represent a given casting situation: HIT THE BULLSEYE, THE OBSTACLE, TIGHTEN UP, GET IT UNDER, DISTANCE. This challenge course is free. Find out where you may need more practice.

Friday Awards Banquet tickets are available on line only. The banquet is Friday night with a no host bar 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM with live auction to follow. Purchase your tickets for \$40.

There will be a variety of workshops all for \$40 each and free seminars both Friday and Saturday.

Private casting lesson are for ½ hour \$15.

Seminars

Chet Allison – Spokane River

Preston Singletary – What's Bugging You

Bruce Bolding WDFW – Warmwater Opportunities

Marc Williamson – The Art and Science of Reading Still Water

Marc Williamson – Fly Fishing Central Oregon

Chad Gillespie – Sea-Run Cutthroat

Chester Allen – Yellowstone Unlocked

Steve Temple – Secrets of the Clark Fork

Johnny Boitano – Yakima River

Thomas Lamphere – Trophy Trout on Western Washington Rivers

If you have any questions email or call at the info below, I will answer your question as best I can.

Hope to see you at the 2018 WA Fly Fishing Fair.

Chet Allison

2018 Fly Tyer's Chair

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March 2018 FFI E-News Edition

Conservation Grants at Work!

Fly Fishers International's Conservation Grant Program provides grants to support "on the ground" conservation activities. Projects include stream restoration, biological sampling, fish or habitat research, construction of boat ramps, installation of monofilament dispensers or instructional signs and other projects that enhance and protect fisheries. FFI partners with its councils and clubs on these grants and FFI members often do the "hands on" work needed to complete the projects. Recent grants awarded during the past months include:

- Restoring a Tributary to the Manistee River in Michigan
- Karnali River in Nepal
- Aquila Mine on the Menominee River
- Supported preservation of Turneffe Atoll

FFI Advocacy Through Conservation Actions

Grants are not the only way FFI is working to help. We are also fighting for clean water, angler access and enhanced fisheries by taking positions on critical conservation issues. Some recent actions include:

- Boundary Waters
- Preventing Asian Carp in the Great Lakes
- Clean Water Rules
- Bears Ears National Monument
- Bristol Bay and Pebble Mine

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR

Come Join Us In Boise, Idaho

August 7-11, 2018

VENDORS - IRON FLY - TYING AND CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS - KIDS ACTIVITIES -
AUTHORS BOOTH - PHOTO CONTEST

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

A week-long event providing fly fishing education and fun activities starting Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

WORKSHOPS: Tuesday, August 7 through Saturday, August 11, 2018.

FISH FEST

Exhibit Hall Opens Thursday, August 9 through Saturday, August 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily

Guest Speakers & Celebrities | Vendors | Fly Tying & Casting Demonstrations | 1-Hour Seminar | Iron Fly | Kids Activities | Auctions & Raffles | & Much More!

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The Grove Hotel is our host.

REGISTRATION: Opens May 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. MDT

"When we teach a person to fly fish, we just created a conservationist." Lee Wulff

April / May 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 April Easter	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	3	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Club Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	"The April rain, the April rain, Comes slanting down in fitful showers, Then from the furrow shoots the grain, And banks are fledged with nestling flowers; And in grey shawl and woodland bowers The cuckoo through the April rain Calls once again." - Mathilde Blind, April Rain				

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Teale		1 May	2	3	4 WSC Fly Fishing Fair Ellensburg	5 WSC Fly Fishing Fair Ellensburg
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Club Meeting	23 Registration opens for FFI in Boise, ID	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	"Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come." - Thomas Carlyle	

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